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"New Era" For Police Force



► Newly installed Commissioner Anthony Ferguson (Journal file photo)



► Outgoing Police Commissioner Ellison Greenslade (Journal file photo)

• Greenslade Says Country In Good Hands

BY AMAJAH L KNOWLES
 Journal Staff Writer

The newly installed Commissioner Anthony Ferguson has promised a "new era" for the Royal Bahamas Police Force under his command.

In a ceremony with pomp and pageantry and attended by some of the country's leading politicians and diplomats, the outgoing Police Commissioner Ellison Greenslade handed over the keys to the country's leading law enforcement institution to his deputy.

Ferguson received the baton in front of hundreds of

persons gathered on the lawn of the Police Headquarters.

Taking up the mantle, the new Commissioner accepted his new responsibility with humility, thanking the prime minister for the confidence reposed in him and his fami-

ly and friends for supporting him along his journey.

Describing himself as a man that comes from humble beginnings growing up in Exuma, he said he found it a testament of faith that he now holds this prestigious

post and promised a "new era" under his leadership.

"Today is historic for the Royal Bahamas Police Force and it is the dawn of a new era.

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"PM DANCES WHILE PEOPLE SUFFER," SAYS PLP

BY RANECHEA ELLIS
 Journal Staff Writer

Prime Minister, Doctor Hubert Minnis has been accused of "dancing the night away while those who voted for him are suffering from unemployment, hunger and deprivation."

This charge was made in a press statement yesterday by The Progressive Liberal Party.

The night in question that the PLP is referring to was this past Saturday evening when the Free National Movement (FNM) held its Meritorious Council Members Celebratory Ball.

"Nothing appears to us to show us how clueless Prime Minister Minnis is about the suffering the FNM has inflicted on this country in the six months they have been in office than the Prime Minister on the front page this morning dancing and celebrating.

"It is clear that Mr. Minnis and his colleagues are tone deaf and blind as bats to the human suffering that they have inflicted on this economy by firing people from their jobs, by failing to respond to the cries for help and assistance, and by fostering an atmosphere of cut-backs and layoffs throughout the country," said the statement.

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NEW BAHAMIAN ENVOYS PAY COURTESY CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER



► Newly-appointed Bahamian envoys paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis (third right) at the Office of the Prime Minister on Monday morning, October 30, 2017. Pictured with the Prime Minister, from left are: Theo J.P. Neilly who heads the Consulate General in Washington, DC; Linda Treco-Mackey, who heads the Consulate General in Miami, FL; Sidney S. Collie, Ambassador of The Bahamas to the United States of America and Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States; Prime Minister Minnis; Astra Armbrister-Rolle who heads the Consulate General in Atlanta, GA; and Lawrence "Larry" Cartwright, who heads the Consulate General in New York, NY. (BIS Photo/Peter Ramsay)

FORBES APPOINTED LEADER OF OPPOSITION BUSINESS

The Member of Parliament for Mangrove Cay and South Andros, Picewell Forbes has been appointed leader of Opposition Business in the House of Assembly. Mr. Forbes received his appointment following the resignation of Glenys Hanna-Martin from that position.

In a letter the leader of the Official Opposition, Philip Davis told Mr. Forbes: "I have accepted the resignation of Mrs Glenys Hanna-Martin, Member of Parliament for Englerston from the post of leader of Opposition Business. I am, as a consequence of the vacancy, very pleased to appoint you as Leader of Opposition business effective immediately."

Mr. Davis says he is confident that Mr. Forbes will work well with the Leader of Government Business to arrange the business of the House.

"With equal importance, know that our team looks to you to hold the government to account in its overall management of the House.

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► Member of Parliament for Mangrove Cay and South Andros, Picewell Forbes (Journal file photo)

PM Renews Pledge To Reduce Crime

BY AMAJAH L KNOWLES
 Journal Staff Writer

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis has said every measure possible will be used to curb the crime situation in the country.

His comments came during the Handover Ceremony yesterday for newly appointed Commissioner of Police Anthony Ferguson.

The Prime Minister in his address to the hundreds of persons in attendance at the ceremony, added that the new police chief has a very strong legacy to uphold and serious mandate ahead of him.

"These congratulations come with the expectation that your service will be marked by the high ideals of courage, integrity and loyalty.

"The crime problem we have must be tackled through the judiciary; through social intervention and development efforts; through the Corrections Department; and through the Royal Bahamas Police Force.

"We must use every measure possible to reduce crime and to restore a more peaceful way of life for our people," Dr. Minnis said.

