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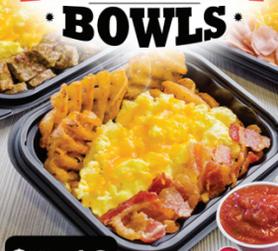
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'Yes, mommy, I love you too'

Eugene's last words in his mother's arms

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THE pregnant mother of the boy who was shot dead in his home by a stray bullet as he did his homework said she would have never imagined having to bury her son as she prepares to give birth.

Kendera Woodside's eight-year-old son Eugene died in hospital shortly after he was shot while studying with his older sister at their Chippingham home Monday evening.

In an interview with *The Tribune* moments after

identifying her son's body at the Princess Margaret Hospital morgue, Mrs Woodside described how she crawled on the floor as bullets penetrated her home, in a failed effort to shield her boy.

Mrs Woodside, who is currently seven months pregnant with her third child, said the pain she feels losing her only son is "indescribable" and "unimaginable". She said her only peace comes from knowing she was able to tell him "I love you" one last time before he "closed his eyes for good".

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TEACHERS' AND PUPILS' GRIEF OVER MURDER

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GRIEF-STRICKEN educators at Albury Sayle Primary School yesterday mourned not only the tragic killing of third-grader Eugene Woodside, but crime's relentless attack on the hopes of inner-city youth.

When *The Tribune* visited the school, Eugene's desk was decorated with a stuffed animal and handwritten letters from his former classmates, many of whom did not seem to fully understand the situation.

Officials said the eight-year-old left school on

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EUGENE WOODSIDE, who was shot dead on Monday as he did his homework.

JURY FIND BLAIR RAID GUNMAN GUILTY

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TIANO D'Haiti was convicted by a Supreme Court jury yesterday after finding him unanimously guilty for the role he played in the October 2014 shooting death of Blair Estates resident Andre Cartwright.

After over an hour of deliberation, the jury returned to Justice Renae McKay's courtroom with a guilty verdict on the murder, attempted armed robbery and burglary charges with which D'Haiti was faced.

As the foreman announced the jury's verdict pertaining to the three charges, various sighs of relief could be heard from the relatives and friends of Cartwright present in the courtroom, some who shed tears at the outcome.

D'Haiti is set to receive his sentence on December 6 at 2pm.

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NO-BUILD ZONES TO PREVENT DISASTER

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FOLLOWING the devastation left behind by three major hurricanes in three years, Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis said the government will need to strengthen town-planning regulations and this may include enforcing "no build" zones.

While the country has learned "the hard way" that communities and infrastructure cannot be built in the same manner as years ago, Dr Minnis said the Bahamas is committed to fully implementing technologies to improve the quality of planning for coastal zones.

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PM SURPRISED BY DOMINICA CONCERN

By **RASHAD ROLLE**
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PRIME Minister Dr Hubert Minnis has been "surprised" by the polarising responses Bahamians have had to his offer that Dominican students be allowed to attend school here, Press Secretary Anthony Newbold said yesterday.

The prime minister has also said the government

will welcome other displaced Dominicans who have relatives here.

Dr Minnis is expected to make a comprehensive statement about the matter when the House of Assembly resumes today.

By 2pm yesterday when Mr Newbold's press conference took place, Cabinet ministers were said to still be working out the details of the matter.

"The prime minister has been surprised that an offer

that was made to accommodate students for their education received that kind of reaction," Mr Newbold said.

Some Bahamians have argued the country lacks the resources to accommodate Dominican students. Public schools, critics have said, are overcrowded and the size of the classes is expected to increase following the Minnis

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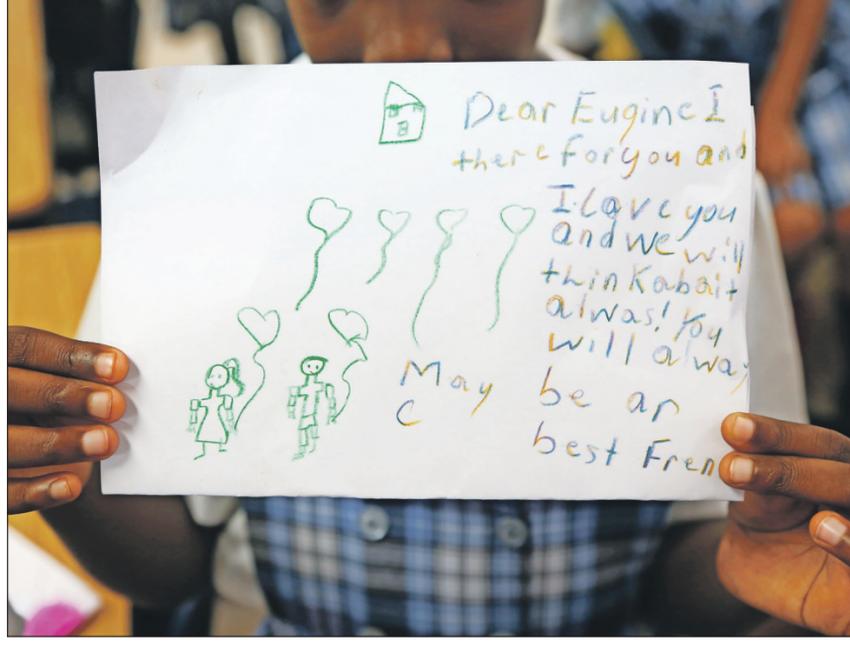
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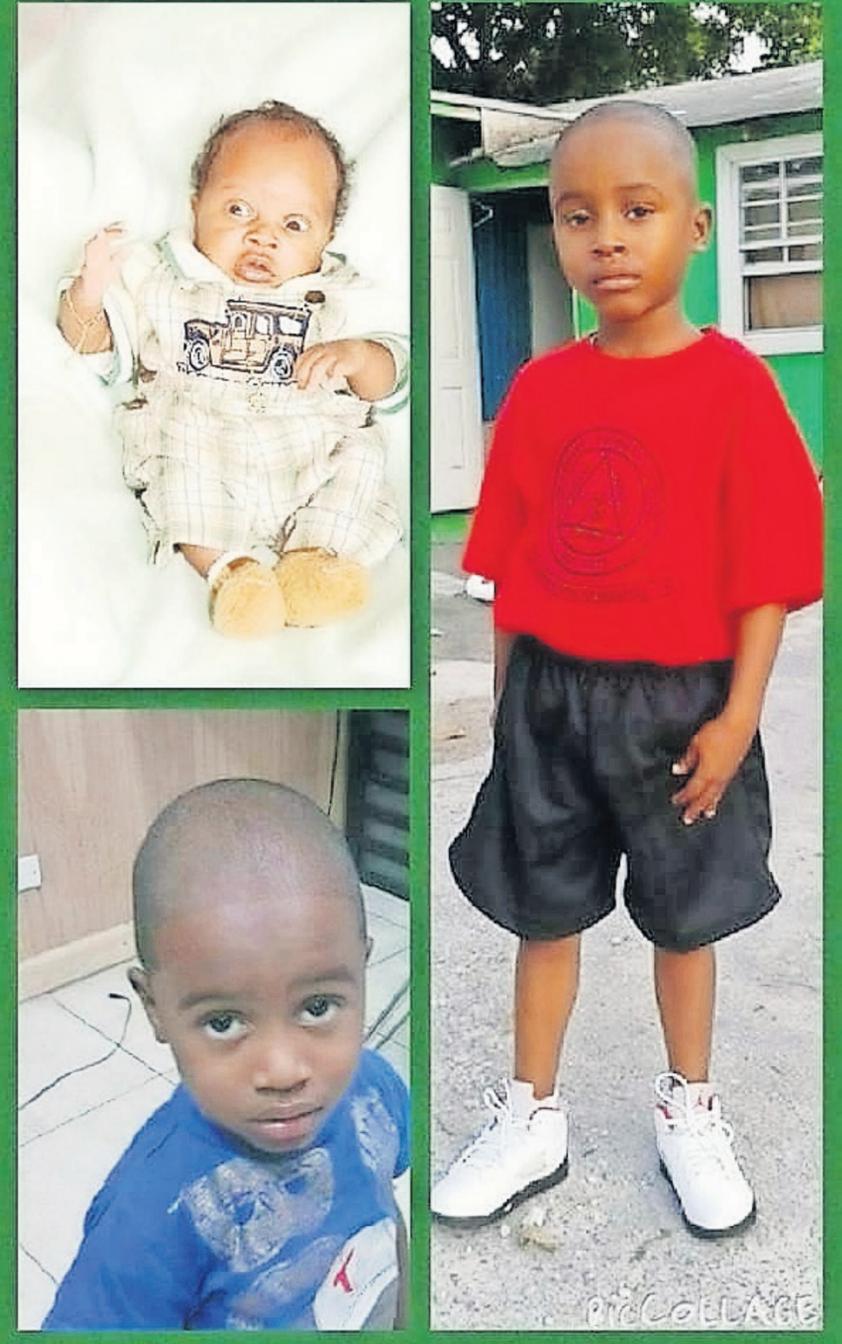
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A LETTER written in tribute to Eugene Woodside by a fellow student of Albury Sayle Primary.



