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Gov't Gets Poor Ratings

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

Thousands of Bahamians around the Bahamas are engaged in exercises to assess the performance of the government of Prime Minister Doctor Hubert Minnis after one year in office. There are four more years left in the term.

Callers on the Love 97 Radio Talk show "Issues of the Day" in the main gave the administration a failing grade for productivity. On balance, the government got poor ratings overall by most callers.

Among those who offered grades, there were 12 F's, 2 E's, 5 D's, 5 C's and 7 B's.

In the unscientific poll, all of the callers offered comments to justify the grades offered.

One female participant said, "I want to give the government a B+ based on their actions and activities so far."

"If you look at crime, as reported crime is down, the economy is growing a bit, and our Minister of Education is getting education on the right track. Those were three of the pertinent things in our country that we needed strong focus on," she said.

Another caller said that what she had voted for she has seen improvement, therefore also giving the government a B+.

"I voted on crime and the fear of crime, and for the first time in my life, for the last six months I could drive around Nassau and not be fearful. That's what I voted on and I have gotten what I voted on," she said.

One caller who also gave the FNM administration a favourable grade said that there are areas that have seen some improvements.

"I look at the Ministry of National Security and I see that they [have] started to make a difference there."

"I look at Tourism, its starting to make a difference. I think they are trying in some areas," the caller said.

Giving a negative assessment, some callers were not as kind in the grade they thought the government should receive.

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RBDF ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE IN MEMORY OF FALLEN MARINES OF HMBS FLAMINGO



► Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling (centre right), Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis (centre), and other government officials, attended the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Annual Memorial Service at Coral Harbour Base in memory of RBDF marines who perished in the sinking of the HMBS Flamingo on May 10, 1980. The Governor General and the Prime Minister laid wreaths in paying respects, and the Governor General addressed the memorial service. Also in front row: Commander of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force, Commodore Tellis Bethel, and Mrs. Teri Bethel, and at left, President of the Bahamas Christian Council, Bishop Delton Fernander. At second right, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance the Hon. Peter Turnquest and at right, Minister of National Security, the Hon. Marvin Dames. (BIS Photo/Peter Ramsay)

FORMER TEACHER CHARGED WITH INDECENT ASSAULT

BY LEAH COOPER
Journal Staff Writer

A sixty five year old man held back tears as he was charged in the Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the indecent assault of three minors.

Garfield Hepburn pleaded not guilty on all three charges and Magistrate Kara Turnquest-Deveaux set his bail at \$7,500.

Hepburn was remanded to the Bahamas Department of Correction and the case was adjourned until July 2nd.

The mother of the victim revealed that her daughter attends a Primary School.

She also said that she has been trying to fight this case for quite some time, but the school along with the Ministry of Education made efforts to conceal the matter.

Man Dies One Week After Shooting

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

The murder count increased by another one after a shooting victim died in hospital, on Wednesday after being shot outside a home in April.

The victim was reportedly one of four men standing outside a home on Jumbey Street, Pinewood Gardens, after 11:00pm on Saturday, April 28th when a gunman approached them, opened fire, hitting all of the men

before running away.

Police confirmed on Thursday that the victim died as a result of his injuries.

Police also investigating the circumstances surrounding a shooting incident which occurred on Wulff Road and Kemp Road shortly after 4:00am, yesterday.

According to reports, a male received gunshot injuries to his stomach and was transported to hospital and is listed in serious but stable condition.

Investigations are ongoing.

Police also investigating a traffic fatality that has left an adult male dead.

Reports are that after 9:00pm Tuesday a man was walking on Madeira Street when he was struck by a white Ford Explorer jeep. He was transported to hospital with serious injuries

On Wednesday the man succumbed to those injuries as a result of the accident.

The driver of the vehicle remained on scene, and is assisting police with their investigations.

