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WOMAN: HAIR SHOW IS A MATTER OF STYLE - AND COLOUR

FOX HILL FAMILIES: WE NEED MORE HELP

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WHEN gunshots go off in Fox Hill, as they do almost every night according to residents there, Lavern McPhee Gray's heart flops.

In those moments, she remembers her 18-year-old son Jarvis Roker who was killed in January.

"I left my son home sleeping in his bed when I went to go away," she recalled yesterday at a meeting in the Fox Hill community, remembering the unforgettable emotion she felt packing her bag during a Fort Lauderdale trip when she learned her child was shot.

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PATIENTS ARE TRAPPED BY LACK OF FUNDS

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HEALTH Minister Dr Duane Sands said yesterday the government is still trying to decide what it can afford to do regarding the homeless patients who are lodged at the Princess Margaret Hospital.

He said following an evaluation of the "heart-breaking" problem several months ago, the government now knows there are several options which include building a facility for the patients or subsidising existing facilities to care for them.

This issue is one of great expense to the government, reaching a whopping \$7m each year, Dr Sands has told *The Tribune*.

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MARIA RAMPS UP TO REACH CATEGORY 5

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HURRICANE Maria grew into a category five storm as it barreled toward islands in the eastern Caribbean yesterday with forecasters warning it was likely to grow even stronger before it impacts the Bahamas late Friday.

In an interview with *The Tribune*, AccuWeather meteorologist Dan Kottlowski said according to the current models, Maria's centre will move just to the

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Rich men, poor men

BPL's elite list just a privilege

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claimed the list has been around since the 1970s and remained in place through both the Free National Movement and Progressive Liberal Party governments.

The Tribune understands at least one serving FNM Cabinet minister and two former PLP Cabinet ministers currently owe BPL more than \$10,000.

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FORMER Bahamas Electricity Corporation Executive Chairman Leslie Miller said yesterday there is nothing "unusual" about parliamentarians, top civil servants and churches being placed on a special "do not disconnect" list at Bahamas Power and Light.

In fact, Mr Miller

are hoping to rectify by launching a new automated system within a year, BPL Chairwoman Darnell Osborne told *The Tribune*.

Ms Osborne said she could not quantify the financial loss

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NEARLY half of Bahamas Power and Light's disconnected customers are reconnected illegally by paying "bribes" to employees, a problem officials



DARNELL KEMO LIGHTBOURNE, 47, left, and Quinton Ewing, 49, outside court yesterday.

Photos: Terrel W. Carey/Tribune Staff

TWO CHARGED IN 80K POST OFFICE SCAM

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A FORMER female Post Office employee and a businessman were charged in Magistrate's Court with defrauding the Bahamas government of over \$80,000 in a six-month period.

Darnell Kemp Lightbourne, 47, and

Quinton Ewing, 49, both appeared before Magistrate Samuel McKinney, each facing six counts of fraud by false pretences and one count each of conspiracy to commit fraud.

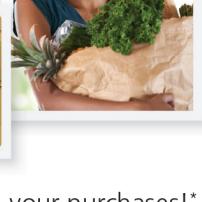
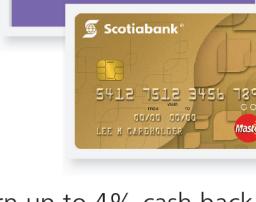
Regarding the six counts of fraud, it is alleged that the two, between September 30, 2016, and March 15, 2017, while at New Providence and being concerned together, obtained a

total of \$84,449.41 from the government.

Lightbourne was further charged with seven counts of falsification of accounts. It is alleged that she, while serving as an accounting officer at the General Post Office, with the intent to commit fraud, falsified payment records in relation to ABC

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FOX Hill resident Madonna Cartwright speaking at yesterday's meeting in the community. Photos: Shawn Hanna/Tribune Staff



BRIDGETTE NEELY, aunt of Mitchell Munroe, the teenager who was shot over the weekend in Fox Hill.



LAVERNE MCPHEE-GRAVY, mother of Jarvis Roker, who was murdered on January 4.

Fox Hill families: We need more help

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She said her deceased son was affectionate, the kind who would hug her when she was down, kiss her on the cheek and tell her he loved her.

"My oldest son is 30," she said. "When I hear the gun shots, I'm calling, wondering where he is."

After the recent deaths of 17-year-old Mitchell Munroe and 16-year-old Jeffrey Wright, both Fox Hill residents, Mrs Gray

appeared at an event with several other residents yesterday to call for more effort - more from parents, more from the government and more from police.

"More effort," she said, to bring an end to the "senseless killings."

The event at Fox Hill Park was partly organised by the community's former MP, Senator Fred Mitchell, who since his loss in the May 10 general election has frequently sounded the alarm over what he calls the community's deteriorating

security condition.

Munroe, the most recent murder victim, died at a time when he was trying to turn his life around, his aunt Bridgette Neely said yesterday.

"He was trying to get his self back together, but it seems if you trying to get yourself on track and you don't do what the guys think you should do, that they set a hit out for you, that you can't get away from the pressure," she said.

"I'm appealing to the powers that be to please

come in Fox Hill to render some assistance for this situation. We want the government to do what it can to help us."

To the residents yesterday, the government has been lacking solutions and the police force does not have a large enough presence in their area.

"You can't just come around in response to a murder," Mrs Gray said.

For politicians, however, solving the country's violent crime problem has proven to be the hardest of challenges.

Like his predecessors Tommy Turnquest and the late Dr Bernard Nottage, National Security Minister Marvin Dames has faced pressure to "fix" the crime problem. A former deputy commissioner of police admired by his former peers for his work ethic, he was touted by the Free National Movement (FNM) as the ideal man for his job. Mr Mitchell slammed him yesterday for his "silence" on crime matters compared to his outspokenness prior to the May election.

Mr Mitchell also highlighted Police Commissioner Ellison Greenslade's absence from the national scene even as the murder

rate outpaces last year's rate by as much as 40 per cent.

NEVILLE TAYLOR, a long-time resident of Fox Hill, speaking at last night's meeting.

he and government officials have been tightlipped about his future.

Meanwhile, at least seven people have been killed in Fox Hill so far this year. At least five were killed last year, according to *The Tribune's* records.

In one of the historic community's darkest moments, four were killed in a drive-by shooting in Fox Hill in late 2013. Several others were injured at the time.



PORTIA CURRY, resident of Fox Hill, alongside Shaniqua Brennen, mother of Jefferey Wright, the 16-year-old murdered last week on Tuesday at his home in Fox Hill.

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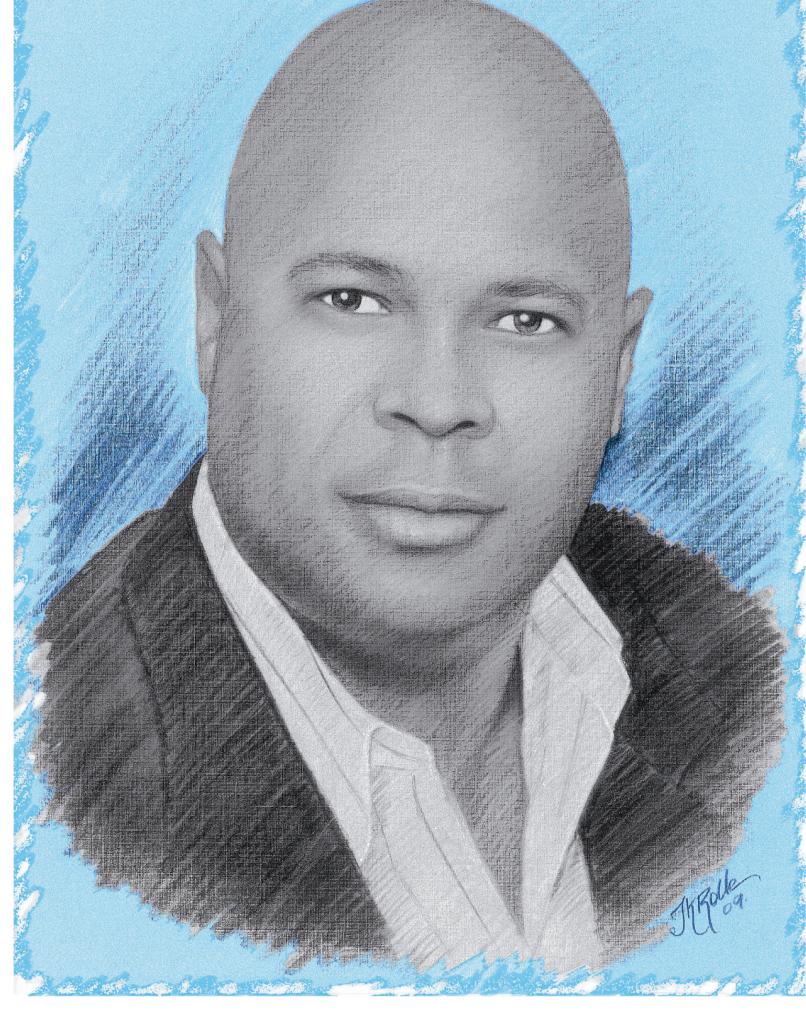


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Bimini starts to rebuild after Hurricane Irma

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WHILE Hurricane Irma has claimed more than 30 lives in the Caribbean, one Bimini resident is indeed grateful there was no loss of life on the tiny island in the northern Bahamas.

Bimini was spared a direct hit from the category five storm, but the island took a pounding from the powerful winds and experienced some flooding. A tornado associated with the storm also damaged some buildings and left residents shaken.

Clean-up is underway, and power and telephone services have been restored on the island. Some residents are now trying to rebuild their homes and businesses.