Dr. Minnis also used the platform to again hit out at previous Progressive Liberal Party governments for the state of crime in the country.

"The great challenge of criminal violence is rooted in a sad and sordid history.

"In the 1970s and 80s, The Bahamas became "A Nation For Sale".

"We were a narco-state. Foreign drug dealers set up bases in our islands.

"The government of the day turned a blind eye to the merchants of drugs and death."

"Our social order, and the minds and bodies of our sons and daughters were being poisoned by illicit drugs and the wanton disregard for human life," Dr. Minnis said.

He also reiterated several key initiatives his government will use to tackle crime, including enacting legislation to establish a Public Sector Anti-Corruption Unit; use state-of-the-art technology, crime media exploitation technologies, drones, and establishing a National Neighbourhood Watch Consultative Council.

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Seniors Face Discrimination, Says Minister

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

A challenge that older persons are facing on a daily basis is discrimination because of their age. Often referred to as ageism, Minister of Social Services and Urban Development, Lanisha Rolle said that is something that she and her ministry advocates against.

"One challenge we will continue to tackle head on is discrimination against persons because of their age. This form of discrimination is called ageism," Mrs. Rolle said.

"In this minister you have an advocate for older persons," she said.

Addressing older persons at the 20th Annual Nation Builder Awards Ceremony, Mrs. Rolle said that a push to maintain an acceptable standard of living for seniors is something her ministry will tackle head on.

"One special need that our society can attempt to meet on behalf of older persons is avenues for alternative jobs after retirement. Older persons might not be as young as they used to be, but they still have significant contributions they can make.

"We have to improve our efforts to sensitize members of the society of the special needs of the community of older persons and proper recognition of and respect for their rights to make decisions, enjoy their personal space and to be treated with dignity and with respect," Mrs. Rolle said.

"We are further encouraged to enhance our program designs to facilitate the development and proper aging of the older segment of our population.

"Person 60 years and older are vulnerable they have specific needs," she

said.

Mrs. Rolle a self-proclaimed advocate of older persons, said that she and her team at the Department of Social Services said that they will genuinely focus on ways to make a better alternative for persons when they reach their 'golden years'.

"The senior citizens division within the Department of Social Services exists to focus on this category of persons in genuine need of assistance and to assist them with obtaining or maintaining an acceptable standard of living.

"I believe that it is imper-

ative that older persons have in every institution a senior citizen's line with chairs for comfortable seating.

"As we are a nation built on Christian values, we must always be mindful of the Holy Scriptures and particularly the advice of Apostle Paul who said in the book of Acts chapter 20, it is more blessed to give than to receive," Mrs. Rolle said.

Mrs. Rolle stated that more could be done for older persons, especially during

the month of October.

"Older persons should have preference in medical institutions, I do believe and special discounts also.

"Yes, by virtue of their age, their irrefutable contributions and distinct needs, older persons ought to be considered for tax exemption and rebates and it may be fitting to explore the possibility of a tax free or discount sales day for older persons in October," Mrs. Rolle said.

FORBES APPOINTED LEADER OF OPPOSITION BUSINESS

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Mr. Forbes is in his third term as the MP for South Andros. He has served in many political offices, most recently High Commissioner of the Bahamas to Caricom countries during the Christie administration.

Mrs Hanna-Martin lost her bid for the leadership of The Progressive Liberal Party last Wednesday during its 53rd convention. She received 300 votes against 1004 for Mr.Davis.

Many party supporters have expressed surprise that Mrs Hanna-Martin resigned as leader of Opposition Business, since she had expressed her support for the new leader of the party.

Congratulating Mr. Davis on his election, she promised to dedicate all of her energies to the interest of her constituents, stressing that she will not settle for the status quo, but rather continue to agitate for change within the PLP.

The Englerston MP said her bid of leadership deepened her understanding of the country, enhanced her love and appreciation for it and refined her philosophical commitments.

Mrs Hanna-Martin says she is more convinced than ever that the PLP vision of 1967 has yet to be realized as "we have yet to wipe every tear from every eye."

"PM DANCES WHILE PEOPLE SUFFER," SAYS PLP

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The PLP reminds the public that it remains committed to helping those unemployed Bahamians, those who it said may feel deprived and dispossessed.

"Those who believe that they voted for this FNM government and now they have seen the backs of the FNM. For example, BTC employees are reportedly facing dismissal because they are being forced to sign a contract which will reverse years of

Union progress. This today can be traced back to the original sin of the FNM, selling BTC at a fire sale price," it said.