A COLLAGE of photographs of Eugene Woodside posted to Facebook by his mother.



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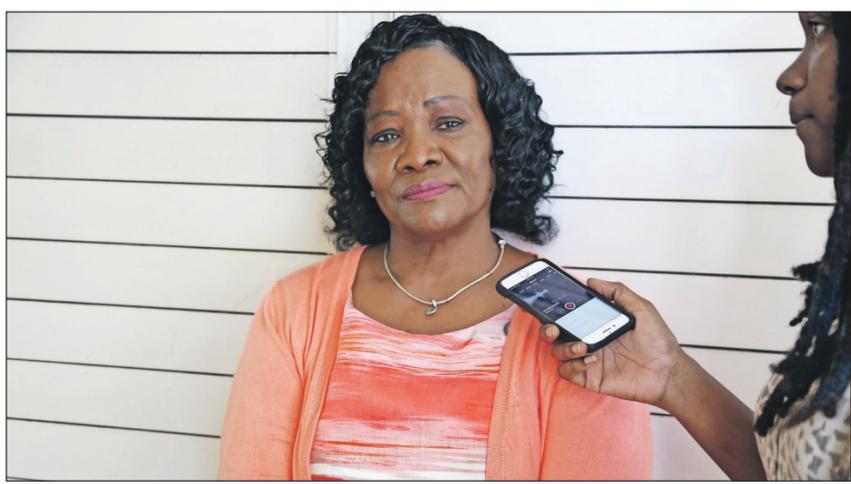
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FELLOW pupils decorating Eugene Woodside's desk, above, in tribute, and principal of Albury Sayle Primary Katherine Rose speaking to the media yesterday.

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'Yes, mommy, I love you too'

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Eugene was shot once in the chest while practising his spelling words with his sister Monday evening.

The third grade student at Albury Sales Primary was rushed to hospital in a private vehicle, but died a short time after his arrival.

A man, the intended victim believed to be in his twenties, also died in hospital after the double shooting. He has been identified by a source as Dennis Moss.

The brazen daytime attack in the densely populated area came after the shooter chased his intended target, running between houses in the Rosebud Street area as he fired several shots, one of which penetrated a wooden structure and its sheetrock, striking the child.

The killings took the country's murder count to 105 for the year, according to The Tribune's records.

Mrs Woodside, a hair stylist, described her son as a "quiet" but "loving and friendly" child. She said she still can't believe that her son is gone and as she prepares to give birth to one child, she has to prepare to

bury another. "He was in the room learning his words with his sister when we heard the shots ring out," Mrs Woodside recalled as tears rolled down her face.

"The next thing we knew, he was on the floor with a bullet in his chest that stopped in his back. Me, him, his sister and his dad was in the house at the time. I crept over to him when I heard the shots. He was sitting down and I saw him moving kind of funny then I noticed the blood coming from his chest and he screamed to my daughter "help me." I held him and I said "Baby, you know mommy loves you right?" and he said "Yes, mommy, I love you too" and then he closed his eyes. We rushed him to the hospital but by the time we got there he had already stopped breathing. We couldn't get there in time, even with a traffic officer helping us get there. This isn't real. I am pregnant with one and just lose the next. He was my baby, he was my only son."

Police have no motive for the shooting and no suspects in custody.

Newly elected Member of Parliament for Fort Charlotte Mark Humes

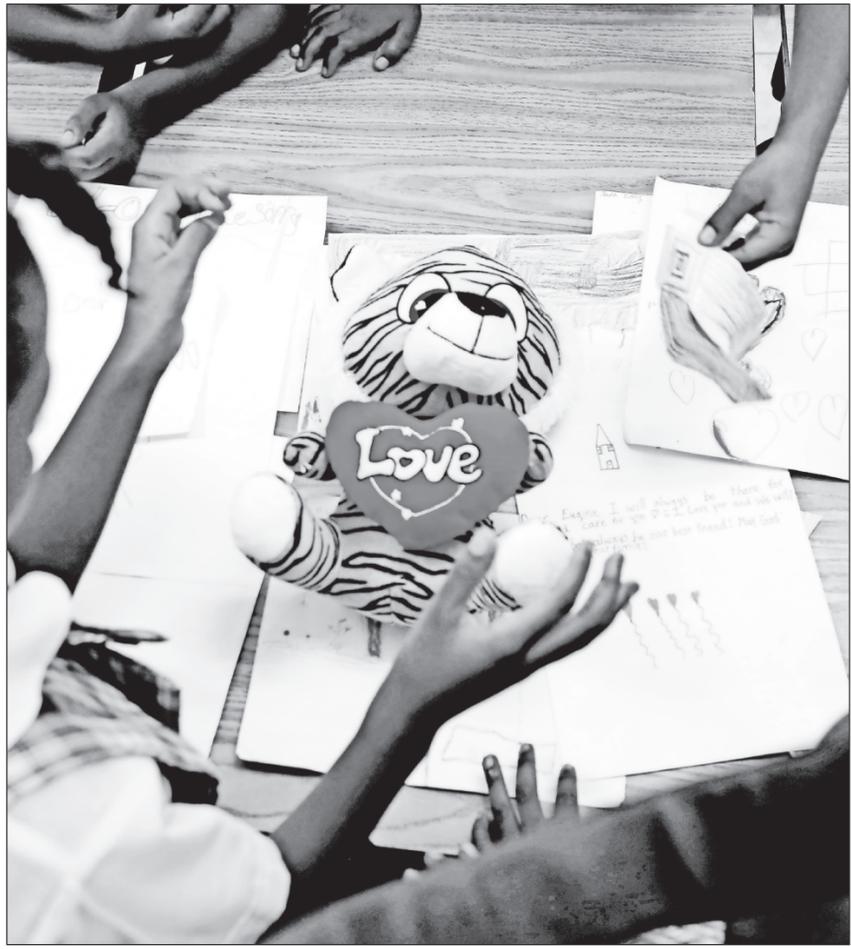
said crime in the area has got increasingly worse over the years and he plans to implement new initiatives to give the residents "peace of mind."

"Anytime you have any sort of killing it is a concern in particular where innocent persons fall victim like the eight year old," he said.

"Fort Charlotte is typically a peaceful area, we never had this type of violence in this area. It seems like all of a sudden in the past year and a half the crime got out of control. It is extremely concerning for the residents and for myself. So I have been meeting with community leaders to organise and reach out to young men in the area in an effort to assist them with issues that may be plaguing them."

The boy's death comes more than a month after an eight-month-old boy was killed in his Bain and Grants Town home. His mother and father were also shot during that attack but survived the incident.

Anyone with information on any of these homicides is asked to contact police at 911 or 919, the Central Detective Unit at 502-9991 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 328-TIPS. Investigations continue.



THE DESK of Eugene Woodside, a student of Albury Sayle Primary in grade three, decorated by his classmates with a note and teddy bear. Photo: Terrel W. Carey/Tribune Staff

TEACHERS' AND PUPILS' GRIEF OVER MURDER

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Monday holding an ice cream cone, and, with a friend, headed to a nearby takeaway to meet his grandmother.

Eugene was shot by a stray bullet on Monday as a gunman chased his intended target, running between houses in the Rosebud Street area firing several shots. One of those shots penetrated the wooden sheet rock structure of Eugene's home, striking the youth as his sister helped him with his homework inside. The news of his last moments have magnified the pain felt by educators at Albury Sayle, according to school principal Katherine Rose, who said the affectionate, well-behaved student was doing exactly what he should have been when tragedy struck.

"He was in the right place," Ms Rose said. "He was doing his homework. He was well behaved, very affectionate. His grade three teacher is broken, very broken this morning."

Eugene's teacher Telietha Strachan, an educator for nine years, said she would not wish this experience on any other teacher as she looked out at her bustling classroom.

"He was an active participant in class," she said.

"I would always be able to call on him to answer a question. So I know now when I teach I'm going to miss his input."

"This is something that I don't wish on any other teacher, my words will only permit me to express to a certain extent what that is. This is something if you don't have to experience it, you would not be missing out."

Five additional school counsellors were deployed to Albury Sayle Primary School to assist with grief counselling yesterday, according to a Ministry of Education press statement.

Psychological services are also being offered for those students in need, it stated.

"We need to continue with the counsellors," Ms Rose said.

"Some of the kids understand, because one little boy said 'Ms Rose that was my best friend, and I walked him to Bamboo Shack where he had to wait for his grammy.'"

