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# American Woman Murdered

• *Police Report Three More Homicides*

BY AMAJAHN KNOWLES  
 Journal Staff Writer

Police reported yesterday that the lifeless body of an elderly woman believed to be the American woman reported missing in Cat Island, was found in bushes in North Cat Island.

Police have commenced a murder investigation into this matter.

This weekend, police launched a missing person alert for 74-year-old Janice Mildred Kissing, a United States citizen, who resided in North Cat Island.

Kessinger was last seen about 3:30 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2017, at Shanna's Cove Resort in North Cat Island, where she stayed locally.

Three suspects are in custody assisting in this investigation.

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▶ Janice Mildred Kessinger, a 74-year-old American citizen, was found dead in Cat Island.

## Roberts: 'PM Shed No Tears for Bahamians'

BY C. JILLIAN GRAY  
 Journal Staff Writer

Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) Chairman Bradley Roberts criticized Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis for crying for Dominicans, but not for the

ravaged Bahamian islands.

In a statement on Sunday, Roberts said while many Bahamians share Dr. Minnis' sentiments for Dominica, he is wondering where were the tears for the destroyed Bahama Islands.

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▶ Paul McPhee Jr. was shot and killed on Sunday.

## 2017 NATIONAL YOUTH MARCH



▶ Thousands of young Bahamians participated in the 2017 Captain Fernly Palmer National Youth March and Rally yesterday.

## PLP Election Hires Cost \$16 Million

BY AMAJAHN KNOWLES  
 Journal Staff Writer

The Progressive Liberal Party's (PLP) extra hires during the last election season cost the country more than \$16 million.

This information was revealed last week in the House of Assembly by

Minister of State for the Public Service and National Insurance Brensil Rolle, who said between December 2016 and May 2017, the public purse ballooned by \$16,532,738 because of the Christie administration's hiring of new public service workers during that period.

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## Pinewood MP Tackles Crime

BY LICEC BASTIAN  
 Journal Staff Writer

In an effort to empower the youth of his constituency and tackle crime, Pinewood Member of Parliament Reuben

Rahming said he is taking the initiative to create a sense of value within the youth, particularly the young men, with a program he referred to as Pinewood Keepers.

Rahming's comments came yesterday during his appearance Love 97's radio talk show Jones and Company.

When asked by the show's host and CEO of Jones Communications Wendall Jones how he seeks to inspire the young men, Mr. Rahming said teaching them that "hard work, good manners and civility are important."

"We need to get back to where we put our children in the 'children's pen, that's the place, the walls, the barriers to show respect," Mr. Rahming said.

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# Roberts: 'PM Shed No Tears for Bahamians'

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Roberts was referring to the prime minister's emotional address in the House of Assembly on Wednesday where he wept as he shared stories of the deaths and devastation Dominica endured.

"We did not see any tears for Ragged Island, Salina Point, Acklins and Inagua from the prime minister and we wonder why," Roberts said.

The PLP chairman said he is questioning when Bahamians will receive relief from the 2016 Hurricane Matthew.

Roberts added that politicians from both parties are wondering why the prime minister has not cried for the young men who

were gunned down in Bain Town, Fox Hill and Chippingham.

"Where were the tears from the prime minister for young innocent children who lost their lives through gun violence - the eight-month-old gunned down in Rupert Dean lane, the 16 and 17-year-old boys in Fox Hill and most recently eight-year-old Tonio Eugene Woodside Jr. of Rosebud in Chippingham," Roberts said.

He also mentioned that he agrees with Pineridge Member of Parliament Frederick McAlpine's admonition to his party and government to be more responsive to the needs of Bahamians.

Roberts was referring to

McAlpine's comments last Wednesday, that "while Bahamians stand in support of offering assistance to fellow CARICOM neighbors in the face of tragedy and or natural disaster, they want to be assured that they and their needs are not overlooked or unattended to by their government in order to cater to the needs of other countries."

McAlpine has gone on record to say that he stands by his comments and is not xenophobic, but just simply looking out for Bahamians.

Roberts said the PLP will continue to hold the government's "feet to the fire" and speak on behalf of the Bahamian people when they feel that their interests are not being properly served.



► Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) Chairman Bradley Roberts (Journal file photo)

# PLP Election Hires Cost \$16 Million

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In June, he told parliament that the cost to Bahamians of such increas-

es was just over \$10 million.

