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ROBERTS SAYS OUR LUCAYA SALE COLLAPSED... AGAIN

Former Minister of Works Bradley Roberts is suggesting that the sale of the Our Lucaya Hotel property in Grand Bahama has collapsed.

In a commentary to the Media, the former Chairman of the Progressive Liberal Party wrote, "It has come to my attention that the now infamous on again, off again sale of the Lucaya Hotel complex in Grand Bahama is now off again and the properties are back on the international market for sale. If this is true then the Minnis government has abjectly failed the people of Grand Bahama and by extension the country in its promise to revitalize the economy of Grand Bahama.

"Several Government Ministers have made public statements to the effect that a deal to purchase the said properties was "very close" to fruition but alas, to date nothing substantive has materialized to the chagrin of Grand Bahamians," said Mr. Roberts.

He said former Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie outlined the status of the sale of these hotels during



▶ Former Minister of Works Bradley Roberts (Journal file photo)

his campaign stops in Grand Bahama in the run up to the 2017 general elections. Mr. Christie said that his government was close to signing off on a deal for the purchase and the former Tourism Minister along with Tourism officials and government lawyers visited the Wynn group in Toronto, Canada for face to face negotiations in an attempt to finalize the terms of a Head of Agreement on this sale.

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PM SAYS GDP IS SKEWED



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BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis returned to the Bahamas yesterday where he said the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of The Bahamas is skewed.

Dr. Minnis who meet the media after

his return from the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in London, England, said, "our average income would be reflected to over \$26,000, that would be skewed because of the Lyford Cay and Old Fort Bay, but in actuality our real average income would be around \$12,000. The \$26,000 would put you in a first

world nation category and therefore you don't qualify for certain grants."

The Prime Minister said while The Bahamas is one of the smaller countries that contributes the least to global warming, we are one of those who feel the greatest impact from it.

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PRISONERS TORTURED, SAYS REPORT...

• Detention Center And BDO Receive Scathing Review

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

A scathing review of The Bahamas Department of Corrections and the Carmichael Road Detention Center is reported in the of the U.S State Department's 2017 Human Rights Report.

The report, which dedicates 18 pages to The Bahamas, finds in some areas, conditions at both facilities failed to meet international standards, adding that in the case of the correctional facility, conditions remain harsh due to overcrowding, poor nutrition, and inadequate sanitation.

Acting Secretary of State, John Sullivan,

released the 2017 Report on Human Rights Practices on Friday, with U.S officials determining that while The Bahamas constitution prohibits torture and cruel, inhumane, or degrading treatment or punishment, at times citizens and visitors alleged instances of police abuse of criminals.

"Foreign male prisoners frequently reported threats and targeting by prison guards at the Bahamas Department of Corrections (BDOC). For example, a Bahamian-U.S. dual citizen reported in June that BDOC officials placed a bag over his head and beat him with a golf club," the report stated.

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BPL Unions Standing Firm

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

Presidents of the Bahamas Electrical Workers Union (BEWU) and the Bahamas Electrical Utilities Managerial Union (BEUMU) standing firm on their position to execute industrial action if a meeting with Bahamas Power and Light (BPL) executives does not take place.

At a recent press conference, BEWU and BEUMU presidents and their executive team said that they will not allow their workers to be

"put out to pasture".

President of the BEWU, Paul Maynard charged that the government should intervene between the Unions and BPL, who stated in a recent press conference that 233 employees would be made redundant.

Mr. Maynard charged that if there was no intervention by the government that the Prime Minister, Dr. Hubert Minnis could return from his trip to London and meet the country in darkness.

"The Prime Minister supposed to come back on Sunday; well he may land in the darkness," Mr. Maynard said.

He further added however that it his comment had nothing to do with politics, but rather, he the security of jobs for BPL workers.

"The point I am making is this, do not go down this road. The unions are not going to tolerate this at [BPL]" Mr. Maynard said.

Mr. Maynard expressed

outrage, threatening industrial action if BPL executives fail to meet with them.

"We are not going to be in the press negotiating back and forth with them. You need to come to us and deal with this situation humanely.

"You are not going to disrespect us. Listen we don't have time to play" Mr. Maynard said.

The threat followed last Thursday's island wide power outage, which some believed was sabotage. However, union heads argued otherwise.

"BPL has aging equipment, you see what happened [Thursday], just after they start talking that foolishness, they were running on with in the boardroom, you see what happened? The switch blew, and that whole board has never been maintained for the past 10 years.

"We have aging equipment and we have a fuel problem.

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ROBERTS SAYS OUR LUCAYA SALE COLLAPSED... AGAIN

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"In the wake of the results of the 2017 general elections, a sealed deal appeared a slam dunk and academic for the incoming Minnis administration. This deal was a low hanging fruit. First the State Minister for Grand Bahama said that a deal was imminent. Mr. know it all Peter Turnquest then told Parliament that agreeing to the deal left in place by the PLP government was akin to the government pulling down its proverbial pants therefore the deal was rejected.

"It was reported that the FNM government tried to shop the project to the Izmerian group who called the property garbage and literally walked away, leaving senior government officials embarrassed and with their mouths dropped wide open. Later, it was reported that the Wynn group was back at the negotiating table with the government followed by more announcements that a deal was close. I now hear that negotiations have fallen flat just like the Oban deal but no word is forthcoming from the government," said Roberts.