As they grapple with their grief, the educators lamented the crime situation and its affect on impressionable minds.

"This is where they live and unfortunately they can't do anything better," said Ms Rose.

"If it was possible to move to another area, but to even think about it like

that, there is crime wherever you go.

"It needs to be a total change of the mindset and until that happens it's dangerous. When we grew up, we had a concern for the future, we looked for tomorrow, but these young people are saying everybody has to die so we can't live forever."

"They have no hope," Ms Rose added.

For her part, Ms Strachan criticised the inadequacy of the government's anti-crime strategies, telling The Tribune that policymakers were failing the children of the country, particularly in New Providence.

"Safety in this country is an issue, particularly here in the capital," she said, "it's an issue."

"These are the things that policymakers need to take into consideration, it's insufficient for them to say that it's an unfortunate event."

She continued: "What are they doing? What measures are being put in place to turn this society around. I think they are doing wrong by the children of the country."

Senseless violence

The pain shared among educators was echoed by Fort Charlotte MP Mark Humes, who also visited the school.

He told *The Tribune* he had been assisting Dennis Moss, the man police believe was the shooter's intended victim, who was killed as he ran from the bullets that terrorized Eugene's street and took the eight-year-old's life.

Mr Humes said he also knew the victim of last week's shooting death, Shannondoah Greene, and helped him with job hunting.

He said: "It's just troubling for me to watch our young men just kill themselves, for whatever reasons they're doing it. It just seems so pointless, so senseless."

"Both of the young men, with Dennis he was always talking about needing a job. We were trying to get their stuff together. I'd just taken Shannondoah's stuff to a few businesses asking them to look out for him."

Mr Humes said: "You

have to ask what it is that these young guys want out of life, if they want anything out of life, and how serious they are about going after it."

"And then you wonder how serious we are at protecting these young lives, and ensuring that they have the necessary things that would keep them from delinquency."

Reflecting on his heart-wrenching time with

Eugene's classmates, Mr Humes, a former lecturer at the University of the Bahamas, stressed the need for constructive opportunities for idle youth.

"The thing that killed me is these are third graders," he said, "and as one child was talking to me there was another young guy on the side of him holding his hand. When he was done that young guy said could we pray?"

"And I said you wanna pray, he said yes, and he prayed. This is a little eight-year-old boy, and I'm saying where do we lose this? Where do we lose this thing here?"

Mr Humes continued: "It's not until they reach middle school, what is it that we're not doing for the middle to high school students to keep them engaged? They're engaged when they're young."

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The Bahamas cannot refuse Dominica

"THERE, but for the grace of God, go I!"

Let us never forget this saying as the negative head-wagging continues at Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis' agreement to accommodate Dominican students whose schools have been destroyed and their education disrupted by the devastation left in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

Dominica was the first in the Caribbean island chain to get the full strength of Maria, one of the most powerful category 5 hurricanes on record. Maria also continued in a direct path over Puerto Rico, leaving its people pleading with the United States to rush in supplies for their survival.

In Nassau, Bahamians prayed and held their collective breath as Maria moved in our direction leaving some of our more southerly islands badly damaged. It was just by a hair's breadth that Maria swung away from Nassau. Although we missed the bullet this time no one should forget that the hurricane season is not yet over.

One would have thought - if only as a thank-offering for having been spared - Bahamians would have gladly made the effort, no matter how difficult, to extend a helping hand to a sister island that has been left with hardly a building standing.

According to reports, the full force of Hurricane Maria has left Dominica "in a daze" having cut it off from its Caribbean neighbours, having "destroyed properties, silenced communication and cut power and running water." Even Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit and his family had to be rescued from their flooded home after their roof was torn off.

Mr Skerrit visited Nassau to try to get help for his displaced students. Our government has agreed in principle and now awaits word from Dominica as to how many students are involved, their level of education and the length of time they might have to be here.

Already, The Bahamas has an accommodation problem in its schools and is now hard pressed to urgently correct the ill-conceived decision of the PLP government to keep children - mainly Haitians - out of school because of their parents' immigration problems. Despite this, an extra effort has to be

made. So, even though Mr Skerrit's request might be difficult to fulfil at this time, it would be far easier to make the effort than to be in his position and have to go cap in hand to beg others to rescue us from what might be similar devastation. Nor must we forget the proud boast of Bahamians about their Christianity - or are they just Sunday Christians? If they are truly what they claim to be, then they will have to walk that extra mile to co-operate with this effort to help our Dominican neighbours.

This present generation of Bahamians would not remember the war years when a British prep school moved to The Bahamas with its headmaster and students to escape the bombing of London.

Belmont School, with its headmaster, Mr Jeffries, arrived in Nassau in 1940. Belmont was a boys prep school in Sussex. When it was decided to send the boys here, it was agreed that families should not be separated and so their sisters came with them as students. Mr Jeffries' sister assisted him and teachers in Nassau offered their services. One of the teachers was the mother of Sir Jimmy Goldsmith. Major Frank Goldsmith, his wife, and two sons, Teddy and Jimmy, also settled in the Bahamas to escape the war. They were the years when the Duke and Duchess of Windsor occupied Government House.

Sir Harry Oakes, who owned the four-storied, verandah-encircled Clerihew House, located on the waterfront just east of the old Kelly's Lumber Yard on Bay Street, made the building available to the school, and for at least four years that was where Britain's Belmont School was located. Among the Bahamian students who also attended were Richard Coulson, the late Norman Solomon, Peter Christie, David Donald, the late Niki Williamson and others.

No one as yet knows what Dominica might need for the accommodation of its students. But perhaps there is a vacant building somewhere in New Providence, where Dominican students and teachers can be transferred until Dominica can rebuild its own schools.

But whatever the needs, this is one occasion when The Bahamas has no choice but to extend a helping hand.

Are all permits truly needed?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

IMMIGRATION - it seems indiscriminate issuing of permits for foreign domestics and nannies is the FNM way.

Location a gated community out west since May 10th... serious topic of conversation - you know we have been able to get the Immigration permit for a Filipino that we have been waiting for and couldn't get under the PLP...

The same goes for comments from people, mostly Bahamians trying to get nannies.

Well, I remember up and down the Eastern Road in the real hey day of the Eastern Road folk in Government that every family had a Bahamian, sorry a black Bahamian, cook - nanny and maid. Check those who are still alive are almost revered by the Eastern Road off-springs who now have their own families.

Why is Immigration granting Immigration permits for any level of a simple domestic?

Desperate for money against allowing a Bahamian to be employed? In

the past under Fred, Immigration revenue boomed to \$40m annually.

I see no reason that Government should be issuing immigration permits under these classifications. BTVI should be training people if there is a shortage.

If the Government disagrees please tells us! Why we should? So it is The People's time but not for domestics - cooks - nannies! Come on Doc!

W THOMPSON
Nassau,
September 18, 2017.

Power of the pen

EDITOR, The Tribune.

WAS it the power of *The Tribune* resulting from a letter writer that the new tourist attraction, Bahamas Jet Boat, has been required to discontinue speeding through the Harbour - the approaches to the Narrows, Paradise island and west of Arawak Cay to Delaporte?

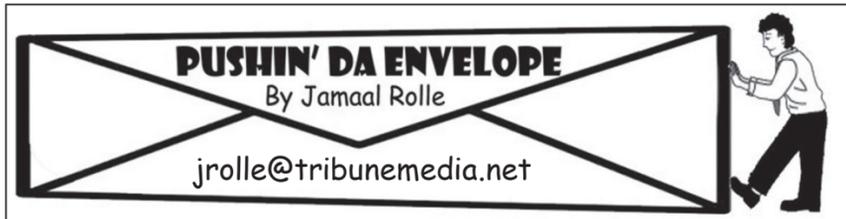
One would have thought The Port Authority before issuing a license would have explained where no boat can exceed the very slow speed limit - doesn't seem so in this case or the operator simply broke the law.

It is dangerous to have boats exceeding the speed limit in the harbour and approaches from the east and west.

