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Davis Demands Appointment of CJ

BY LICEC BASTIAN
 Journal Staff Writer

Opposition Leader Philip Davis says it is time for the Prime Minister to Appoint New Chief Justice.



► Opposition Leader Philip Davis (Journal file photo)

Mr. Davis advised during a recent Progressive Liberal Party monthly meeting on Thursday that the time has come for Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis to appoint a new Chief Justice, bearing in mind that having one in place ensures the process of a 'balanced' governance.

In a press statement, Mr. Davis said that no one is forcing the FNM leader to have the post filled as it is his duty to do so.

Moreover, he said, that the absence of the appointment is causing much concern in the community, particularly the legal fraternity.

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Prime Minister Pays to Sir Arthur at his 90th Birthday



► Former Governor General Sir Arthur Foulkes turns 90. From left to right: Former Prime Ministers Perry Christie and Hubert Ingraham, Lady Foulkes, Patricia Minnis and Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis.

BY LINDSAY THOMPSON

Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis hailed Sir Arthur A. Foulkes as a visionary and a nation builder during the former Governor General's 90th Birthday Celebration on Friday, May 4, 2018.

Sir Arthur worked as a journalist,

served in politics as a Member of Parliament, in Government and as Governor General. He was also one of the framers of The Constitution. Hence, he is considered a Founding Father of the nation.

Before a packed Balmoral Club with family members including Joan Lady Foulkes, former and serving politicians,

Sir Arthur was honoured for his dedication to family and country. Tributes were paid by former prime ministers, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham and the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie. Also present was former Governor General Arthur D. Hanna.

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PLP CALLS COMMUNICATIONS BILL UNACCEPTABLE

BY BETHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

Opposition leader Phillip Davis said the present Communication Bill before the parliament will not get the support of the Progressive Liberal Party.

In a statement to the media, Mr. Davis said that he is not convinced that despite its proposed amendment, there are still features that are unacceptable.

Known to many as the 'Spy Bill,' Mr. Davis said

when the initial draft was tabled by the Free National Movement government, the National Security Minister could authorize the interception of communications.

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FNM GOV'T CELEBRATES ONE YEAR

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

With just three days left until the Free National Movement Government led by Prime Minister Doctor Hubert Minnis first anniversary, the party came together yesterday to celebrate at Living Waters Kingdom Ministries for a service of thanksgiving.

In his address to party supporters in the church, Dr. Minnis expressed satisfaction that his government is on the right course. He said the economy has grown and the growth is expected in the next fiscal year.

The Prime Minister expressed his gratitude for being able to serve the country for a year and thanked the people of the Killarney constituency for choosing him to represent them in the House of Assembly.

He also noted that the government is making progress on many fronts.

One of these fronts being the significant drop in murders and crime in the capital.

He said, "This is a promising development, but we must continue to improve policing and the criminal justice system while promoting social intervention to tackle some of the cause of crime."

Speaking with the Bahama Journal Member of Parliament for Southern Shores Frankie Campbell said, "as a part of the current administration, I have to give us an A. I'm satisfied that we've done the preparatory work. I'm satisfied that mindful of what we met in place, we've done the cleanup necessary to go ahead and move this country forward."

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► Prime Minister Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis addresses the congregation at a service of thanksgiving for the first anniversary of the Free National Movement's coming to office at Living Waters Kingdom Ministries, Warren Street, Oakes Field. (BIS Photo/Yontalay Bowe)

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Prime Minister Pays to Sir Arthur at his 90th Birthday



► At his 90th Birthday Celebration at Balmoral Club on Friday -- Sir Arthur, seated, and standing behind him, from left, the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis, and the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham. (BIS Photo/Peter Ramsay)

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In his remarks Prime Minister Minnis told Sir Arthur, "You have given your lifeblood and every measure of devotion for our country. We revere and love you."

According to the Prime Minister, it would take the poetic genius of Caribbean Nobel Prize winner Derek Walcott, or the brilliance of the West Indian Renaissance man Rex Nettleford, or the artistry of Max Taylor and Brent Malone, or the words and imagination of Sir Arthur Foulkes "to even begin to express the tremendous gratitude of the Bahamian people for the life and the legacy of the national hero, whose ninetieth birthday we joyously celebrate this evening."