"While the Prime Minister danced the night away on Saturday last, the cry could be heard in Freeport: "Fix Grand Bahama." Instead of sending idle messages about the state of the PLP that has always stood for justice and right, the FNM needs to stop dancing and get to work fixing this country," the PLP statement said.

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"Our mandate which is to maintain law and order and to preserve the peace and detect crime, apprehend offenders and enforce the law will be carried out with professionalism, respect, knowledge, fairness and firmness.

"We will continue to build on the foundation of those before us, cognizant of past and current societal changes and challenges,"Mr. Ferguson said.

Greenslade in a rather emotional farewell address, thanked both his police family and his personal family for their support during his nearly eight years as the Commissioner.

He thanked the Prime Ministers both past and present for the confidence they placed in him, and more specifically Dr. Hubert Minnis for appointing him to his new post as High Commissioner to London.

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

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and

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and

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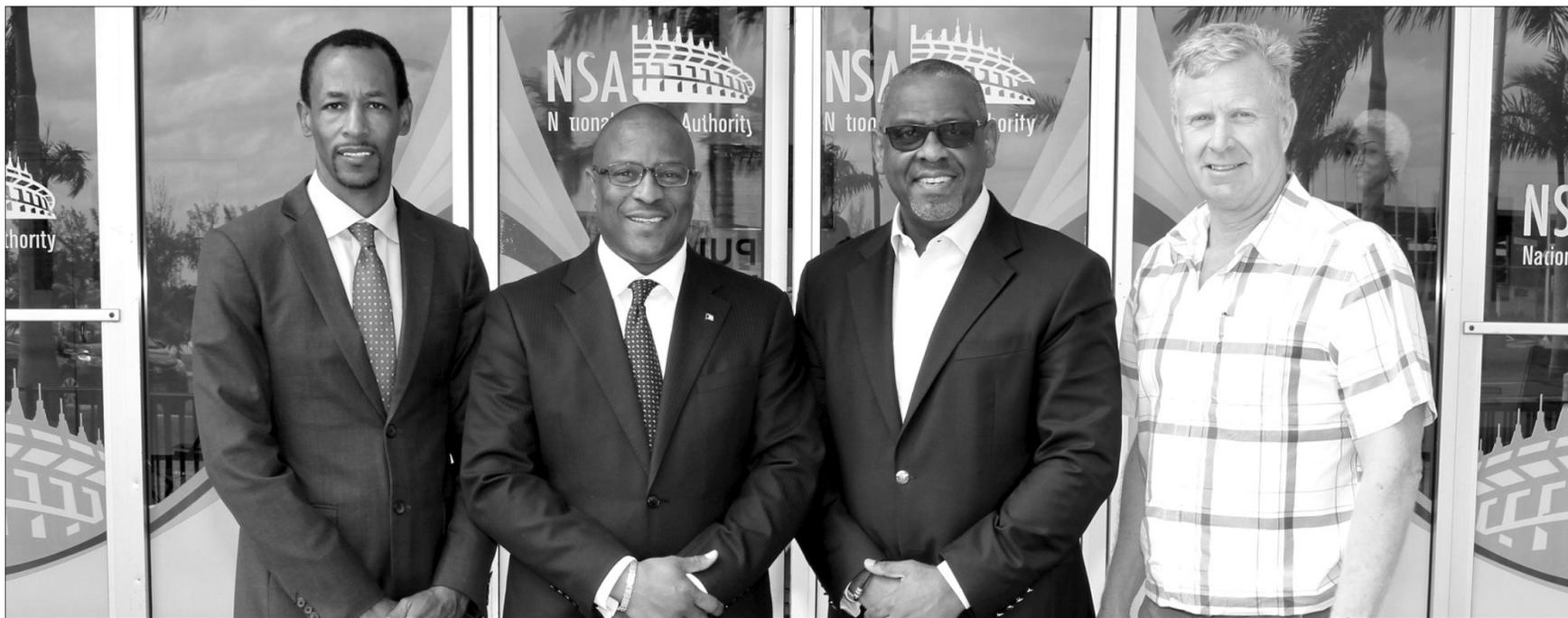
and

Lynn Marie Alderdice, Divorced,
of 4 Red Fold, Aughton, Ormskirk L39 4TX, United States of America

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► Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture the Hon. Michael Pintard (second left) and Director of Sports Tim Munnings (left) are pictured on October 30, 2017, with Consultant Grafton Ifill, Jr. (second right) and Businessman and former elite athlete David Morley, two members of the newly-announced Elite Athlete Subvention Panel, during a press conference at the Kendal G. L. Isaacs Gymnasium. (BIS Photo/Kristaan Ingraham)

Elite Athlete Subvention Panel Announced

Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture the Hon. Michael Pintard in a press conference, Monday, October 30, 2017 thanked those who have helped to develop the Elite Athlete Subvention Programme on behalf of the Ministry. He also saluted those who have benefited from it over the years. The Minister especially thanked those who are now a part of the newly-formed panel that is tasked with revising the programme.