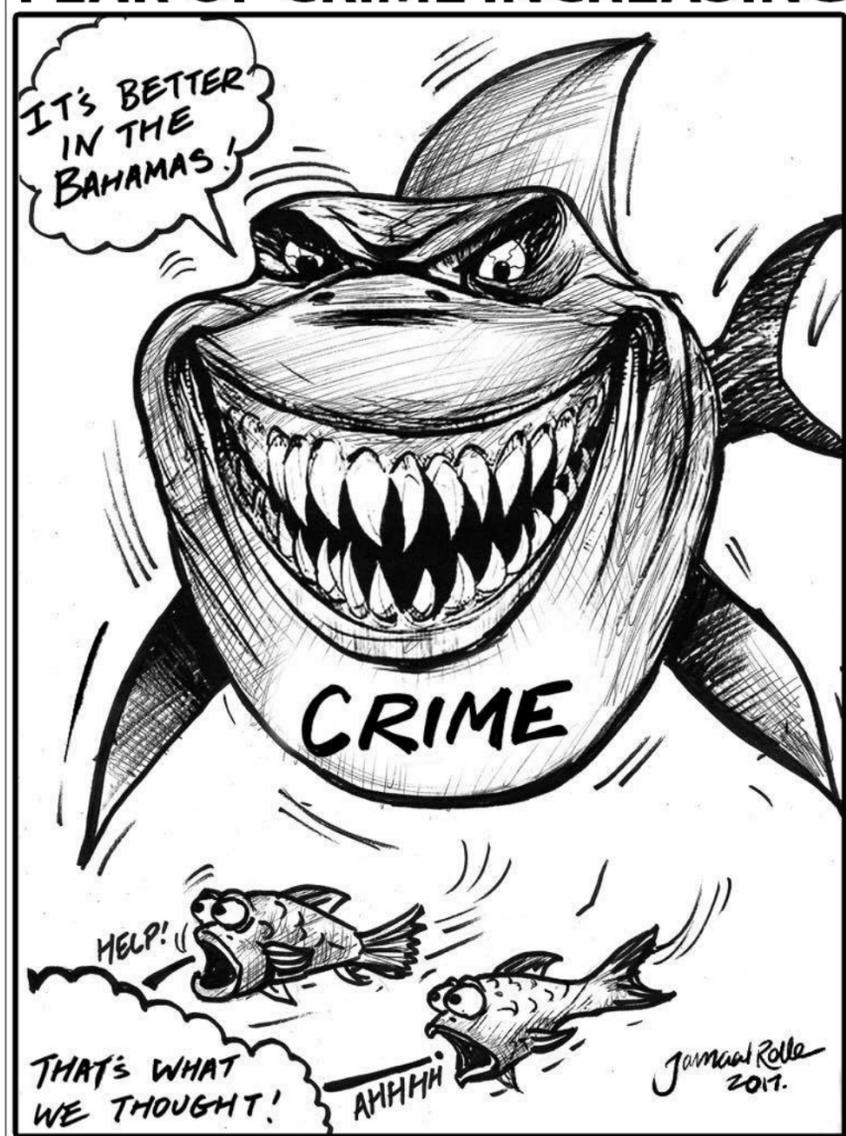
Also this amenity brings with it quite a lot of noise.

Thanks *Tribune*, some officials are reading you and taking action which they should have done without any Letter to The Editor! What they say...the power of the pen?

MARVIN MOSS
Nassau,
September 25, 2017.



FEAR OF CRIME INCREASING



Frightening tale of hit on economies

EDITOR, The Tribune

SOME time ago, I read a rather intriguing book entitled, "The Confessions of An Economic Hit Man".

Not only was it intriguing, it was frightening. It was written by a man who had been called in by the American Government to form a group whose sole purpose, it appeared, would be to bankrupt countries making them "economic colonies" of the United States.

This is unbelievable, but here's basically what the author explained. They would go to a country, big or small, find a "big-eyed John/Jane" who wanted to look good with his/her constituents and needed money to do so. They would find, for example, that the Government needed money to build a two-lane highway but had none.

They would move in and convince them that instead of a two-lane highway, they should get a four-lane one. "Not to worry," they'd say. "We will lend you the money." Being a big-eyed John/Jane, wanting to impress the constituents, and, of course, getting a little under the table for themselves, they would jump at the offer.

They would then go to another country that wanted and needed a new hospital. The Government had been advised by the doctors that a small, efficient structure that they could afford would be best. Now the "hit men" would hear about it and go to the

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other big-eyed John/Jane and say, "Look man, you should build a big spacious hospital, with a beautiful entrance and when it's lights turn on at night your constituents would say, man that's beautiful, our Government is really great."

Again they'd say, "not to worry, we'll lend you the money." And once again, the big-eyed John/Jane, knowing that their constituents were gullible and there would probably be a little bit in it for themselves, or their friends, jumped at it.

And now the hit men goes to another country that wants a new airport built in a distant area of their country but they need the money. The original plan was modest but would do the job efficiently and economically. The hit men would say, "No man, make it big and beautiful, your constituents would love it." Finally the airport is built, big, beautiful, not efficient and twice the cost that it's worth. But it's big and beautiful. The constituents love it.

Another country wants and needs a new electrical plant and the hit men are there. Now they feel that they only have to pay off three people to get the contract. The new plant is built. The equipment is not the best and is not the cheapest but it runs and they have achieved their end.

This becomes a never-ending story. Each country has been hoodwinked and now finds itself in the position where they have to borrow money to pay the loan. The hit men have achieved their objective. They own you. You're now an economic colony.

They now call the shots. They no longer advise you to charge income tax, they tell you. They no longer suggest anything. They tell you what they want.

Does it sound like the hit men may have visited The Bahamas? After all, the PLP's biggest argument for independence was that by being independent we could borrow money?

I am told that in 1967 when the PLP took over, the UBP had left TEN-MILLION dollars in the Treasury. Today, the Treasury, it is said, owes something like SIX-BILLION dollars.

It's like the old saying: If you owe the bank money, don't get caught fooling with the bank manager's wife.

Yes my friends, we're now economic slaves. The boss man says jump and all we say is, "Yes, sir, boss, how high on the way up!!"

We have been taken. Are we now owned by the American and Chinese Governments?

I hope that the Prime Minister, Dr Hubert Minnis, knows this and can free us.

PIERRE VL DUPUCH
Nassau,
September 25, 2017.

Pass the passports

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Re: Time to tear up the rule book on immigration.
The Tribune, September 25, 2017.

THE writer discusses timely regularisation of immigrant groups which would allow them to open bank accounts,

complete their education, buy property, open businesses, contribute to government revenue through taxes and NIB, and represent The Bahamas internationally in sports and academics.

But why bother with the cost and effort required for such regularisation when all that really needs

to be done is for the Police, Immigration & RBDF to hand out Bahamian passports on first contact? ---- only on weekdays and during daylight hours, of course.

KEN W KNOWLES,
MD
Nassau,
September 26, 2017.

Jury find Blair raid gunman guilty

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The verdict marks the end of a five-week trial into the October 28, 2014 home invasion and murder. D'Haiti stood trial along with Kevin Andrews of Montell Heights as the two accused in the matter, both having been initially arraigned on November 11, 2014.

However, Andrews was acquitted by the jury last week on the instructions of Justice McKay after hearing submissions from the Crown and the defence. Kendra Kelly and Destiny McKinney represented the Crown in the matter, while Jairam Mangra represents D'Haiti.

According to initial police reports, Cartwright, 44, was at his Blair Estates home around 1.40am with his mother, Emma Cartwright, and father, Glenn Cartwright, when men kicked in the front door of the house.

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

There was a brief exchange of gunfire, which resulted in Cartwright being shot multiple times. He died at the scene. One of the suspects was also shot, however, he and the other men escaped in a silver coloured Honda Accord.

During closing arguments on Monday, Mr Mangra submitted that as D'Haiti had "nothing to prove" in the matter, the onus was on the Crown to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, something which he noted is a "particularly high standard" to attain.

Mr Mangra further submitted that despite there being forensic and scientific analyses conducted into Cartwright's murder, the Crown had not produced anything to establish a nexus between D'Haiti suffering a gunshot wound to the left chest and the incident in question.

Mr Mangra also questioned the circumstances surrounding the oral statements D'Haiti allegedly

made to Detective Sergeant Sherwin Braynen on October 31, 2014 while in the Princess Margaret Hospital suffering from a gunshot wound.

Previously, Sgt Braynen told the court how D'Haiti told him from his hospital bed that while he was one of five men who visited Cartwright's home on the night in question, he stayed in the car while the other four forced their way into the home.

According to Sgt Braynen, D'Haiti said he only went into the house after he heard the sound of gunshots. And, upon entering and noticing his former co-accused Kevin Andrews, he heard another shot ring out, consequently he fled

with the others, and later realised he had been shot.

Another officer, Corporal Santino Maycock, offered a similar testimony during the trial.

However, Mr Mangra submitted on Monday that the officers gave conflicting evidence about D'Haiti's alleged confession, and that they allegedly "colluded" to concoct the story.

At best, Mr Mangra charged, D'Haiti's alleged statements to Sgt Braynen only place him at the scene of the crime, and after the fact at that.

However, Ms Kelly stated that the Crown had provided enough circumstantial evidence throughout the trial, and that the jury could make reasonable inferences

about D'Haiti's guilt from the evidence led.