The revision comes after he included more than 1,700 workers that were

not in his original count.

"I did not include the 151 immigration workers in that account, neither did I include the 123 customs officers that were hired," he said. "A responsible government would not take individuals off the street and place them in a space that is extremely sensitive as customs and immigration is, without having regard for a check, a simple vetting.

"I am told by the professionals in the service that they advised the government not to take this course, but the class started for customs the Monday morning and persons were advised up to Sunday night, you are in that class, go in that class. The result of that was that some of the individuals who were placed in that programme, even though they had successfully completed the course, could not be recognized as customs or immigration officers; they're called casual workers."

Amid the PLP's criticism of the Minnis administration because of its firings of public service workers, Mr. Rolle painted a picture of a public service where longstanding hiring



► Minister of State for the Public Service and National Insurance Brensil Rolle (Journal file photo)

rules were ignored or abused, especially in the lead-up to the general election.

Mr. Rolle said the Christie administration's actions led him to believe that it "embarked on a mission to perhaps destroy the public service by creating a

parallel public service."

"This parallel system was created through the widespread use of hiring persons on contract at all levels, notwithstanding the policy that people are hired on contract where their skills and experience cannot be found in the serv-

ice," he said. "This includes, but certainly is not limited to the return of public officers who are paid their salaries which were more than their retiring salaries, plus a pension and a gratuity at the end of their pension. Imagine a retired permanent secretary who retired from the service making \$70,000 a year," Mr. Rolle said.

"If they served for 30 years, their pension would be \$70,000 and they receive for example a two-year contract from the government. At the end of the contract they must receive a gratuity of 15 per cent. When I see members coming here jumping up saying, 'We don't care about the civil service,' I just remind them that in 2008 the Government of The Bahamas decided that you just cannot have both; you either had pension or gratuity, but you can't have both."

Mr. Rolle said he missed the extra 1,700 people in his original count because "these are people who were sent to work, but were not given a letter, were not told where they ought to go or what they ought to do.



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(Section 7(3))

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

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of 35 Cumbrury Croft, Shard End. B34 6TU, United Kingdom

and

Sharon Elaine Daniel, Divorced,  
of 13 Harold Road, Edgbaston, B16 9DN, United Kingdom

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Registrar of Marriages

## American Woman Murdered

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In other crime news:

### Young Father Killed

Police are searching for the man responsible for a shooting incident that has left a young father dead.

According to police, shortly before 3 a.m. on Sunday, a man had just pulled up in his vehicle at his home located on Marshall Road, when a male armed with a handgun approached and shot him before fleeing on foot. The man was rushed to hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

The police have not released the identity of the victim, but The Bahama Journal understands he is Paul McPhee Jr.

Investigations are ongoing.

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## GGYA PRESENTS 'GOLD AWARDS'



► Governor General Youth Awards (GGYA) and Special Recognition Ceremonies were held at Government House on Thursday evening, September 28, 2017 hosted by Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling, seated centre. There were 31 young people presented with gold awards for completing service, skill, and physical recreation requisites within one year. Pictured with the GGYA award winners are officials of the programme, seated, from left: Everette Mackey, Treasurer, GGYA Board of Trustees; Denise Mortimer, GGYA National Executive Director; David Clarke, Regional Director, the Americas; Dame Marguerite; Rosamund Roberts, Secretary, GGYA Board of Trustees; Jack Thompson, Chairman, GGYA Management Council; Suzanne Black, Member, GGYA Board of Trustees; and standing right Ricky Chea, Member, GGYA Board of Trustees. The award ceremony took place in the ballroom, followed by a reception on the patio. (BIS Photo/Patrick Hanna)

# RAHMING APPLAUDS FNM for 'Exceptional Job'

BY LICEC BASTIAN  
Journal Staff Writer

The Free National Movement (FNM) is doing an exceptional job, according to Member of Parliament for Pinewood Reuben Rahming, who said as much when he appeared as a guest on JCN's Jones and Co. yesterday.

However, Mr. Rahming also stated that unreasonable expectations were created in the minds of Bahamians.

Responding to Jones and Co. host Wendall Jones' question on how he

feels the government has done within its first five months, Mr. Rahming said the quality of governance so far has been good.

"I think that they're doing very, very exceptional. The thing we need to understand with kinetic energy is that the greatest part and the most greatest risk to your engine is always at start up," Mr. Rahming said.