Patricia David, of Ebbie's and Pat Bone Fish Club, in Bailey Town, said she and her husband suffered extensive damage at their business in Bailey Town.

She said that their bar, dock, and boardwalk were destroyed.

"We had major damage... our dock, our bar, and boardwalk all gone," she told *The Tribune*. The couple had also lost all of their household appliances when seawater flooded their home.

Mrs David said that their convenience store, which is built onto their house, is open for business.

"We were flooded out, and during the storm, we were able to move stuff from the bottom shelf; the kitchen and store room, oh man, the water was almost to my knee; it came from the sea and went straight out to the road," she recalled.

The Davids are hoping to get the bar business and dock up and running, probably by Christmas.

"There is a lot of work to do back there, and my husband is working on it now trying to restructure the dock, and then he plans to fix the bar," she said.

She estimates that about 50 per cent of their property might have been damaged.



DAMAGE done in Bimini by Hurricane Irma.

Photo: Terrel W. Carey/Tribune Staff

The Davids first opened a small convenience store on their property in 1983. They later built and opened a bar, which has been in operation for the past 16 to 17 years.

"What we had on the water - the bar, dock, and boardwalk - we have to do all of that completely over."

Despite their loss, Mrs David has a positive outlook.

"Hey, I am looking on the bright side, there were no fatalities, so we could rebuild," she said.

Brown's Hardware, which is also in Bailey Town, also suffered extensive damage, according to a resident.

Carren Brown, of Brown Food Supply, is open for business in Bailey Town.

"We did not have much damage to the food store, thank God," she said. "We were open on Monday (after the storm) because we had a generator and we did have to close our doors."

Ms Brown said that residents have been coming to purchase mostly drinks and water because it is hot.

Hurricane Irma, one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the Atlantic Ocean, left a path of destruction, starting in the Caribbean where it caused widespread devastation in Antigua and Barbuda, then in the Dominican Republic and Haiti, parts of the Bahamas and Cuba, and Florida, and in other parts of the US.

When asked if she was scared during the passing of the storm, Mrs Brown said that she had faith in God.

"I was not afraid, to be honest. God is able, and I put my trust in Him," she said, reporting that she had fared well with only little roof damage.

Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis visited the islands of Bimini and Grand Bahama last Thursday to assess hurricane and tornado damage.

The Tribune contacted Island Administrator Kate Williamson, who said that clean-up is underway on the island.

A town meeting with the island's residents was scheduled for last evening.

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THREE ARRESTED AFTER GUNSHOTS

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BIMINI police arrested three men after hearing gunshots fired near a business early Sunday morning.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Tercita Pinder reported that shortly after

midnight, police were on mobile patrol in North Bimini when they heard gunshots.

She said the officers observed three males in the area of a business, who on seeing the officers pulled out a firearm, discharged the weapon and ran.

Officers gave chase and were able to arrest the

three suspects in the area of the marina. Officers also recovered a .45 pistol with a magazine containing two live rounds of .45 ammunition.

The three men are expected to be formally arraigned in Magistrate's Court this week.

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Ragged Island experiment an opportunity of a lifetime

BRILLIANT.

That single word describes the plan outlined by Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis to turn Ragged Island in the southern Bahamas into a regional model, sustainable island capable of withstanding threats from increasingly powerful storms and providing for its own power and clean water through renewable sources.

But brilliant plans are not always easy to digest for the very reason that they poke a sharp knife between what existed before and what is to come.

So it is very important that as we look to the future, we do so without dismissing the past and engage that part of the past that made Ragged Islanders the proud, independent people they are.

In short, the Ragged Island experiment which at the outset has bi-partisan approval is not a snap the fingers and guarantee success project. Careful steps must be taken to turn Ragged Island green without turning the people of Ragged Island against the idea.

The first step is to gain the support of those who call or once called Ragged Island home. The plan will not succeed if it appears that central government, no matter how well-meaning, is trying to force this in a *noblesse oblige* type of experiment. No Ragged Islander will accept the equivalent of a genetically modified lifestyle forced on them. But with adequate information and a public private partnership (PPP) in which Ragged Islanders all have a stake, the experiment could spark a movement as contagious as a yawn on a train, inspiring other small, low-lying islands to follow suit.

The first question becomes how to gain support.

We suggest that a straightforward, fact-based campaign be created and mounted. Images of Ragged Island in its heyday, the musicians, the liveliness. Images of Ragged Island in most recent years as population dwindled from 500 to fewer than 70. Image of a younger person or family packing, saying goodbye, sadness filling the scene as families separate, younger moving to Nassau or Abaco to earn a living, parting with the older members of the family left behind. Then images of Ragged Island ravaged by Hurricane Irma. Images of what scientists predict for future hurricanes as a result of climate change with a few words from Al Gore. Introduction of opportunity that will not only restore Ragged Island to the quality of life it once enjoyed that gave rise to the proud spirit, but will give birth to a new Ragged Island, that same pioneering strength leading the way in a green and sustainable world. If Ragged Island becomes the first totally green island in the region, the designation alone will

make it an enticing eco-tourist destination, opening up economic opportunities for a revival of this island that was steadily losing population before Hurricane Irma hit.

Three other steps must take place as the plain facts campaign unfolds.

The first is developing what it will actually take to create a green island. Development of Requests for Proposal (rfp) with technical experts in the field rather than monetary experts reviewing the requests to ensure they are asking for appropriate materials and labour quotes. From solar energy design and installation to sea water desalination and distribution, from coastal line construction methods based on a stringent code held to higher standards and specific to low-lying, hurricane-prone areas to dock location in historically safest lee spaces and construction, the components of the plan must be thorough, transparent and accessible to all. We would argue that in the case of the Ragged Green Island experiment, preference be given to contractors with known experience as opposed to whoever comes in at the lowest cost. For instance, in solar, the rfp may specify that a company must be able to prove that it has successfully installed a minimum of 2 megawatts and its installation survived 150mph winds of Hurricane Matthew.

The next step must be the funding. A public-private partnership should be created with a boutique resort component. Ragged Island is only nine square miles. Its redevelopment must take place in a way that is sensitive to the fragile environment in which it exists. It must not follow the path of Bimini in which a high-rise resort dominates the otherwise quiet, laid-back island, gobbling electricity, sometimes leaving residents in the dark and overwhelming its surroundings rather than blending in. Land in Ragged Island must be assigned a value with that value being applied as shares in the PPP.

Finally, the plan should be rolled out in a way that generates excitement. The development process can generate great press and provide real time education material for classes at every level from basic primary school to marine biology, environment and sustainable development courses at UB where students could be involved in hands-on work and study as the plan takes on life.

What led to Ragged Island's stature, posed for green island development, is a tragedy. But the devastation of nearly every structure on the island by Hurricane Irma also opened the door to new possibilities. The future that lies ahead could become a model for the region and re-awaken the pioneering legacy that made rugged Ragged Island so special and unique in the archipelago of The Bahamas. This is truly the opportunity of a lifetime.

Hurricane threat

EDITOR, The Tribune.

EVEN a blind and also a deaf person will recognise we are getting far more regular challenges from hurricanes and they are much larger and more intense?

The Bahamas in its nature is an archipelagic island group flying time from the most northern island to the most southerly probably over two plus hours.

We saw in recent incidents, storms, how a CAT 5 can change the island totally and it costs millions to return it to a liveable state - Joaquin, Matthew are all good examples.

The Caribbean Catastrophic Insurance is not the panacea that everyone is seeking - look at what was the Jamaica experience with Matthew. This means that the rebuild cost has to come directly from donations and the Public Treasury.

May I suggest to all churches you start a catastrophic emergency fund with your members.....\$1.00

a week...a church with say 10,000 members could collect \$520,000.00 to be administered to their members when there is an emergency like a hurricane. Surely all church members can afford a \$1.00 every Sunday?

DOPPLER RADAR ... were we not told that by March-April, 2017 the new unit at LPIA would be operational? Was it for IRMA? The next unit was to be built in Abaco - I would suggest Mayaguana or Long Island should come before Abaco as most storms enter The Bahamas in this quadrant with Doppler working the Met people will have a far better and improved forecasting potential.

If I was PM - the Met Office would be a serious Agency ... state-of-the-art equipment period no excuse... built in a bunker with all the amenities. We are subject to hurricanes every year for six-months ... It is as logical as it was to evacuate Ragged/Crooked and Inagua islands which I

feel we are making too much politics about. During a storm they would broadcast live 24/7, a studio would be included remember you do not need a television set everyone has a cell phone when there is a threat of a tornado text the public through BTC and Aliv.

Grand Bahama unfortunately the Forecasting of Weather is a Bahamas Government responsibility - immediately I would ask the GBPA - Hutchinson Whampao (owners of the Airport) to buy a Doppler radar unit for Freeport.

Is there a single reason not to do what I suggest?

If we had a top flight forecasting service with Doppler possibly some financial arrangement could be made with the excellent NOA and other US agencies.

We all have to be most thankful to our Met forecasters and those from the US!

W THOMPSON

Nassau,
September 13, 2017.



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Second chances

EDITOR, The Tribune.

IN The Bahamas, we enjoy luxuries countries could only dream of. One such is the ability to travel throughout the United States of America without a need for a visa, as long as your criminal record is clean, of course. This brings us to my point of concern: the Police Record, which is simply a document that conveys your criminal history. It is issued by the Criminal Records Section of the Royal Bahamas Police Force at a cost is \$3 for Bahamians and \$5 for foreign applicants.