Minister Pintard stated, at the Kendal G. L. Isaacs Gymnasium: "during the various courtesy calls with various federations and associations, the Ministry promised to work with them in revamping the subvention programme which has been a source of concern for many federations and athletes throughout the country.

"Today we are here to announce the committee that has been assembled, who are already engaged in the work of revamping the subvention system."

This process is expected to take approximately six weeks.

Panel members include Director of Sports Tim Munnings, National Sports Authority (NSA) Chairman Vaughn Roberts, Senator Jennie Isaacs-Dotson, Consultant Grafton Ifill, Jr., Gold medalist Tonique Williams, Businessman and former elite athlete David Morley, Attorney Koschina Marshall, and the Bahamas Olympic Committee Chairman (once elected).

Director of Sports Tim Munnings pointed out that the Elite Athlete Subvention Scheme was created in 1996, primarily to assist with athletes returning to The Bahamas to compete. At that time, he said, only about six athletes benefited.

"Today, over 60 athletes are currently enrolled in the programme, benefiting from direct government financial assistance toward their competition and training expenses," Mr. Munnings said. "The Government of The Bahamas is pleased that the programme has contributed to the podium success of many of the participating athletes; and we feel that through the improved management of the pro-

"In addition, sports help persons develop various characteristics that are essential for wholesome development."

gramme, we are confident that we will celebrate even more success of our athletes."

Mr. Munnings noted that the panel assembled to review the programme was made up of former athletes and professional administrators capable of providing an objective analysis and recommendations for the future. The work of the committee will be done in consultation with federations, athletes and other stakeholders.

"I want to make it perfectly

clear: The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas – having seen the exponential growth in sports in the country and the successes we have been experiencing across various sporting disciplines – is not in a position to provide what ideally we would love to provide by way of funding for all of the elite athletes in the country, however we are committed to doing our part," Minister Pintard stated.

"Furthermore, let me say that the purpose of sports in The Bahamas – and certainly under this Administration – is to not only develop elite athletes," he added. "We have other objectives, as well."

Minister Pintard said that one of those objectives is to use sports as a "national development tool" to promote healthy living among Bahamians. An active lifestyle helps us in the fight against obesity and other non-communicable diseases.

Secondly, Minister Pintard noted that the Government believes that education is "absolutely" important

and sports play a key role in assisting many Bahamians who would have otherwise not been able to afford tertiary education by way of scholarships.

"In addition, sports help persons develop various characteristics that are essential for wholesome development."

He added that the Government believes that sports can generate employment and be a source of revenue for many Bahamian professionals.

"We ask all of our elite athletes to continue to do well in your respective disciplines; and demonstrate your commitment to The Bahamas."

He noted that it is not uncommon for many larger countries around the globe seek to lure elite athletes from other countries by offering forms of inducements.

"In our case, we encourage you to remain focused, loyal, and nationalistic with respect to your country and we will do our part, within our financial capacity, to assist in your continued development," Minister Pintard said.

The Bahamas Agriculture & Marine Science Institute WEEKLY PRICE REPORT WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25th, 2017

Wholesale Crop	Weight	Size	BAMSI		USDA-AMS		Retail		USDA-AMS	
			Price	Price	HIGH	LOW	Weight	Price	HIGH	LOW
Banana	40lbs		18.00	18.00	20.00	20.00	1lb.	0.49	0.72	0.49
Papaya	10lbs		14.00	14.00	18.00	16.00	each	1.59	1.57	1.57
Habanero Green	8lbs		16.00	16.00	15.00	12.00	1lb.	2.50	1.88	1.50
Habanero Orange	8lbs		40.00	40.00	15.00	12.00	1lb.	5.50	1.88	1.50
Okra							1lb.	3.00	N/A	N/A

	Wholesale Prices Weight	
Abaco Big Bird	Per lb.	2.14
Whole Chicken	40lbs	28.36
Leg Quarters	40lbs	66.04

	Retail Prices Weight	
	1 lb	2.39
	10lbs	8.49
	10lbs	19.24

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► **TAKING A BREAK** – Prime Minister Minnis (left) and Minister of State for Grand Bahama, Senator Kwasi Thompson take a break from their tour of Port Lucaya Marketplace. **BIS Photo**

PM MINNIS VISITS VENDORS IN PORT LUCAYA MARKETPLACE

FREEPORT, Grand Bahama -- Prime Minister Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis was welcomed with opened arms, tears of joy and tears of pain, hugs and with excitement into the Port Lucaya Marketplace by straw vendors, craft vendors and business owners within the famous marketplace.