"That's where the oil has been resting and that's where things begin to move."

Likening the change in governance and the government to a big ship, Mr.

Rahming said much had to be done to understand what needed to be done in the country.

"Remember, we talked about expectations and people don't expect things. We come in with so much expectations it will hurt us," Mr. Rahming said.

"We fail to sync into people's head that the government is a big ship, to turn a ship, it doesn't have a brake, an emergency brake, it's how you turn it and how you move it.

"When you jump in the government, you don't just jump in and we just roll, you have to get familiar

with the data. You have to know if to trust the data and then you begin to move forward."

As for whether the country could be 'fixed' within a matter of months, Mr. Rahming stated that no one could master the government in that space of time.

"So, there is a period of assessment. This is the government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas," he said.

"Do you really think that anyone can master the government, the problems, accurately within four months? You have to

assess, you have to figure out."

He alluded to when a government changes over it's only a matter of maintaining while reviewing laws and putting governing into perspective.

"What you are doing is, you're maintaining," Mr. Rahming explained.

"Then you have to view the laws and put them into place responsibly. We have a compendium of laws that over that break period from the budget debate that was being prepared. Those things had to be prepared.

"And so again, we cre-

ate unreasonable expectations among our people in that regard."

Mr. Rahming, responding to a question as to whether the FNM were not ready to govern from day one, he stated that the government was ready, however, the fact of governing is "knowing and getting hands on" experience.

"That's a reality, whenever you make a shift, there is a continuance of government, but that is a folly because whenever you are elected, you are given a new mandate," Mr. Rahming said.

## The Bahamas Agriculture & Marine Science Institute

# WEEKLY PRICE REPORT

WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Wholesale Crop	Weight	Size	BAMSI Price	USDA-AMS		Retail Weight	BAMSI Price	USDA-AMS	
				HIGH	LOW			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 Green	8lbs		16.00	15.00	12.00	1lb.	2.50	1.88	1.50
Habanero Orange	8lbs		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		
Whole Chicken	Per lb.	2.14
Leg Quarters	40lbs	28.36
Wings	40lbs	66.04

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

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# D'Aguilar Seeks to Improve Cruise Visitors' Spending

BY ONIKE ARCHER  
Journal Staff Writer

In his remarks at the Abaco Business Outlook, Minister of Tourism Dionisio D'Aguilar said The Bahamas has done an absolutely excellent job of attracting cruise ship visitors to our country, but a poor job of getting them to spend more money here.

He blames the entrepreneurial class for not "stepping up to the plate" to figure out how to capitalize on the millions of visitors coming to The Bahamas every day.

Mr. D'Aguilar focused his remarks primarily on cruise ship visitor attraction, describing the total amount of visitors via

cruise ships and stop over visitors via air travel.

"Annually, six million visitors come to The Bahamas, more than any other Caribbean country with more visitors coming by cruise ships rather than air," Mr. D'Aguilar stated at the Abaco Business Outlook last month.

Despite such enormous visitor number arrivals and being number one in the Caribbean, as far as the total amount of annual visitors are concerned, based on stop over figures, The Bahamas is still trailing fifth behind the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Cuba and Jamaica, as it pertains to stop over visitors.

Although Abaco received praised from the

minister on its booming economy, Mr. D'Aguilar felt that it was necessary to further his comments relating to tourism and cruise ship arrivals by highlighting the average amount of monies spent by tourists.

"The cruise ship visitor spends an average of \$70, whereas the stop over visitor spends an average of \$1,500," he said.

"We're aiming to induce our cruise ship guest to spend \$20 more per person within our destination. This mere increase in cruise ship visitor spend will net \$90 million in additional revenue.