The Prime Minister recalled that during the struggle for Majority Rule he was fortunate at a young age to meet Sir Arthur, who was then editor of The Bahamian Times, and one of the leaders of the National Committee for Positive Action, the NCPA.

"The newspaper, which Sir Arthur edited, and the NCPA, were pivotal in the struggle. Both were the brainchild of Sir Arthur and a number of his colleagues," the Prime Minister said.

He said that his uncle Dudley Gilbert, who helped to produce the Bahamian Times often, spoke about the kindness Sir Arthur showed him over the years before and after the Majority Rule government.

"He spoke of Sir Arthur's decency, his sense of fairness and justice, his compassion and humanity, all of which have graced our nation for nearly a century. Uncle Dudley always reminded me of how Sir Arthur remained faithful to the movement, and to his vision of racial, social and economic equality," the Prime Minister said.

He recalled that he was about 13-years-old when Majority Rule was ushered in.

"As a young boy I couldn't fully understand all the things that were being talked about and debated by my elders," the Prime Minister said. "But

over the decades many of us came to understand more fully the ideals and the vision of Sir Arthur and his generation of compatriots."

The Prime Minister said that he entered politics to give back to the country, what The Bahamas so richly afforded him and that Sir Arthur, among others, inspired him to public service.

"Sir Arthur: None of us can walk in your shoes. But we can follow in your footsteps on the path you trod and bravely cleared for your beloved Bahamas through your blood, sweat and tears. We have undoubtedly made tremendous progress as a nation."

But he said had the country remained more faithful to Sir Arthur's vision, it would have progressed even further in terms of equality and social justice.

The Prime Minister noted that the Over-the-Hill transformation plan his administration is leading is, in part, inspired by the social vision of Sir Arthur, who served as the Member of Parliament for Grant's Town.

FNM GOV'T CELEBRATES ONE YEAR

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Member of Parliament for Saint Barnabas Shanedon Cartwright says, "I prefer to give this assessment, we know that expectations have always been high. It's only been a year and we were able to accomplish some of our mandate."

He added, "we understand that there is a level of frustration and that's understandable when your expectations are high. There's much more work to be done. So, the work continues. That's the assessment I would give us."

Senior Pastor Raymond Wells advised the government in his message to ensure that their motives are aligned with the will of God and the will of the people.

He reflected on the story of Nimrod in the bible where they set out to build a tower that would touch heaven.

He said, "first of all, we must have the right motives. The principles were right, but their motives were wrong. Their motives to build a tower was to worship it and make it a god. Their motive was wrong. To build a great people who will in turn build a great city, we need leaders with the right motives."

The party also donated 20 kindles to the REMA Preparatory School, a school in which the church is actively involved.

A Junkanoo rush out along with refreshments followed the service at the party's headquarters.

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"He has the right to act when he deems appropriate, but in that decision making process, he has to take into account the conventions of the Constitution that relate to that duty and the role that flows from that duty to be exercised and the importance of it," Mr. Davis said.

Mr. Davis further added that he will not support the appointment of anyone to the post of Chief Justice, particularly one that would be appointed "directly from the 'Boiler Room' of politics".

In fact, the opposition leader said that he has repeat-

edly raised concerns over the matter, explaining that the existence and effectiveness of the Judiciary rests primarily in the confidence the Bahamian public have placed in it.

The Member of Parliament for Cat Island, Rum Cay and San Salvador said he is waiting on consultation for the appointment as the government must get on with it.

In December last year, Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis appointed Justice Stephen Isaacs as acting chief justice sparking concerns among senior lawyers that he has undermined the independence of the judiciary.

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Chairman of The Bahamas Agricultural Health and Food Safety Authority Mark Humes, and the Department's Officer-In-Charge Josefina Curry, attended the 13th session of the commission on phytosanitary measures or CPM last month in Italy.