He says, "other projects on Grand Bahama that were in the advanced stages of completion in May 2017 were the LNG plant for Grand Bahama and a Carnival Cruise port. These initiatives complemented more than \$100 million in infrastructure development in Grand Bahama over the term of the Christie administration. These included the refurbishment of all public clinics, a new government complex for west Grand Bahama, a new fire station, a new school for west Grand Bahama and a brand new elevated Fishing Hole Causeway. The PPP labour agreement with the Grand Bahama Shipyard was designed to replace some 600 work permit holders with

young Bahamian tradesmen over several years. Together these projects executed in just five short years under the PLP represented a sound foundation of progress on which to build but it appeared that in less than one year the Minnis government has managed to scuttle all of them and with it, squandered much of the wave of political goodwill and political capital that propelled the FNM party into government. What a shame. The fall was precipitous and spectacular by any objective measure," Mr. Roberts said.

"It is high time that Dr. Minnis come clean with the suffering people of Grand Bahama and offer an accurate, sober and frank account of his government's stewardship, inclusive of major stumbles and missteps along the way.

"As far as I am concerned," said Mr. Roberts, "the Minnis Government's terrible handling of the Oban deal is equaled in incompetence with the handling of the pending sale of Our Lucaya. It should be clear to all and sundry that the Government desperately needs help in getting this Hotel deal closed. Will PM Minnis accept assistance from the Opposition? The Leader of the Opposition is on record as saying that the Opposition stands ready and able to assist the government in any area of governance that proves to be in the best interest of the Bahamian people."

He said, "If the Government stops wasting the people's scarce resources on private audits that are glorified witch hunts, let the Office of the Auditor General do its job, and focus on bringing overdue relief to hurting and suffering unemployed Bahamians, then maybe Grand Bahama and indeed The Bahamas would stand a chance of being further along in respect to post-recession economic recovery and real growth."



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Dr. Minnis said that small island states like the Bahamas should be treated differently in terms of receiving grants and being able to borrow.

The Prime Minister's comments are similar to those made by Environment and Housing Minister Romauld Ferreria at CHOGM.

Minister Ferreria hoped Commonwealth Heads would have had a change of heart when it comes to post

disaster relief funding.

When addressing the issue of climate change at CHOGM, the minister suggested donor states evaluate The Bahamas based on a vulnerability index or GDP index that takes in vulnerability as opposed to just the country's GDP.

Mr. Ferreria said, "we live in a country where our GDP is skewed. By that I mean we have a number of millionaires and billionaires that live in the country that aren't necessarily Bahamians and that drives up the GDP. It may not reflect

the country's ability and the country's true GDP.

"So when we go out into the market and we're looking for assistance to rebuild after hurricanes, to strengthen our infrastructure, to install the green infrastructure, to develop renewal energy or for whatever, we want to look for a lot of times we don't qualify because of the GDP."

The Bahamas' GDP was pegged at just over \$9 billion in 2016. That represents 0.01% of the global economy.

GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
THE PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING REFORM PROJECT (PFM/PMR)

POSITION AVAILABLE: OPERATIONS MANAGER

Title: Operations Manager

This notice is placed on behalf of The Ministry of Finance to provide background information regarding the PFM/PMR project to enable interested persons who meet the stated criteria to determine their eligibility and offer their services under the requirements of the project. The Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas (GoB) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) under loan #3340/OC- BH to fund the contract cost.

SUMMARY OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION
PFM/PMR will improve Public Sector Financial Management and Performance Monitoring capabilities via four Components: Performance Monitoring, National Statistics, Public Financial Management and Public Procurement. Component 1 is to strengthen the management capacity of the public sector to monitor priority projects and programs more efficiently and effectively. The Consultant will support the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit (PMDU).

FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Reporting to the (COO), the operations manager will set up an implementation plan for the structure and development of the PMDU, provide feedback on the process changes required to facilitate the work flow redesigns required for the introduction of a center of government model. They will assist with the sensitization of Ministers, Senior Public Servants, Ministries, and, when applicable, the public, on the benefits of the new process flows and how to make the desired changes. The consultant will also be responsible for drafting the PMDU's policies and procedures, management of the staff and directing the work of the unit with the initial assistance of the Advisory Firm (training). Inter alia, the Consultant will:

- Familiarize themselves with existing literature on Delivery Units and Center of Government, The Bahamas National Development Plan, the current administration's priorities.
- Manage the PMDU's participation in coordination and monitoring meetings with Ministers, Permanent Secretaries and technical teams from Ministries with the aim of identifying and unblocking potential obstacles
- Support Ministries preparing Delivery Strategies and/or Implementation Plans for priority projects by providing draft formats and guidance on project planning, resource management, methodological issues, performance indicators, verification, process identification for key projects, budgets, and stakeholder mapping
- Coordinate with the Ministry of Finance to ensure adequate resource allocation to top priorities, proactively identifying and offering solutions for financing gaps
- Prepare a contextual risk analysis for each top priority
- Prepare a draft reporting format and proposed protocol for coordinating and monitoring Government's top priorities
- Prepare a draft strategy for vertical coordination with local governments to achieve top priorities at territorial level
- Oversee Priority Managers providing support in line ministries, unblocking obstacles that could prevent priority goal achievement
- Lead internal meetings of the PMDU, as applicable and contribute to monitoring meetings by preparing specific questions for the meeting's chair to identify and solve bottlenecks
- Coordinate training and guidance to staff in charge of coordination with specific sectors or priorities regarding delivery methodological, and the specific work program with its sector or sectors
- Contribute to the design and implementation of a website and other mechanisms for reporting the government's progress to Bahamian citizens in achieving top priorities
- In coordination with the COO, prepare a succession plan for leadership of the PMDU

EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Master's in Business Administration, Public Policy, Economics, Statistics or other similar disciplines required
- At least ten years of relevant experience in implementing complex projects or programs (in the public or private sector) with experiences in leadership
- Public Sector experience particularly leading the implementation of public policies in ministries is highly valued with knowledge on Regional public management knowledge and/or international Center of Government a plus
- Certification in Project Management is required

SELECTION PROCESS
Selection is in accordance with the Qualifications of National Individual Consultants method procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the selection and contracting of consultants financed by the Inter-American Bank (Document GN-2350-9). Note that the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas has the authority to reject any and all proposals without an explanation. CV's must be delivered with the subject line: Operations Manager by e-mail by 5:00pm on April 25th 2018 to

Tonya Adderley, Project Manager
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BAIC EXPANDS POP UP MARKET

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

Bahamas Agriculture and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) is expanding the "pop up farmer's market" which Executive Chairman Michael Foulkes described in the House of Assembly a few weeks ago as a smashing success.

Noting that Health Minister Duane Sands has been publicly campaigning to encourage Bahamians to eat vegetables and fruits, BAIC begins the pop up mar-

ket to inner city communities beginning in Bains and Grants Town.

BAIC sources as many produce and fruits as they can obtain from the family islands, disregarding the \$9,000 maximum amount that is usually taken from the family island yearly.

Mr Foulkes said, "We've been getting a lot of calls from the family islands as well and they are very interested in the famers market.

"A lot of people are aware of it because we do a weekly WhatsApp message and that

weekly WhatsApp message says exactly what we're going to offer."

"We source these produce every week farm fresh from our family island farmers.

"They are put on the mail boat and they are available on Saturday morning, every Saturday, freshly harvested the same week."

He also said that they did not realize that they were tapping into such a great demand for Bahamian produce, but are surprised that the they are contributing toward food security and

sovereignty in The Bahamas.

The FNM government's long term goal is to drastically reduce the country's reliance on imports.

They plan on doing that by growing, processing and marketing our food and reducing the cost of living for all Bahamians.

Mr. Foulkes says that you can't find prices like these anywhere else and thanks the public for their continued support.

CED PROVIDES GRANT FUNDS TO THE CARIFORUM PRIVATE SECTOR

BY LEAH COOPER
Journal Staff Writer

The Caribbean Export Development agency in collaboration with the European Union is preparing to provide private grant funds to the Cariforum private sector.

The firm will be informing businesses and business support organizations across the region of the application process for the Direct Assistance Grant Scheme (DAGS) over the next few months.

DAGS is a reimbursement grant funding facility designed to provide financial

backing to legally registered firms, and business support organizations with the potential to export their products and services.

The agency also intends to train representatives from each of the Cariforum countries to become DAGS experts.

The workshop scheduled for today at Superclub Breezes is designed to provide attendees with more information on the grant scheme, how to apply, and the process of reimbursement.

The workshop kicks off at 9am sharp until 4pm.

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I keep telling y all, and I have been telling y all since 2014 now, we have old equipment. That s the problem, Mr. Maynard said.

With that they did warned , though that if another major hurricane hits the island, BPL is not ready.

President of the BEUMU, Anthony Christie said that with seven major storms expected this season, the elec-

tricity company is in no way ready.

"Are we better than we were last summer? The summer before?"

"No, we are not ahead, no we are not ready. When we had New Providence get hit by major storm, we had to get equipment come in by Power Secure, we don't have that equipment ready.

"We asked how [many] trucks are available to hit the road for emergency purposes.

We asked Power Secure to leave the trucks here, to purchase the trucks; they took all of them back.

"We just basically rented them for that period, so money went out the country again. Now we have no equipment on the ground ready if a storm hits us today; where are we," Mr. Christie said.

Meantime, BPL's chairman, Darnell Osbourne has said the board has been transparent.



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LOCAL COUPLE SHARES SOMETHING SWEET!

BY LEAH COOPER
Journal Staff Writer

A local married couple concocted a frozen treat to help keep Nassuvians cool in the upcoming summer months.

Pulpy, a mobile ice cream spot, is the brainchild of Shaquille and Anthonique Coleby.

Mrs. Coleby said, "my husband is a sweet tooth. We kinda have to stop him from going for ice cream every day. So, this is something that he always wanted to do. In The Bahamas, we live in a tropical climate and its always a good time to have ice cream. We like the innovative way of doing things. You can add so much flavors and variations, you can get creative with ice cream in just a split second."

The Colebys combine everything from tropical fruits to cookies to create their sweet masterpieces with just one flick of the wrist.