For many of us, we see this as just another administrative document needed to get things done. Obtaining it is relatively easy also, thanks to the efficient services provided by the fine officers within the Criminal Records Section. However, for many among us, this document signifies more than just a pass for travel to North America, but also the determining factor between a job offer or job denial.

In The Bahamas, when a person is convicted, their criminal record lists the conviction for up to 7 years, in some cases even longer. This begs the question: Does this policy

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promote positive re-introduction of ex-convicts into the community? Ask yourself this, How can we render punishment to offenders for crimes committed against society, yet, after their release, hold past acts against them?

This practice, in my view, brings into question whether we truly believe ex-convicts have the ability to become law-abiding citizens. If we are truthful with ourselves, we would admit many employers wouldn't entertain an individual with a criminal record. Especially when, for example, a record of an individual convicted of possessing of a marijuana joint says, "Convicted of Possession of Dangerous Drugs".

I have always maintained that the only employer in the world that hires daily, without reference, interview, qualifications or need for a clean police record, is crime and its many organisations and departments. In my view, if more individuals are given an opportunity to change through probation and community service for certain offences, I am

sure many would take corrective measures to adjust their behaviour. This change would come directly after realising what's at stake if they didn't (ie loss of freedom and future opportunities).

This approach would facilitate the ability to develop positive mentoring similar to what we see in the Shock Treatment Programme, in addition to providing participants for the development of "MUCH" needed community service initiatives. I think we can all agree both aspects are desperately needed with the thousands of young Bahamians falling below the waistline.

If we are serious about combating every facet of crime we must seriously take a look at the ex-convict re-introduction process. Give them, a fighting chance at succeeding, rather than setting them up to fail at the onset.

After all, we've all made mistakes at one point or the other, imagine if yours were held against you for seven years. Where would you be today?

CLIFFORD WILLIAMS
Nassau,
September 18, 2017.

Ragged Islander's response

EDITOR, The Tribune.

PLEASE allow a few lines to voice this Ragged Islander's opinion. We, like our Bahamian brothers and sisters, are a proud people who can trace our inheritance on Ragged Island for the last few hundred years. The small settlement of Duncan Town, Ragged Island has produced the most lawyers, doctors, boat captains (check RBDF roster) nurses, businessmen, pilots, educators, musicians, fishermen and other nation builders per island capita considering the fact that the population of Ragged Island has NEVER been greater than 500 persons.

Up to the 1950's, many boats sailed from Ragged Island to Haiti and Cuba supplying fruits, vegetables and meats to Bahamians from all walks of life via the market on Prince George Dock years ago.

I listened with much interest and disgust to the Adrian Francis show, National Access on 104.5 Radio while driving today (September 12th, 2017). The Government of The Commonwealth of the Bahamas is obligated to provide for each citizen equally. There is no policy of special treatment for one group of citizens to the detriment of another group. The last time I checked, Ragged Island was part of this great Commonwealth. Using Mr Francis' logic, will the people of Mason's Addition sit idly by without basic infrastructure while the government provides infrastructure to the affluent areas on the Eastern and Western end of New Providence. I think not and rightly so. Also, using his logic, islands like Abaco, North Eleuthera and Exuma should demand and get more from the central government because

taxes collected for the consolidated fund exceed what is spent on each of these islands.

So Mr Francis, we as Bahamians should swim or sink together. We Ragged Islanders expect from the central government nothing more and nothing less than any other Bahamian from Abaco in the north to Inagua in the south, basic Infrastructure, ie electricity, potable water, roads, cable, telephone, school, clinic and mailboat service. The rest we will provide for ourselves through our sense of independence and positive work ethic.

Ragged Island will always be our home and we will never allow depopulation of our beloved island paradise, Duncan town, Ragged Island.

MERCIANNA MOXEY,
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September 14, 2017.

What kind of policy keeps children out of school?

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A HAITIAN mother is considering placing her 11-year-old special needs son in the care of the state after he was allegedly denied access to school for three consecutive years because of the country's immigration policy.

Activists are calling on the government to implement temporary measures to address the "glaring gaps" created by the November 2014 policy that affected access to public services, and effectively marginalised vulnerable communities.

Jan Pierre, 36, told *The Tribune* that the grim prospect for her son Watson was one of only two options at her disposal, having exhausted attempts to obtain the required documentation for her child because of her own status.

The second would be to send him to Haiti to live with his father, a place he's never been and a setback that would drastically inhibit his ability to apply for Bahamian citizenship.

The Tribune met with Ms Pierre, and activists Louby Georges and Stephanie St Fleur, in a shantytown off Carmichael Road.

Mr Georges said: "We can say to you that this is not just Nassau, we've received calls from Freeport, Abaco. We're not talking about kids that are coming from somewhere else. These are kids that were already in the school system."

"We've been at this for three years now, but now that there is a new government we're wondering if there will be any change. It's the same problem, they

all know about the problem because while in opposition they said they would work to address it.

"It's a multi-ministry problem, (Ministries of) Immigration and Education, but it's still happening so at least put in place some temporary measures to help these kids while you discuss it at the Cabinet level. There are a lot of kids caught in this gray area and are being denied an education."

Meanwhile, Ms Pierre explained that she has had irregular status since 2004, and at present was waiting for the renewal of her passport. Since the November 2014 immigration policy, Ms Pierre has had difficulty getting an employer to assist her with obtaining a work permit.

Her work permit first expired in 2004.

"For her, her main concern would be her son's development because he can't go to school," said Mr Georges, an executive member of Rights Bahamas, formerly the Grand Bahama Human Rights Association.

"She's contemplating sending him to Haiti even though he's not from Haiti, he was born here, or giving him up to the (Department of) Social Services because however hard it may seem or sound as a parent she's really concerned about him having the best life."

Rights Bahamas has repeatedly raised concerns over the harmful, dehumanising conditions created by the 2014 immigration policy, which they saw as an attempt to legitimise inhumane state practices against unregularised or undocumented persons.

The policy mandates that every person living in



JAN PIERRE, who says her son has been denied access to school for three years.

the Bahamas has a passport of their nationality with proof to legally reside in this country, among other restrictions, like the requirement for every foreign person enrolled in schools, including children born in The Bahamas to immigrants, to have a student permit.

Although the policy was introduced in November 2014, the restrictions did not come into effect until the Fall 2015 school semester.

Then Immigration Minister Fred Mitchell explained that the school permit rule

would help the government keep track of who works and lives in The Bahamas and who attends schools here.

The annual school permit costs \$25 with a \$100 processing fee.

Mr Georges said: "Watson was already registered at school, had been going to school. The policy kicked in and affected education after the summer break of 2015."

"So Jan didn't know, she got him dressed for school and took him and then he was not accepted when they got there. When she got

there, the principal spoke to her and asked her if the child had a permit. The principal told her without a permit they won't be able to accept the child."

In 2015, while out of office, Brent Symonette warned that making it harder for children of immigrants to get an education could create a slippery slope that results in a myriad of long-term social problems for Bahamians.

He was appointed minister of immigration after the 2017 general election, a post he held from 2007-2012.

However, since taking

office, activists lament the new government has been silent on this issue.

"You go to NIB and they send you to Immigration," Mr Georges said, "when you get to Immigration, they say 'oh no you need the NIB card.' When you go back they say no you need something from Immigration so you can't go to either place without something from the other one. So we want to know if they're even meeting to try to fix this thing."

Ms St Fleur said: "Since the new policy came in, there are kids born after independence right now there is a problem with them getting that identity card or Haitian passport. And if they do get the Haitian passport and go to national insurance, they don't want to issue the NIB card so it's like everywhere is putting a block."

"At the end of the day," she continued, "myself and Louby, we were in the same situation these children are in today. My parents at one time had work permit, my parents at one time had to wait when their documents were up."

"I'm straight, Louby is straight, every single person in my immediate family is straight but I have to think that these kids could be me."

Ms St Fleur added: "If I was denied an education during a time when my parents didn't have their work permits, how could I contribute to this place? The only country I know as home? These young children are put in this same situation here, lack of education."

"How, in the next few years when they turn 18 and they apply for their citizenship, tell me how can they contribute to the only place they know as home?"

DINGMAN GIVEN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



MICHAEL DINGMAN

Mr Dingman began his career as a partner at Burnham and Company in 1964. In 1970, he became the president, chief executive officer, and member of the board of directors of the Wheelabrator-Frye Inc, where he served for more than ten years. Mr Dingman established Wheelabrator-Frye Inc by combining the Wheelabrator industrial-cleaning and air-pollution-control units with Frye Copysystems, a manufacturer of printing inks. In 1983, Wheelabrator was acquired by The Signal Companies, where Mr Dingman served as president and member of the board of directors until 1985.

Allied Corporation and Signal Companies merged in 1985 to establish The Henley Group Inc, and Mr. Dingman maintained his position within the new corporation as chief executive officer and chairman of the board. He was also chairman of the board of Fisher Science International Inc, from 1991 to 1998 and chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Abex Inc from 1992 to 1995. He served as a member of the board of directors of Ford Motor Company, Fisher Science International Inc.

Time Warner, Inc, Mellon Finance Corporation, and Teekay Shipping Corp. He also served his community as a trustee of The John A Hartford Foundation.

Mr Dingman received an Honorary Doctorate of Science in Business and Management from the University of Maryland. Mr Dingman is an active member of the advanced board of IEEE. He is also a member of multiple clubs, including Links, the Yacht Club of New York City; Union Club in Boston; Cruising of America in Connecticut; the Bohemian in San Francisco; Lyford Cay in Nassau; La Jolla Country Club; and the San Diego Yacht Club. He has been featured in Who's Who in Finance and Business, Who's Who in Finance and Industry, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the East, Who's Who in the West, Who's Who in the World.