The meeting of the CPM, the governing body of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), reviews the state of plant protection around the world, identifies action to control the spread of pests into new areas.

They also develop and adopt international standards - establishes rules and procedures for resolving disputes, adopts guidelines for the recognition of regional plant protection organizations; and

cooperates with international organizations on matters covered by the Convention.

During the five days of discussion, the delegation participated in a wide-range of topics on issues related to local and global plant health, plant protection issues.

Topics covered at the meeting included Plant Health and Trade Facilitation, Plant Health and Environment Protection, Human and Plant Health Interaction, ePhyto certification, e-Commerce, Sea Container Cleanliness, and Cooperation between Standard Setting and Standards Implementation.

In addition, issues that have an impact on countries like The Bahamas who depend on trading large quantities of plant and plant

products, like grain, fruit, vegetables or timber to sustain their economies.

They also held strategic planning meeting with regional and international plant health officials to discuss The Bahamas' phytosanitary capacity development plan.

As a contracting member of the Commission, the Bahamas, in partnership with other CPM contracting nations, is responsible for implementing the work program of standards development, information exchange, and capacity building.

The delegation returned to The Bahamas on Saturday, April 21st and will organize a series of information workshops for local sanitary and phytosanitary stakeholder groups.

Two Charged With Cocaine Possession

BY LICEA BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

Two men stood before Acting Deputy Chief Magistrate Subusola Swain on Friday charged with possession of dangerous drugs with the intent to supply and conspiracy to possess dangerous drugs with the intent to supply.

Eugene Seymour, 34, and Darren Burrows, 38, were allegedly found in possession of two and a half pounds of cocaine when they landed on Cat Island on May 2, via a flight from New Providence.

According to reports, after disembarking the flight at the New Bight Airport, they were searched and allegedly found in possession of the dangerous drugs.

Subsequently, the men were arrested and charged. They pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Seymour, while standing before Magistrate Swain, attempted to argue his defense to which the magistrate informed him that she could not entertain one and that he would have to wait for trial.

The pair were remanded to the Bahamas Department of Corrections until July 9th.

AMERICAN AIRLINES ADDS FIVE NEW FLIGHTS TO THE BAHAMAS

American Airlines, the largest international carrier to operate service to The Islands of The Bahamas, has added five new flights and 453 total seats, increasing the number of nonstop and connecting flights from three, major U.S. cities.

Beginning in December 2018, the new flights will offer more nonstop options and enhanced connectivity to the islands-nation's capital city of Nassau and some of its most beloved family islands – Grand Bahama Island, North Eleuthera and Abaco – for travelers escaping from the Chicago, Miami and Charlotte gateways during the cold winter months.

Nonstop flights from O'Hare International Airport (ORD) in Chicago to Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS) in Nassau will begin December 22, 2018, operated by a B737-800 aircraft. The new service will add 160 seats each week from the major Midwest hub.

Seasonal flights from Miami International Airport (MIA) to Freeport, Grand Bahama (FPO) will launch on December 18, 2018, operated by the E175, a 76 seat aircraft. The two morning departures will transport Miami-area travelers to paradise in less than one hour, with the first flight departing Miami at 9:02 a.m. and arriving in Freeport at 9:50 a.m. and the second departing at 10:32 a.m. and arriving at 11:20 a.m. Both weekly flights add 152 seats to Freeport, bringing valuable support to the island.

The airline will also launch year-round service from Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) in North Carolina to two destinations in The Bahamas. Saturday service into North Eleuthera Airport (ELH) will begin on December 22, 2018, adding 65 seats on the CRJ aircraft. A second Saturday-only service will introduce 76 new seats into Marsh Harbour Airport in Abaco (MHH), operated by the E175 aircraft. The weekly flights will bring a total of 141 new seats to The Bahamas.

Bahamas Minister of Tourism and Aviation Dionisio D'Aguilar is confident that the new flights will help fill the higher inventory of rooms added by new hotel developments throughout the Islands of The Bahamas.