The first step consists of pouring a "base" cream on to the ice cream rolling machine. They flavor the based on the customers order, our news team requested guava. Next, the couple uses two spatulas to chop and blend the contents together so that the flavor can be experienced in every little bite.



The ice cream rolling machine then solidifies the cream allowing them to scoop or roll the ice cream into one unique treat. The Colebys then top with caramel and other sweet toppings.

Pulpy is also the winner for the OWN Bahamas initiative launched by Sebastian Bastian earlier this month.

This enabled the couple to purchase the necessary items to push the business forward.

Pulpy was officially launched last year at Paradise Plates, an event in collaboration with Hands for Hunger.

The business which started out with just regular sundaes, has evolved into an art form with their innovative presentation.

If anyone is interested in tasting these delicious works of art, they are encouraged to check out Pulpy's Facebook and Instagram pages.

FORMER RBC EMPLOYEE STEALS \$90K

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

A 36-year-old single father has confessed to stealing tens of thousands of dollars and risks spending time in jail.

After a two-plus hour delay brought on by a power outage at the Magistrate Court Complex on Nassau Street, on Friday, ex-RBC employee Traves Mackey, was charged with two counts of stealing by reason of employment, 10 counts of falsification of accounts and one count of laundering the proceeds of criminal conduct.

The incident is alleged to have taken place between October 11th and November 10th, 2017 and totaled over \$90,000.

Mackey, who worked at RBC's East Hill Street location until its closure and then rehired, pleaded guilty to all counts.

Deputy Chief Magistrate, Subusola Swain, ordered the accused to pay \$1,000 on each of the 13 counts on Friday, amounting to a total of \$13,000.

Failure to do so could find Mackey spending two years behind bars.

Mackey's attorney, Dion Smith, asked for leniency for his client, mentioning that it was his first brush with the law, and that he was one of the main breadwinners for his sick mother.

He also mentioned that his client was able to repay the money because the funds were still in the bank in frozen accounts, adding that Mackey thought his actions would be a good example to show the bank that their system had weaknesses.

However, Mackey was also required to pay another \$61,588.79 within 30 days, if he does not comply, another year will be added to his prison time.

Further, Mackey is not to be hired by any other bank or financial services institution for at least seven years. He was granted bail in the amount of \$7,000.

Meantime, Kenja King was charged with one count each of abetting, laundering and acquisition of proceeds.

The 36-year-old pleaded not guilty. However, she was denied bail and remanded. She returns to court July 3rd, 2018.

Senator Promotes Foreign investment for Grand Bahama

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

Minister of State for Grand Bahama Senator Kwasi Thompson met in London, England last week with tech companies at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

His intention was to encourage foreign investments in Grand Bahama as the government focuses on making Grand Bahama a technology hub.

Senator Thompson said, "we shared our vision with them, what we wanted and we also invited them to The Bahamas; but there was a general theme that which was that technology really is the future.

"It is the way that leads to invests, it leads to jobs but there has to be a strategic plan put in order to do it," he said.

Another topic at CHOGM was Fintech, which according to Senator Thompson, the Bahamas wants to be a leader in that industry.

He said, "the world is moving in that direction; the world is inviting companies to come who are indeed focused on Fintech.

"The interesting thing is that there are Bahamians and Bahamian companies who are also moving in that direction and so we're happy that the government is looking at accepting these Fintech companies who are looking at mobile financing and looking at moving the mobile economy forward."

Senator Thompson said that we need to focus on ensuring that we have the right political will and fortitude to see this technology vision through, which he believes this government has.

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As for the physical conditions, the report found that overcrowding, poor sanitation, and inadequate access to medical care and drinking water remain problems in the men's maximum security block.

"In October the Ministry of National Security reported the block held 975 inmates in spaces designed to hold approximately 375 inmates when constructed in 1953. The Minister of National Security reported that the BDOC facility, originally built to hold 1,000 prisoners, held 1,676 inmates as of October. The ministry reported one prisoner death; the matter was before the Coroner's Court of Inquiry, the report said.

It also stated that inmates reported receiving only two meals per day, and often only one, with a meal sometimes consisting only of

bread and tea.

"Fresh fruit and vegetables were rare to nonexistent. Prisoners also reported infrequent access to drinking water and inability to save potable water due to lack of storage containers for the prisoners. A few cells also lacked running water, and in those cells, inmates removed human waste by bucket. Sanitation was a general problem, with cells infested with rats, maggots, and insects," the report said.

As for migrant arrest and detentions, the report stated that many "Haitian migrants reported being detained by immigration officials and solicited for bribes of \$1,000 to \$3,000"

It stated that "Government officials sometimes held migrant detainees who presented a security risk" at the correctional facility and that "migrants previously remained in custody without

charges for up to three years".

The 2017 Human Rights Report however acknowledged that there were some improvements to the Bahamas Department of Corrections.

"The BDOC acquired 20 industrial washers during the year for cleaning prisoner bedding and clothing, and the Ministry of National Security reported instituting a standardized cleaning program to improve hygiene conditions in the prison," the report indicated.

In 2016 the report indicated much of the same for both the Bahamas Department of Corrections and the Carmichael Road Detention Center.

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OBSTACLES ON YOUR PATH

The 2018 series salutes fashion mogul Peter Nygård's Golden Jubilee detailing his rags to riches story and incredible business success over these past fifty years. The Clifton Review will take an inside look at how he did it.