ALARM OVER CYBERSECURITY THREATS

BY TIA THOMPSON

The Minister of National Security Marvin Dames says last year there were eight leading cyber security threats which encompassed both fraud and ransom. He said cybercrime includes damage and destruction of data and stolen money. It is estimated that cybercrime

costs approximately \$600 billion worldwide in a year."

"In 2017 nearly 90 per cent of companies were targeted by businesses email compromise, and in turn American businesses lost half a billion dollars a year as a result of this," says Dames.

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► Minister of National Security Marvin Dames (Journal file photo)

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MISS WORLD BAHAMAS CONTESTANTS PAID COURTESY CALL ON THE GOVERNOR GENERAL



► Miss World Bahamas Contestants called upon Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling at Government House on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Pictured from left: Jerome Sawyer, Caitlyn Walker - Miss San Salvador; Berinique Gibson - Miss New Providence; Shelly Elsee - Miss University of The Bahamas; H.E. Dame Marguerite Pindling; Angel Cartwright - Miss Long Island; Desiree Edwards - Miss Ragged Island and; Chinasa Outten - Miss Balmoral Island. **(BIS Photo/Letisha Henderson)**

Gov't Gets Poor Ratings

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"I give them an F. I've never seen a government administration move so stagnantly.

"When we jump off the gun after any election, we are usually able to have some kind of flow. There has not been a flow that has been consistent with this administration.

"There has been nothing but complaints and contention. I'm sorry I don't see five years with these guys," the caller said.

Another caller gave the FNM administration an F, stating multiple issues, particularly with Grand Bahama's economy.

"I give them an F. Why is that? I. Our Lucaya, the hotel

property is a ghost town, business is really slow.

"I also give them an F based on the OBAN Project for East End [Grand Bahama]. It seems as though now its gone silent and I guarantee you it will continue to be silent until everybody forgets about it," the caller said.

Meantime union leaders also weighed in on the gov-

ernments first year.

President of the Trade Union Congress Obie Ferguson said that he could not give an overall assessment from the labour front as there were many issues to be dealt with. However, he said that the governments Over-the-Hill initiative would receive a grade A.

President of the Doctors

Union Macumba Millar said that with the doctors still having issues that need to be addressed, he can only give the government a C-

"I can only speak for my area. There's a lot of ideas gone about, but it's very poor execution.

"They are being very lackadaisical of not fulfilling their promises. Just like the nurses

we have our same issues. They are not telling us anything. They are not dialoguing with us and they are not telling us when they are going to pay these persons," Dr. Millar said.

The FNM administration took office after defeating the Progressive Liberal Party, winning 35 of 39 seats in the House of Assembly, last year.

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\$5.3MIL WATER PROJECT FOR LONG ISLAND

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

A \$5.3million contract was signed yesterday between the Water and Sewerage cooperation and Bahamas Hot Mix Co. LTD. (BHM)

The contract seeks to extend the water supply in Long Island.

Lot 1 in the project begins at Salt Pond North Long Island, ending at Boat Harbour Drive and will provide service to approximately 200 service connections.

Lot 2 in south Long Island begins in Turtle Cove to Clarence Town which will provide service to approximately 100 serv-

ice connections.

Long Island MP Adrian Gibson said, "your tank running out of water and having to draw water out of the well, tote it up a hill and then down the hill. That's been the life and times of Long Islanders.

"So it will be wonderful to just go in there and turn on the tap and get city water. You don't have to go and purchase water pumps and dig wells and spend some \$60,000 on expensive rain water tanks and so on.

"Because even when you construct homes here on Long Island, you have an additional expense which will be a rain water tank. That runs you anywhere from \$20,000 to \$60,000,"

said the MP.

Mr. Gibson says this project will bring new jobs to Long Island. In fact, four weeks after the contract signing BHM will be back to conduct job interviews.

He also said he expects that 90per cent to 100 per cent of the employees in this project will be Bahamian.

Mr. Gibson assured the public that he will not rest until there is a sustainable means to providing potable water to each and every home and business in Long Island.

