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Local Govt for NP

BY AMAJHL KNOWLES
 Journal Staff Writer

P rime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis revealed yesterday that the government is making steps to organize local government in New Providence with framework to begin as early as next month.

The revelation came during his opening remarks at the official opening ceremony of the Department of Local Government's Leadership Training Conference yesterday at the Melia Nassau Beach resort.

Prime Minister Minnis said preliminary studies have already begun to assess the feasibility of introducing some form of municipal governance in New Providence.

He added that a number of public and private agencies have already been engaged in the exercise with additional public engagement scheduled for "sometime in October."

The preliminary studies were conducted through an Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)-sponsored project.

"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 said.

"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."

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► Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis, other government officials and Family Island administrators attended the opening ceremony of the Department of Local Government's Leadership Training Conference on Monday evening at Melia Nassau Beach resort. (Photo/Sherard Campbell)

'Devil in Details of Dominican Relief,' SAYS MITCHELL

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON
 Journal Staff Writer

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration Senator Fred Mitchell said "the devil is in the details" of the government's proposals to provide hurricane relief for Dominicans.

Mitchell made this comment yesterday in response to the government's proposals which involves the acceptance of Dominican students to schools in The Bahamas.

On Sunday, Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis announced the government's pledge to accept Dominican students and Dominicans with families in an effort to assist the country of Dominica which was devastated by Hurricane Maria.

■ See DEVIL IN DETAILS OF DOMINICAN on PAGE 2...



► Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration Senator Fred Mitchell (Journal file photo)

'Fix Educational Issues Before Accepting Dominicans,' Says Wilson

BY RANECHEA ELLIS
 Journal Staff Writer

Teacher shortages, overcrowded classrooms and possible language barriers are some of the issues Bahamas Union of Teachers (BUT) President Belinda Wilson said must be addressed before the government makes good on its promise to welcome Dominican students into local classrooms.

Furthermore, she said the issue of immigration, coupled with housing, healthcare and schooling should be addressed also.

While the details are still being worked out in terms of actually accommodating those students displaced by Hurricane Maria, Mrs. Wilson told reporters yesterday that there are already mixed reviews coming in from board members and teachers.

"How many students are we looking at, for how long, what are the demographics of the students, their age, their grade level? I want to also know who will be funding this project and I'm also con-



► Bahamas Union of Teachers (BUT) President Belinda Wilson (Journal file photo)

cerned about the parents. Are they going to be vetted and are they going to be working," she said.

"The other concern is that the Dominican school system, although they have the same core subjects, their

examinations are different." The union president hopes the additional concerns will be ironed ahead of a meeting with officials in the near future.

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EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SHOT DEAD

An eight-year-old boy and a man were shot dead in the Chippingham area yesterday, according to police. Police said shortly after 5 p.m.,

they received a report that two males were shot in the Rosebud Road area, off Farrington Road. Responding officers arrived on the scene and met an adult who had been shot lying on the side of the street.

The officers said they also met an eight-year-old boy in a nearby house who had also been shot. According to police, the two male victims were rushed to hospital where they later succumbed.

Preliminary reports indicate that the adult male victim was the lone target of the shooting. Police are searching for a silver van that was seen speeding away from the scene. Investigations are ongoing.

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This revelation also came on the heels of local government elections on the Family Islands which were held in June of this year.

Observers noted that there was a proliferation of younger persons who offered themselves as candidates this year for local government elections.

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



Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis, other government officials and Family Island administrators attended the opening ceremony of the Department of Local Government's Leadership Training Conference on Monday evening at Melia Nassau Beach resort. (Photos/Sherard Campbell)

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Amanda Colleen Carrick, Divorced,
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'Devil in Details of Dominican Relief,' Says Mitchell

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However, Mitchell explained that the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) was not consulted on national efforts to assist people in other nations with hurricane relief.

"The devil is in the details. The party is therefore not in a position to say anything about the prime minister's plans for relief for citizens of Dominica," Mitchell said.

"It is likely that the PLP will raise the matter when Parliament next meets so that we and the nation might know what the government's full proposals are. Right now the country is in the dark on this matter."