Ms Kelly said examples of circumstantial evidence relevant to the matter include, but are not limited to the gunshot wound he suffered to his left lateral chest, allegedly as a result of the home invasion, as well as the period of time between the shooting and D'Haiti's arrival at Accident and Emergency (A&E).

Ms Kelly also highlighted D'Haiti's decision to remain silent when called upon to answer the Crown's case against him. She noted that while it was his right to remain silent, it also meant there was nothing on his behalf to contradict the Crown's case against him.



KYLE Farrington outside court yesterday.

TWO ACCUSED OF KILLINGS IN SEPARATE MURDER CASES

TWO men in their early to mid-twenties were arraigned in Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with two separate murders, one of which occurred in 2015.

Kyle Farrington, 25, of Doris Johnson Estates, and Lethario Davis, 23, of East Wood Apple Crest, stood before Deputy Chief Magistrate Andrew Forbes each facing one count of murder.

Farrington is alleged to have murdered Frederico

Ramsey on September 7 this year, while Davis is alleged to have murdered Alfred Delancy on July 26, 2015. Both murders were committed in New Providence.

Neither man was required to plead. Their cases were adjourned to November 9 for service of a voluntary bill of indictment to the Supreme Court. They were remanded to the Bahamas Department of Correctional Services to await trial.



LATHARIO Davis outside court. Photos: Terrel W. Carey/Tribune Staff

FORMER PLP MINISTER SAYS COUNTRY CAN'T SUSTAIN CRIME RATE

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DESPITE more than 600 murders during the Progressive Liberal Party's last term in office, former Cabinet minister Glensy Hanna Martin criticised the Minnis administration yesterday saying the country cannot sustain the high rate of murders and violence.

Following an eight-year-old boy's death in hospital after being struck by a stray bullet while in his home, the shadow national security minister criticised the government insisting the Official Opposition would not accept this disturbing trend of children losing their lives to gun violence.

While there have been 105 murders so far this year, 53 of these have occurred during the four months of the Minnis administration. Of this number, two children - including an infant - and at least four teenage boys have been murdered.

However, youngsters were the victims of homicides under the Christie administration as well, many of them killed this year before the general election. In March, two teen boys - one 13 the other 15 - were found shot dead on a dirt road in the Yellow Elder Gardens area.

In early February, a

15-year-old boy was shot dead while walking in the Peardale area.

In response to the child's murder on Monday, the Englerston MP said: "This is now the fourth child or youth in the last several days to be killed by gunfire."

"On September 5, the Official Opposition requested the Minister of National Security (Marvin Dames) to bring together all of the relevant stakeholders in our country including the opposition to initiate dialogue in search of solutions to this deadly scourge in our country.

"The minister has yet to respond. This lack of response is beyond disappointing. We are facing a very serious problem and it is impacting all of us. We must find a resolution.

"Our country cannot sustain this high rate of homicide and violence. We will not accept this disturbing trend of children, in this instance a primary school student, losing life through gun violence.

"The social fabric of our country is being damaged and our economic health undermined. We are losing our young men," her statement yesterday continued.

"Again, we call on the minister of national security to move with great urgency to mobilise national

stakeholders, including the opposition, to bring about a collective end to this terrible violence."

Last week in the House of Assembly, Mr Dames outlined the chronic challenges the country faces in its fight against crime, while noting murders were up 41 per cent compared to this time last year, but overall crime was down by 19 per cent.

At the time, he said the crime problems are worsened by an ineffective electronic monitoring system where 13 people with ankle bracelets have been murdered and another wearing a device was recently charged with a killing.

The minister said latest crime figures show 268 offenders are being monitored. This includes 70 for murder, 18 for attempted murder, 102 for armed robberies and 59 for firearm offences.

Also contributing to challenges with serious crimes is the failing CCTV Monitoring Centre, the minister said.

In 2012, the Christie administration spent \$4.6m to establish a state of the art centre and installed 243 CCTV cameras mainly to the downtown Nassau areas and other crime hotspots throughout the island.

However, Mr Dames said

the system, one of the most vital in the fight against crime, was not being properly maintained and could not be expanded due to insufficient bandwidth, which is essential for producing quality images. This impacted nearly half or 119 of the 243 cameras. In addition, hard drives and servers were not upgraded and staffing issues at the

CCTV centre were far from adequate, he said.

The ineffectiveness of both crime-fighting tools has contributed to the nation's overall crime picture, Mr Dames suggested.

Mr Dames said the government is now in the initial phases of its crime fighting strategy.

These include conducting a manpower audit

of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, a zero-tolerance approach to crime, increased police visibility, targeting of hotspots and a focus on prolific offenders.

Other strategies include strengthening of police and community partnerships, and the establishment of a guns and gangs unit, which was formed last week Tuesday.

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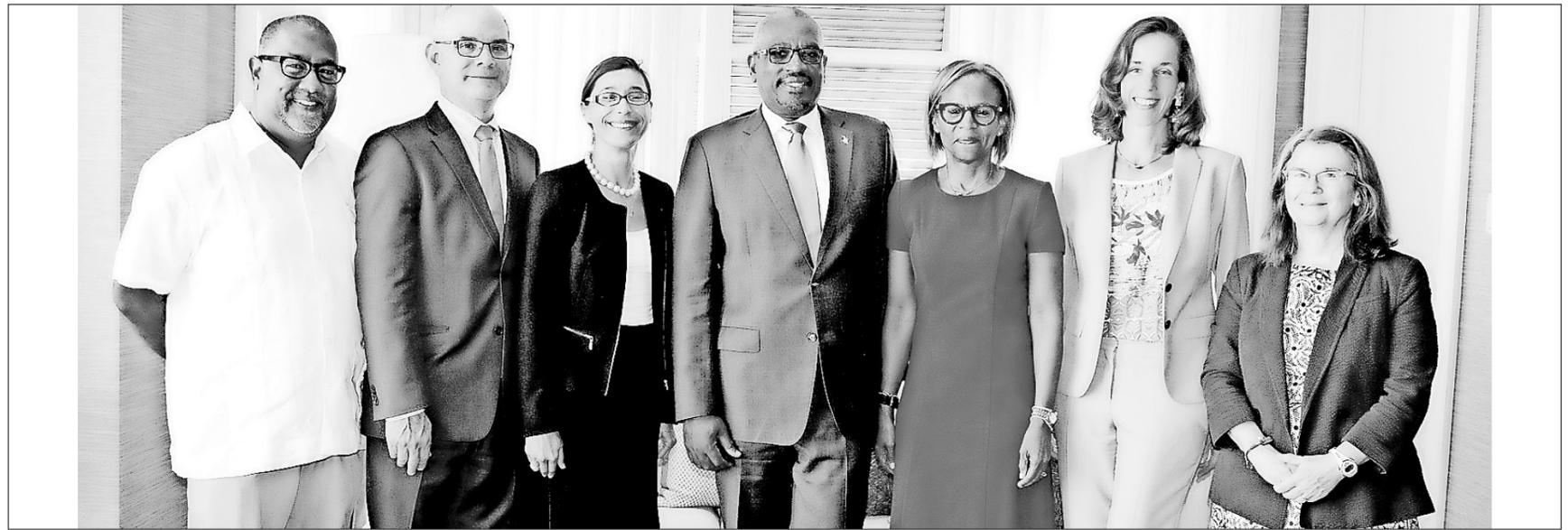
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No-build zones to prevent disaster

from page one He was speaking during Development Bank's the Inter-American (IDB) Caribbean Coastal Resilience forum at The Island House.

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“The impact of the latest three hurricanes on our islands demonstrates this need for coastal planning,” Dr Minnis said while addressing a small group gathered at the forum and referring to Hurricanes Joaquin, Matthew and Irma.

“We will need to strengthen our regulations around town planning and zoning. This may include identifying and enforcing no-build zones within the islands in The Bahamas.

“We are going to have to deal with the issues around land tenure and land administration as we think about better zoning and the provision of new housing projects built for disaster resilience.

“We know that significant work has already been completed on this issue through the IDB’s Land Use Planning and Administration Project (LUPAP). We must now revive that work for implementation.

“Further, we must encourage and foster innovation in our architecture and engineering so that we can design and build infrastructure that is more resilient and sustainable.”

Last week, CARICOM Secretary General Irwin LaRocque said events like Irma prove humans are living through a period of climate change.

He was a part of a contingent which visited Ragged Island to observe the damage left behind by the monster storm.

Earlier in his address the prime minister said: “Already, our Ministry of Works has started to consider the potential benefits of green infrastructure solutions, such as mangrove restoration efforts, to enhance the level of protection compared to that provided by traditional seawalls or revetments alone.

“Similarly, here on the island of New Providence, we are planning for a more sustainable future through Nassau’s participation in the IDB’s Emerging and Sustainable Cities Programme.