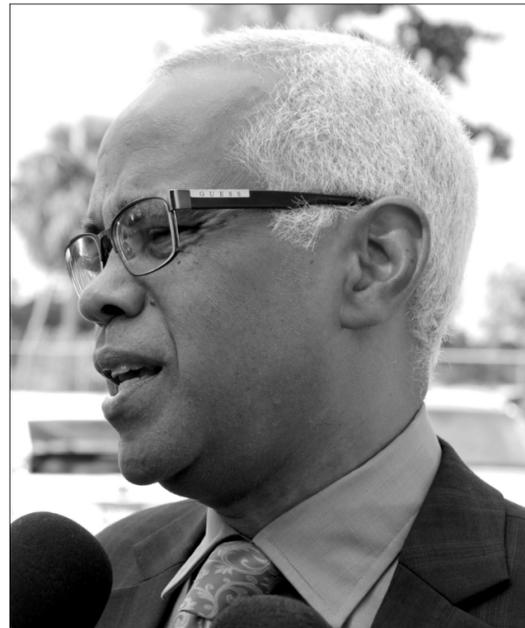
"In tandem with increasing cruise visitor spend, we are actively

working on converting as many cruise guests into return stop over guests as possible."

Finding opportunities for growth, the minister of tourism further explained that The Bahamas tourism sector caters to millions and as such, there is an enormous room for growing the country's agriculture, light manufacturing and high end quality craft sectors.

"Developing these sectors to meet the needs of the tourism industry will give rise to a new generation of entrepreneurs," Mr. D'Aguilar imparted.

Summing up challenges any business face, Mr. D'Aguilar said, "Overcoming challenges



► Minister of Tourism Dionisio D'Aguilar (Journal file photo)

and attaining success are all an integral part of running any business, be it tourism or captive insurance.

"Our country at large is engaged in running a business, the tourism business which is a feeder to most of the economic activity in our nation," he said.

Cruise travel is a growing trend and Mr.

D'Aguilar is hopeful that if The Bahamas is able to tilt the tourist arrival more in favour of stop over visitors, it would be considered a solid indicator of success in tourism.

The 14th Annual Abaco Business Outlook was held at the Abaco Beach Resort under the theme "Breaking Barriers, Promoting Success."

## 2017 NATIONAL YOUTH MARCH



► Thousands of young Bahamians participated in the 2017 Captain Fernly Palmer National Youth March and Rally yesterday.

# New BPSU President Promises Fair Pay

BY ONIKE ARCHER  
Journal Staff Writer

Bahamas Public Service Union (BPSU)

new President Kimsley Ferguson said he plans to ensure transparency, justice and fair pay for every civil servant.

Mr. Ferguson plans to collaborate with various government boards and ministries in the labour environment to achieve the implementation of an Industrial Relations Committee, which will satisfy his plans for transparency, justice and fair pay.

Over the years BPSU membership has declined and when asked what are his plans to inspire membership again, Mr. Ferguson said, "One of the main concerns that we have regarding the membership issue is, we want to ensure our membership that we are going to represent them in a way where they are going to be proud

to apart of our organization."

Mr. Ferguson expressed the concerns of civil servants are and how his team plans to promote attractiveness.

"Persons are concerned of the fact that they are being superseded in the public service while being qualified individuals, promotions, disciplinary concerns, hazardous pay, and regularization, are some of the things we are going to pursue immediately.

"Also, it is our intent to make the union attractive. So instead of us running behind persons, persons will begin to gravitate towards our organization."

Through utilization of his platform, Mr. Ferguson is confident that members will feel comfortable (again) entrusting

BPSU to work for their best intentions.

Moreover, apart from such implementation, other ways Mr. Ferguson plans to stimulate attractiveness includes a contributory pension plan and the aggressive pursuit of an Agency Shop, which will better position the union financially.

Other plans include enhancing the BPSU Medical Plan to include vision and dental coverage and to also ensure that working conditions and suitable accommodations are secured for BPSU members, according to Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson further expanded on his platform to truly assist civil servants and their concerns.

"We're bringing accountability, integrity and we're also bringing

passion that is going to be applied to the myriad of concerns that public servants have and the passion itself will arduously address all the concerns our members have," Mr. Ferguson said.

Mr. Ferguson ran with the BPSU Workers' Team and all members were elected.

Hoping for the entirety of all official results, Mr. Ferguson said he is looking forward to getting some of the official results today or later this week.

BPSU elections were held last Thursday. Mr. Ferguson will hold his presidency post for three years.

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## Men Found with Firearm Charged

BY C. JILLIAN GRAY  
Journal Staff Writer

Two men were arraigned in the Magistrate's Court last Friday on gun related charges.

Twenty-six-year-old Elandro Missick, of Kingston Street, and 26-year-old Latario Lockhart, of East Avenue, were charged with one count of possession of an unlicensed firearm and one count of possession of ammunition.