Last week, the powerful category 5 Hurricane Maria swept through Dominica with heavy rains that destroyed many homes throughout the tiny island.

According to international reports,

Dominica's Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit sent a series of dramatic messages over the internet as the storm battered the country.

"So far the winds have swept away the roofs of almost every person I have spoken to or otherwise made contact with," Skerrit wrote. "The roof to my own official residence was among the first to go."

"The winds are merciless! We shall survive by the grace of God."

'FIX EDUCATIONAL ISSUES BEFORE ACCEPTING DOMINICANS,' SAYS WILSON

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"So, I would like to drill into how is it that they are going to amalgamate with our system or is there going to be facilities made to them to have school isolated by themselves and I also need to know if they are going to be bringing teachers along because you would know we have a teacher shortage. We have oversized, overcrowded, classrooms and a shortage of furniture desk and chairs," she said.

"It also takes us into the immigration policy, but at this time I'm prepared to give the minister of education and the prime minister the benefit of the doubt and I hope that in short order we will be invited to a meeting so that we will know the short, medium and long term plans."

Mrs. Wilson acknowledges that while she agrees with the adage, "We are our brother's keeper," the ramifications of the proposed agreement must be clearly thought through and laid out.



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Atlantis Announces New President – Audrey Oswell

BY C. JILLIAN GRAY
Journal Staff Writer

Atlantis, Paradise Island resort announced yesterday that it has chosen a new

president and managing director.

This announcement came one week after the resort fired past President Howard Karawan, after only one year of service.

Audrey Oswell is the resort's new president and managing director, which makes her the first female president of Atlantis, Paradise Island resort.

According to Andrea Balkan, managing partner of Brookfield Asset Management, owners of the resort, they are extremely pleased that Oswell has accepted to become the president, especially as she was an integral part of the team that was involved in creating the new vision and direction of Atlantis.

Balkan said, "Audrey is

not only deeply experienced in the resort and casino space, but she brings a level of compassion and knowledge to this role. We look forward to sharing the ongoing success of Atlantis across the highest levels of guest service, experience and industry-leading innovation."

Oswell stated, "I am proud to lead the team on our continued journey to bring the amazement of Atlantis to our guests."

Oswell added that they remain wholly committed to the goal of supporting the ecology and economy of The Bahamas and bringing it all together effectively to provide and create authentic Bahamian experiences.

Atlantis said Oswell brings more than 30 years of



Audrey Oswell, Atlantis president and managing director (Journal file photo)

experience in the hospitality and gaming industry to her new role.

Prior to joining Atlantis in 2016, Oswell served as the interim CEO/COO for

Seneca Gaming and has also served as president and COO at Caesars, as CEO at Resorts International in Atlantic City and as COO at Fountainbleau in Las Vegas.

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The Festival will have the usual mix of national booths, with a large Bahamas Village, featuring the very best of Bahamas food, beverages and crafts; Jamaica will be there in full force, with their own Village area, as will Cuba, Best in Show winner. The rest of the Caribbean is back, Guyana, Haiti, Trinidad, and more, with newcomer Bermuda - and more. Europe will feature the ever-popular booths from Greece, Italy, the Netherlands and Poland plus this year we have Germany and Belgium; while North America has the USA, Canada and Mexico; and South America is represented by Peru; with our Central America booth Belize making a first appearance. Asia includes the ever-popular Philippines, with India and the amazing booths presented by the Chinese Embassy and down-under is represented by Australia.

A popular new area last year, the Beer Garden, is back with local and international beers in a shady area with tables and umbrellas, to sit, relax and enjoy a cold beer.

Saturday night, the Gardens come alive again with a reprise from Visage in the Bahamas Village. We are adding a concert on the Main Stage showcasing Son del Solar plus the awesome music of Willis and the Illust. The concerts are from 6pm-8pm and to assist with attendance, we are opening the gates to 7pm. After that time, no one will be allowed entry. There is no additional charge for the concerts, just the gate fee of \$10 adults, \$3 children.

For the children, the amusements will be back, with Inatable Rides, Face Painting, toys and more.

