

Grand Bahamians could do without "pipe dreams"



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Prime Minister DR. HUBERT MINNIS

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Youth motivating youth

TEDx Youth Grand Bahama 2018 dubbed a major success

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A MAJOR SUCCESS – Under the theme 'Say It!' four dynamic students had the opportunity to express their views at this year's TEDx Youth@Grand Bahama event, held on Tuesday at the Regency Theatre. Pictured from left to right are Earle Taylor, Co-organizer TEDx Youth@Grand Bahama; presenters NAKIA GELIN, ZsaZsa Wallace, Robert Albury and Nichana Miller; and Katarlah Taylor, Co-organizer TEDx Youth@Grand Bahama. PHOTO: JAIMIE SMITH

Students from both public and private schools on the island, packed the Regency Theatre Tuesday morning for TEDx Youth@Grand Bahama 2018.

Under the theme, 'Say It' four speakers, all students, Robert Albury of Bishop Michael Eldon School (BMES); Nakia Gelin of Eight Mile Rock High School (EMRHS); Zsazsa Wallace, also of BMES and Nichana Miller, a student of Lucaya International School – each had the opportunity to speak on topics and issues that were, individually, near and dear to their hearts.

Each presenting topics with passion and conviction, wowed the crowd with provoking ideas and sentiments.

Twelve-year-old Albury, the Director of Archives for his debate team at BMES, vice president of the school's Chess Club and a member of his school's partnership with Bahamas National Trust (BNT), shared his dream of The Bahamas, one day, not only being run by a singular political party, but also by the youth of the country.

"In other words, I want The Bahamas to be run by a senior government and a junior government."

Engaging his peers, Albury asked if they ever contemplat-

ed a Bahamas with the youth actually having a say and being involved in leading a country. "Aren't we as youth intelli-

gent, innovative, knowledgeable about our country?" he questioned. He added that kids actualizing

governance every day is the direction in which he envisions The Bahamas. "Kids actualizing governance every day, is a plan

to get the youth of this nation involved with the development of a better Bahamas, using their ideas fully and to the best of

their abilities. "Having a youth section of the government to help with the (Continued on Page 2)

We celebrate

Catholic Schools

Partnering with primary school peers part of Catholic Week celebrations

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Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy (MSSCA) is celebrating Catholic Schools Week with an array of activities. Paula Bevans-Hanna, Senior Vice Principal of MSSCA spoke to *this daily*

about the occasion, during an interview on Tuesday (January 30) on the school's campus.

Bevans-Hanna stated that the theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2018 is "Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed." The week is set aside to ensure that their students have a rich Catholic school experience of learning, serving, leading and succeed-

ing. MSSCA began celebrating Catholic Schools Week about eight years ago. "We started celebrating Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 28 with a mass at Mary, Star of the Sea Church," she said.

She added that on Monday (January 29) students attended a special assembly hosted by 12th graders and later they

participated in a trivia game, where different school houses were represented. "Today we are having a pajama day and a fashion show," she said.

Bevans-Hanna furthered that Wednesday (January 31) will be Icon Day, where students will focus on icons from various eras. Then on Thursday (February 1) students will give back with a (Continued on Page 2)

Island's first traffic fatality victim identified

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With the identity of the island's first traffic fatality victim being released on Monday afternoon, local officers of the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF) traffic division continue to appeal to motorists to respect the street and always adhere to speed limits.

Last week, during the early morning hours of January 25, seven persons were involved in a two car collision, where one of the individuals, 38-year-old Moses Omar Leopold of #1 Rickett Street, Savanna la Mar, Jamaica, succumbed to injuries sustained on Saturday (January 27) morning.

Information provided by authorities revealed, "Police in Grand Bahama are investigating a traffic accident that has left a male dead. Reports are that on Thursday, January 25, 2018 shortly after 8:00 a.m., police were called to a traffic accident at the junction on Grand Bahama Highway and Coral Road, which involved a red 2007 Nissan Cube with three occupants and a white 2001 Honda Accord with four occupants.

"Both vehicles sustained extensive damage, all passengers' sustained ei- (Continued on Page 2)

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