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Maria ramps up to reach category 5

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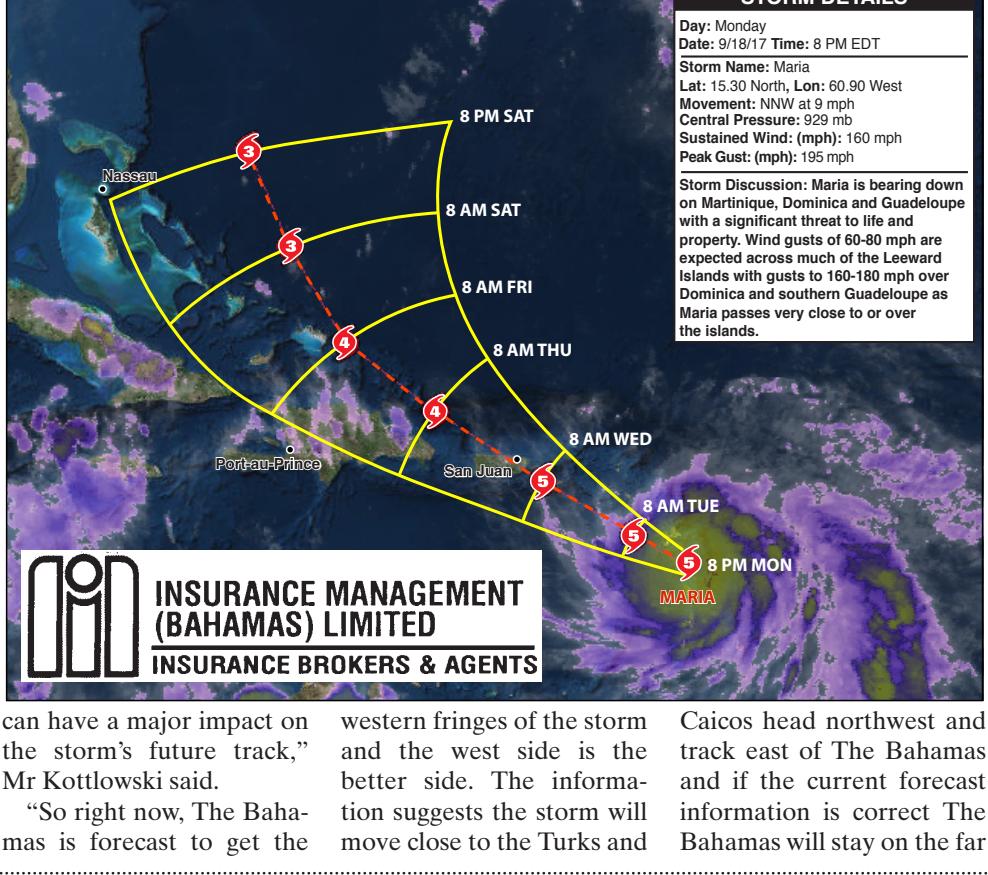
east of The Bahamas causing tropical storm force winds and rain.

Mr Kottlowski said Bahamians should not let their guard down despite the current forecast because "these things change by the minute."

On Monday afternoon, Maria was hurling winds of 125mph as it closed in on the Caribbean and took aim at Puerto Rico.

That's nearly twice the hurricane's strength from just 24 hours earlier and Maria is expected to keep growing before slamming into the Leeward Islands Monday evening.

"Right now, as it stands, the latest computer information keeps the centre just to the east of The Bahamas but again when you are in a situation like this I do not want people to let their guard down because when there is land interaction, it



can have a major impact on the storm's future track," Mr Kottlowski said.

"So right now, The Bahamas is forecast to get the

western fringes of the storm and the west side is the better side. The information suggests the storm will move close to the Turks and

Caicos head northwest and track east of The Bahamas and if the current forecast information is correct The Bahamas will stay on the far

west side which just means winds and showers and rough seas. I do want to say that people should not let their guard down because we are not sure what will happen on any given day."

According to Accuweather, on Monday night the storm was projected to cut across the islands of Dominica, Martinique, French Guadeloupe and St Lucia, where hurricane warnings are in effect. It will also come close to and affect St Kitts, Nevis, and Montserrat, also under hurricane warnings, but perhaps positioned far enough north of the storm to miss its brunt.

The worst part of the storm is also likely to pass a good deal south of beleaguered Barbuda and Antigua, reeling from Hurricane Irma, but the two-island nation may still get brushed by some strong wind gusts and heavy showers.

On Tuesday, Maria is forecast to pass through a

patch of the Caribbean free of islands before potentially closing in on St Croix, now under a hurricane warning, late in the day or at night. This island was one of the few US Virgin Islands that was spared Irma's wrath, but may well get hammered by Maria, according to CNN.com.

By Thursday, the storm is likely to pass very close to or directly affect Puerto Rico from southeast to northwest. A hurricane has not made landfall in Puerto Rico since Georges in 1998.

On Friday, the hurricane may come close to the Turks and Caicos and southeast Bahamas, parts of which were ravaged by Irma. Beyond that point, Maria's path becomes more uncertain, according to accuweather.com.

Some models suggest it could find an escape route out to sea, remaining offshore from the US East Coast, but it is way too early to sound the all-clear.

BPL's elite list just a privilege

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The Tribune attempted to contact the men, but calls were not returned up to press time.

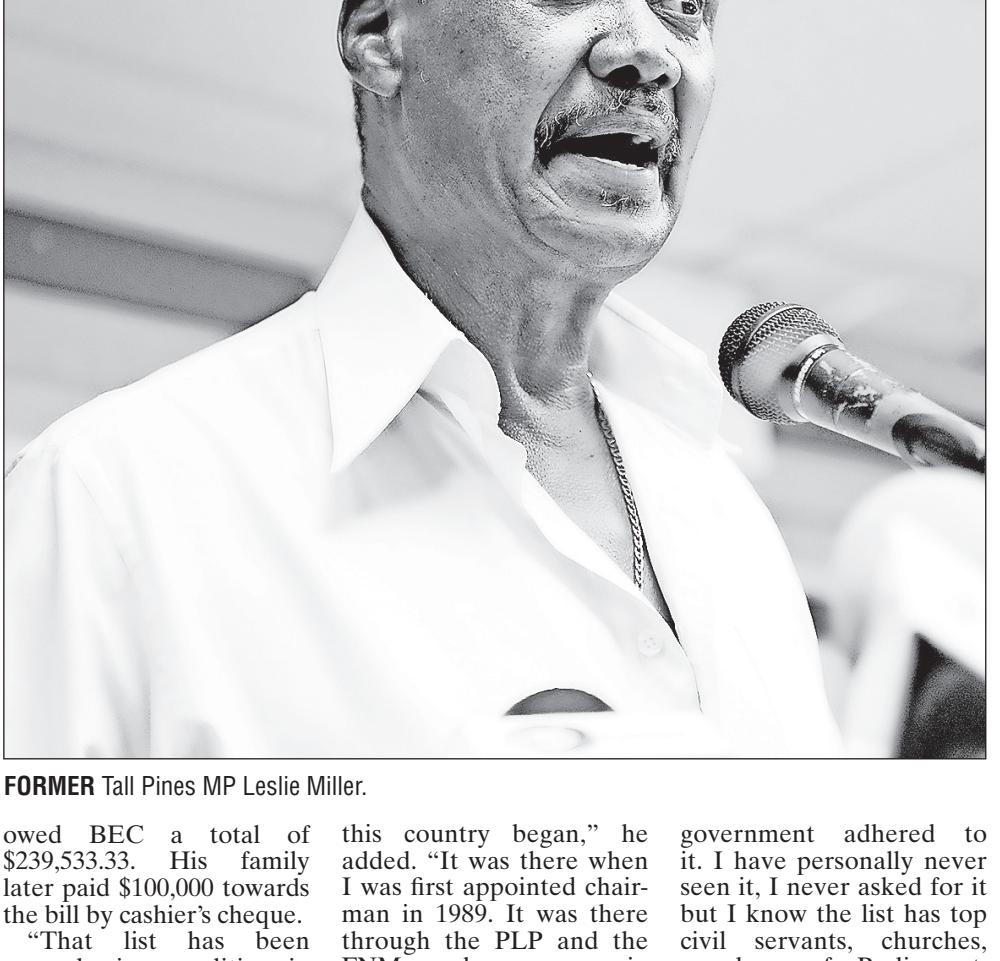
In an interview with *The Tribune*, Mr Miller claimed being on the list does not mean a person won't be disconnected. He said it simply ensures a "courtesy" call will be placed to warn persons that their power is at risk of being disconnected.

Mr Miller served as executive chairman of BEC, now called BPL, until late 2015. He was removed from his post at the government owned utility provider shortly after the Christie administration announced a transition services agreement had been signed with PowerSecure.

Mr Miller, who has been previously disconnected for an unpaid light bill while chairman of the corporation, said he is currently not on BPL's special list and is still on a payment plan for Mario's Bowling & Family Entertainment Palace.

"I am aware of the list and no I am not on the list. My things are in order, I have not gotten a letter from BPL," Mr Miller told *The Tribune*.

In 2014, it was revealed Mr Miller and one of his family-owned businesses



FORMER Tall Pines MP Leslie Miller.

owed BEC a total of \$239,533.33. His family later paid \$100,000 towards the bill by cashier's cheque.