As ever, this is a cashless festival, to safeguard our booth holders. Bank of The Bahamas has been a stalwart sponsor for several years, providing banking services to the vendors and ensuring that only our Festival Dollars are accepted throughout the event.

We will hold our annual raffle, with ticket sales commencing immediately and the winners this year will be drawn at 5pm on Sunday October 15. The prizes are incredible, including airline tickets, hotel stays and gift certificates for restaurants and stores. Tickets are only \$5.

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LOCAL GOVT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis, other government officials and Family Island administrators attended the opening ceremony of the Department of Local Government's Leadership Training Conference on Monday evening at Melia Nassau Beach resort. (Photo/Sherard Campbell)

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WEEKLY PRICE REPORT

WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 4th, 2017

Wholesale Crop	Weight	Size	BAMSI			USDA-AMS			
			Price	HIGH	LOW	Retail Weight	Price	HIGH	LOW
Banana	40lbs		18.00	20.00	20.00	1lb.	0.49	0.72	0.49
Papaya	10lbs		14.00	18.00	16.00	each	1.59	1.57	1.57
Habanero Pepper	8lbs		40.00	15.00	12.00	1lb.	5.50	1.88	1.50
Avocado Pears						each	1.50	2.50	1.82
Avocado (small)						each	0.75	2.50	1.82
Limes	40lbs		38.00	23.00	21.00	each	0.20	0.30	0.58
			Wholesale Prices Weight			Retail Prices Weight			
Abaco Big Bird	Per lb.		2.14			1 lb	2.39		
Whole Chicken	40lbs					10lbs	8.49		
Leg Quarters	40lbs					10lbs	19.24		
Wings	40lbs					10lbs	19.24		

Source: USDA-AMS Miami
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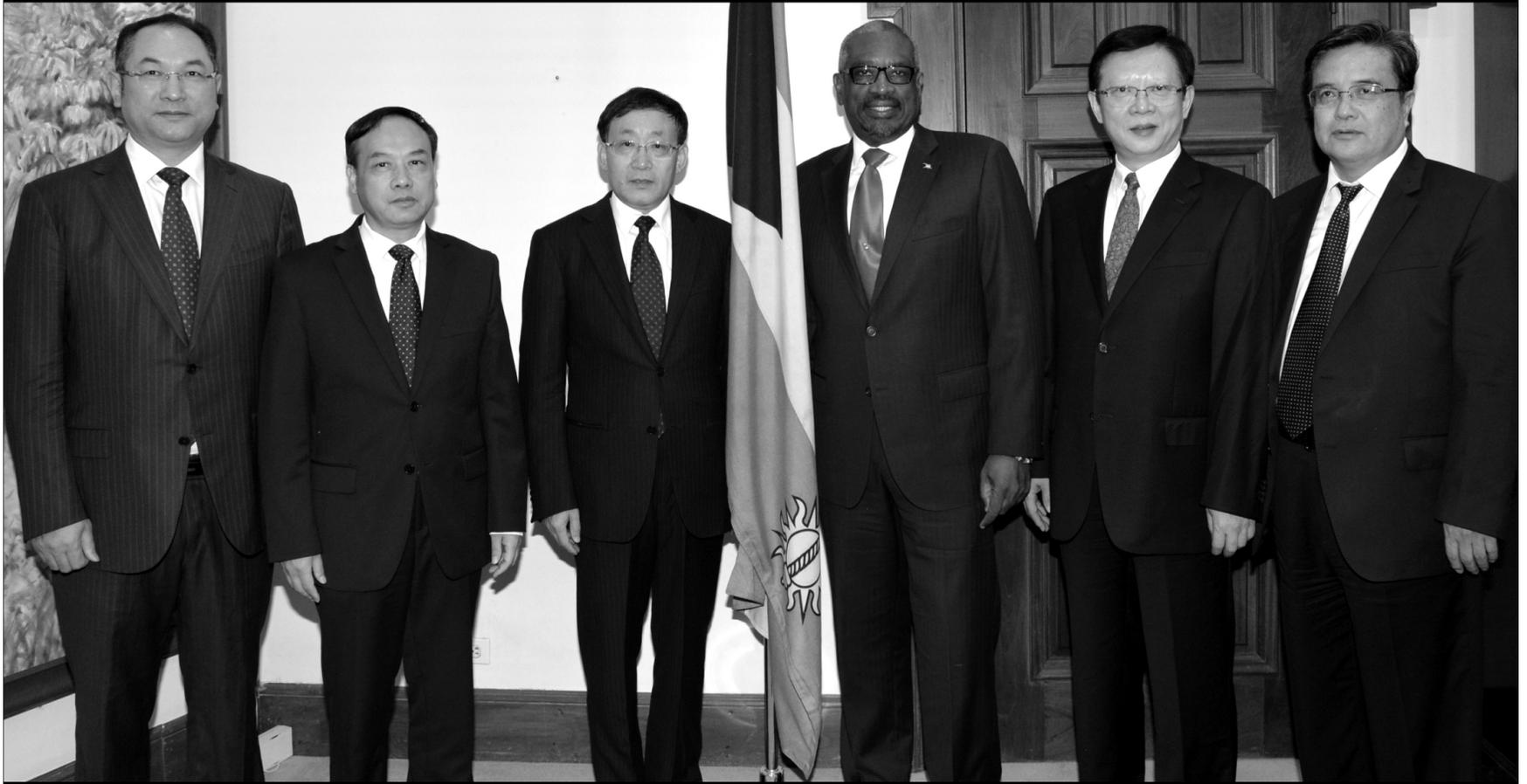
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► Chairman of the Supervisory Board of EXIM Bank of China Yu Xuejun (third left) accompanied by the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to The Bahamas HE Huang Qinguo (second left), officials of the Chinese Embassy, and executives of EXIM Bank, paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis (third right), September 25, 2017 at the Office of the Prime Minister. (Photo/Yontalay Bowe, OPM Media Services)