Is success really that easy to achieve?

We have been looking at the life and achievements of fashion mogul Peter Nygard that allowed him to experience fifty years of business success, and it may all seem to have been so easy for him. He'll probably tell you that it has not been.

While successful people often make success look easy, each of them will tell you that it didn't happen very easily or over night.

There is an inspirational sign found in stores that reads "Success is getting up just one more time than falling down."

What does that mean?

Well, it means that there is no straight road to success. There will be obstacles along the path—things that get in the way that can cause you to fall or simply make it a bit more difficult to get where you are going.

Once such obstacle for Kentucky Fried Chicken Colonel Sanders was failing at his restaurant business venture and ending up broke at age sixty-five. His Kentucky Fried Chicken business franchise success came after that, after "getting up one more time than falling down".

So what does it take? It takes perseverance even in the face of obstacles and even possibly past the age of sixty-five.

It takes perseverance just like the single mother of five showed that took her from not having a high school education with five young children to feed to graduating from law school.

This single mother of five was in the news just the other day; a reporter was showcasing her achievements. They were showcasing the fact that she started out with very young children on the road to improving her education and made it all the way to graduating from law school. You could see in the pictures that her kids were still young so she must have done it in record time.

Kudos to her!

At the same time, don't think that a lack of

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.

education is an obstacle. It is not.

Remember, Bill Gates, the owner of Microsoft and the richest man in the world, who is worth about 90 billion dollars? He started out in his parents' garage. He didn't finish college, yet he has achieved amazing heights.

So even a lack of education is no excuse. Lots of successful people didn't even finish high school.

That is not to say that if you need an education to get where you want to go, you don't have to do it. You have to determine if you have the skills to make your dream come true or if you need to go back to school like the single mother of five.

Just know that whatever is required to achieve your dreams may not always be easy.

The law school graduate's achievement was many years in the making. She expressed in her interview that it included many nights of tears, as you can imagine.

She is living proof that it may not be easy but it is certainly possible through perseverance.

Perseverance means understanding that it's a progression, a step by step process that leads to where you want to be. It means knowing that progression only happens by taking action towards your goal on a continuous basis.

At the same time, remember to celebrate the achievement of milestones along the way. It's reflection on your progress that will provide the fuel to take you to your end goal.

And maybe one day, just as we are doing with Peter Nygard, we will be analyzing and reflecting on your astounding success.

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EDITORIAL

PLASTICS AND POLLUTION

That we live in a time when global warming is for real is now the common sense of mankind; and so today – as we join in celebrating Earth Day – we take note of two very real social and environmental pollutants, noise and plastics.

This year's Earth Day-as we are informed- is dedicated to providing the information and inspiration needed to eventually end plastic pollution, according to Earth Day Network.

Note well that:-- Many of us use or encounter plastic every single day, even if we don't realize it. There's single-use plastics, such as bags, bottles, plates, utensils and straws. But there are also plastics in our electronics, cars, clothes and paint.

So what happens to all this plastic? Some of it gets recycled. But a lot ends up in landfills or is simply littered as plastic pollution, which gets into our waterways.

Plastic is made to last forever -- it cannot biodegrade. Disposed plastic materials can remain in the environment for up to 2,000 years and longer, according to a 2009 article published in scientific journal Chemistry & Biology.

Earth Day Network has called the management of plastic waste a "global crisis."

In response then:-- This year, Earth Day Network will mobilize its global network of non-governmental organizations and grassroots groups, as well as local elected officials, faith leaders, artists, athletes, students and teachers "to build a world of educated consumers, voters and activists of all ages who understand the environmental, climate and health consequences of using plastic," according to Rogers.

An estimated 275 million metric tons of plastic waste were generated in 192 coastal countries in 2010, with 4.8 to 12.7 million metric tons entering the ocean, according to findings in a 2015 study led by Jenna Jambeck, an environmental engineer at the University of Georgia.

Recent research commissioned by Orb Media, a nonprofit journalism organization based in Washington, D.C., found that 94 percent of drinking water in the United States and 93 percent of bottled water sampled from nine countries are spiked with chemically-

laced plastic particles, many of which have been linked to major diseases.

In recent years, many countries have taken steps to ban biphenyl A (BPA), phthalates and other chemicals from plastics in some products.

"There is a growing tidal wave of interest in ending plastic pollution and some countries and governments are already in the vanguard. Earth Day Network believes we can turn that tidal wave into a permanent solution to plastics pollution," Earth Day Network president Kathleen Rogers said in a statement.

"Plastic pollution is now an ever-present challenge. We can see plastics floating in our rivers, ocean and lagoons, littering our landscapes and affecting our health and the future of billions of children and youth. We have all contributed to this problem – mostly unknowingly," Valeria Merino, vice president of Global Earth Day at Earth Day Network, said in a statement.

Unprecedented growth in the production and use of plastics is triggering a global environmental crisis. Each year, at least eight million tonnes of plastics leak into the ocean, an amount set to quadruple by 2050 unless major reform is put in place. Over 800 species are known to have ingested or been entangled in marine plastic pollution, killing hundreds of thousands of animals every year.