"I am so happy to see you, because this is the first time that a Prime Minister has taken the time to come

through here and see us," one female straw vendor told the Prime Minister, as he hugged her and offered her words of encouragement.

On Friday, October 27, 2017, Prime Minister Minnis, accompanied by Minister of State for Grand Bahama, Senator Kwasi Thompson, took a few hours to tour most of the stores and business places in Port Lucaya Marketplace, speaking with vendors and busi-

ness owners and listening to their concerns.

It was obvious that many of the vendors and business owners were delightfully surprised to see the Prime Minister walking through the Marketplace, going from one stall to the next to chat with vendors. For them, it was both an historic and touching moment. Many hurried to grab their cellphones to take a photo with the country's leader.

The Prime Minister noted that what was most significant during his chats with a number of the vendors in the marketplace was that while many of them were upfront

about their economic and financial plights, all of them agreed on one thing – that the reopening of the hotel (Our Lucaya) would make a great impact and turn things

around for them.

Prime Minister Minnis said that was one of the reasons why his government made the decision to make an offer to purchase the hotel.



► **MEETING TOURISTS** – Even visitors wanted to meet Prime Minister of The Bahamas Dr. Hubert Minnis during his walk through the Port Lucaya marketplace. **BIS Photo**

Social Services Ministry Honours Thirteen Nation Builders

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

The Ministry of Social Services and Urban Development in Conjunction with the National Council on Older Persons honoured 13 older persons between the ages of 80 and 90 years during a special recognition service at Government House yesterday.

Established in October of 1997, the award ceremony follows in line with the United Nations International Day of Older Persons, commemorated on October 1st annually.

Addressing the 13 honoured Nation Builders, Minister of Social Services and Urban Development Lanisha Rolle, told the seniors that they are being honored as theirs are the shoulders the country stands on.

The Nation Builders Award was established in 1997 and the inaugural ceremony was held in the ballroom of Government House.

"Today for the 20th consecutive year our nation continues to honor men and women upon whose shoulders our nation stands," Mrs. Rolle said.

Honored at yesterday's awards ceremony as "Unsung Heroes" were: Miriam Arnette, 87; Victor Cooper, 84; Remona Delaney, 85; Ann Johnson, 92; Shelia Johnson, 85; Nora Knowles, 95; Frances Rahming, 81; Florence Ramsey, 83; Drucilla Rhodriguez, 83; Edith Brown-Rolle, 88; Chauncey Tynes, 96; Thelma Walkes, 82 and Joyce Bannister-Young, 80.

With yesterday's honorees, the total number of older persons honoured since the inception of the prestigious awards ceremony is 195.

President of the Bahamas Association of Retired Persons, Mrs. Gwen McDeigan stated that the care of older persons is important as by the year 2025 the number of people 60 and over will exceed that of young people age 15-24.

"The care of older persons in the most noble of all of our obligations and this applies to all of us, individually and collectively.

"The United Nations estimates indicate that by the year 2025, the number of older persons will be doubled.

"The ability of older persons to contribute economically and socially, to earn a living and remain independent for as long as possible effects the well-being of the entire population," Mrs. McDeigan said.

On December 14, 1990 the United Nations made October 1st of each year International Day of Older Persons. This day of older persons is recognized as a special day for older persons worldwide, as it highlights and brings awareness of the various issues pertaining to this population.

The theme for this year's Older Persons Month is "Stepping Into The Future: Tapping the Talents, Contributions and Participation of Older Persons In Society."

Last week the National Council on Older Persons celebrated at a Christ The King Anglican Church with a thanksgiving service and luncheon.

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Mr. Greenslade spoke highly of the newly appointed commissioner, saying the force is in good hands.

"As I make my exit, I am satisfied beyond a shadow of a doubt that we are in good hands with Anthony Ferguson as the incoming

Commissioner.

"I have had ample opportunity to observe Mr. Ferguson while he served as my deputy. He added value to my team.

"He has given me tremendous support and never disrespected me or my office," Mr. Greenslade said.

As mentioned earlier Mr.