"That list has been around since politics in

this country began," he added. "It was there when I was first appointed chairman in 1989. It was there through the PLP and the FNM and everyone in

government adhered to it. I have personally never seen it, I never asked for it but I know the list has top civil servants, churches, members of Parliament,

senators and persons like that. As far as I know being on the list does not mean that you could not be turned off, it just means that someone would call you to make arrangements and give you that courtesy. Like I said, this list has been around for decades and through all governments."

Mr Miller said he doesn't think the list is "unfair" but said it is just a special privilege parliamentarians receive in The Bahamas.

"This isn't anything political to be honest, this didn't even start with politicians," Mr Miller said.

"The list was started by senior civil servants. I am not saying it is right and I am not saying it's wrong, but I can tell you the persons always pay. If you don't want to follow it any more then don't. I mean the first day I was appointed as chairman, I went home and my lights were off.

"So obviously parliamentarians can get their lights cut off. I just don't feel like it is fair for people to continue to make public certain people's light bills, in an effort to shame them."

On Monday, *The Tribune* revealed that BPL gave politicians and government officials who were on the special "do not disconnect" list seven days to pay their "outrageous" bills or be shut off.

BPL is owed "hundreds of thousands of dollars" by persons on this list, several of whom are said to be "active politicians," *The Tribune* was told. Government House also owes BPL a hefty sum.

The hardline directive came from Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis, who was consulted by Minister of Works Desmond Bannister about the practice the latter found in place by the Christie administration, which allowed elite members of society to rack up electricity bills as high as \$50,000 and not be disconnected.

BPL issued the letters to the delinquent customers on Thursday. They will have the option to arrange a payment plan if they cannot pay in full.

While the government is adamant about collecting the unpaid utility bills from politically connected individuals, *The Tribune* understands Dr Minnis is also focused on going after companies with delinquent National Insurance Board (NIB) contributions and those who owe money to the Public Treasury.

The Tribune understands the prime minister does not want to know who is on the "do not disconnect" list, but is resolute no one is above the law and those who cannot pay their bills should have their electricity shut off.

40% OF USERS DISCONNECTED NOW HOOK UP ILLEGALLY

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to BPL from the illegal hook-ups, but said it is

"significant".

"Forty per cent of disconnected customers at BPL are reconnected unauthorised (by) paying off

people," she told *The Tribune*. "We are planning for this year, a software system called Advanced Metering Infrastructure, the AMI

Project. What that will do is be a critical tool in terms of cracking down on the ability to have unauthorised reconnections based on

bribes for reconnections of that sort."

She said based on the current system, employees performing the

illegal connections are rarely caught by officials. Thus, the problem has been allowed to flourish.

"Sometimes (we catch them) but because the system is old and labour intensive, it's not caught (frequently)," she said.

She said with automation and a more advanced system, it will be easier to track who is disconnected from the grid and if they are put back on the system illegally and by whom.

The proposed AMI system is a priority item on BPL's capital projects agenda.

In September 2014, then Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) Executive Chairman Leslie Miller told the House of Assembly the state-owned utility provider lost \$5m to \$7m per year due to illegal hook ups.

BPL has grabbed headlines over the past few months after it was revealed police were investigating a theft of some \$2m from the company.

Ernst and Young was contracted to perform an audit into the scheme, initially said to be a five-month long fraud.

In 2016, the Christie administration signed a management services with American company PowerSecure to manage the electricity provider.

BPL then became a wholly owned subsidiary of BEC.

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Lawyers: Not enough evidence to convict Blair raid suspects

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ATTORNEYS for two men accused of the 2014 murder of Blair Estates resident Andre Cartwright insisted yesterday the Crown has not provided sufficient evidence to link their clients to the crimes they are accused of committing.

Murrio Ducille, representing Kevin Andrews of Montell Heights, submitted to Justice Renae McKay that the Crown has not produced "one scintilla" of evidence against his client, and that no evidence exists to substantiate any of the counts against him.

Andrews is accused of murder, attempted armed robbery and burglary,

while his co-accused, Tiano D'Haiti, of Thompson Lane, is accused of murder and attempted armed robbery.

Meanwhile, D'Haiti's attorney Jairam Mangra submitted that the prosecution failed to establish any factual basis of which the jury can determine the guilt of his client in presenting its case. Additionally, Mr Mangra submitted that no evidence exists in the Crown's case from which the jury can infer that D'Haiti is linked to the charges by virtue of joint enterprise.

Mr Mangra further submitted there was no evidence from the forensic expert that established a nexus between the shooting that took place that night in 2014 and the injury sustained by D'Haiti. Crown

witness Dr Devin Kemp, a senior house officer at PMH, had told the court D'Haiti sustained a gunshot wound to his left lateral chest.

And, Mr Mangra submitted although Crown witness Richard Sweeting stated on the first day of trial that he noticed two male suspects fleeing the scene of the crime, one taller than the other, Mr Sweeting did not specifically identify D'Haiti as one of them.

Mr Mangra thus concluded that in the absence of hard evidence against his client and his co-accused, the jury would be relegated to speculating on the assertions and allegations contained in the Crown's case.

In response, Crown prosecutor Kendra Kelly

insisted that she and her colleague Destiny McKinney had laid out a solid *prima facie* case against the two accused, adding that the strength of the Crown's case lies within the reliability of its witnesses.

Ms Kelly further submitted that with respect to D'Haiti, the Crown's case was further strengthened by the fact that after being injured during the burglary attempt, he and whomever else was with him, in this case, Andrews, opted to involve an innocent third party in Sheccoya Davis to carry him to the hospital as opposed to going there in the first instance.

Shifting her attention to Andrews specifically, Ms Kelly noted Andrews, according to the testimonies of both Ms Davis and

Superintendent Roberto Goodman, was directly involved in D'Haiti being taken to hospital. To that end, she also requested the court to find a *prima facie* case against Andrews for being an accessory after the fact.

She further submitted that Andrews' decision not to accompany Ms Davis and D'Haiti to the Princess Margaret Hospital, but to instead get off somewhere on Fox Hill Road, further bolsters the Crown's position against him.

The matter was subsequently adjourned to today at 10am.

Yesterday marked the fourth week of trial for both D'Haiti and Andrews in connection with Cartwright's murder, which occurred on October 28, 2014.

According to initial reports from police, Andre Cartwright, 44, was at his Blair Estates home around 1.40am with his mother and father on the morning in question, when men kicked in the door of the house.

When he heard the noise, the deceased got his licensed shotgun and went to investigate, police reported. He encountered the suspects, one of whom was armed with a handgun, police told the court.

There was a brief exchange of gunfire, which resulted in the victim being shot multiple times. He died at the scene. One of the suspects was also shot, however, initial reports from police said he and the other man escaped in a silver coloured Honda Accord.

PATIENTS ARE TRAPPED BY LACK OF FUNDS

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His comments came after *The Tribune* exclusively revealed the plight of the long-term boarders, four of whom are children, who appear to have fallen through the cracks.

There are 28 boarders presently at PMH costing the public hospital more than \$15,000 a day.

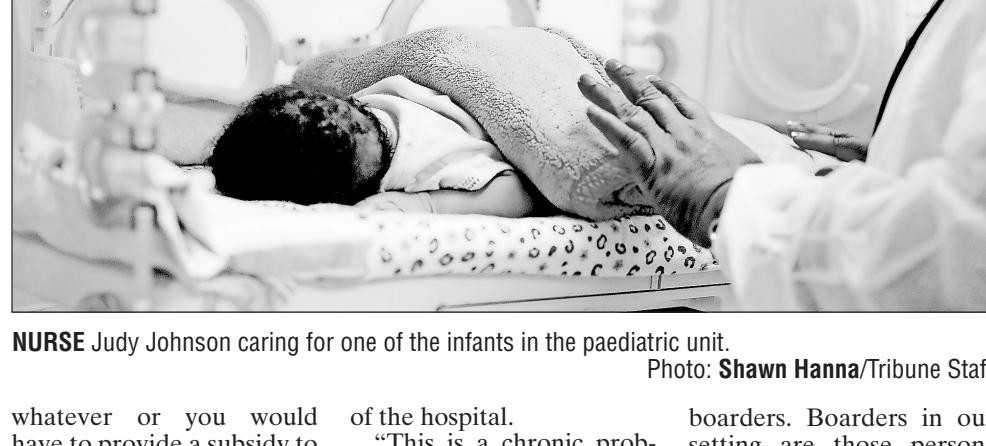
Repeated calls were made to Social Services Minister Lanisha Rolle, however she could not be reached for comment yesterday.

However, when he was contacted, Press Secretary Anthony Newbold told *The Tribune* Mrs Rolle instructed the director of Social Services to look into the issue.

Dr Sands said: "What we have done is we have properly and objectively looked at the problem. When we did the evaluation a few months ago it was anticipated that these boarders cost us about \$7m a year.

"Now in order to move them out of the hospital they would have to be moved to an appropriate facility that would provide them with the type of support that they would need. You can't just put them out on the street. Some of the nursing homes are not adequate in terms of the skill sets they provide."

"So what we are trying to do is determine what it is that we can afford to do because either you would have to create your own facility and staff it with patient care technicians or some nursing staff or



NURSE Judy Johnson caring for one of the infants in the paediatric unit.

Photo: Shawn Hanna/Tribune Staff

whatever or you would have to provide a subsidy to these other homes in order to provide the services that these people need because you don't want them bouncing back and forth from the hospital because we don't have the level of nursing home care that we could just do it tomorrow."

He continued: "Nor do we have (a) line item in the budget that says we got three million that we can spend to provide that subsidised care."

"The opportunity is there, but in order to benefit from that opportunity you need the funds to do it and so what we are trying to do is identify where those funds are. But the impact on the ordinary Bahamian and the ordinary patient is huge."