Issues Resolved at Stephen Dillet's Alternate School Site

BY RANECHEA ELLIS
Journal Staff Writer

A minor mishap at Wesley Methodist Church, Baillou Hill Road, one of two alternate sites used to house Stephen Dillet Primary School students, has been resolved and students and teachers can look

forward to returning to their regular school site in the very near future.

Students and teachers were alleged to have functioned in very uncomfortable environment due to a malfunctioning air-condition system.

"There's a challenge here with the air-condition unit. This morning

they would have had an electrician from the Ministry of Education. He would have installed it, but I think they were having challenges with the breaker system, so I think they needed more amps," Bahamas Union of Teachers President Belinda Wilson said during an interview yesterday.

"That is going to be dealt with and we are hoping that the students would be able to get into Stephen Dillet very soon."

When The Bahama Journal arrived to the church, a man believed to be assisting with the repairs, assured that the problem would be fixed before the day was finished.

Mrs. Wilson however, stressed the fact that the recent repair does not overshadow how thankful she is of the church lending its support during this time of need.

Stephen Dillet has undergone renovations to the tune of some \$4 million and is slated to reopen on October 9.

HOMEBOUND FOR ACKLINS RESIDENTS AFTER IRMA

BY ONIKE ARCHER
Journal Staff Writer

Residents of Salina Point, Acklins were lined up at Bahamasair ticket counter yesterday eager to return home following the devastation of Hurricane Irma.

The residents travelled back home after staying in New Providence at the Kendal G.L Isaacs National Gymnasium for three weeks.

Nearly 70 Acklins residents were scheduled to travel back home.

The island is in hurricane restoration mode and according to Acklins Administrator Cresfield Johnson, the cleanup process has begun.

"The surge that brought a lot of debris inland, we had to remove that, but there were some huge trees, coconut trees and some other trees that were too heavy for the ordinary person to lift. The first phase was to move all of the heavy debris out of the bay," Mr.

Johnson said.

Uncertain of the extent of damage to her home, Salina Point resident Pamela Martin showed much enthusiasm travelling back home.

She said, "It's a lot of damage done down there, but I'm just really excited to go back home. I miss home and I want to go back."

Forced to make an adjustment to her new living conditions over the last three weeks, Ms. Martin also expressed her gratitude of accommodations provided by the government.