This project is set to begin six weeks after the contract signing and is estimated to be completed within six months.

MEN ARRAIGNED FOR MURDER

BY LEAH COOPER
Journal Staff Writer

Three men were arraigned in the Magistrates court yesterday in connection with a murder.

Twenty four year old Cleveland Musgrove, 19 year old Jonathan Brown, and 33 year old Marco Neely were accused of the murder of Prince Johnson.

The youngest of the accused, Brown, burst into tears as he spotted his emotional family members awaiting his fate.

The three men were remanded to the Bahamas Department of Corrections until July 19th.

In other crime news, Kevin Gardiner of Malcom Road was also charged in the court yesterday for the murder of Theagrea Hanna. She was stabbed during an argument in the area around 6pm on May 4th. Ms. Hanna died in hospital a short time later.

The twenty-seven year old was also remanded to the Bahamas Department of Corrections until June 19th .



► Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Senator the Hon. Carl W. Bethel, QC, (seated centre) recently met with officials from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Citizens Security and Justice Programme (CSJP) during a Stakeholder Meeting at the Office of the Attorney-General and Ministry of Legal Affairs, Paul L. Adderley Building, John F. Kennedy Drive. The Stakeholder Meeting afforded IDB and CSJP officials with the opportunity to provide the Attorney General with an update of the progress of Component III of the Citizens Security and Justice Programme which focuses on the further strengthening of the Administration of Justice System. Pictured along with Attorney General Bethel (from left) are: Danya Parker-Wallace, Deputy Director of Legal Affairs, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs; the Hon. Elsworth Johnson, Minister of State for Legal Affairs; and Marco Rolle, Permanent Secretary, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs. IDB officials are photographed in foreground. (BIS Photo/Derek Smith)

AG Bethel hosts 'Stakeholder Meeting' with IDB/CSJP officials

BY MATT MAURA

Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Senator the Hon. Carl W. Bethel, QC, recently hosted officials from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and The Bahamas' Citizens Security and Justice Programme (CSJP) to a Stakeholder Meeting at the Office of the Attorney-General and Ministry of Legal Affairs,

Paul L. Adderley Building, John F. Kennedy Drive.

The Attorney General was accompanied by Minister of State for Legal Affairs, the Hon. Elsworth Johnson; Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Attorney-General and Ministry of Legal Affairs, Marco Rolle; Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Attorney-General and Ministry of Legal Affairs, Sonia

Culmer; Danya Parker-Wallace, Deputy Director of Legal Affairs, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs; Shane Miller, Assistant Director of Legal Affairs, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs, and Loren Klein, Consultant, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs.

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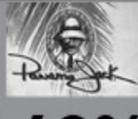
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The Stakeholder Meeting afforded IDB and CSJP officials the opportunity to provide the Attorney General with an update on the progress of Component III of the Citizens Security and Justice Programme, which focuses on the further strengthening of the Administration of Justice System.

Attorney General Bethel said there is "a unity of purpose" and commitment on behalf of the Government of The Bahamas, and the various governmental ministries/agencies involved in the project, to the success of the Citizen Security and Justice Programme.

"We realize that we cannot keep doing the same things, the same ways, expecting different results," Attorney-General Bethel said. "The project provides opportunities for us to re-imagine, particularly with regards to the treatment of young offenders, and further opportunities as to what can be done to turn things around; what can be done to intervene earlier, and so it is critically important."

Dr. Dorcas Cox, Project Manager, said the Stakeholder Meeting with the Attorney General was "part of the ongoing process to get an understanding from the stakeholder perspective.

"The meeting enabled us to determine what value are we already providing; what value does he require in the future; is the project providing him (in this case) with the outputs he needs to realize the mandate and the vision and the mission of the Government of The Bahamas. The fact that the Attorney General embraces the programme and is committed to it, is wonderful news. It means that all we have to do is to keep him informed, keep him plugged in and engaged, and meet those expectations that he shared with us," Dr. Cox added.