“An early deliverable of this project was a study on natural hazards and risks to the island, specifically inland flooding, coastal flooding, and salt water intrusion into the freshwater lens.

“Hurricane Matthew unfortunately confirmed the accuracy of the coastal flooding models, as those communities along our southern shore found themselves inundated by storm surge.

“We have learned the hard way that we cannot continue to build our communities and infrastructure in the same manner. These are the first of many such island master plans within The Bahamas,” Dr Minnis said.

PM SURPRISED BY DOMINICA CONCERN

from page one

administration’s anticipated reversal of a Christie administration policy requiring foreigners to have a permit to attend school.

Some have also criticised Dr Minnis for announcing his decision before finalising the details of the plan.

“Some questions raised are with merit and people have reason to ask the questions if they don’t have the answers and that’s what he’ll attempt to provide (Wednesday),” Mr Newbold said. “There are a lot of questions.

“It was not an offer that necessarily needed details at the moment (when it was made). What is happening now is exactly how it should happen; you’re in trouble, we want to help you. We’ll let your students come go to school with us. There was never any intention not to let the Bahamian people know all of the details.”

On Sunday, Dr Minnis announced the intention to accommodate students from Dominica displaced by Hurricane Maria.

He did so after speaking with Dominica’s Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit who stopped here on his way to the US.

Dominica’s infrastructure was devastated by Hurricane Maria earlier this month.

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Culture Clash

By ALICIA WALLACE



Maybe your family pale in comparison members and friends with you. You're a vessel

of little-known tidbits, can recite excerpts of the classics, and play piano by ear. All of this could be true while you fail to effectively communicate because your emotional intelligence is undeveloped and, to be quite honest, you're not even trying.

Emotional intelligence, according to Peter Salovey and John Mayer who coined the term, is "a form of social intelligence that involves the ability of monitoring your feelings and emotions and those of other people, discriminating among them, and using this information to guide your thinking and actions".

In her book *E.Q. Librium*, Bahamian EQ practitioner and executive coach Yvette Bethel points out that the definition makes a distinction between feelings and emotions, and it's an interesting one to explore. In short, Bethel explains feelings happen anywhere in the body while emotion includes reaction to a stimulus and often involves ego.

In developing and practising emotional intelligence, it is important for us to think about the ways we navigate feelings and emotions, or the way they can affect the way we navigate the world. Our responses are informed by our own lived experiences, values, and beliefs and affected by our mental and emotional states at the time.

Key to cultivating emotional intelligence is empathy — the ability to experience the emotions of another person. In order to communicate with emotional intelligence, we have to be able to relate to the audience's conditions. This requires not only an understanding of who is in our audience, but how they feel. This knowledge has to be factored into our messaging for communication to be effective.

In a video circulating on Facebook, a child is shown trying to jump a barrier as classmates look on. Again and again, he runs up to it, and gets his hands on the top, but doesn't quite make it over. With every attempt, his classmates cheer wildly. When he doesn't make it, they shout words of encouragement. By the penultimate attempt, he is in tears, but his classmates' cheers are only getting louder. Before the last try, they encircle him, building his confidence back up. When he makes it, it is a shared victory. Not only have the children in that video been taught the value of community, but to practice emotional intelligence.



HOMES lay scattered after the passing of Hurricane Maria in Roseau, the capital Dominica, on Saturday.

They know what failure feels like, and what people need to keep going, and to eventually succeed. They give that to the boy in the video without tiring, counting cost, or changing their energy. It is their job to support him.

Just weeks ago, scores of Bahamian people were evacuated from the southern islands of The Bahamas under the threat of Hurricane Irma. Some refused to leave and, upon receiving this information, many Bahamians lambasted them. They were called foolish and uneducated, and some people even wished the worst, supposedly to teach them a lesson. This kind of response is quickly recognised as unchristian, but there is no need to connect it to religion. It is a character flaw that leads to communication failure. It is evidence of the inability to manage one's own emotions — like anger or frustration — and the failure to consider the emotions of others.

Maybe it is difficult to imagine living on a Family Island, vastly different from the capital, and content with what one has while happy to be without certain elements that come with "development". It's easier to think of our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents who are reluctant to leave their homes.

The people we offer to take on trips, host during renovations, or bring into our homes when they are not feeling well. They decline every time because they love their homes, their independence, and the little things around them that make them feel at peace.

Somehow, even if we don't quite understand it, we're able to respond with love to these people who will not even go a 20-minute drive away, but can't temper our frustration with people we think are foolishly, wilfully putting their lives at risk. We don't bother to see it their way, understanding the deep connections they have with their homes and the fierce will to protect them, come what may. We are too busy making our own point.

This week, the prime minister announced, without much detail, plans to accommodate Dominican students affected by Hurricane Maria as soon as possible. We have seen evidence of the devastation in Dominica where even accessing clean water is a challenge.

The response to this announcement, just two years after Family Island students needed to be relocated to attend school, has been severely lacking in any kind of intelligence. People immediately asked where the money would come from, where the students would fit, how many people would be coming, and how long they would be permitted to stay? These are valid questions on the surface, but the tone is clear.

Many are opposed to this move and choose to hide behind faux-intelligence, prudence, and "critical" thinking. No

one batted an eye when Dominica gave \$100,000 to The Bahamas following Hurricane Matthew in 2016. No one bothered to make a GDP comparison between countries. It was fine for Dominica to help us, but we are too poor and under-resourced to offer assistance now. Maybe we are rich in fear and poor in community spirit, no matter how we try to spin it.

Minnis' announcement seemed hasty, especially without having details of the plan to share, but there are better ways to pose questions and offer recommendations. We can have critical, constructive national dialogue without rejecting a plan we have not seen along with the people it is meant to help. To do that, we would have to acknowledge our own feelings and emotions, admitting to our fear of losing what we have.

We are most concerned about job security and the national debt and subsequent increases in taxation. While these are valid concerns, in the near future we will have to turn our attention to our shrinking land mass and rising sea levels, inability to save ourselves, and the need to build relationships with other countries who can lobby for and with us.

We will be looking to other countries in this region to band together with us in the fight for "developed" nations to do their part to mitigate and respond to climate change.

At the current rate, the next generation of Bahamians will be climate refugees. If we held and understood this knowledge, perhaps it would trigger the empathy we need to respond to Dominica's situation and our prime minister's commitment with emotional intelligence. No one wants to need help, much less to receive a protested offer.

We all have feelings, and experience emotions in response to our environment and experiences. We do not all practice the emotional intelligence necessary for leadership, community-building, advocacy, and critical dialogue. Communication is key to all of them, and dependent on our ability to reach our audience and be understood.

If we are not considerate of others' emotions, we risk our messages — however articulate, factual, or relevant — being completely missed or ignored. If you find yourself under fire for comments, resist the urge to defend with "what I meant was" and spend time answering "How was I perceived, and why?" Impact is more important than intent, and emotional intelligence goes a long way in bridging the gap between the two.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL 'OPEN' TO TALKS WITH NON-PROFITS ON COMPLIANCE

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WHEN it comes to compliance of non-profit organisation regulations, the Office of the Attorney General is open to creating special arrangements with NPOs similar to what it has arranged for churches.

"The attorney general says the office is prepared to talk to non-profits on a case-by-case basis," Press secretary Anthony Newbold said yesterday.

"Any non-profit who believes they have a case to present to the attorney general for why they shouldn't be subjected to whatever those rules are, go on and see the attorney general or someone in the office and they will determine after consultations whether you indeed have a case."

In July, the Registrar General's Department listed hundreds of NPOs in newspapers that it said were required to submit information explaining their purpose, objectives and activities, the source of their annual income, the identities of the people who own, control and direct them and annual financial statements or other financial records

while also explaining their transactions in and outside The Bahamas.

In an era of global concern about terrorism and terrorism-funding, such regulations are a way governments provide oversight of the NPOs, addressing their money laundering and terrorism financing related risks.

Churches, however, said the regulations are too intrusive.

Their protest resulted in the government entering a special arrangement with the Bahamas Christian Council in which churches could, BCC President Bishop Delton Fernander has said, "self-regulate" their activities.

Under the arrangement, the information that could be requested under the regulations would be assessed by accountants who will report about them to the Registrar General's Department.

Only in suspicious cases would accountants directly turn the information over to the registrar general.

Until now, it had been unclear whether this arrangement applied to non-church NPOs as well.

Attorney Fred Smith, whose own organisations have been notified to comply with the regulations, has criticised

the government's arrangement with churches.

"We no longer live in the secret darkness of the PLP and this government has a mandate to transact government transparently and it should be no part of the attorney general's function to be making secret deals with individual NPOs so that every one of the thousands are treated differently," he said yesterday.

"How on earth is the attorney general's department going to function if it has to deal with thousands of different NPOs making a case by case submission? This is absurdly subjective regulations and is an extra unnecessary layer of bureaucratic red tape."