She, along with seven members of her family all evacuated from Acklins to New Providence taking up residence at the Kendal G.L Isaacs National Gymnasium.

Sharing her experience with The Bahama Journal, Ms. Martin said, "It was little hard, but we can't complain. We really enjoyed it. We slept well. We ate well and we were able to bathe on time."

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UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

We covered the start of this war with articles describing the battle over easement rights, the mysterious burning of a home, the blocks to rebuilding, and countless questionable court filings. This series of articles asks the needed questions and presents the arguments in full.

The more individuals engage in sadistic acts against fashion mogul Peter Nygard to achieve their nefarious agenda, the more baffling this Clifton multi-million-dollar saga in The Bahamas is.

This Clifton saga has been going on for years now. Yet, there are still so many unanswered questions. Such as the following:

Why would hedge-fund billionaire Louis Moore Bacon block access and stop his neighbour from being able to enter his own property?

When you can't even display basic human courtesy, what does that say about you? How could you live next door to Peter Nygard, have befriended him, have spent time at his home and allowed your kids to play at his home and then turn around and do something as insidious as blocking him from entering his own property?

Why did the Lyford Cay executive and her cohorts plot so diligently to destroy Peter Nygard?

Life is precious. Relationships are precious. The greatest meaning and value in life comes from our loving one another and living together in harmony supporting each other. So, what drives these individuals involved in this saga to engage in such villainous acts? There was no report of anything Peter Nygard had done to any of them that would justify 'sinning in their souls' in their attempts to destroy him.

The most critical unanswered question is who burned down Peter Nygard's home on Nygard Cay, and why?

You would really have to be a degenerate to actually burn down someone's dream home that they have worked so hard to build.

And then, why would anyone attempt to prevent the Government of The Bahamas from granting permits to Peter Nygard to rebuild his home?

That's just plain wicked.

How could anyone seemingly form an organization and grant millions to launch unjust attacks and seek to destroy one man?

Doesn't that sound absolutely iniquitous, totally unjust, and downright insane? Who does that?

There is so much poverty in the world, so much suffering, and people would actually rather waste millions on lawyers and pseudo causes simply to destroy one individual? How despicable!

And what true citizen would seek to destroy their country's good name in an effort to

THE CLIFTON REVIEW

By P. J. Malone

The Clifton Review is a bi-weekly column that examines the question of the Clifton project along with the evolution of the war between two billionaires, the links to unsavory characters, the use of the courts for personal agendas, the involvement of the Government opposition party (the FNM), and the attacks on the Government of The Bahamas.

achieve their disgraceful agenda? Can you imagine the level of insensitivity and idiocy that that would take?

It's simply ludicrous!

Also, why would these individuals working through Save The Bays seek to assist Louis Bacon in fighting Peter Nygard in a way that contravenes United States Treasury regulations? Everybody knows you break United States laws at your own peril.

Then, as diabolical deeds go, this is most diabolical; you would really have to be depraved to pay criminals to say that someone plotted murder against you just so you can implicate that person. Why would anyone stoop to engage in such an abhorrent act?

Does anyone understand people that would do these kinds of things? We certainly don't!

Finally, why would Louis Moore Bacon go to such extremes to persecute Peter Nygard and attempt to stop him from living comfortably in his home? What does he want from Peter Nygard?

On her late night talk show, the late Joan Rivers used to always open her interview segment with special guests by asking, "Can we talk?"

So, along that vein, 'Can we speculate?'

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EDITORIAL

DISGRACE NATIONALIZED

Few Bahamians alive will ever have a sense of how heady those days were 'back in the day' when certain determined Bahamian men, women and children decided that, they had had enough of being considered second-class in lands that had been built up - stone by hard stone broken and lifted up - by their forefathers and mothers, whether slave or British-colonized!

It was in those powerful days that some among us dared dream that 'free' public schooling would top their list of things to be provided their people—and this they surely did commencing in 1967.

Note well that: Of the current crises currently roiling these islands, none is as daunting as the one which we collectively face as we sit back, pay big bucks and watch as failing school and education systems churn out thousands of failing students.