And thus, note that:-- From poisoning and injuring marine life to disrupting human hormones, from littering our beaches and landscapes to clogging our waste streams and landfills, the exponential growth of plastics is now threatening the survival of our planet.

In response, Earth Day 2018 has placed world focus on fundamentally changing human attitude and behavior about plastics and catalyzing a significant reduction in plastic pollution.

It therefore follows that leadership in small island developing states [such as the Bahamas and its sister nations in the region] whose very being relies on keeping its marine and terrestrial environments clean-green and as near to pristine as possible should join in today's world crusade against plastic borne pollutants.

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The Public Sitting of the Road Traffic Authority Board Will be held at Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium Western Grandstand Room #37 on the 24th April 2018 at 9 am.

The Board will be considering applications for the grant of Self Drive Cars/Scoters, Variations and Private Schedule Omnibus Franchise in accordance with the Road Traffic Act, Chapter 220.

Further, in accordance with the provisions of Road Traffic Act Chapter 220, any person is entitled to object to the grant of any franchise, however a person who would wish to be heard as an objector should within fourteen (14) days of the date of this publication lodge in writing, two (2) copies of his/her objection, setting out therein, all the grounds of his/her objection(s).

The under-mentioned persons or their representatives are required to attend:

NO.	NAME	DESCRIPTION OF FRANCHISE	NUMBER STATUS
SELF-DRIVE SCOOTERS			
1.	Christine Bethell Affordable Car Rentals St. Albans Drive	SD Scooters	10
2.	Lynden Hanna East Street South	SD Scooters	10
3.	Addison D. Ferguson St. Vincent Road N-10883	SD Scooters	15
4.	Troy Capron Victoria Gardens	SD Scooters	5
5.	Ormanique Bowe SS-19050	SD Scooters	25
6.	Gregory L. Smith Caribbean Gardens	SD Scooters	8
7.	Herbert Styles #3 Reivax Plaza Soldier Road	SD Scooters	40

NO.	NAME/ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF FRANCHISE	REQUEST
SELF DRIVE CARS			
1.	Rudolph K. Cooper Yamacraw Shores EE-16487	SD Cars	10 Plates
2.	Lashawn Brice #30 Samford Nassau Village N-371	SD Cars	15 Plates
3.	Troy/Sophia Johnson Oakridge Road SP-62827	SD Cars	4 Plates
4.	O'Neil Minnis Nassau East North SS-19079	SD Cars	5 Plates
5.	Pedro Hanna Cedar Way Golden Gates	SD Cars	6 Plates
6.	Sharon Rahming Seaview Drive N-802	SD Cars	20 Plates
7.	Ricardo Gomez West Bay Street N-473	SD Cars	25 Plates
8.	Angelo M. Coakley Asphalt drive Nassau Bahamas	SD Cars	5 Plates
9.	Amanda Ferguson Pilot Drive SP62295	SD Cars	2 Plates
10.	Demian /Elaine Brice Faith Gardens CB-11681	SD Cars	6 Plates
11.	Robert Coakley Asphalt Street N-1309	SD Cars	20 Plates
12.	Krishna Campbell Taylor Street CB-13654	SD Cars	13 Plates
13.	Sean Riley Riley Boys Car Rental #216 Millennium Gardens N-8321	SD Cars	15 Plates
14.	Andrew McPhee Lyon Road SB-51974	SD Cars	4 Plates
15.	Franson A. Moss Jubilee Gardens SS-5020	SD Cars	3 Plates
16.	Warren Davis Rose Street FH-14487	SD Cars	20 Plates
17.	Jethro Forbes Sea Breeze Lane EE-17433	SD Cars	10 Plates
18.	Troy McNeil Kennedy sub. EE-15250	SD Cars	10 Plates
19.	Charles Rahming Blessed Things Auto Harold Road N-9160	SD Cars	10 Plates
20.	Lynden G. Hanna Victoria Blvd CR-56702	SD Cars	10 Plates
21.	Deborah J. Armbrister Ridgeland Park GT-2738	SD Cars	6 Plates
22.	Trajean Jadorette Capital rental #38 Coral Heights East GT-2622	SD Cars	30 Plates
23.	Janet /Gerard Brown Faith Ave North CB-13248	SD Cars	15 Plates
24.	Duran Price Colony Village N-1685	SD Cars	10 Plates
25.	Gilbert Rolle Misty Gardens N-10373	SD Cars	5 Plates
26.	Cedric Bullard Garden Hills N-1452	SD Cars	7 Plates
27.	Jordan Miller/ Chino Armbrister Carmichael Road Nassau Bahamas	SD Cars	15 Plates