Funded by a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank, the CSJP has four components, the first of which deals with Conflict Resolution in a non-violent manner.

Component Two, addresses the lack of employability among young persons. Partnering with the Ministry of Labour (Department of Labour) and the National Training Agency, 2,600 young persons between the age of 15-29 will receive a cross-section of training targeted at soft skills instruction -- communication, teamwork, proper job etiquette and technical skills training -- with an opportunity to obtain some work experience in the hospitality and retail industries.

Component Three focuses on the further strengthening of the Administration of Justice

System; while Component Four deals with the rehabilitation and re-integration into society of offenders both in the adult population of the Bahamas Department of Corrections as well as the juvenile facilities, Simpson Penn Centre for Boys and the Willa Mae Pratt Centre for Girls.

The CSJP calls for a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary approach "that necessitates the expertise of multiple ministries and governmental bodies, the business community, educators, the Clergy and Civil Society."

Government ministries and their departments and agencies involved in the Programme include the Ministry of National Security (as the Government's Executing Agency), the Ministry of Finance (Government liaison with the Inter-American Development Bank), Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs, the Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Services.

The Office of the Judiciary (Supreme and Magistrates' Courts) is also a part of the Programme.

"One of the major outputs in component three is an effective Integrated Case Management System across the entire Administration of Justice landscape. Stakeholders will be the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs, the Supreme and Magistrates' Courts, the Royal Bahamas Police Force and the Department of Corrections.

"From arrest, to trial, to conviction, all of those stakeholders play an integral role in criminal justice administration. And so the system is designed to bring technology to bear so that we can reduce the backlog by reducing the amount of paper we have to distribute.

"The plan is to also improve communication across those various platforms and across those departments, enhance the scheduling and monitoring of cases, scheduling of cases, while ensuring that we have faster access to court transcripts. It's a significant initiative."

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MY BIG BROTHER, MY HERO

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.

How do you explain the indescribable bond that exists between siblings? You can't.

As indescribable as it may be, we know that it is a special connection that individuals share who have spent so much time together growing up in the same household.

It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone that two siblings who were inseparable as kids and who went through many hardships together would remain close over the years and always support each other.

The unbreakable bond between fashion mogul Peter Nygard and his sister Liisa could be seen from their days growing up playing on the Nygård family farm. During World War II, they were sent to stay on the farm to get away from the bombing in Helsinki, Finland when Liisa was two years old and Peter was three.

In addition to their unbreakable bond of love and respect, they both appeared to have the 'Midas touch' of success. Liisa took a \$2,000-dollar credit line and turned it into an 8-million-dollar success selling women's clothing.

She got advice from her big brother while building her company and Liisa adopted a lot of his ways of doing business. She describes her big brother as her mentor and cheerleader who helped her tremendously, but not just in business.

Liisa has expressed that Peter has always been her defender starting from the time they were little. Even in school nobody bullied her because they knew Peter was protecting her. He has even taken on the role as protector in her most life-threatening fight.

In a video testimonial at a 50th Anniversary celebration, Liisa explained:

When I found out last year that I had metastasized breast cancer, I didn't know if I would make to this year.

When my brother found out, he jumped into action. Thank God for my brother. He has helped me with it and I'm marching on to good

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.

health.

Peter is the kind of person that has to dig deep into everything. He's not just satisfied with what's on the surface.

He is doing so much for me on this health quest. I had bad cataracts and he lined up an appointment for me to have a cataract removed. What a miracle that is. Peter has given me a whole new lease on life!

He becomes like an angel around you. He wants to see people happy and not hurting.

It makes me want to cry to think that I was fortunate enough to have a brother like him. He's been like my guru and someone that I have looked up to my whole life. I'm here today as a cancer survivor thanks to my brother Peter.

It was said that there was not a dry eye in the room when Peter walked down the runway hand in hand with his little sister and then held her hand up in victory over her fight with breast cancer. Their mother Hilka was also a cancer survivor when she was alive.