"Because in addition to beds being occupied by boarders, we also have beds out of commission because of construction. So between the two of them, that's a hundred beds or as much as 20 per cent of the total beds

of the hospital."

"This is a chronic problem. This is not a problem that just started last week or last month or last year. It's heart breaking, but it is a consequence of the challenges in our country."

Several current boarders have been at the hospital for as long as five years; however nursing staff provided several accounts of persons that were interned as infants and left as teenagers.

It is a phenomenon that also calls into question the efficacy of state-run social services, which work closely with the hospital to manage cases, but are largely unsuccessful.

"This topic is a controversial topic," Principal Nursing Officer Valerie Miller told *The Tribune* last week.

"It's not one that the public is keen on hearing because it casts some aspersions on them to some extent, but PMH is really plagued by what we deem

boarders. Boarders in our setting are those persons who would have come in to seek medical attention, and at the completion of their treatment the physician

deemed it was fit for them to return home.

"These persons would not have been collected and discharged and hence they remain with us and we refer to them as boarders. Many of them are not on treatment and some of them are like many persons who take tablets at home every day so just taking medication is no indication to be in hospital. We have boarders ranging from one-month-old to 84 years."

She added: "This would be something that's in the society and the society has changed and some persons truly have nowhere to go. We always do our assessment, a complete physical assessment and history taken on the patient, and sometimes you have your antennas going up at

the very beginning that this is a potential problem."

Nurse Miller spoke to *The Tribune* during its investigation into reports that there were several young children who were living at the hospital indefinitely. Presently there are four children: two infants, a five-year-old, and an 11-year-old.

Some 15 years ago, the hospital utilised a school bus to take school-aged boarders to and from school; nowadays, Nurse Miller said there is a trained teacher onsite to ensure that children are able to keep up with the curriculum while receiving long-term treatment.

However, she told *The Tribune* that there has been no change in how boarders are managed by the state since then.

CABINET ALERT OVER FAKE CASH GRANTS

THE Cabinet Office has advised the public to be on the alert about a "cash grant" scam involving fraudsters who are circulating erroneous information they claim is from Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis about a programme to help persons who are down on their luck.

According to the Cabinet Office, fraudsters claim the

programme will "improve the standard of living for those persons paying bills, buying a home, starting their own business, going to school, even helping to raise children."

The Cabinet Office said Dr Minnis is not aware of any such programme nor has he recommended any person or group to receive benefits from such

a scheme.

"This information is without foundation and patently false," the Cabinet Office said. "The public should exercise extreme caution when sending personal information, and should not respond to such requests, which are unverified and bogus. This matter has been referred to law enforcement authorities."

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TWO CHARGED IN 80K POST OFFICE SCAM

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Security Company, owned by Ewing, to indicate that it was entitled to a total of \$83,895.05 between September 2016 and February 2017.

Both Lightbourne and Ewing pleaded not guilty to all of the charges and were subsequently remanded to the Bahamas Department of Correctional Services (BDCS).

They return to court on November 9 for trial.

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'Time to come home to Acklins,' administrator tells island evacuees

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JEFFREY Forbes, one of his island's oldest living residents, has a message for Hurricane Irma's Acklins evacuees: Come home and clean up your yard.

In the wake of Hurricane Irma, the island's largest problem is neither flooding nor destroyed homes as some evacuees contend, but rather the debris that has washed up from storm surges, officials maintain.

The debris can only be cleaned up if residents return to look after their properties.

Although the evacuees, staying in a shelter here in New Providence, were expected to return to their island over the weekend, only 13 of them did so. Some of those who remained complained that the island was no longer a fit place to live.

"This is a place where people could live," countered Mr Forbes, 75, who missed the evacuation flight out of Acklins two weeks ago because he was late arriving at the airport.

"All it needs is cleaning up. I say to the people who left here they need to come back home and clean their yard and their house. You can't be in Nassau complaining, you have to be where your house is."

When told residents are concerned they'd have nothing to which to return in Acklins, he said: "People will say anything. They will say all kinds of stories and if you believe them you just as bad as them."

Although flooding was a problem for the island, that water has "already dried up," Mr Forbes said.

Acklins Island Administrator Chrisfield Johnson also said while the island,



EVACUEES at the Kendal Isaac Gym shelter after Hurricane Irma.

particularly the hard-hit Salina Point area, is not as "habitable" as it was before Hurricane Irma, the biggest challenge left is debris which was scattered around the district from storm surges.

Clean-up crews cannot enter people's properties to clean up the debris, Mr Johnson said, meaning only residents can take care of the island's biggest remaining challenge.

"My job is to make sure that whenever the residents return that at least we have done as much cleanup as possible to make the community safe," he said. "It would be helpful if some of the

people who are now staying in Nassau try to return as soon as possible. We are not allowed to go onto persons' yards and remove debris and all kinds of things that can pose community problems. We can only ask them to please make sure that whatever rubbish, whatever debris, whatever things they want to dispose of, to please bring them to the roadside as that would assist us. Because a lot of people who live here are still in Nassau, the storm surge means that a lot of stuff remains on their property. We don't know the extent of the debris because I advised the cleanup group

not to go into anyone's property to try and remove anything. If they were here they could speak to their own interest. Looking from the roadside we see there is debris in a number of yards that belong to people who are now still in Nassau. We would be in a better position to determine what is going on once we work with them by going in their homes to see the extent of the damage."

Bahamas Power & Light (BPL) is trying to restore electricity to the island, beginning with Salina Point.

"BPL hasn't completed the workload but we've gotten to a point where a

lot of people are comfortable with the fact that they now have electricity and water," Mr Johnson said.

The evacuees have been moved from the New Providence Community Centre on Blake Road and are now at the Kendal Isaacs Gym.

When *The Tribune* visited the gym yesterday, the residents, most of them children, were eating lunch in the foyer area. Many of the evacuees declined to talk.

"If I talk I'll only say horrible things," one woman mumbled.

Salome Gibson, assistant director at the Ministry of Social Services and manager of the shelter, said

Photo: Donavan McIntosh

85 people remained, all but two of whom are from Acklins. Of the 85, 59 are children. Most of the adults left are women.

A plane carrying 13 evacuees back to their island left New Providence yesterday, she said.

Officials will wait until Wednesday to determine what to do next. If it appears that Hurricane Maria is heading Acklins' way, the evacuees could have their stay at the gym extended.

So far, officials have had no issue with resources for the evacuees as calls for donations have elicited an "overwhelming" response from the public.



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- Create and maintain optical network designs for metro, regional and long-haul DWDM systems
- Work with engineering team to define optical standards and best practices for deployment
- Maximizing network performance by troubleshooting network problems and outages, scheduling upgrades and collaborating with network architects on network optimization

SKILLS, EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

- Minimum a four-year College Degree in Engineering
- At least fifteen (15) years Telecom Network Experience
- Proficiency in the MS Office suite of tools including MS Visio, CRM & Ticketing Systems
- Ability to correspond effectively with a variety of functional teams and strong interpersonal skills for supporting cross functional teams
- Familiarity with optical communication systems, linear and nonlinear impairments such as OSNR, CD, PMD and transients.
- In-depth knowledge transmission systems and similarly complex optical subsystems and protocols i.e. SONET, SDH, OTN, EDFA, ROADM, Raman Amplifiers and Gigabit Ethernet
- In-depth understanding of optical sub-sea systems, including wavelength selective switches, optical monitors and dispersion compensators
- Experience with a variety of test and measurement equipment including optical spectrum analyzers and Gigabit testers
- Experience with Fiber test procedures i.e. OTDR, Power Loss, Reflectance and Connector Inspection
- Proficient analytical, organizational, and time management skills, including the ability to effectively prioritize assignments and work unsupervised
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills are critical for document creation and vendor interaction. Strong organization skills and data analysis skills are required
- Proficiency with Microsoft's suite of software, database tools and equipment product life-cycle management systems
- Experience leading technical teams, mentoring junior engineers, and managing technical development projects is highly desired.

This position interacts with executives, department managers, and network operations center (NOC), and vendors on a daily basis, with regular interaction with the Outside Plant Team and Sales Engineering. Qualified applicants should submit Resumes on or before **Thursday, September 28, 2017**, to the Director of Human Resources, PO BOX CB-13050, Nassau, Bahamas or send electronically with Ref: Senior Transport Engineer to humanresources@cablebahamas.com.

Career Opportunity

Scotiabank (Bahamas) Limited

is seeking the services of a

Senior Manager Treasury Business Development

Position Summary:

The Senior Manager Treasury Business Development is primarily responsible for driving the growth in foreign exchange volumes and deposit gathering on a daily basis, and developing relationships with corporate and commercial customers across Caribbean North (Bahamas, Cayman, BVI, TCI), in order to generate maximum profitability while minimizing risks.

Key Accountabilities for this role:

- **Business Development:** Actively drive portfolio growth in accordance with the Bank's Profit Plan objectives and strategic Business Plan.
- **Foreign Exchange:** Manage the assigned foreign exchange positions to achieve optimum results, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements and established limits
- **Deposit Gathering:** Provide on the ground support for annual deposit gathering targets by close collaboration with business segments (local/regional/international) to ensure competitive pricing, relevant product/investment solutions, business development support and general responsiveness
- **Management Information:** Ensure adequate and accurate Management Information returns and reports.
- **Risk Management:** All trading and transactions must be conducted in accordance with prevailing Treasury Risk Management policies and practices.
- **People Development:** Contribute to the performance and development of all supervised FO staff.