The new air service contributes to a very encouraging trend in air arrivals to The Bahamas recently reported by the Nassau Airport Development company. Arrivals have reached the highest level in 11 years, exceeding even pre-recession numbers. More than 150,000 visitors landed at LPIA in December 2017, and preliminary results for March 2018 are even more impressive – up by 24 per cent over 2017 arrivals.

"The addition of several new flight options from American Airlines is welcomed news for the local tourism industry," said D'Aguilar. "As our room inventory increases, we are eager for to meet that demand with more seats bringing travelers to our islands. The benefits will be felt especially during our winter months when tourists from cold areas are looking for a warm, sunny vacation," said the Minister.



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Recall Of Eggs

BY BERTHONY MCDEMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

The Department of Agriculture is advising the public on the voluntary recall of eggs produced by Rose Acre Farms Hyde Country Farm.

The Bahamas has been determined by The United States Food and Drug Agency (FDA) as one of the international locations the recalled eggs were distributed.

These eggs sold under multiple brand names include Coburn Farms, Country Daybreak, Food Lion, Glenview, Great Value, Nelms, Sunshine Farms, Publix and Sunups.

The department says the viral image posted on social media purporting that contaminated eggs were being sold by a local retailer.

The department wishes to advise the public that inspectors have reviewed the batch information on the cartons on the shelves and have determined that they are not from the original recall list.

Consumers and retailers should check carton or packing of their eggs for the following:

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Consumers should not eat any shell eggs from the lots listed and if you have any of the above products you are advised to discard the product or return to their place of purchase.

The department also advises to practice safe food handling and preparation measures.

Prime Minister Lists Accomplishments and Plans at Free National Movement's First Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving

On the first anniversary of the Free National Movement's coming to office, its leader, Prime Minister Dr. the Hon. Hubert A. Minnis outlined significant achievements and plans for the way ahead.

The FNM, which became the governing party following the May 10, 2017 General Election, celebrated the year in a church service at Living Waters Kingdom Ministries, Warren Street, Oakes Field.

"We meet in thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God for his abundant blessings as we celebrate the first anniversary of the Free National Movement's re-election to office on 10 May, last year," the Prime Minister said.

He noted: "For the fourth time in an independent Bahamas, the Bahamian people have reposed their trust in our party.

"We are grateful to the Bahamian people for this trust, which we will continue to honor it in our program of reform and transformation."

The Prime Minister said it was not only a time for celebration, reflection and for taking stock but to appreciate what the party has achieved and the groundwork laid for a new Bahamas.

"Amidst our challenges, I can report to you that we remain steadfast in our vision. We are making progress on many fronts," he said. "The Bahamas will be a better country because of the mandate the people of The Bahamas have given us."

Some of the notable achievements he pointed out are that economic growth has returned to The Bahamas. The economy, he said, grew by 1.4 per cent last year, and

is projected to grow by 2.5 per cent this year.

"There has been a significant reduction in murders, and an overall drop in crime," he said. "While we have to see what happens over the longer term, crime is down in New Providence."

"It is a vision of hope and opportunity. It is a vision to improve the lives of citizens and residents, who are often on the margins of society," the Prime Minister said.

"Addressing poverty requires ideas and strategies for social and economic mobility," he added.

The Prime Minister also stated that the FNM's agenda for economic development and growth would be done in tandem with a comprehensive social agenda that will:

- increase home ownership;
- boost health and nutrition and reduce obesity; and
- improve the lives of the poor in our Bahamas.

"My administration will lead one of the most ambitious efforts in our history to reduce obesity and improve nutrition. This includes addressing the high rate of childhood obesity in our country," which was another goal announced by the Prime Minister.

"We are addressing corruption, which retards national development and progress," he added.

And, Grand Bahama is at the heart of the Government's agenda to boost economic growth and reduce unemployment, the Prime minister announced.

"There are exciting plans for the economic recovery of

Grand Bahama, especially in tourism. Freeport is set to become a regional tech hub. Just last week we announced a \$50 million dollar investment for Freeport," he said.