They were found in possession of the black millennium taurus .9 millimeters pistol and 11 rounds of .9 millimeters of ammunition on September 27.

Lockhart was also charged with possession of dangerous drugs with intent to supply.

Both men pleaded not guilty and were remanded to the Bahamas Department of Correctional Services and scheduled to return to court on November 30.

# “The Answer Is No!”

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 answer is no.” These were the words of Mr. Anthony Newbold, the Government’s spokesperson at a press briefing; he was stating the Government’s response to the suggestion that Fred Smith and the Grand Bahama Human Rights Association (GBHRA) be given the lead on the proposed Interception of Communications Bill.

Thank goodness the Prime Minister of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas did not choose to abdicate his responsibility to Fred Smith and the GBHRA! It was an appropriate decision.

First of all, the Prime Minister should not be giving in to threats. Fred Smith has demanded that the Prime Minister follow his, Smith’s, prescribed steps, or else. (These steps are outlined in the Clifton Review article “You Have Got To Be Joking!”).

There he goes again threatening the Government of The Bahamas to do as he says. Fred Smith, as Director and attorney for Save The Bays, took the previous Government of The Bahamas to court to stop the Government from making a decision they didn’t agree with.

Then Fred Smith, as Director and attorney for Save The Bays, took the Government to court because it didn’t want to abide by the new law in The Bahamas for all non-profits to be accountable and present requested information to the Registrar General’s Department.

Now he is threatening to fight the new Administration if he doesn’t get his way with this proposed bill.

Did somebody die and leave Fred Smith in charge? What makes Fred Smith think that his views and his perspective is respected or even desired by the Bahamian people? If the Bahamian people wanted Fred Smith as the leader, they would have written his name in on the ballot and marked their X next to it, but they didn’t!

If Fred Smith was in charge, I guess he would be fair like he was fair when he and Save The Bays singled out fashion mogul Peter Nygard for doing things that Fred Smith himself did, and Save The Bays chief funder hedge-fund billionaire Louis Bacon did.

I guess he’d protect rights just like he protected the rights of Peter Nygard from unjust treatment—Not!

## 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.

Bottom line? Nobody trusts Fred Smith and his cohorts. Besides targeting all of their unjust attacks on Peter Nygard to please their funder Louis Bacon and his incessant obsession with destroying Peter Nygard, they have proven themselves to be continuously engaged in questionable dealings and have demonstrated not to have the best interest of The Bahamas at heart.

They don’t respect the laws of the United States with respect to U.S. 501(c)3s: After obtaining 501(c)3 status in the United States, they refuse to follow the Treasury’s legal requirements—Fred Smith with Save The Bays contravene U.S. Treasury regulations to make Save The Bays’ finances available to the public.

They have caused a constitutional crisis (which is still a constitutional crisis as far as we’re concerned) taking Parliament members, who were speaking under parliamentary privilege, to court for discussing their ‘deemed-public’ financial information.

Recently, he and Save The Bays refused to abide by the Registrar General’s Department request to submit documents as a nonprofit to be held accountable for their activities. They took The Bahamas Government to court instead to prevent their ‘deemed-public’ information from being shared with the Bahamian people.

And, Fred Smith has shown that he doesn’t care about The Bahamas when he went to the extent of misleading international human rights organizations resulting in The Bahamas being put on a list of rogue nations who kidnap torture and kill it’s citizens.

Why would we want someone who does these things taking the lead on anything on behalf of the Bahamian people?

Why should Bahamians listen to him? Thank goodness the Prime Minister and his Administration didn’t.

Good for you Mr. Prime Minister For not letting Fred Smith take over Government functioning; cause if past is prologue, what ever Fred Smith would’ve planned, would not have been good.

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### EDITORIAL

# DREAM REALIZATION

It matters little what we say about our continuing aspiration to create this or that kind of truly better Bahamas Bahamas.

In truth and in fact: What clearly matters is what we decide to do about realizing this dream!

Note well that: Experience elsewhere would seem to suggest that before a problem can be resolved, it must first be recognized as a problem and thereafter put on an agenda of things slated to be done.

This applies to matters great and small; in this regard, then: Take for example, the totally inappropriate manner we sometimes adopt when we try to deal with people who are ‘disabled’.