Educational Requirements:

- A postgraduate degree in Finance or related discipline, preferably, completed the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) program and at least 5 years' experience in a Treasury environment.
- Thorough knowledge of the foreign exchange market, products and trading activities, as appropriate to assigned portfolios gained through formal training and /or on-the-job experience.
- Thorough understanding of local financial markets and economic, political, social, business environment and competitive trends.
- Working knowledge of accounting rules/processes and tax regulations applicable to financial instruments.
- Solid understanding of banking and branch operations and related accounting procedures, local legislation, banking requirements and other legislation that may affect the Bank's operations and profitability.
- Strong interpersonal skills, professional judgment and tact in dealing with Branches / Supervisory Office / Executive Office staff.
- Working knowledge of personal computers and spreadsheet programs
- Clear, concise communication skills (both verbal and written) for day-to-day communication in English

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Fresh water projects 'critical' for islands

By RICARDO WELLS
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SUSTAINABLE fresh-water projects in Andros and Exuma were said yesterday to be "very critical" during the official ceremony of UNESCO's eighth Meeting of National Committees and Focal Points of Latin American and Caribbean for the International Hydrological Programme (IHP).

Education Minister Jeffrey Lloyd, who led the Bahamian delegation at the regional conference being held at the British Colonial Hilton, this week, revealed that the Andros and Exuma projects are being spearheaded by UNESCO's GRAPHIC programme and Eco-Hydrology Initiative.

In his keynote address Monday, Mr Lloyd conceded the responsibilities associated with water

conservation, water pollution, drought, energy and water, hydro-power and all related topics ought to be matters of national importance in The Bahamas due to its geographic and ecological make up.

Mr Lloyd, the member of Parliament for South Beach, further insisted that as an island nation, The Bahamas' topography doesn't permit sufficient water run-off and as such, limits ground-water.

"For us, ground water is a critical and a vital resource. And as a result of this, we therefore have to accept and understand that this resource is crucial to our social, economic and demographic reality," Mr Lloyd told those in attendance.

He added: "Ours is a country that is dependent on tourism and the point of this, the vitality of it, recognition of its limited nature is an indispensable recognition of our part."

"Our increasing population growth and future economic growth continues to put additional pressure on this limited resource. And that is why we pay most attention to climate changes in this region or global climate changes because they threaten our country's sustainability as far as water resources are concerned.

"As a part of our developmental goals in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, we pay very close attention and have applied critical and crucial strategies to ensure the intelligent and proactive use of all of our natural resources, but more importantly and most importantly, water."

"This is why we have labelled fresh ground water resources as a strategic national resource," he indicated.

Mr Lloyd added that in The Bahamas, due to limitations of fresh ground water, successive governments

have worked to streamline seawater reverse osmosis techniques as a means of "sustenance".

Between 2015-2017, activities within the framework of IHP have at the national level for the Bahamas have resulted in the establishment of the North Andros Water Resource Area (NAWRA) in Andros and the Lake Victorian Programme (LVP) in Exuma.

NAWRA, according to Mr Lloyd, is important to the Bahamas because it can help in promoting and advancing sustainable ground water management throughout our country and our region.

He said the initiative will aid in the assessment and monitoring of the dynamic conditions of Andros' fresh water lens — largest repository of fresh water in the Bahamas, while working to understand the dynamic geometry of Andros lens, identify areas of greater

sustainability for both resource protection and fresh water development and to forecast the impact of changing climate conditions, sea-rise levels and storm surge and fresh water lens stability and longevity.

UNESCO's GRAPHIC programme seeks to improve understanding of how groundwater interacts within the global water cycle, how it supports ecosystems and humankind and, in turn, responds to complex and coupled pressures of human activity and climate change.

Additionally, LVP will look to set up a local mangrove preserve which will sustain an appropriate buffer zone around the pond and nearby channels.

UNESCO IHP is one of the primary events associated with the United Nation's intergovernmental programme devoted to water research, water resources management,

and education and capacity building.

During the first 50-years of the UNESCO Hydrological Programme important achievements in water and eco-system management have been addressed in Latin America and the Caribbean.

UNESCO IHP is seeking to address the issues of natural resources and disasters in our region and we hope that over the next few days, this eighth strategic plan will focus on several very important areas — water disasters and hydrological change, ground water in a changing environment, addressing water security and quality, water and human settlements of the future, eco-hydrology engineering harmony for a sustainable world and water education key for water-security.

The conference will continue through Friday.

HUNT FOR SHOOTERS

POLICE are searching for two men, suspected of a shooting incident that sent a man to hospital on Sunday.

Shortly before 6pm Sunday, two men were driving on Ida Street when their car was approached by two armed men in a grey Chrysler vehicle, who shot one of them before speeding off. The victim was taken to hospital where he remains in serious condition.

Police also said Drug Enforcement Unit officers took two men and two women into custody following the seizure of an illegal handgun on Sunday. Shortly after 5.30pm, DEU officers, acting on intelligence, executed a search warrant on a home located at Collins Drive in Faith Gardens and uncovered a Smith and Wesson Pistol containing a magazine with 11 rounds of ammunition.

This seizure means that five illegal firearms were removed from communities in a 24-hour period.

Police also seized a small quantity of marijuana.

Shortly before 3pm Sunday, a team of officers, assigned to the Selective Enforcement Team, acting on information conducted a search of a bushy area off Foxdale, where they uncovered just over two pounds of marijuana. No one was arrested for this seizure.

COMMONWEALTH BREWERY AIDS HURRICANE RELIEF



COMMONWEALTH Brewery Limited (CBL) presents the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and The Bahamas Red Cross with a donation of \$20,000 each to assist with the agency's hurricane relief and restoration efforts. From left, Bahamas Red Cross deputy director Brenda Lee Rolle, corporate relations director, Commonwealth Brewery Limited, Dennis Hanna, and Red Cross director general Caroline Turnquest.



From left, deputy permanent secretary NEMA, Chrystal R Clinton and corporate relations director, Commonwealth Brewery Limited, Dennis Hanna.

READERS RESPOND TO SECRET 'DO NOT DISCONNECT LIST' AT BPL

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Poll results:

Do you agree with the IMF's suggestion that the Bahamas introduce a low-rate income tax?

Yes, I agree.

22%

No, I do not agree.

78%

connected, without first getting the cutoff green light direct from the mouth of prime minister Minnis.

"Comrades, wash it any way you wants, but is this not direct and intentional political interference at BPL, by the very top red shirts heading the political governing machine? You tell me."

Clamshell wondered: "Honestly, is anybody here surprised? If you're surprised, raise your hand."

Justthefactsplease had this to say: "This government needs to decide if it is indeed going to BE transparent or if it is going to just TALK about being transparent. Transparency demands that you publish

the list and not just say there is a list. So Mister Prime Minister, show us this transparency you talk about."

Craig said: "As a non-elite I can only imagine how deep this corruption rabbit hole goes. Those that benefit from these corrupt practices probably think they are entitled somehow, more deserving in some way than the general public. As one of the commentators stated, this practice probably exists in other government owned companies and government agencies such as NIB. As the president of the World Bank said corruption is

"Public Enemy Number One in developing countries. Let's root it out at all costs!"

ThisIsOurs had this suggestion: "I think each minister should be given a phone, light and water allowance each month in the amounts of 150, 300, 100 respectively. There would then be zero excuses for not paying a bill because the country has afforded you what would be a reasonable monthly usage allowance. All of this is null and void if they get a salary increase."

In *The Tribune*'s current online poll, we asked readers if they agreed with the IMF's suggestion that the Bahamas introduce a low-rate income tax.

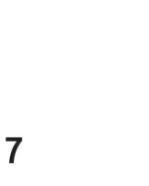
The majority of those voting - 78 per cent - were against the idea.

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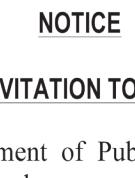
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EVIDENCE OF SPILLS AT TOXIC SITE

PASADENA, TEXAS
Associated Press

THE US government received reports of three spills at one of Houston's dirtiest Superfund toxic waste sites in the days after the drenching rains from Hurricane Harvey finally stopped. Aerial photos reviewed by The Associated Press show dark-colored water surrounding the site as the floods receded, flowing through Vince Bayou and into the city's ship channel.

The reported spills, which have been not publicly detailed, occurred at US Oil Recovery, a former petroleum industry waste processing plant contaminated with a dangerous brew of cancer-causing chemicals.

UN ATTENTION TO EXODUS OF ROHINGYA

UNITED NATIONS
Associated Press

THE plight of Myanmar's Rohingya Muslims that UN officials have described as ethnic cleansing is getting early attention at the annual gathering of government leaders at the world body.

Britain on Monday presided over a meeting of several Western and Muslim-majority governments that are urging senior Myanmar officials to end the violence and allow humanitarian access.

More than 400,000 Rohingya have fled from Myanmar to Bangladesh in the past month amid a military crackdown triggered by insurgent attacks on security posts in late August.

British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said the violence is a "stain" on Myanmar's reputation, and it's vital that Aung San Suu Kyi and her civilian government make clear the abuses "must stop".

US immigrants sue over Trump's end of deportation protection

IRVINE, CALIFORNIA
Associated Press

SIX immigrants brought to the United States as children who became teachers, graduate students and a lawyer sued the Trump administration on Monday over its decision to end a programme shielding them from deportation.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in San Francisco alleged the move violated the constitutional rights of immigrants who lack legal status and provided information about themselves to the US government so they could participate in the programme.

"The consequences are potentially catastrophic," said Jesse Gabriel, a lawyer for the plaintiffs. "These people can very powerfully and very clearly communicate the extent to which they organised their lives around this programme."

