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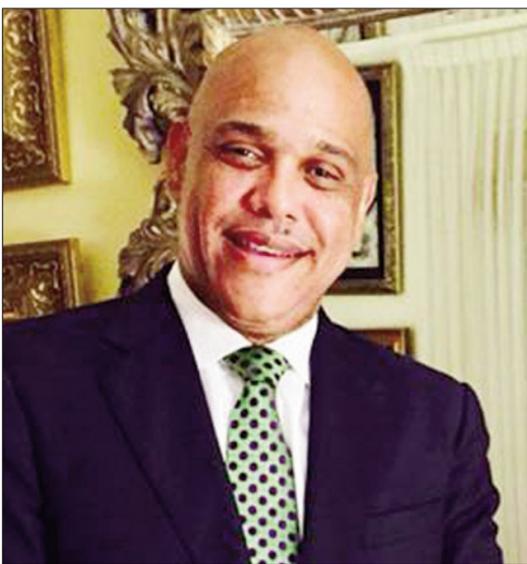
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# RUDY KING CHARGED AGAIN

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT  
 Journal Staff Writer

Notorious businessman Rudolph King, also known as 'Rudy King', who was previously indicted on fraud charges, was back in court yesterday and charged with five counts of fraud by false pretense and five counts of money laundering.

It is alleged that between June 13, 2012 and March 5, 2015, King obtained cash in the amount of \$632,416 by means of false pretense



▶ Rudolph King

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## Gov't to Crackdown on 'Midnight Cowboys'

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON  
 Journal Staff Writer

The Gaming Amendment Bill was passed in the Upper Chamber on Monday and according to Attorney General Senator Carl Bethel, the goal of the Gaming Board is to crackdown on illegal gaming operators, who he called 'midnight cowboys'.

"There are some midnight cowboys out there who offer number placement using their telephones and placing these bets over the internet. So it was deemed to be necessary for that and for other reasons for the Gaming Board to be given greater powers to regulate the gaming industry,"



▶ AG Senator Carl Bethel

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# PM Reveals E-Cabinet Efficiency Goals

The government will embark on an e-Cabinet programme aimed at increasing the efficiency in the public service, Prime Minister the Most Hon. Dr. Hubert Minnis has announced.

He was addressing the Caribbean Public Services Associations 49th Annual Conference held Sunday, July 21, 2019 at SuperClubs Breezes on Cable Beach.

In welcoming

Caribbean delegates to the occasion, the prime minister also shared his government's plans towards a more modern and efficient public service.

"The great contemporary challenge for govern-

ments and public officers in our region is the promotion of 21st century governance," the prime minister said.

"Such governance must be built on the platform of a service culture charac-

terized by effectiveness, the application of appropriate technology, open government and accountability."

He shared with the association, some forward-looking areas his

government is promoting as a part of its mission to foster 21st century governance in The Bahamas.

"Further, to help lead

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▶ Prime Minister with his delegation attending the Caribbean Public Services Associations 49th Annual Conference. (BIS Photos/Yontalay Bowe)

## Man Charged in Fatal Crash

BY EARYEL BOWLEG  
 Journal Staff Writer

Shaquille Bethel Hamilton, 26, appeared in the Magistrate's Court on Monday where he was charged with four traffic offences including a recent fatality.

Hamilton, a resident of Yellow Elder, is accused of killing by reckless driving which resulted in the death of a female passenger.

According to police, the incident took place on June 14 shortly after 4 a.m. when he was driving

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# PM Reveals E-Cabinet Efficiency Goals

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our modernization and digital transformation by example, we will implement an e-Cabinet program that will increase the efficiency in government," the prime minister said.

"This program will cause Cabinet memoranda and decisions to be paperless. Our decisions and the implementation of those decisions should be faster and more efficient."

To ensure greater equity and broader access to technology by all Bahamians, regardless of economic standing, he noted that the Government of The Bahamas is introducing a variety of measures.

"We are pleased that our mobile operators have begun to deploy WIFI services on buses," the prime minister said.

"We are working to have widespread access to WIFI services in the parks and public spaces within the inner-city of New Providence, with a view to free WIFI in certain communities."

He also revealed that technology would be deployed to help citizens improve their communi-

ties, such as reporting the location of potholes or other matters to the relevant government agencies through their mobile devices.

"Innovation, creativity, disruption and transformation are words usually not associated with government, but this must change in order to promote 21st century governance," the prime minister said.

He shared that soon after coming to office in 2017, he created the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit (PMDU). This unit, which had its genesis in the United Kingdom, was created to help ministries and governmental agencies to deliver concrete results in a number of key priority areas.

There are five main functions of the PMDU, which include planning, generating performance insights, problem solving, capacity building, and coordination.

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the eight key priority areas Taking corrective action as necessary to achieve goals and objectives of determined projects

Other areas are energy reform, modern infrastructure, and the modernization and digitization of government services.

Energy reform is deemed a priority in ensuring adequate electricity supply in New Providence.

"We are embarked also on a renewable and solar energy revolution, with our Family Islands all eventually supplied by renewable energy," the prime minister said.