28.	Omorose/Ormanique Bowe #18 Maud Street SS-19050	SD Cars	15 Plates
29.	Antoine Sir/Antoine Jr Bowe Eastern Road EE-16061	SD Cars	30 Plates
30.	Henry Bain Opulent Drive SB-50035	SD Cars	20 Plates
31.	Derek Sands #10 Paradise Island CB-11418	SD Cars	20 Plates
32.	Kean J. Beneby #4 Firefly Ave Nassau Bahamas	SD Cars	20 Plates
33.	Donald Rolle Blue Hill Road SP-63851	SD Cars	15 Plates
34.	Gerard Nairn Boatswain Hill N-243	SD Cars	20 Plates
35.	Kevin Phillip Sandy Port Nassau Bahamas	SD Cars	5 Plates
36.	Merlyn R. Outten Munroe Pinewood Gardens CB-12535	SD Cars	15 Plates
37.	Henderson Curry/Herrington Curry Joe Farrington Road N-7063	SD Cars	5 Plates
38.	Deana Smith Baillou Hill Road N-7275	SD Cars	6 Plates
39.	Lamont D. Rolle Isabella Street FH-14534	SD Cars	25 Plates
40.	Marissa Pyfrom Windsor Road SS-5505	SD Cars	10 Plates
41.	Geslin Pierre Homestead Ave Nassau Bahamas	SD Cars	15 Plates
42.	Indria Linden Sir Lynden Pindling Estates CB-11972	SD Cars	20 Plates
43.	Michelle A Pyfrom Windsor Road SS-5505	SD Cars	10 Plates
44.	Walter Dean Jr #16 Mandarin Close CB-12760	SD Cars	10 Plates
45.	Joyann M. Roberts Twynam Heights SB-51578	SD Cars	10 Plates
46.	Cornelius Rolle Fox Dale SS-6526	SD Cars	3 Plates
47.	Dereck Dauphin #1 Clarige Road SS-6360	SD Cars	50 Plates
48.	Jem Roberts Sea Breeze Estates N-4388	SD Cars	20 Plates
49.	Desmon K. Bain Elizabeth Estates N-949	SD Cars	6 Plates
50.	Jodysee C. Ferguson Dignity Gardens EE-17890	SD Cars	10 Plates
51.	Allan McDonald #13 Kennedy Sub. Nassau Bahamas	SD Cars	6 Plates
52.	Barry /Trenaire McKenzie Cowpen Road SB-52832	SD Cars	20 Plates
53.	Paula/Jonae Reckley Coral Lakes CB-12804	SD Cars	10 Plates
54.	Adrian Farrington Island Car Rental #7 Griffin Road SS-5274	SD Cars	5 Plates
55.	Benjamin R. Davis Davis Street N-4476	SD Cars	2 Plates
56.	Keith A. Jones Sl. Beach Road N-4468	SD Cars	20 Plates
57.	Katrina Marche #27 Sandra Ave CR-55235	SD Cars	20 Plates
58.	Antonia Bain #406 Venetian West N-8421	SD Cars	10 Plates
59.	Sunny Russell Capital Rental Cars Adelaide Road CB-13502	SD Cars	12 Plates
60.	Deshan Sturup Pinewood Gardens Nassau Bahamas	SD Cars	10 Plates
61.	Latoya Burrows Malcolm Allotment N-8543	SD Cars	7 Plates
62.	Alcino Roxbury #34 Don Deswell Street N-10074	SD Cars	10 Plates
63.	Dion Seymour Codet Ave GT-2700	SD Cars	10 Plates
64.	Dwayne Cartwright Jody's Auto Sales Bernard road SS-5348	SD Cars	20 Plates
65.	Gregory Smith Caribbean Gardens N-707	SD Cars	3 Plates
66.	Keisa Cox Farrington Road Nassau Bahamas	SD Cars	5 Plates
67.	Trevor / Sonia Thompson Hamster Road GT-2135	SD Cars	5 Plates
68.	Everett Munroe Fairview Height N-7309	SD Cars	15 Plates
69.	Ausciano Goodman #10 Gladstone Road Nassau Bahamas	SD Cars	20 Plates
70.	Justus Rolle Shady Tree Street EE-1636	SD Cars	6 Plates
71.	Sylveta Civil #202 East Street CR54870	SD Cars	10 Plates
72.	Rollie Smith Jr Robinson Close	SD Cars	10 Plates
73.	Lathario Albury East Street South, Regency Park CB11047	SD Cars	15 Plates
74.	Frederick Sawyer/Chino Ferguson	SD Cars	15 Plates
75.	Vanessa L. Bain Sugar Apple Street, Pinewood Gardens	SD Cars	10 Plates
76.	Edward J. Demeritte Frank Edgecombe N-4357	SD Cars	20 Plates
77.	Bernadette Collie Armbrister Street SB-52342	SD Cars	5 Plates

No.	Name/Address	Description of Franchise	Request
PRIVATE SCHEDULE SERVICE			
1	Arnold Strachan Solider Road	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 2 Plates
2	Dan D. Delancy Joe Farrington Rd CR-54846	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 1 plate
3	Antonio L. Roker Paradise Island SP-63851	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 10 plates
4	Ricardo Dean Culberts Hill Winton	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 2 Plates
5	James A. Rolle #14 Goal Alley Of East Hill St.	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 2 Plates
6	Henry Bain #4 Opulent Drive SB-50035	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 6 plates
7	Vanessa Bain Sugar Apple St Pinewood Gardens SS-5567	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 1 Plate
8	Camalo McCoy The Bachelorette Tours Malcom Rd West	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 5 plates
9	Kyle A. Albury Pine Yard Road	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 1 Plates
10	Henry Shivers 17st Vincent Ave EE-16035	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 1 plate
11	Eric Smith Mt. Tabor Gardens N-7495	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 6 Plates
12	Julian Smith Nassau East North FH-14587	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 6 Plates
13	Alexander J Johnson CLaridgedale Sub	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 2 Plates
14	Brendon A. Bowe West End Ave	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 6 Plates