Indeed, then: As we look in on other aspects of life in this bruised and battered place there is really no way we can miss seeing how most of these problems are themselves derivative of school and education systems that cost so very much and which - paradoxically - produce so very little that is of any real value for the Bahamian people.

Evidently, these sad results have practically to do with big ideas like capitalism or socialism; but with human greed and stupidity so tied together that - as we wake to the light of day - we find that so very many of our schools are busy transforming wonderful promise-filled youth into a species of feral gangsters intent on destroying any and all who dare cross their wicked paths.

Indeed such is the extent to which schools are failing that, that harried authorities have felt obliged to treat their young charges as if they were so very many thugs-in-training thus: pat-downs as they enter school precincts; thus all those counter-efforts on the part of said thugs-in-training to foil the said authorities; thus the impregnation of girl-children as young as nine; thus the rape of others - and thus all the thefts committed by said thugs-in-training as they don uniforms of their own designing [a la sagging pants, smart-phones and empty brains]!

And so today, we live in that time when having decided that every child in the Bahamas should have access to schooling in an inde-

pendent Bahamas we have all lived to witness this signal achievement as one of our greatest.

But yet, there now remains on our nation's post-colonial agenda a set of educational challenges that is of high and rising salience for all those Bahamians who would take the struggle to the next level.

Here we would venture that this new phase of educational development and change would involve and entail making real the implications that follow when - as a conceptual point of departure, the distinction is made between access to schooling vs. genuine engagement with education!

This is an expensive tragedy; with its pith and substance being found in a situation where practically all students - regardless of aptitude - were exposed not only to failing curricula, but also did so at the hands and at the feet of foreigners who could care less for the nation-building work that was not theirs' to do.

This is all so very wrong in a day and in a time when humanity writ large has so much knowledge at its disposal and where - if given have a chance - Bahamians can and should be up and doing with preparing themselves for productive participation in a rapidly globalizing economy, culture and society.

Sadly, far too many of them are on this or that road to hell!

This is terrifyingly obvious to any and all who would look back in time to that era when representatives of the so-called Majority would give that said majority some of what they had been denied for so very long; especially as those entitlements related to schooling and education.

Alas! Experience has shown that, whilst having universal access to schooling, few who attend school leave with either education or training appropriate to the Bahamian economy as it in these last and evil days.

Today the fact remains that: Most of our nation's schools - public and private alike - are just not working in the interest of the Majority.

This is evidenced by the fact that in any given school year thousands of students come out of schools [say that they have been graduated]; but who know it better than anyone else that they are functionally illiterate; innumerate and off-time woefully socialized.

This is a national disgrace.

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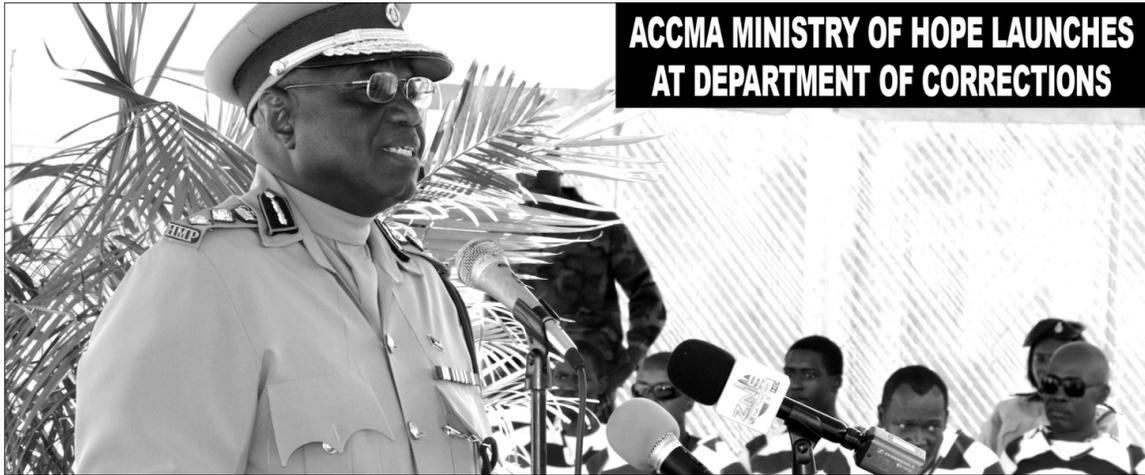
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**ACCMA MINISTRY OF HOPE LAUNCHES
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► Commissioner of Corrections Patrick Wright speaks at the official launch of ACCMA Ministry of HOPE (Helping Our People Excel) at the Bahamas Department of Correctional Services Remand Center Housing Unit on September 21, 2017. (BIS Photo/Eric Rose)