The Prime Minister further mentioned other successes stating: "Our national security team is having success in the crime fight; we are transforming the electricity network and tackling other longstanding issues; we are leading a revival of Over-the-Hill communities; we will lead the recovery of Grand Bahama, and bring new opportunities to the Family Islands; we are cleaning up corruption in government; we are embarked on one of the most ambitious social transformation efforts in our nation's history."



► Prime Minister Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis addresses the congregation at a service of thanksgiving for the first anniversary of the Free National Movement's coming to office at Living Waters Kingdom Ministries, Warren Street, Oakes Field. (BIS Photo/Yontalay Bowe)

EU To Implement GDR In The Bahamas

BY BERTHONY MCDEMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

On May 25th, 2018, the European Union (EU) will implement its General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in all member states.

While the new regulations will directly impact EU countries, implementation could also affect Bahamas-based organizations conducting business with entities falling under the arc of the regulations.

Sunryse Information Management, a data management firm based in Nassau, says local companies failing to comply with specific data collection guidelines as outlined in the GDPR regulations while engaging with EU companies could be subject to face stiff fines of up to €20 million or 4 per cent of their annual revenue.

President of Sunryse Information Management Chris Sawyer said, "How companies collect, store and eventually destroy data from agencies or organizations in the EU member states will be further scrutinized once the new GDPR regulations come into effect this month.

"Businesses in The Bahamas must look at their overall process and have a handle on what personal information is being gathered from clients be that names, emails addresses, credit card details, banking information, insurance details or any other personal details specific to that individual.

"There also has to be a clear understanding of the chain of command as the data moves from the customer through various channels within your organization. Once collected, it is also important to determine how a company manages the information now in its possession. Careful consideration should be given to obtaining consent from clients when passing client data between entities."

Sawyer started Sunryse Information Management 18 years ago with the goal of helping companies properly dispose of confidential information through shredding.

Since then, the data management company has expanded services to include secure storage of physical client files and also digitizing client documents for clients seeking to store and manage information digitally.

For organizations in The Bahamas, conducting business with EU clients or customers where there is any exchange of goods or services or if the company is monitoring the behavior of persons based in the EU, the responsibility of compliance ultimately rest with the organization gathering the information.

The Sunryse team continues to work with its clients to ensure compliance by the GDPR implementation date and offers the following tips to local businesses impacted by the new regulations.

The first step towards determining compliance is to become knowledgeable about the new regulations. Next, Sunryse urges its own clients to evaluate their current data collection and retention policies.

Under the new regulations, individuals have the right to access and review their personal data. The company collecting the information must correct all inaccuracies and erase any information that an individual request to be removed or redacted.

Individuals can also object to being solicited through direct marketing based on information collected and have the right to move data collected to another entity.

With this in mind, local companies impacted by the new GDPR regulations must determine how they will organize and store information in a way where it is secure and can be easily provided upon the request of a client or a consumer.

Sunryse encourages companies to put a comprehensive plan in place to manage data throughout its complete lifecycle—from collection, retention and destruction of records on client request.

Having automated processes with built-in restrictions in place further protects client data and reduces the chances of companies becoming non-compliant.

MINISTRY OFFERS CLARITY ON FLY-FISHING

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

After much controversy over fly-fishing activities, The Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources is seeking to bring clarity to the ongoing public discussions concerning the Fisheries Resources (Jurisdiction and Conservation) (Flats Fishing) Regulations, 2017.

As a matter of history, the government of 2007 – 2012, sought to accelerate the sustainable development of the fly-fishing industry.

Having considered the economic impact and the fact that it is a niche market where Bahamians can take ownership and develop a sense of economic empower-

ment within their communities, the decision was then taken to draft enabling regulations, preserving the industry primarily for Bahamians.

It was then agreed, among other things, that only Bahamian citizens should be permitted to be licensed as guides and authorised to offer guiding service for the fly-fishing industry; and that visiting anglers engaged in fly-fishing activities be required to use the services of a licensed guide.

The General Elections of 2012 overtook the plans of that administration; however, the incoming Government followed through with the standing legislative prescriptions for the most part.

The significance of the

flats fishing industry is fully appreciated by this Government.