	N-8863		
15	Leroy Rolle #20 Garden View EE-15874	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 2 Plates
16	Keino Johnson Kennedy Sub	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 1 Plates
17	Francis Bowe Bowcar Investments Prince George Walf	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 2 plates
18	Terkisha Smith Cockburn St, Fox Hill N-4667	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 2 Plates
19	Theola Edgcombe Miller Road CB-12369	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 1 plate
20	Warren Berry Sunset Meadows	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 1 Plate
21	Theo Albury Yellow Elder	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 1 Plate
22	Juan R. Moss Leisure Private Transfers Montgomery St	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 25 plates
23	Brianelle Cartwright #3 Coral Harbour	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 5 plates
24	Yaiite Simms St. Albans Drive	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 1 plates
25	Whitney Marche #27 Sandra Ave CR-55235	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 4 Plates
26	Jamal Sharief Paradise Island SS-5488	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 2 plates
27	Elizabeth M. Martin #18 Pylfrom Road	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 1 plate
28	Justus Rolle Shady Tree St.	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 5 Plates
29	Brent G. Bryan	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 2 Plates

30	Tremaine T. Deveaux Stapleton Gardens	PRIVATE SCHEDULE	Requesting 2 plates
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No.	Name/Address	Description of Franchise	Request
VARIATION			
1	Rudolph Taylor Sr. (Deceased) G& T Bus Service #9 Fritz Lane	VARIATION	Rudolph Taylor Jr is requesting that his father Franchise be transferred to Himself
2	Whitney T. Marche Sandra Ave	VARIATION	Requesting to Transfer Whitney's car rental to Katrina Marche
3	Chino Armbrister Vince Bay	VARIATION	Name Change from Big D's to Cool Breeze ATV's Rental & Sales Also add Jordan Miller to added to the franchise
4	Philp Evans (Deceased) Caspin Road West	VARIATION	Gary Evans Requesting that his father Franchise be transferred to himself
5	Adrianna V. Smith Joan Heights South Beach SB-5142	VARIATION	Requesting that her Daughter Susan O'Brien to be added to existing franchise
6	Philip Ewing's Bellot Road N-9715	VARIATION	Requesting to change his Route from 21 A to 12b plate 534
7	Leslie Albury Stapleton Gardens McKinney Ave	VARIATION	Transfer Tour Car 217 to son Orlando Albury
8	Mario Strachan MSC Transportation EE-1456	VARIATION	Transferring 10 SD car Plates to Riley Boy Auto

9	Mario Strachan MSC Transportation EE-1456	VARIATION	Transferring Plate PNO265 to Alcino Roxbury (On Time Rental)
10	Bernard Miller Millers Transportation EE-15466	VARIATION	Requesting His Jitney Plates
11	Ali Zubair Clarke	VARIATION	Requesting to add His Sister Ruth Clarke to existing Franchise
12	Thomas Lightbourne Tren's Bus Service Coral Harbour	VARIATION	Requesting Name change and Transfer of plate 405 to his son
13	Lindsay Williamson Kimeulin Transit South Beach Estates	Public Schedule omnibus	Requesting a route change from route 11 to route 19.
14	Timothy Smith EZ Haul Concord Drive CB-11280	Self-Drive Exiting Plates	Mr. Smith is requesting a name change.
15	Louis Major Majors Bus Service Yamacraw Beach Estates	Public Schedule Omnibus Plate # 552	Requesting a route change from route 1 to route 10.
16	Reneika Knowles Star Car Rental Wulf Road CB-12276	Self-Drive Exiting	Reneika Knowles is requesting an address change from Wulff Road to Bay Street.
17	Patricia Dolce LA Paloma Bus Service Flamingo Gardens	Public Schedule Omnibus Plate # 490	Ms. Dolce is requesting that 490 be transfer to Bernadine Brennan.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND 2018

- * Thanksgiving Services (Bain Town Churches) 11:00 A. M.
- Any service during the day or week.
- * Parade of Marching Bands – Meadow Street 4:00 P. M.
- * Gospel Concert – Mother Butler Park 7:00 P. M.

MONDAY, APRIL 23RD 2018

- * Courtesy Call on the Governor General 11:00 A. M.
- * Official Opening Ceremony 6:00 P. M.
- Mother Butler Park

TUESDAY, APRIL 24TH 2018

- * Youth Explosion – Mother Butler Park 6:00 P. M.
- Dancing, singing, exhibitions, plats

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25TH 2018

- * Community Social - Mother Butler Park 6:00 P. M.
- Fashion Show, Board Games, Competitions,
Story telling, Family tree

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH 2018

- * Poetry Readings – Bain Town Library 3:30 P. M.
- * History Lecture - Mt. Olive Baptist Church 4:00 P. M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH 2018

- * **BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** 4:00 P. M.
- George Brown Park, Dumping Ground Corner
- * **CULTURAL FESTIVAL** 7:00 P. M.
- Meadow & Augusta Streets

SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH 2018

- * Official Closing Ceremony – Meadow Street 6:00 P. M.
- * Junkanoo Rush – Meadow Street 7:00 P. M.
- * Basketball Championships 9:00 P. M.

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