On occasion, we further hobble them when we decide that no changes need be made to processes like voter registration that would allow these people their rights to privacy in the sanctity of the booth where – once seen as such – methods and modalities would be put in place in this supposedly ‘modern’ Bahamas so as to make facilities more user-friendly to the blind, crippled or otherwise challenged elector.

Or for that matter, whoever decreed that Bahamians born of Haitian parents should be forever stigmatized because of the fact that they are Haitians? What ignorance! What rot! What utter nonsense!

Closer to home from a racial point of view, how is it that so-called White people around the world have already acknowledged that slavery was a crime against humanity, whilst so very few who are Bahamians would even want to broach the issue!

This is so very backward in a day and in a time when humanity world-wide is waking to the reality where – as is clear – humanity is but one very big family!

By definition, then, such a new set of realities should – in time-lead to far less effort be put on forces that pull us apart; and that, even more support should be given to those forces conducting to the unity inherent in humanity!

In such a brave new world, money and human capital – as key factors in development – would flow where they are most needed; thus allowing resources to move at more maximal rates!

This we recommend as we also note that: At the apex of all of this there stands a demographic reality where while we are

vast geographically; our country is home to a mere four hundred thousand souls, at best.

Evidently, any loss of much needed brain-power must be considered as being detrimental to our collective effort at being the most we could be, moving forward.

So no matter how the cookie crumbles, the fact remains that: On graduation some 60 per cent of our graduates [especially the more gifted ones] from High School and College routinely leave the Bahamas.

This type of brain drain hurts. Interestingly, this view is apparently the commonsense of very many Bahamians who are being graduated from our colleges and other institutions of higher education.

Most of these people will not return; and so it goes:- This brain drain hurts; [and clearly] it is quite costly.

As indicated by two economists working for the Inter American Development Bank namely: Inder Ruprah, Karl Melgarejo, and Ricardo Sierra, summed it up thus: “The Caribbean countries have lost more than 70 per cent of their labor force with more than 12 years of schooling through emigration...”

They go on to explain: “...This is worrisome because one of the few non-controversial stylized facts in economic growth literature is the positive contribution of education to economic growth. Thus, migration affects the Caribbean countries’ ability to generate economic growth and jobs...”

In sum, then, that IDB study pegs the combined impact of this ‘brain drain’, plus the money spent on these Bahamians’ education, at 4.4 per cent of GDP. With Bahamian GDP currently estimated at around \$8 billion, the ‘dollar value’ of that 4.4 per cent is around \$350 million.

This is astounding.

This report is almost most illuminating in that it provides a frame for what seems that ongoing conversation which some thoughtful Bahamians have begun as they reflect on some of what is now taking place in the world and how this translates into circumstances and situations in the Bahamas and in the wider region.

What is as apparent has to do with the fact that, in the face of this brain drain- there not only arises an efflorescence of crime on the hoof, but also, any number of other dastardly crimes against the person.

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# Pinewood MP Tackles Crime

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"Because the training that they get in play and discipline trains them to how they operate in life.

"Right now you see little babies in the pampers twerking and the parents [are] laughing in the background, what do you expect that child to be [when older].

"The strategy we are bringing in to Pinewood is holistic. It's so simplistic that people don't even realize what is happening."

Mr. Rahming said as it

stands with this generation, children do not have good examples and children must be taught how to treat and respect their elders.

To the question posed to him by Mr. Jones, regarding crime fighting strategies and initiatives, Mr. Rahming said he was calling all law enforcement agencies in Pinewood to work together.

"I have to say this about the crime initiative. I spent a lot of time dealing with crime throughout my life, [and] what we are going to be doing in Pinewood, very shortly, is we will be initiating

Pinewood Keepers," Mr. Rahming stated.

"We are calling all security forces that live in Pinewood, police force, defence force, immigration, customs, even private security firms. We are starting with them first.

"I believe in ownership and we are going to say, 'You're living Pinewood man, we are tired seeing the police officers, we are tired of this.'"

Mr. Rahming also noted that there are more than 150 combined of law enforcers that reside in the area, therefore the community efforts should yield good results.

"We have enough security forces in Pinewood. I am sure easily we have over 150 of them. That is a police force in the community, just between their shifts we should have no problem with that effort," Mr. Rahming said.

"We will start with them because I want them to have a sense of ownership, then we will bring in Urban Renewal," he said.