Greenslade goes on to assume an overseas diplomatic post as he's been appointed High

Commissioner of the Bahamas to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and as permanent representative to the International Maritime Organization.



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sir Durward Knowles, through his involvement with One Bahamas Foundation, has exemplified the mandate of the Foundation by his ability to encourage, love and promote unity among all Bahamians throughout our nation;

AND WHEREAS, the One Bahamas Programme, which was established in 1992, was the brain child of the Honourable Algernon Allen, former Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture;

AND WHEREAS, in 1993, three outstanding individuals were elevated to the apex of the One Bahamas Foundation, Sir Orville Turnquest, former Governor General, became its Patron, while Sir Durward Knowles and Mr. Obie Ferguson became the organization's Co-Chairpersons;

AND WHEREAS, Sir Durward has the distinction of becoming the first Bahamian to win an Olympic Gold Medal in Sailing at the 1964 Olympic in Tokyo, Japan;

AND WHEREAS, Sir Durward's lifetime achievements in Sports, Rotary, Philanthropy and National Development are testaments to his legacy as a man for all seasons and a true Bahamian national hero;

AND WHEREAS, in celebration of Sir Durward Knowles' 100th Birthday, which falls on 2nd November, 2017, the One Bahamas Foundation has organize a schedule of events celebrate the life and work of this outstanding centenarian;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Hubert A. Minnis, Prime Minister of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, do hereby proclaim the 2nd November, 2017, as "SIR DURWARD KNOWLES' DAY".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 16th day of October, 2017.

HUBERT A. MINNIS
PRIME MINISTER

Save The Bays Has No Legitimacy

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 problem with Save The Bays and its cohorts is that it is always appearing to act in a duplicitous manner and therefore has no legitimacy.

As we all know to well, Save The Bays has singled out fashion mogul Peter Nygard for vicious attacks. Their thinking seems to be that if Peter Nygard has done it on Nygard Cay, it IS environmentally hazardous. However, they purport that if other Lyford Cay homeowners, hedge-fund billionaire Louis Bacon, and its own attorney and Director, Fred Smith, have done the same things (and they did) it IS NOT environmentally hazardous.

This is rather confusing unless you admit the obvious. Either what they all did was wrong, since they all did the same things, OR, Save The Bays is singling out Mr. Nygard for personal attacks on behalf of Louis Bacon (read the court files to find out more about the plan by certain individuals to oust Peter Nygard from Lyford Cay). It can only be one or the other.

In the spirit of freedom of information, Save The Bays needs to come clean and tell us which it is.

Secondly, Save The Bays wants to decide when freedom of information should be applied and to whom it should apply.

Everyone who has been paying attention knows that Save The Bays has been actively advocating for the legislation of freedom of information. While it is always important to hold civil and public organizations accountable, it is rather hypocritical for Save The Bays to be leading the charge.

Save The Bays presented these points in their website article on the Freedom of Information Act for The Bahamas:

"Save The Bays supports the critical passage of a Freedom of Information Act for The Bahamas. As we push for legislation to protect our common marine environment, we demand insight into the decision making process to be assured that the government is acting in the best interest of its people.

"Most modern democracies have enacted their own Freedom of Information Act. Yet, despite repeated pledges from government leaders to pass such legislation, the Bahamian people remain without a fundamental law that provides us with a statutory right to the information that affects us.

"A Freedom of Information Act would dramatically change and improve the face of gov-

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.

ernance in The Bahamas. It would ensure that citizens are not kept in the dark and that helpful information is disclosed to the press and to interested parties where appropriate. Perhaps most importantly, it would give people an opportunity to do something about any abuse they have been subjected to or breaches of their rights."

The challenge with Save The Bays' position is that they have no legitimacy on this issue. They are dictating terms to the Government for how it should operate when they themselves don't operate as they should. While freedom of information may be a good discussion point, why should we listen to Save The Bays' opinions when Save The Bays appear to be in violation of United States Treasury rules and regulations for how 501(c)(3)s should operate?

How can Save The Bays "demand insight," insist on assurances "that the government is acting in the best interest of its people," and rant about being without "a statutory right to the information that affects us," when these are the very violations Save The Bays is in breach of?

How do we know that Save The Bays is acting in the best interest of the Bahamian people? How do we know that we are not being kept in the dark about the true purpose of Save The Bays and the millions being spent on a campaign to destroy Peter Nygard? Actually, we are being kept in the dark.

Where is our redress for any abuse by Save The Bays?