Over the years Peter Nygard has given twenty-two million dollars to the fight against cancer.

His generosity knows no bounds. In addition to giving twenty-two million dollars in Canada, he has also helped a number of Bahamians with their medical challenges with cancer and other illnesses.

Like Liisa, these Bahamians can say, 'Peter Nygard, our hero'.

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EDITORIAL

CHAINED & BOUND

Within a matter of days, Bahamians will celebrate not only Labour Day; but will in a few more days, celebrate Independence and Emancipation Day.

And clearly, as the vast majority of them will somehow or other remember, each of these holidays is invested and deeply inflected with stories and memories of that time when their forefathers and mothers were the embodiment of both labour and [finance] capital.

Noted scholar, Julia Ott's notion that so intimate was the link between the reality of slavery and commerce that we could justifiably and rightly conclude that slaves were --in their very persons-- THE CAPITAL THAT MADE CAPITALISM.

And thus, the conclusion that Capitalism --as we know it today- is rooted and grounded in the sweated labour of Africans, chained, bound and transported to the Americas.

As Julia Ott explains: --Racialized chattel slaves were the capital that made capitalism.

While most theories of capitalism set slavery apart, as something utterly distinct, because under slavery, workers do not labour for a wage, new historical research reveals that for centuries, a single economic system encompassed both the plantation and the factory.

At the dawn of the industrial age commentators like Rev. Thomas Malthus could not envision that capital -- an asset that is used but not consumed in the production of goods and services -- could compound and diversify its forms, increasing productivity and engendering economic growth.

Yet, ironically, when Malthus penned his Essay on the Principle of Population in 1798, the economies of Western Europe already had crawled their way out of the so-called "Malthusian trap."

The New World yielded vast quantities of "drug foods" like tobacco, tea, coffee, chocolate, and sugar for world markets. Europeans worked a little bit harder to satiate their hunger for these "drug foods." The luxury-commodities of the seventeenth century became integrated into the new middle-class rituals like tea-drinking in the eighteenth century.

By the nineteenth century, these commodities became a caloric and simulative necessity for the denizens of the dark satanic mills. The New World

yielded food for proletarians and fibre for factories at reasonable (even falling) prices. The "industrious revolution" that began in the sixteenth century set the stage for the Industrial Revolution of the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

But the "demand-side" tells only part of the story. A new form of capital, racialized chattel slaves, proved essential for the industrious revolution -- and for the industrial one that followed.

The systematic application of African slaves in staple export crop production began in the sixteenth century, with sugar in Brazil. The African slave trade populated the plantations of the Caribbean, landing on the shores of the Chesapeake at the end of the seventeenth century. African slaves held the legal status of chattel: moveable, alienable property. When owners hold living creatures as chattel, they gain additional property rights: the ownership of the offspring of any chattel, and the ownership of their offspring, and so on and so forth. Chattel becomes self-augmenting capital.

While slavery existed in human societies since prehistoric times, chattel status had never been applied so thoroughly to human beings as it would be to Africans and African-Americans beginning in the sixteenth century. But this was not done easily, especially in those New World regions where African slaves survived, worked alongside European indentured servants and landless "free" men and women, and bore offspring -- as they did in Britain's mainland colonies in North America.

In the seventeenth century, African slaves and European indentured servants worked together to build what Ira Berlin characterizes as a "society with slaves" along the Chesapeake Bay. These Africans were slaves, but before the end of the seventeenth century, these Africans were not chattel, not fully. Planters and overseers didn't use them that differently than their indentured servants. Slaves and servants alike were subject to routine corporeal punishment. Slaves occupied the furthest point along a continuum of unequal and coercive labor relations. Even so, 20% of the Africans brought into the Chesapeake before 1675 became free, and some of those freed even received the head-right -- a plot of land -- promised to European indentures. Some of those free Africans would command white indentures and own African slaves.

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