The Government recognises that the stability of our economy depends on the strength of its middle class and small and medium-sized businesses.

The Ministry of Agriculture has resolved to empower a new class of entrepreneurs and that includes practitioners in the fishing industry.

The Minister, Renward Wells said, "as a consequence, I am happy to reiterate the continuance of the Flats Fishing Regulations, 2017, and I look forward to the input and continued support of stakeholders as we move this process forward."

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Why did Members of Parliament pass a bill that violates the Constitution of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas?

What were their motives? If you are going to pass a bill, the Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity bill), that is in direct conflict with our Constitution, there must be a reason for contravening our laws in such a way.

There are only two choices here: They have a strong political motive for committing this act or they are dim-witted. Now, which is it?

We would like to believe that the individuals we have elected to represent us in the House of Assembly are not dumb. Furthermore, they admitted to realizing that the bill goes against The Constitution of The Bahamas. So, it has to be a political motive.

Why else would they blatantly repudiate—in essence, that is what they did—The Constitution of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas that they are sworn to uphold?

Here's the troubling part about the entire situation: An attorney introduced the bill. Did he forget something?

Let's remind him of his ethical responsibilities from Rule XII of the Bahamas Bar Code of Professional Conduct Regulations:

Whenever the attorney seeks legislative or administrative changes, he should disclose whether he is pursuing his own interest, or that of a client or whether he is acting in the public interest. The attorney may advocate such changes on behalf of a client even though he does not agree with them, but when he purports to act in the public interest, he should espouse only those changes which he conscientiously believes to be in the public interest.

The attorney who introduced the bill stated that it might be in conflict with The Bahamas Constitution. How could that be in the “pub-

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.

lic's interest”?

The bill that they passed suggests disrespect for some individuals and their rights.

There are dire implications from such willy-nilly changes that disregard The Constitution. Such actions can cause a breakdown in society as cited from these statements in the preamble of the New York Lawyer's Code of Professional Responsibility:

The continued existence of a free and democratic society depends upon recognition of the concept that justice is based upon the rule of law grounded in respect for the dignity of the individual and the capacity of the individual through reason for enlightened self-government. Law so grounded makes justice possible, for only through such law does the dignity of the individual attain respect and protection. Without it, individual rights become subject to unrestrained power, respect for law is destroyed, and rational self-government is impossible.

Lawyers, as guardians of the law, play a vital role in the preservation of society.

Bahamians will not accept our politicians deciding whose rights are important to protect and whose rights are dispensable. We have not granted any individual in The Bahamas the authority to do so. How dare they even try!

The governing body of Commonwealth of The Bahamas needs to fix this problem that they have created.

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E D I T O R I A L

WE AGREE TO DISAGREE

One of the major virtues extant in nation-states such as ours [with both democracy and the rule of law; inclusive of individual rights and responsibilities] has also to do with a need for the tolerance of difference; and thus today, we express our differing perspective on Bahamas Carnival.

Indeed, then, please note what is clearly a cry from the heart as one pastor takes direct aim at this festival and the administrations which have welcomed and facilitated the staging of the supposedly lewd fest.

The angered pastor claims:-- Regarding the moral irresponsibility of carnival, Peter is no better than Paul!

But what about the moral cost to the nation? I guarantee he will be silent on that-- and both the Christie-led PLP government and the Minnis-led FNM government are accountable to God and the Bahamian people for the moral damage of carnival.

Regarding the moral irresponsibility of carnival: --Both of them see nothing wrong with the government promoting and facilitating an environment of excessive alcohol consumption and disregard for public decency laws, where virtually naked women erotically 'wine', gyrate, and have virtual sex in public with characterless men inflamed with lustful passions.

First, this now dated announcement:-- The Bahamas Carnival Experience, is finally here. It promises to be 72 hours of non-stop partying, with entertainment provided by top international acts like DJ Khaled, Machel Montano and Destra Garcia.

And thus we reach some carnival-flavored facts that should matter to all right-thinking, tolerance-minded brothers and sisters, boys and girls here and around the world.