► Pictured from left: President of the Archdiocesan Catholic Church Men's Association (ACCMA) Edwin Thompson, Catholic Archbishop of Nassau the Most Rev. Patrick Pinder, Minister of National Security the Hon. Marvin Dames, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of National Security Carl Smith, and Commissioner of Corrections Patrick Wright, on September 21, 2017, at the official launch of ACCMA Ministry of HOPE (Helping Our People Excel), at the Bahamas Department of Correctional Services Remand Center Housing Unit. (BIS Photo/Eric Rose)



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and

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Dated this 6th day of September, 2017.

Registrar of Marriages



► Member of Parliament Philip Davis (Journal file photo)

DAVIS CONDEMNS WATER BILL ACCUSATIONS

BY C. JILLIAN GRAY
Journal Staff Writer

Davis & Co condemned the Tribune's headline yesterday which stated that the law firm owed \$22,603.33 to the Water and Sewage Corporation.

The firm which is owned by Member of Parliament Philip Davis issued a statement yesterday claiming that there is a dispute between the firm and the Water and Sewage Corporation with regards to the exorbitant bills charged to the company.

"There exists a genuine commercial dispute with regards to the exorbitant bills charged to Davis & Co. The firm has written several times to the corporation and its lawyers with regards to the matter and in fact there have been several meetings with all parties with the intent of agreeing what is rightfully owed," the statement read.

The statement said the letters the firm sent can be easily verified and Davis & Co. can also confirm considerable amounts paid despite other queries over the past few years.

"We would implore the Tribune and the media to get the facts from the profession-

al management of the corporation and its attorneys and not allow the politic heads to lead you down a slippery slope," the statement added.

According to the statement, the fact that the matter remains under dispute and has still not yet been resolved is very clear evidence that no special treatment or consideration was ever given to Davis & Co.

Davis also issued a statement yesterday condemning the newspaper which stated that he owed \$2,334.21 at his Westridge residence.

He said he can produce proof of full payment for his residence that was made earlier this month.

Davis further condemned the newspaper by expressing that the article is nothing but a continuation of what has become a dangerous and vexatious political exercise by those opposite who fail to gather the true facts, while perpetuating a continued breach of confidentiality against citizens.

"The article presented does not present the full facts nor was I ever contacted to justify the same," Davis said.

He added that he knew nothing of such a debt with the corporation and can produce proof of a full payment.



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

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

Glen John Back, Single,
of 16 Jesmond Mews, Hartlepool, England

and

Alexandra Emily Gibson, Single,
of 16 Jesmond Mews, Hartlepool, England

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Dated this 1st day of September, 2017.

Registrar of Marriages



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

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

Aaron Samuel Bailey, Divorced,
of 100 Anderson Street, Apartment 7411, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, United States of America

and

Cheryl Lynn Demko, Divorced,
of 100 Anderson Street, Apartment 7411, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, United States of America

Any person knowing any just cause or impediment why this marriage should not be allowed should enter caveat forthwith in the office of the Registrar of Marriages.

Dated this 24th day of August, 2017.

Registrar of Marriages



► Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Communication in the Office of The Prime Minister, Pakesia Parker-Edgecombe (centre) announced the 2017 Business-to-Business seminar, set to take place on Thursday, September 28 at Pelican Bay Resort. On hand for the press conference announcing the event were (from left) Naomi Wallace-Whitfield; Acting Permanent Secretary Harcourt Brown; Mrs. Edgecombe; Ian Rolle, president of the GBPA; and Raquel BENEBY. **(BIS Photo/Lisa Davis)**

Grand Bahama to Host Business-to-Business Expo

It is with great optimism regarding the future of Grand Bahama and awareness of the key role each Grand Bahamian will play in the island's overall growth that the Office of the Prime Minister in Grand Bahama announced the upcoming Grand Bahama Business-to-Business Expo, 2017.