Responding to Mr. Jones' comment of the program being a crime watch, Mr. Rahming said it is greater than just a crime watch program and alluded that although it would be a Pinewood initiative, once the community gets the ball rolling they will extend it to the wider communities.

"Greater than that [crime watch], Pinewood Keepers, because we want it, and then when we have the people professionally skilled, we will invite the wider community to come and attach to their expertise," Mr. Rahming explained.

"But I want them to see that, 'listen here', I'm living in this community. I am a part of this community and I will step up in this community.

"I want them to begin to wonder now, if that is a cop house I am going to break into this time. I want to inculcate in them that the community is me, community is we."

Pinewood Gardens has seen its share of homicides in the last few months, a problem Pinewood Keepers is hoping to help to rectify.

## American Woman Murdered

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### 'Acid Burn' Victim Dies

A man who was severely injured when acid was thrown on 80 percent of his body in June died earlier this week, police have confirmed.

Chief Superintendent Solomon Cash, head of the Central Detective Unit, said investigators are waiting for autopsy results to see if William Curtis Thompson's death is attributable to the acid attack.

If a link is established, Thompson could become the country's 106th murder victim of 2017 and charges against his widow could be upgraded, Mr. Cash said.

Prosecutors allege that Robinette Thompson, 63, snapped during a domestic dispute between June 3 and 4 during the Sir Randol Fawkes Labor Day holiday weekend.

Mrs. Thompson was charged with attempted murder.

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and

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▶ Acting Consul General Monique Vanderpool and Milton Jones, chairman of the Atlanta Business League. (Photo/BIS)

# VANDERPOOL MAKES “Atlanta’s Top 100 Black Women of Influence” List

Acting Consul General Monique Vanderpool was included on the Atlanta Business League’s 2017 list of “Atlanta’s Top 100 Black Women of Influence.”

The award was given during the “Women of Vision” Breakfast, which was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia.

Since 1994, the Atlanta Business League (ABL) has published its list of “Atlanta’s Top 100 Black Women of Influence.”

The list reflects the names of black women in

the metro Atlanta community who have reached senior level positions within their profession, are leading entrepreneurs in their industry, or have attained the ability to influence large public bodies politically and in government.

In addition to professional accomplishments, the “100 Black Women of Influence” have demonstrated their commitment to the citizenry of metro Atlanta by maintaining significant involvement and participation in community and civic activities.



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

Zachary Otto Arnold, Single,  
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and

Marie Yvonne Graham, Single,  
of 1720 West Marine View Dr. #139, Everett WA 98201, United States of America

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

Frederick Hewitson, Divorced,  
of Calle Falua 9, Apt.1B, El Rincon, Los Cristianos, Tenerife 38650, Spain

and

Paula Carol O'Callaghan, Widowed,  
of Calle Falua 9, Apt.1B, El Rincon, Los Cristianos, Tenerife 38650, Spain

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## WSC AUDIT ORDERED

BY AMAJAHL KNOWLES  
Journal Staff Writer

At least two senior officials at the Water and Sewerage Corporation (WSC) have been placed on administrative leave while Ernst & Young performs a forensic audit of the organization.

Water and Sewerage Corporation General Manager Glen Laville and Chief Financial Officer Sandra Edgcombe have been placed on administrative leave until next week Tuesday as the corporation undergoes an immediate forensic audit, WSC Chairman Adrian Gibson confirmed.

"The board wishes to advise all staff that we have ordered an immediate forensic audit of the corporation," Mr. Gibson said in a recent message to staff. "The audit is being carried out by the accounting firm Ernst & Young. All staff members are asked to fully cooperate with the auditors and to provide them immediate and unfettered access to any and all information, files and other documents requested.

"In the interim, Deputy General Manager Mr. Robert Deal has been appointed as acting general manager and Assistant General Manager Ms. Cheri Hanna will serve as the acting chief financial officer, in addition to their normal responsibilities."

It was unclear what specifically prompted the forensic audit.

The Minnis administration has committed to conducting forensic audits of the Bank of the Bahamas, Urban Renewal, the former government’s hurricane relief program, and the Bahamas Agriculture and Marine Science Institute (BAMSI).

Last week, Mr. Gibson said WSC had a "confidential list" of 221 accounts with a combined total of \$175,000 owing.

He said the corporation planned to notify all persons owing excessive arrears to either resolve their debt or face disconnection.



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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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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

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