In this regard, then, note that:-- In a time now on its merry way down memory lane, Carnival enthusiasts --some of them avowed Christians; some of them Muslim; some of them Hindu; and of course, the vast majority of some others all enjoyed an experience with a festival much like similar fetes taking place around the world.

Indeed, then, we are obliged to note that there

are very many folks who could care less whether Carnival stays or goes.

Evidently, therefore, since we live in a world in which there is and where -- of course -- there should always be a measure of tolerance where even when there is disagreement there is implicit agreement with the other party's right to their views, their privacy and their person; and thus the paradox where they can and do agree to disagree!

But yet, whilst we are so minded, we are also aware of the fact that there are men and women 'out-there' who loudly proclaim their opposition to fetes like carnival; this set of views based on their strongly held views concerning the extent to which such events might serve to brutalize any number of our people!

For our part, whilst we are minded to support any and all who think as they do we just do not see the rational basis for most of their more dire carnival-driven prognostications.

And in the most definite way possible, we just do not agree with or believe that any entertainment that comes packaged in with this festival has anything to do with Bahamian women's sexuality and a purported connection with "being overtly exploited for monetary gain".

This kind of hyperbole takes exaggeration itself to that level where absurdity abides; and yet we hasten to add that we have no qualms with any and all who believe otherwise!

And thus, we have no patience with suggestions to the effect that, somehow or the other, carnival provides a set of staged circumstances where women as displayed as "mere objects of lust".

This is just so over-the-top; and thus, we absolutely reject that 'serious' call to the effect that:-- "...All concerned [should] resist the push to treat our mothers, daughters and sisters with such gutter-like disrespect--The promotion of immodest costumes, such as those displayed for use in the carnival, will not only promote promiscuity, but fornication, rape, incest, and other sins of the flesh as well. Such immodest and immoral body displays could well become the breeding ground for the premature 'sexualization' of our children as they will not be immune from these perversions."

With respect, we disagree!

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Bahamasair Adds New Flights Roundtrip Flights From Miami To Bimini

In an effort to continue to take the nation's flag carrier to new heights, Bahamasair has introduced new 60-seat round trip flights from Bimini to Miami, Florida.

The launch of the new flights were commemorated with official inaugural flights on Thursday, May 4 with traditional water showers and a Junkanoo performance at both Miami International Airport and Bimini International Airport.

Flights will depart Miami at 1:30 p.m. and arrive Bimini at 2:00 p.m. and leave out of Bimini at 2:30 p.m. The flights are scheduled to run four times weekly, beginning in May, Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

According to officials, this is the first time in 40 years that Bahamasair has serviced this route.

"The launch of this route to Bimini is an opportunity to create more reciprocal opportunities for both of our respective communities in Miami and in The Bahamas," Bahamasair Chairman Tommy Turnquest said.

"Our continuing aim as a key tourism partner is to continue to bring as many visitors as we can and showcase all that our beautiful country has to offer. Likewise, the new flights from Bimini to Miami will continue to strengthen the links of commerce that define the connection between our country and the state of Florida."

Minister of Transport and Local Government Frankie Campbell said this new flight has strengthened ties between Bimini and Miami.

"Many intrepid Americans made their first international boating trip across the gulfstream, from South Florida to Bimini. For years, they have seen Bimini as a place to visit



► Bahamas-air Inaugural flight from Miami to Bimini -- From left Mr Tracey Cooper Managing Director Bahamasair , The Hon Orville Tommy Turnquest - Chairman Bahamasair , The Hon Frankie Campbell MP - Minister of Transport & Local Government, The Hon Pakeisa Parker - Edgemcobe MP and MS Patricia Ann Lawrence - President Resort World ,Hilton, The Ribbon cutting Ceremony took place at the Miami airport Departure gate. UP246, The Welcome Ceremony to place at the Bimini airport.



by boat. This new flight, hopefully, would help to change that perception and encourage more and more

Floridians – and Florida visitors - to experience Bimini by air," he said.

Senior Director of Airlift in the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism Tyrone Sawyer also lauded the benefits of the new flights.