Mr Smith, QC, believes the government's interpretation of the regulations is flawed and that the registrar general cannot demand that NPOs submit private information unless it suspects one of engaging in money laundering or terrorist funding.

In its July announcement, the Registrar General's Department gave NPOs 14 days to comply with its notification. That date was later extended for churches. It's unclear if the department has enforced that timeline for other NPOs.

Burrows in union bid

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ALEXANDER BURROWS, a candidate for the Bahamas Public Services Union election in Grand Bahama.

GRAND Bahama's Alexander Burrows Jr is running as a candidate for the position of northern region area vice president of the Bahamas Public Services Union in its upcoming election.

Mr Burrows, a customs officer who is aligned with Team Restoration, said the union is "haemorrhaging", and has lost about half of the 6,000 members under two presidents.

BPSU members will go the polls on Thursday, September 28.

"The BPSU is need of rescuing," said Mr Burrows. "This election is most critical in our union's history."

He said over the past three years there had not been one single audit, and union membership had declined from 6,000 to just under 3,000 today.

"We are haemorrhaging by the minute - persons are leaving this union...because we don't have a plan to keep our members," said the concerned candidate.

Mr Burrows indicated that under the presidency of John Pinder, there was an exodus of the Customs and Immigration Departments in 2010. And before him, the union lost members of the National Insurance Board and nurses under former president William McDonald.

"And so, it is safe to

wage increase according to the cost of living index, implement a competitive contributory supplementary pension plan, and bring about more benefits.

The customs officer decided to remain with the BPSU, even though many of his colleagues in the Customs Department left the union, and established its union with the Immigration Department.

"I never left because I believe in the pure form of what trade unionism ought to be. I am the son of a unionist; my father was a devout trade unionist, and I watched him at as an adolescent, and he always had the heart for the people."

Other members of Team Restoration are Dwaine Stevens, an IT supervisor at the Registrar General's Department who is running for president; Byron Musgrove of judiciary is running for the position of executive vice-president; Nicole B Oliver, of the Department of Agriculture, is the candidate running for vice president while Anita Fitzgerald, of the Gaming Board is running for secretary general.

Devon Moss, of the Department of Lands and Surveys, is running for asst secretary-general; Rose-lynn Miller is running for treasurer while Emerson Adderley of Princess Margaret Hospital, Kemuel Knowles and Curtis Hanna are running for BPSU trustee.

say that the BPSU is the fastest dying union in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas," he stressed.

Mr Burrows said Team Restoration is about bringing "transformative and transformational" leadership that will not only increase membership but also provide improved benefits for its members.

"I am running for area vice president of the northern region which comprises Grand Bahama, Abaco, and Bimini. It is not my first time running; I ran three years ago.

"I am running because I cannot sit idly by and watch our union deteriorate into non-existence. We lost four crafts under two presidents," he said.

Team Restoration, he said, plans to enter negotiations with the Grand Bahama Port Authority to build low-income houses for union members, and will seek to correct anomalies in salaries, negotiate

STEPHEN DILLET SCHOOL TO OPEN ON MONDAY

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STEPHEN Dillet Primary School is set to open for students on Monday, roughly four weeks after public schools across the country commenced the 2017-2018 academic year.

Acting Education Minister Dion Foulkes made the announcement Tuesday, just before a Cabinet meeting got underway at

the Office of the Prime Minister.

Stephen Dillet was originally scheduled to open to teachers on September 4, and to students one week later on September 11.

Nearly half of the more than \$8m allocated to school repairs was spent at Stephen Dillet.

In addition to general updates and repairs to the school's 29 classrooms and administrative offices, additional restrooms,

multimedia areas and musical rooms were added to the school's campus.

Two pre-school classrooms were added to assist the Department of Education's universal pre-school programme.

"It is complete," Mr Foulkes said. "(Workers at the property) are only doing clean-up work, minor work being done now. All of the major work is completed at Stephen Dillet."



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a resident of Price Street, Nassau Village & formerly of West End, Grand Bahama, will be held at Church of God, Convention Centre, Joe Farrington Road, on Thursday, 28th September, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Officiating will be Bishop Rev. Dr. Vincent Smith, assisted by Fr. Stephen Davies, Bishop Gloria Ferguson, Pastor Elmond King & other Ministers of the Gospel. Interment follows in Woodlawn Gardens, Soldier Road.

She is survived by her loving husband of 23 years Apostle The Rev. Dr. Prince Albert Munnings-King; one son: Di-argo Stubbs; one daughter: Octavia King; one adopted

daughter: Kenderia Charlot; two (2) brothers: Kranston and Zyndal Key; two (2) sisters: Katrina Key and Eldoria Sweeting. 17 Nephews: Deswood, Kranston Jr. Sean, Shannon, Kedero and Delkino Key, Mark and Trevano Rolle, Valentino Ferguson, P.C. 3304 ZShavargo Mackey, P.C.1340 Stephan King, P/Sgt. 1633 Bufort Anterrio King Jr., Sheldon King of North Dakota, United States of America, Floyd Miller, Stephen Mcphee, PJ Clarke, Vincent Williams Jr. and Paul Thompson. 15 Nieces: Shavon Dixon, Savannah Rolle and Kranstonae Key, Tanaz, Sylva, Sharell, Sharese and Sharonne, Beautisca and Shantel King, Indera Clarke, Latoya Bethel, Valencia Sands, Lashandria and Lakeisha Johnson, Zoe and Clarissa Demeritte and Donnella Williams. 5 Brothers-in-law: Bufort King Sr. Rev. Elmond King, Retired Cpl. 1319 Charles Vincent and Glen King, Tracey Charles Demeritte Sr. 7 Sisters-in-Law: Juliette Johnson, Jacqueline Demeritte, Averie Plumer Key, Beautiny and Deborah King, Stephanie King-Lawrence, Michelle and Agatha King and Donnette Williams. 7 Grand Nephews: Jawan, Messiah, Jayden, Tashad Mackey of Exuma, Tracey Charles Zion Demeritte Jr., Riker King, Tyrie Johnson. 3 Grand nieces: Alia Paris and Angel, Taniqua Colebrooke. 18 Aunts: Erma Duncombe of Coopers Town, Abaco, Betty Strachan, Orita Munroe, Glencina Curry of Grand Bahama, Jenny Ferguson, Moreen and Patsy Johnson, Freedamae and Monica Mills of Abaco, Margaret Rolle Bennett's Harbor, Cat Island, Sylvia Munnings, Agnes and Olivia Farrington, Corrine and Beverly King, Daisy Rolle, Marie Major, Marjorie King all of New Providence. 10 Uncles: Talbot Johnson, Rev. Samuel Mills, Joy Duncombe, Rudolph Pinder, Bertram Ferguson and Hiram Munroe, James Farrington, Charles Austin Farrington, Retired Commissioner Charles Dormant King and Alvin King. Other relatives and friends including: Christine King, A.S.P. Sheria King, A.S.P. Vincent Williams, Elder Ishmael and Mother Cynthia Grant & family, Pentecostal Temple C.O.G.I.C. family Elder Lavade Cooper & family, Bishop Dr. Vincent Smith and he Universal Village Mission Ministries Family, Dr. Stanley Ferguson and the New Free Community Holiness Baptist Church Family, The Truth and light Ministries and Apostle Erica Bain & family, Commissioner of Police Mr. Elison Greenslade and the Royal Bahamas Police Force Family, Dr. Patrick Cargill, Supervisor Sherry Whitfield, Mother Florence Moncur, Pastor Clint and Ellen Williams, Bishop Oral Rolle and Family, Rev. Winston Agaro, Shanique Adderley, Rose Barr, Rochelle Adderley, Trevor Thompson, Supt. ZShivargo Dames, staff of Police Control Room, staff of Doctors Hospital, The McIntosh, Mills, Johnson, Key, Farrington, Munnings, King and Stubbs Families.

Friends may pay their last respects at the Paul Farquharson Conference Centre, Police Headquarters, from 12:00 -5:00 p.m. on Wednesday & at the church from 10:00 a.m. until service time.



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PEOPLE line up with gas cans to get fuel from a gas station, in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Monday. Photo: Gerald Herbert/AP

SAUDI ARABIA TO ALLOW WOMEN TO DRIVE

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Women will be allowed to drive for the first time next summer in Saudi Arabia, the ultra-conservative kingdom announced Tuesday, marking a significant expansion of women's rights in the only country that barred them from getting behind the wheel.

While women in other Muslim countries drove freely, the kingdom's blanket ban attracted negative publicity for years. Neither Islamic law nor Saudi traffic law explicitly prohibited women from driving, but they were not issued licenses and were detained if they attempted to drive.