Are these not legitimate concerns for the Bahamian people to have about an organization that claims to be protecting our environment, yet focuses on persecuting one man who appears to have done no wrong? Is it not a legitimate concern when observing the lengths Save The Bays and its cohorts have gone to—the point of creating a constitutional crisis—to hide their own information, which is the public's right to know?

Is it not a legitimate concern for Bahamians to be down right frightened of one Louis Bacon welding his power and using his millions to influence democracy in our country to fulfill his own agenda? If we are not frightened, we should be!

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Life in this country and this region in this time and in this dread age when things seem to be going from bad to worse is today morphing into a situation where the problems we face are draconian and which – as such things sometimes go – sometimes propel any number of so-called 'educated' people to the nether shores of arrogance-tinged with ignorance where practically nothing ever goes right.

Alas! This is precisely where we have – as it were – brought our fine food goose!

The food we are obliged to eat is making us so very sick that very many of us are now living out lives that are [quite simply] nasty, short and brutish.

Heaven help us all!

Today we comment on the relationship not only between what we eat, how much that food costs or for that matter, how well or how very skillfully that stuff is marketed and directed towards a docile and deeply indoctrinated people; but for sure we also comment on the extent to which our nation and region are being distressed and near totally messed up by any number of so-called fast-foods.

Some of these are totally unfit for any people who would be healthy and who – as a consequence– would be very productive citizens when—as workers – they toil and make their contribution to our shared goal and desire to help 'big-up' today's deeply challenged Bahamas and region.

Indeed, there is no doubting the fact extant which shows that very many of our people are now obliged to ingest any number of feeds and foods which now leave in their torrid wake tens of thousands of people and untold hundreds of thousands of other folk all suffering from the ravages brought forward and which come under that now ubiquitous phrase—Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases, such as diabetes, hypertension, stroke and [quite possibly] and number of cancers. Especially those associated with cigarette smoking.

As we have repeatedly warned: The American Way of Life [especially as regards so-called 'fast-foods' is coterminous with what we might describe as the American Way of Death—in short, then: What we eat; what we drink and of course, coming with that toxic brew, we can also throw in – so to

speak – vast amounts of goo, salt and sugar all added in a desire on the part of BIG BUSINESS to persuade the masses that, the quicker the better they are fed and fuelled up the quicker and the faster they can – so to speak- speed things up in a world where – as some charlatans in our midst would suggest—all of this quicker and better shall lead to better and quicker and higher levels of growth and development for all of us!

Alas! Today we are reaping a most bountiful crop of morbidly obese children, elders and oldsters!

And of course, too, there is that other deeply entrenched gun-toting phenomenon which – day by dread day – continues to decimate the ranks of far too many of our youth—male and females alike.

Put simply, then, what we have on our collective hands is a nightmare which – whilst it had its genesis in a most twisted version of the so-called American Dream – today's gun-culture finds itself deeply rooted, normalized and naturalized in such an insidious way that very many youth-men and their female counter-parts now see themselves existing in a nether world where sudden death is now expected.

As a direct consequence, we now have on our collective hands a situation where an extensive number of youth between the ages of 14 and 25 now see themselves through lenses which suggest that, they are all living a macabre version of La Vida Loca --- a state of affairs where life itself is being sucked dry of deep meaning, thus some of them now see themselves as a species of the living-dead.

And thus, we would also suggest that: This dread carnage must stop and for sure, therefore, we take it as axiomatic that things will stay the same so long as they who say they are prepared to govern by means which call on them to describe the problems we collectively face – whilst as we can see with our own ears, almost taste and completely feel suggests more of the same-old-same-old which predates – by decades – this newest ascension to so-called power.

As this is still the people's time – we sure hope that: The People will heed the message inherent in this commentary.

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By Godfrey Eneas

The Bahamian Middle Class: Its Creation and Redefinition

Since 1967, The Bahamas has had an ever increasing upwardly mobile society, hence the institutionalization of a middle class which is reflected in the urban populations of Nassau, Freeport and Marsh Harbour, and soon Georgetown.

Over the past half century, The Bahamas has evolved from an agricultural and fishing-type economy to a service economy, highlighting tourism and financial services. Through this economic transformation, The Bahamas has become an urban society with 85 percent of Bahamians living between Nassau and Freeport.

Urbanism has brought new challenges to The Bahamas. One of the major areas of concern is the social dilemma in our over-the-hill and heartland communities

where hundreds are marginalized because of the lack of skills resulting from an economic sector like tourism, which has created thousands of jobs for gardeners, waiters, waitresses, hair braiders, jet ski operators and taxi drivers where manual skills are required.