"We are building on the work of former governments to give the Bahamian people and residents the infrastructure that will boost equality of life and enhance economic development."

There is an old saying, "You don't get what you expect. You get what you inspect."

"In this spirit, a government may have the best intentions in terms of developmental goals, policies and programs. But good governance requires accountable governance," the prime minister said.



► Prime Minister, the Most Hon. D. Hubert Minnis addressed the Caribbean Public Services Associations' 49th Annual Conference on 'Promoting 21st Century Governance' on Sunday evening, July 21, 2019 at SuperClubs Breezes. He said, "Such governance must be built on the platform of a service culture characterized by effectiveness, the application of appropriate technology, open government and accountability." (BIS Photo/Yontalay Bowe)

# Crackdown on 'Midnight Cowboys'

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Bethel said.

The Gaming Amendment Bill was also passed in the House of Assembly last week.

According to Minister of Tourism Dionisio D'Aguilar, "It is the intention of the government to increase the rate of tax on gaming revenues from 11 percent across the board to 15 percent on the first \$24 million of gaming revenues and then 17.5 percent on all gaming revenues over \$24 million."

During yesterday's Senate debate, the attorney general also addressed licensing issues concerning a gaming house that took the government to court.

"There is one gaming house that is unlicensed that sued the government and obtained an injunction and for one reason or

another, the matter has been unable to progress largely because the principle owner of that gaming house had a serious illness, so that has held matters up," Bethel explained.

Taking the lead for the opposition during the debate was Senator Fred Mitchell, who said he was pleased there's now a resolution to the longstanding taxation dispute, one that has held up gaming revenue for the government.

"There needs to come a day when there is equality for all Bahamians with gambling, to gamble anywhere if you want to, that you can even gamble in the casinos. I think that is a grave inequity which must be at some point corrected sooner rather than later.

"There's this concern that I've heard many times that the people in the gam-

ing sector, Bahamian gaming sector, are making too much money. Do you know how much money they are making? I'm trying to figure out why people are concerned about how much money they are making. If they are engaged in a legitimate exercise, make as much money as you want to make."

Mitchell also called for equity concerning the taxation of domestic and foreign winnings, as he believes both should be taxed.

"I argue for equity, which is that no taxation on winnings which is against those who go in these casinos at Baha Mar and Atlantis. There is no taxation on their winnings. So Bahamians get taxed for winning, but those who come and gamble in the casinos, no taxation," Mitchell said.

# Man Charged in Fatal Crash

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with a female passenger.

Police said he lost control of the vehicle in the north bound lane on Sir Milo Butler Highway and collided into a tree before rolling into a ditch.

Paramedics pronounced the passenger dead and the driver was transported to hospital and was listed in stable condition.

Hamilton was also charged with driving without third party insurance and moving a vehicle

without the owner's, Sharlice Strachan, permission.

He pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Bail was set at \$9,000 and he is scheduled to return to court on October 1.

## Customs Investigation Team Seizes Goods

The Customs Investigation team assigned to the Ministry of Finance's Revenue Enhancement Unit conducted an operation in the Coral Harbour area of New Providence on Sunday, which resulted in the seizure of goods

pending review and determination of action.

According to Minister of Finance Peter Turnquest, the matter has been referred for further investigation to assess compliance with prevailing customs laws and regulations.

The investigation is ongoing.

The Revenue Enhancement Unit will continue ongoing efforts to strengthen revenue collection and compliance in keeping with its mandate.

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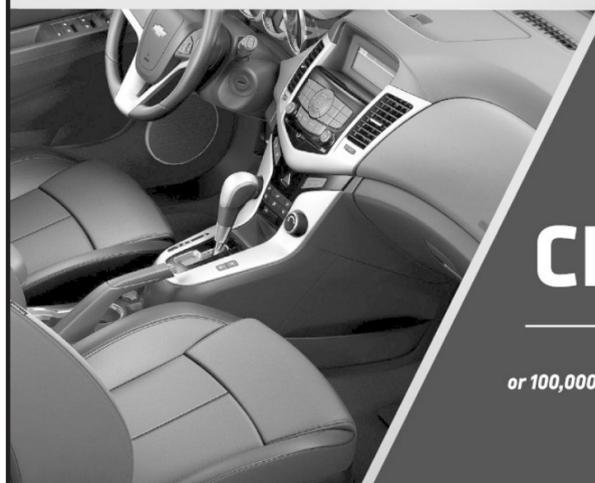


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# Early Student Introduction to Technology Raises Concerns

BY LICEC BASTIAN  
Journal Staff Writer

The Catholic Board of Education is certainly onboard with the Ministry of Education's concept of digitizing and improving technology in the classrooms, according to Claudette Rolle, Catholic Board director, who added that introducing children to technology too early is a concern.

Considering that all Catholic schools across The Bahamas are outfitted with WI-FI, capable and ready, Mrs. Rolle said Catholic schools have implemented the idea of bring your own device.

"There's a debate on how early you should introduce particularly the tablets and that form of digitization to students in schools," Mrs. Rolle said.