Prince Khaled bin Salman, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Washington and the king's son, said letting women drive is a "huge step forward" and that "society is ready".

"This is the right time to do the right thing," he told reporters in the US. Women will be allowed to obtain licenses without the permission of a male relative.

The announcement came in the form of a royal decree that was reported late Tuesday by the state-run Saudi Press Agency and state TV.

CANADA SANCTIONS ON TOP OFFICIALS IN VENEZUELA

TORONTO (AP) — Canada announced Friday it has imposed sanctions against key figures in the regime of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro in what the government said is a clear message that their anti-democratic behavior has consequences.

Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland said the targeted sanctions are aimed at 40 officials and individuals — including Maduro himself — who are helping to undermine the security, stability and integrity of democratic institutions in Venezuela.

The sanctions freeze any assets the individuals may have in Canada and bans Canadians from engaging them in business dealings.

"Canada will not stand by silently as the Government of Venezuela robs its people of their fundamental democratic rights," Freeland said in a statement.

Trump switches focus to Puerto Rico

WASHINGTON Associated Press

SUDDENLY, just about all President Donald Trump can talk about is Puerto Rico.

After not mentioning hurricane-devastated island for days, Trump on Tuesday pushed back aggressively and repeatedly against criticism that he had failed to quickly grasp the magnitude of Maria's destruction or give the US commonwealth the top-priority treatment he had bestowed on Texas, Louisiana and Florida after previous storms.

Trump announced that he would visit Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands next week. He tweeted

about Puerto Rico's needs. He talked about Puerto Rico during a meeting on tax cuts. He raised the subject at a Rose Garden news conference with the prime minister of Spain.

And he attended a hurricane briefing. He called a meeting of agency heads tasked with helping Puerto Rico recover, and sent top officials out to the White House driveway to talk to reporters. FEMA Administrator Brock Long delivered specifics: 16 Navy and Coast Guard ships in the waters around Puerto Rico and ten more on the way.

Throughout, Trump stressed that Puerto Rico's governor had praised the federal response,

characterising Ricardo Rossello as "so thankful of the job we're doing".

Six days after Marie struck the island, conditions in Puerto Rico remain dire, with 3.4 million people virtually without electrical power and short of food and water. Flights off the island are infrequent, communications are spotty and roads are clogged with debris. Officials said electrical power may not be fully restored for more than a month.

Trump, who had proposed visiting Puerto Rico earlier this month, said that next Tuesday was the earliest he could get there without disrupting recovery efforts.

His public focus in recent days on other matters, particularly his extended commentary on NFL players who kneel during the National Anthem, generated criticism that he was giving Puerto Rico short shrift after devoting considerable public attention to storm damage in Texas and Florida.

Rep Nydia Velazquez, D-NY, said she had been concerned that Trump's continued tweets about NFL players showed he didn't grasp the severity of the crisis. She warned that if he didn't start taking it seriously, "this is going to be your Katrina", referring to criticism of President George W Bush following

the slow federal response to Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

And it wasn't just Democrats.

"The crisis for these Americans needs more attention — and more urgency from the executive branch," tweeted Republican Sen Ben Sasse of Nebraska, a frequent Trump critic. Florida GOP Sen Marco Rubio concurred, tweeting about San Juan, "MUST get power crews in ASAP."

"We have a fundamental obligation to Puerto Rico to respond to a hurricane there the way we would anywhere in the country. #HurricaneMaria," Rubio tweeted Tuesday.

OBAMACARE SURVIVES LAST-GASP REPEAL ATTEMPT BY GOP

WASHINGTON Associated Press

"OBAMACARE" lives on.

Senate Republicans, short of votes, abandoned their latest and possibly final attempt to kill the health care law Tuesday, just ahead of a critical end-of-the-week deadline.

The repeal-and-replace bill's authors promised to try again at a later date, while President Donald Trump railed against "certain so-called Republicans" who opposed the GOP effort. But for now, Trump and fellow Republicans who vowed for seven years to abolish President

Barack Obama's law will leave it standing and turn their attention to overhauling the nation's tax code instead.

The GOP's predicament was summed up bluntly by Sen Bill Cassidy of Louisiana, a lead author of the legislation: "Through events that are under our control and not under our control, we don't have the votes."

"Am I disappointed? Absolutely," he said after a GOP lunch attended by Vice President Mike Pence.

Standing alongside Cassidy, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said: "We haven't given up on

changing the American health care system. We are not going to be able to do that this week, but it still lies ahead of us."

"We do think it's time to turn to our twin priority, reforming the tax code," McConnell said.

There was much talk of returning to the repeal effort later, but not all Republican senators were putting on that brave face.

Sen John Kennedy of Louisiana described the bill as "dead as a doornail".

The bill Cassidy co-authored with Sen Lindsey Graham of South Carolina would have unraveled the central elements of Obama's

law, including the requirement for Americans to carry health insurance or pay fines, and offered block grants to states to design their own systems with less federal control.

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A message from The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Princess Margaret Hospital, Nassau, Bahamas




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- Protect yourself against mosquito bites with DEET based repellents.
- Avoid contact with animal's faeces like cat litter for example
- Avoid young children with rashes – they may have chickenpox or other viral illnesses
- Consult your doctor/clinic if there is any vaginal bleeding, headaches abdominal pain, offensive vaginal discharge or fever.
- Keep active and well hydrated with a varied and healthy diet.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions -- write a list before your appointment.

PM PERSISTS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANS

THE Minnis administration is committed to introducing some form of local government to New Providence, Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis said Monday.

Prime Minister Minnis said preliminary studies have already begun to assess the feasibility of introducing some form of municipal governance in New Providence. The preliminary studies were conducted through an Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)-sponsored project.

A number of public and private agencies have already been engaged in the exercise with additional public engagement scheduled for "sometime in October". Dr Minnis also announced that sub-offices of the Office of the Prime Minister will be established in Eleuthera, Andros and Exuma to better coordinate and improve the functioning of government.

He said local government boards will also be consulted on major projects under consideration by the central government and that it will review the budgets of local district councils and where possible, increase funds for these groups.

"We will review the effectiveness of local boards including those of road traffic, hotel licensing, the Town Planning Board and others. Consideration will also be given to the creation of local tourism development boards which will make recommendations on the tourism project on each island as well as on marketing and other areas," Prime Minister Minnis added.

Delivering the keynote address at the opening ceremony of the Department of Local Government's Leadership Training Conference at Melia Nassau Beach resort, Dr Minnis said his administration will continue to strengthen the Department of Local Government "so that your needs can be met in a more efficient manner and the

work of the people can be better served."

"The central government has high expectations of you. We will need your strong, leadership skills, creativity and resourcefulness to bring about the transition and transformation of our Family Islands.

"I am keenly aware of the tremendous sacrifice you make in the performance of your duties. I am also aware of the challenge you face in carrying out your duties and responsibilities. May I encourage you to not just point out the challenges you face, but also to accompany them with suggestions, remedies and workable solutions," Prime Minister Minnis added.

Local government was established in the Family Islands in 1996 as a means of devolving authority from the central government.

It represents a deepening of democracy that is intended to bring government closer to the people. It is further intended to empower the people in the governance of their communities.

Local government councils are responsible for the general health and sanitation of the communities they manage; street cleaning, maintenance of road verges and ditches; collection and removal of refuse from public places; upkeep, maintenance and establishment of monuments, cemeteries, children's playgrounds, recreation grounds, parks, public gardens, open spaces, beaches and sport, cultural and other leisure centres.

Their areas of responsibility also include: the maintenance of proper road signs and road markings; establishment and maintenance of pedestrian and parking areas; protection of school children in the vicinity of schools; naming and renaming of streets; upkeep and maintenance of public buildings, local ports, docks, harbours, wharfs and jetties.



ABOVE and below, participants in last year's Dunkin' For Boobies event to raise funds to fight breast cancer.

TIME FOR 'DUNKIN' FOR BOOBIES'

RADIO House is ready to kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month this Friday morning with its fourth annual "Dunkin' for Boobies" fundraising event, which in the last four years has raised more than \$13,000. The group is hoping to exceed that amount this year.

Getting an early morning soak by being dunked in tank of water might on any other occasion be a little unpleasant, but because in this case it's to raise funds to promote breast cancer awareness, the DJs and personalities at Radio House don't mind.

There will be live broadcasts of the morning shows

on 100 Jamz, Kiss 96 and Y98 from 6am until 10am right from the front of Radio House on Shirley Street, where passing motorists will be asked for donations in the fight against breast cancer.

With a \$300 donation, a person can nominate their boss, manager, co-worker,

family member or anyone for that matter, to be dunked in the dunkin' tank that will be set up in the front of Radio House.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Cancer Society of The Bahamas. For more information, call 677-0950 or e-mail jjmckenzie@tribunemedia.net.



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