In this genre of employment, one can earn \$400 to \$500.00 per week with or without a secondary education. Thousands of Bahamians are in this state, hence, we have a labour force which is deficient in the trades, i.e. skilled carpenters, masons, electricians, mechanics, construction workers and various types of technicians.

The Bahamas has moved to a new stage of manpower development. Prior to the creation of the College of The Bahamas, now the University of The Bahamas,

the concern was the unleashing of thousands of young Bahamians on the labour market after graduating from our various high schools. The figure banded around 5,000 per annum. That figure has been compounded by the fact that over the years COB/UB has also put on the labour scene 400 to 500 graduates with college degrees every year.

It is this grouping of graduates from UB that will continue to fuel the growth of The Bahamian middle class. This, in effect, is the development of the intellectual foundation of the Bahamian society. It is also this grouping, as it grows, which will produce the revolutionaries either politically, socially or economically. This is a new genre in our Bahamian society.

This grouping from UB, along with the other tertiary



institutions like the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute and the Bahamas Agricultural and Marine Science Institute will be the change agents in our society.

The present middle class is dominated by professionals and college educated individuals who were trained abroad in the metro-

politan countries like the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, parts of Europe, and, in some cases, regionally at the University of the West Indies and West Indies College. This middle class which is being constructed today are home educated at UB where they are being taught, substantially, by Bahamians who were trained abroad.

The predicament for The Bahamas is that many Bahamian students studying abroad are not returning home. Many are being encouraged by their parents not to return home because of the lack of expansion and diversification of our economy.

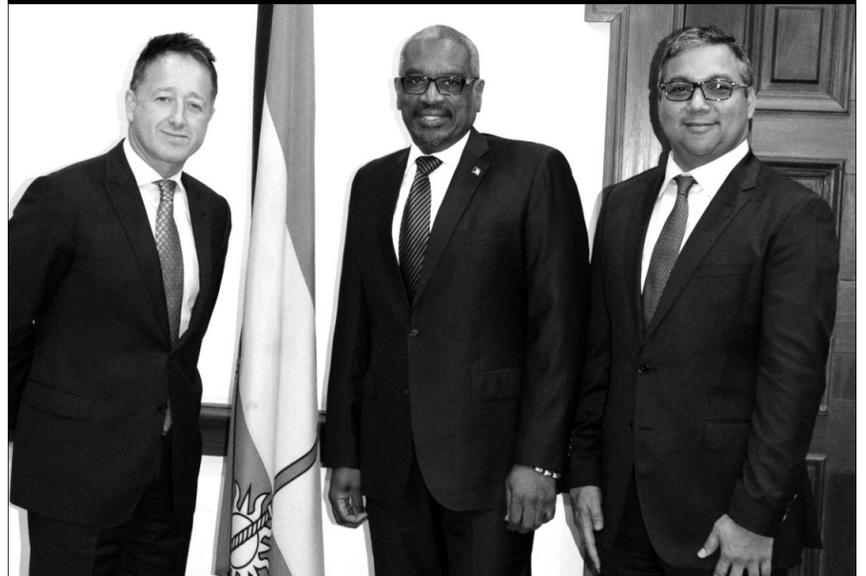
The worst possible scenario for any developing country with tertiary level institutions

(UB/BTVU/BAMSI) is that they are producing graduates for which there are no employment opportunities. This is a condition which create a national dilemma for national governments. The Bahamas is fast approaching this situation and this leads to a frustrated and unstable middle class.

It is this grouping which is most vulnerable to the vagaries of the global trends, particularly the economic, social, technology, innovation and comprise an expanding segment of intellectual migrants seeking financial reward for their talents and skills.

The economic development of this country will depend on the manner in which the issues addressing our middle class are resolved.

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MR. SMITH APPOINTMENT

Rev Dr. C.B. Moss, President of the Bain Grants Town Advancement Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Nelson Smith as the Director of the Bain Grants Town Library and Museum. Mr. Smith is a graduate of the University of the Bahamas, having studied at Cambridge College of Canada, and Faith Temple Christian Academy. He has

A-level Certificates in Mathematics, English Literature and Accounting, as well as a Bachelors Degree in Biology with Chemistry. He spent the last five years at the Lillian Coakley Public Library and also host of The Eye Opener on Guardian Talk Radio.

“This is a new challenge which I’m looking forward to with great excitement” said Mr. Smith



► Photo showing Rev Moss and Mr. Nelson Smith



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and

Hannah Valorie Combs, Single,
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