Speaking on behalf of the

Minister of State for Grand Bahama Senator Kwasi Thompson, Pakesia Parker-Edgecombe, parliamentary secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister, with responsibility for Information and Communication, announced on Monday, September 25, that the event will draw key partners from the island's industrial sector, who will

also serve as presenters.

The one-day forum is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2017 at Pelican Bay Resort, beginning at 10 a.m.

The event is organized by the Office of the Prime Minister in Grand Bahama, in conjunction with the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce.

The parliamentary secretary noted that the Office of the Prime Minister is appreciative of the role the Grand Bahama Port Authority will play in the one-day seminar.

"The event promises to be one in which attendees will be able to receive direct information from presenters on their operations and the opportunities that exist in the

creation of entrepreneurship through service provision within these entities," said Mrs. Edgecombe.

"Here in the Office of the Prime Minister, we are keenly aware that in order for Grand Bahama to move forward the very sectors coming together to brainstorm and implement new initiatives, in addition to building on what currently exists, is essential."

Mrs. Edgecombe believes that this event could not come at a better time, as there are many in the Grand Bahamian community who are quite capable of offering either products or services that will assist in the operation of businesses within the industrial sector.

"Therefore, the Business-to-Business Expo will allow them the opportunity to get to know the exact steps in making it happen," she added.

Acting Permanent Secretary in the Office of The Prime Minister Harcourt Brown said the Business-to-Business forum is the idea of Minister Thompson and was designed to let entrepreneurs know that there are a variety of business opportunities available in Grand Bahama, but many times those opportunities are not seen.

"The Business-to-Business forum is like connecting the dots for entrepreneurs and finding the opportunities to see business ideas that may not be easily noticed," said Mr. Brown. "Hopefully, we will be able to see this program mush-

room into something great, which could assist the economy of this island."

President of the Grand Bahama Port Authority, Ian Rolle said that the GBPA applauds the efforts of the Minister of State for Grand Bahama, as well as the vision for hosting the Business-to-Business seminar.

He said the event would serve as public reminder for the Grand Bahamian industrial sector to buy local and shop at home.

"This also challenges our small to medium sized businesses to remain creative and innovative in the goods and services which they offer in order to better position the earning potential of their businesses," said Mr. Rolle.

Asked if there were many people going into the Grand Bahama Port Authority Business Department to apply for business license in the midst of a slow economic period on the island, Rolle noted that since Hurricane Matthew in October of last year, there has been the trend of more people applying for business licenses.

However, he said that he would like to see a lot more innovative ideas come forth.

While there is a registration process for those wishing to attend the seminar, there will be no cost to register.

Those interested in attending can call the Office of The Prime Minister in Freeport (352-8525) or email naomiwallace@bahamas.gov.bs.

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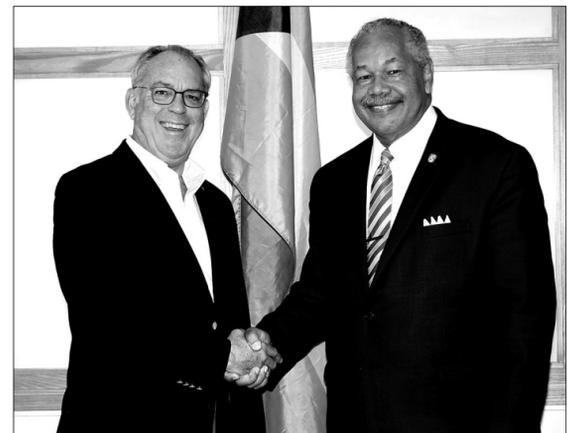
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► Dr. Rodney Smith, President of the University of The Bahamas (right), called upon Brent Symonette, Minister of Financial Services, Trade & Industry and Immigration at the ministry on Friday, September 22, 2017. **(BIS Photo/Letisha Henderson)**