The lawsuit joins others filed over President Donald Trump's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals programme which has allowed nearly 800,000 immigrants to obtain work permits and deportation protection since 2012.

More than a dozen states from Maine to California have sued over the administration's decision to phase out the programme, alleging similar constitutional violations. So has the University of California system.

The impact of Trump's decision directly weighs on plaintiffs' personal lives and decisions they made to advance their careers in the US.

Viridiana Chabolla, a 26-year-old law student at University of



VIRIDIANA CHABOLLA, a 26-year-old law student at University of California, Irvine. Chabolla is one of six California plaintiffs suing the Trump administration over its decision to end a programme that protects them from deportation.

Photo: Amy Taxin/AP

California Irvine, said she does not know how she would repay a loan she took out to cover living costs or how she would afford books or food if her protection from the program known as DACA is rescinded. "I imagined in the years to come I'd

be able to get a job and would be able to pay it back," said Chabolla, whose parents brought her illegally to the US from Mexico when she was two.

"I imagined I'd at least have DACA."

The lawsuit claimed that the administration's decision violates the immigrants' rights to equal protection and due process.

The plaintiffs — who are from Mexico and Thailand — include teachers, a medical student and 34-year-old lawyer Dulce Garcia, who recently signed a lease for an office and hired employees believing she could stay and work in the US under the program, said Gabriel, an attorney for the law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.

Trump's announcement on September 5 came after ten Republican attorneys general threatened to sue in an attempt to halt the program. Under Trump's plan, those already enrolled remain covered

until their two-year work permits expire, and some renewals are being allowed. But there will be no new applications.

Department of Justice spokesman Devin O'Malley blamed the Obama administration for starting the program and said the agency will defend Trump's decision.

"It was the previous administration's arbitrary circumvention of Congress that got us to this point," he said. "The Department of Justice looks forward to defending this Administration's position and restoring respect for the rule of law."

Immigrant advocates praise the program for protecting immigrants who were raised and educated in the US despite their lack of legal immigration papers. The programme's opponents criticise it as too broad and said major changes to immigration laws need to go through Congress and cannot be enacted by the US president alone.



JIRAYUT NEW LATTHIVONGSKORN, a fourth-year medical student at the University of California, San Francisco. Latthivongskorn was brought to the United States from Thailand when he was nine years old.

Career Opportunity

Scotiabank (Bahamas) Limited

is seeking the services of a
Senior Client Accounting Officer
Bahamas Trust & Wealth

Position Summary:

The Senior Client Accounting Officer is responsible for the accurate and timely preparation and presentation of all assigned client accounts. Primarily this entails preparation of financial statements for Trust clients, especially those of a complex nature, and also includes preparation of special reports for clients as necessary.

Under the direction of the Assistant Manager Client Accounting, the officer will be responsible for assisting a team of account administrators through the performance of, and advice on, a wide variety of medium to complex accounting/record keeping tasks contributing to the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the client accounting section.

Key Accountabilities for this role:

- Ensure prompt and accurate preparation of financial statements for trust, company and agency accounts.
- To comply with and contribute to the maintenance of effective internal controls relating to accounting.
- Provide effective assistance to account administrators.
- Contribute to the development of Client Accounting Section.
- Meet Regulatory Compliance, Anti-Money Laundering/Anti-Terrorist Financing and Bank Policies and procedures for Customer transactions.

Functional Competencies:

- The Senior Client Accounting Officer requires a thorough knowledge of accounting principles and applications for trusts and companies incorporated in various jurisdictions.
- He/she should have a sound knowledge of international reporting standards and must know how to utilize computer systems.
- The Senior Client Accounting Officer requires the ability to perform in-depth analysis of information received from time to time, which may arise as a result of inquiries made.
- The Senior Client Accounting Officer must apply proper accounting principles and treatments to complex situations, ascertaining the accuracy and proper categorizing of information to be included in financial statements, and ensuring the accurate and timely production of all financial reports and statements.
- The individual is required to make decisions with regard to the appropriate handling of various entries. This will include securing independent confirmation of correctness of information contained in ledgers and performing calculations where required.
- The Senior Client Accounting Officer is also required to ensure proper accounting treatment and financial statements disclosures are applied.
- The individual is required to confer with supervisor or other senior officers on uncertain matters.

Educational Requirements:

- University undergraduate and/or equivalent degree/diploma in Accounting or related discipline.
- At least two years of experience in the area of financial statement preparation and related functions.
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Chartered Accountant (CA), or STEP designation would be an asset.

Qualified candidates should submit C.V. via email to:

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RACIST KILLER WANTS TO FIRE HIS JEWISH AND INDIAN LAWYERS

COLUMBIA, SC
Associated Press

A WHITE supremacist who was sentenced to death in the 2015 massacre of nine black worshippers has told a federal appeals court he wants to fire his appellate attorneys because one of them is Jewish and the other is Indian.

In a handwritten request filed Monday with the 4th US Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, Dylann Roof wrote that his attorneys' backgrounds are "a barrier to effective communication".

Given their ethnicities, Roof wrote, "it is therefore quite literally impossible that they and I could have

the same interests relating to my case".

"Because of my political views, which are arguably religious, it will be impossible for me to trust two attorneys that are my political and biological enemies," he added.

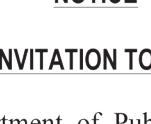
Roof, 23, has been on federal death row since earlier this year, after a jury convicted him of dozens of charges including federal hate crimes and obstruction of the practice of religion in the shooting deaths of nine Bible study attendees at Charleston's Emanuel AME, one of the oldest black churches in the South.

Roof told authorities he wanted to start a race

war with the June 2015 massacre, and handwritten journals featuring symbols associated with Nazis and Roof's personal musings about the genetic supremacy of the white race were presented during his trial.

A focal point of Roof's trial was his request to drop his defense team and represent himself.

In Monday's filing, Roof also noted that David Isaac Bruck — a noted death penalty lawyer who was his primary attorney during the federal trial — was also Jewish, saying Bruck's "ethnicity was a constant source of conflict even with my constant efforts to look past it".



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Coastal clean-up for Grand Bahama

ON Saturday, 28 students from Lucaya International School (LIS) on Grand Bahama Island and six Earthcare volunteers arrived at Gold Rock Beach International Coastal Clean-up Day (ICC) at Lucayan National Park.

Gail Woon, zone captain for Gold Rock Beach, said she was very happy to have worked once again with the students and volunteers.

A grand total of 822 pounds of marine debris was collected, recorded and bagged for collection for the Gold Rock Beach zone.

"All students took great satisfaction in seeing the beach cleaned up, collecting some unusual items," a press release said.

"Litter is a major environmental problem. Most of the marine debris collected was as expected; fast food containers, beverage bottles and plastic bags; none of which are biodegradable and all of which, with a little effort,

could have been carried to an appropriate dumping point. All students agree that the next step in their efforts to keep the beaches clean and pristine must focus on a more powerful public awareness campaign to try and eliminate what has become a serious blemish to our sea shores."

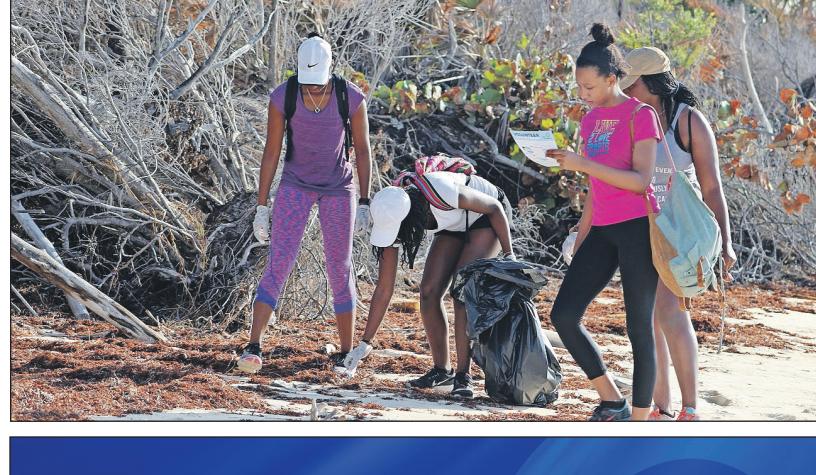
The most unusual item found was a 300lb piece of rope belonging to a very large vessel, possibly a cruise ship.

Matthew Lowe, whose group was part of the cleanup and helped to unearth the rope, said: "We found a piece of rope that was buried and as we unearthed it, it got longer and longer. We were able to get as much as we could, then we had to cut it in order to move it. It is at least four inches thick and we estimate it weighs approximately 300lbs."

Student Quincy Gordon said: "This is my last year at LIS but I have been participating in this clean-up with Ms Woon for the past three years and hope to continue if possible in years to come."

Students participating from LIS included: Matthew Lowe, Tamia Grey, Gerardo Cabasaa, Quincy Gordon, Jeremiah Jarret, Tom Paine, Devon Lubin, Nick Hulme, Nicolas Rulli, Jimmy Pierson, Alejandro Cabassa, Chris Paul, Nichana Miller, Adjohnae Wildgoose, Timothy Newbold, Ure Saunders, Uri Williams, Kariel Stuart, Brickelle Sands, Tyler Davenport, Arekha Hall, Arzah Laing, Isabelle Law, Megan Roos, Abigail Lowery (six-years-old), Zariah Knowles and Annabelle Purvis. Michael Lowery, head of high school at LIS, coordinated the group.

Earthcare volunteers Havana Gibson, Savanna Gibson, Candice Woon, Tyrie Moss and Michael Marshall also assisted.



YOUNGSTERS taking part in the clean-up at Lucayan National Park.

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