"We do it, but we are intentionally limited in what we do because it is important for our children to learn how to get along first, the socialization skills, the language development. We find that they are so focused on tablets and digitization and swiping, they're forgetting that they need to learn how to resolve conflicts.

"They need to learn how to have conversations with others. They

need to learn how to share. They need to learn how to read a book, not a tablet. They need to know how to manipulate words, letters, sounds."

Mrs. Rolle, at the same time, acknowledges that although a tablet has provisions to allow for learning, research has found it's more effective when there is a balance.

She added too that with digitizing in the Catholic schools, there is a policy

that schools have in place.

"We're digitizing and we've been digitizing. It's important because there can be digitization at any time. It's just that you have to know what you are doing with that device," Mrs. Rolle said.

The Ministry of Education recently undertook initiatives to meet the demands for the 21st century and announced its \$17 million initiative to

incorporate technology and digitization in all public schools across The Bahamas beginning as early as preschool education.

The government also recently launched a pilot programme to introduce tablets to preschools. Eleven preschools through New Providence, Grand Bahama, Andros, Abaco, Long Island and Cat Island participated in the launch project.

# Break-in at The Dundas

BY EARYEL BOWLEG  
Journal Staff Writer

The Dundas Centre for the Performing Arts was the target of an early morning break-in on Monday.

At 7 a.m. Gina Roberts, Dundas summer camp operator, noticed the centre's backdoors hanging from the hinges and considerable damages in the interior.

According to Anthony

Roberts, one of the centre's executives, the Dundas has never experienced destruction of this kind.

He said, cameras and phones were disabled and a television set was stolen. He added that it is estimated to cost nearly \$1,000 to repair the door alone.

"Within the last three years, we had a break-in and people have attempted, I could remember

almost 20 years ago we had a robbery. This amount of damage we've never seen and that is what gives us cost for concern," Mr. Roberts said.

The burglary has inconvenienced the events scheduled at the venue this weekend, but there are no plans to postpone.

Mr. Roberts explained that they will prioritize the repairs, but it will

take time to recover as the Dundas Centre is a non-profit organization and do not have the income to handle the damages right away.

"I wish we could say we had money seating and could do these repairs right away," Mr. Roberts said.

Roberts expressed disappointment in the individuals who destroyed the centre's belongings.

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# KING CHARGED AGAIN

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from the Post Office Savings Bank.

Further, during that time he allegedly intended to disguise or conceal.

Magistrate Derence Rolle-Davis told King he was not at liberty to grant

him bail, but he could apply for bail in the Supreme Court.

King's Attorney Damien Gomez, QC, in turn told the court an application was already sent to the Supreme Court as he was trying to prevent his client from

spending an unnecessary night at The Bahamas Department of Corrections.

King's trial is slated for November 4 - 22.

Back in 2014, a United States court indicted King on 23 counts including mail fraud,

wire fraud and aggravated identity theft in a scheme to defraud.

According to the indictment, King created fictitious corporations that he then used to create merchant accounts with credit card processors.

# Wilson Charged with Attempted Murder

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT  
Journal Staff Writer

Shannon Wilson, of Cottonwood Street, was charged with one count of attempted murder before Chief Magistrate Joyanne Ferguson-Pratt.

It is alleged that on

April 1, by means of unlawful harm, Wilson did attempt to cause the death of Adenna Young.

The 22-year-old was not required to enter a plea and was remanded to The Bahamas Department of Corrections until September 4.

# BAMSI Throws its Support Behind the Bahamian Farmer Tackling Unemployment

The Bahamas Agriculture and Marine Science Institute (BAMSI) stands as one of the biggest supporters of the Bahamian farmer, a senior executive of the Institute said, challenging claims the agency is in direct competition with the local farming community, many of who already feel that there is a general lack of support for

the sector.

"We are here to support our farmers. We are not here to compete with them because for too long farmers have said nobody is checking for them. And they have issues, they have problems, so it's important that we have a system that allows us to facilitate their needs as best as we can," Dr

Raveenia Roberts-Hanna said during her address to the 2019 Andros Business Outlook, held at Island Comfort Resort, North Andros.

The executive director was also able to shine a light on the wealth of initiatives the Institute brings to the national table. She focused on the tertiary level academic pro-

grammes that are in place to ensure future Bahamian farmers have both a theoretical and practical grounding in agriculture, with an emphasis on best practices.

Dr Roberts-Hanna further noted that even if an aspiring student was in the midst of a financial crisis, it would not negate their chances of being admitted

into BAMSI, as full and partial scholarships are available. She was also pleased to highlight that upon completion of their studies, graduates are less likely to succumb to unemployment, as their attendance at the Institute provides them with a number of job opportunities. "I got job offers for twelve. They want twelve

BAMSI students. Solomon's wants a produce manager, and they've earmarked that just for a BAMSI student. Enviroscene just last week wanted eight students as managers. They know that when they come to BAMSI, they get that hands-on practical experi-

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**FORM B**  
**Notice of Intended Marriage**  
**(Section 7(3))**

The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely --

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and

**Monika Milcarz, Divorced,**  
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and

**Alyssa Brooke Hill, Single,**  
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and

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