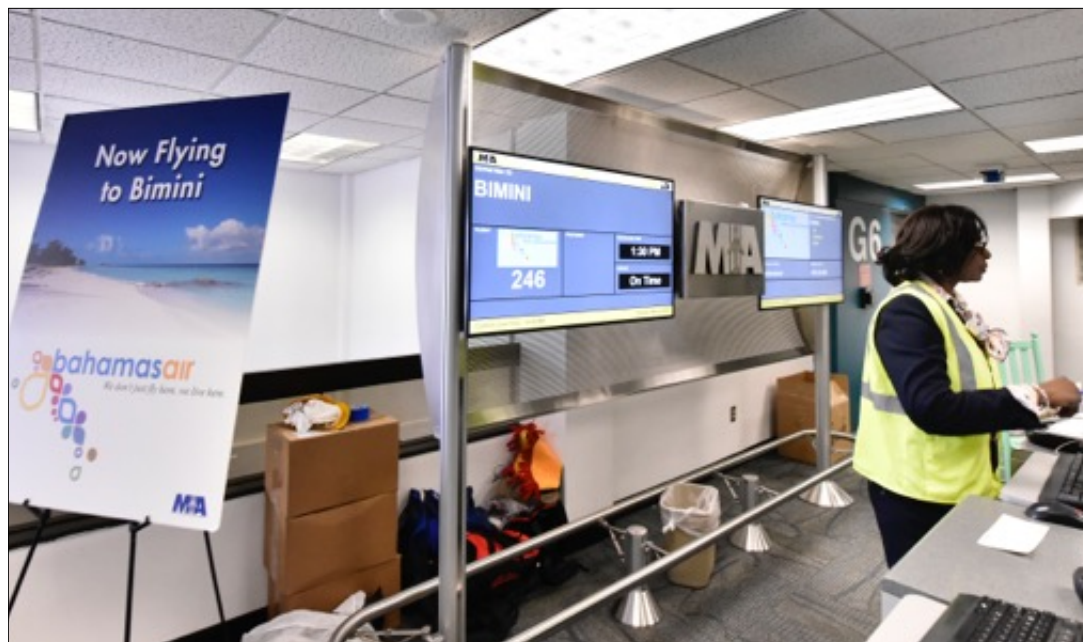
"It positions Bahamasair strategically as a tool of tourism development. We've got a lot of airline partners that come with large networks that feeds their respective hubs. Now we are seeing Bahamasair starting to use their new aircraft to position themselves in markets like Miami and Fort Lauderdale. We hope that this is a trend that will continue where Bahamasair will come into the market and bring good air fares that impacts the attractiveness of our ability to grow tourism," he said.

Bahamasair has also partnered with Resorts World Bimini to increase the headcount on the flights and at the multi-million dollar resort.

General Manager at Resorts World Vince Angelo said this partnership will increase already high occupancy levels for the summer.

"It is very, very excited for the island. Any opportunity that we are going to be able to have to bring more travelers to this beautiful is going to prosper for everyone," he said.

"Visitors have been demanding more opportunities to get to the island versus the somewhat limited ways that we have now. Having this flight on schedule now four days a week is going to encourage them to want to fly more. It's a phenomenal airline and I know the visitors are going to enjoy this as well. The summer will be extremely busy and now with Bahamasair it could increase that occupancy and we are just really waiting to see that."



Haitian Nationals Apprehended

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

Two Haitian males were apprehended in the Southern Bahamas on Friday by members of The Royal Bahamas Defense Force after they failed to produce legal documents.

While on routine patrol, the HMBS Kamalamee, under the command of Senior Lieutenant Valentino Rolle stopped and boarded a 45-foot Haitian sail sloop.

The vessel was approximately 6 nautical miles off the west coast of Great Inagua.

Investigations conducted by the Boarding team revealed a total of five Haitian Nationals were on board. Two of the passengers did not produce the necessary documents to enter the country.

Both passengers along with the Captain of the sloop were subsequently taken into custody and handed over to police and immigration officials in Inagua for further processing.

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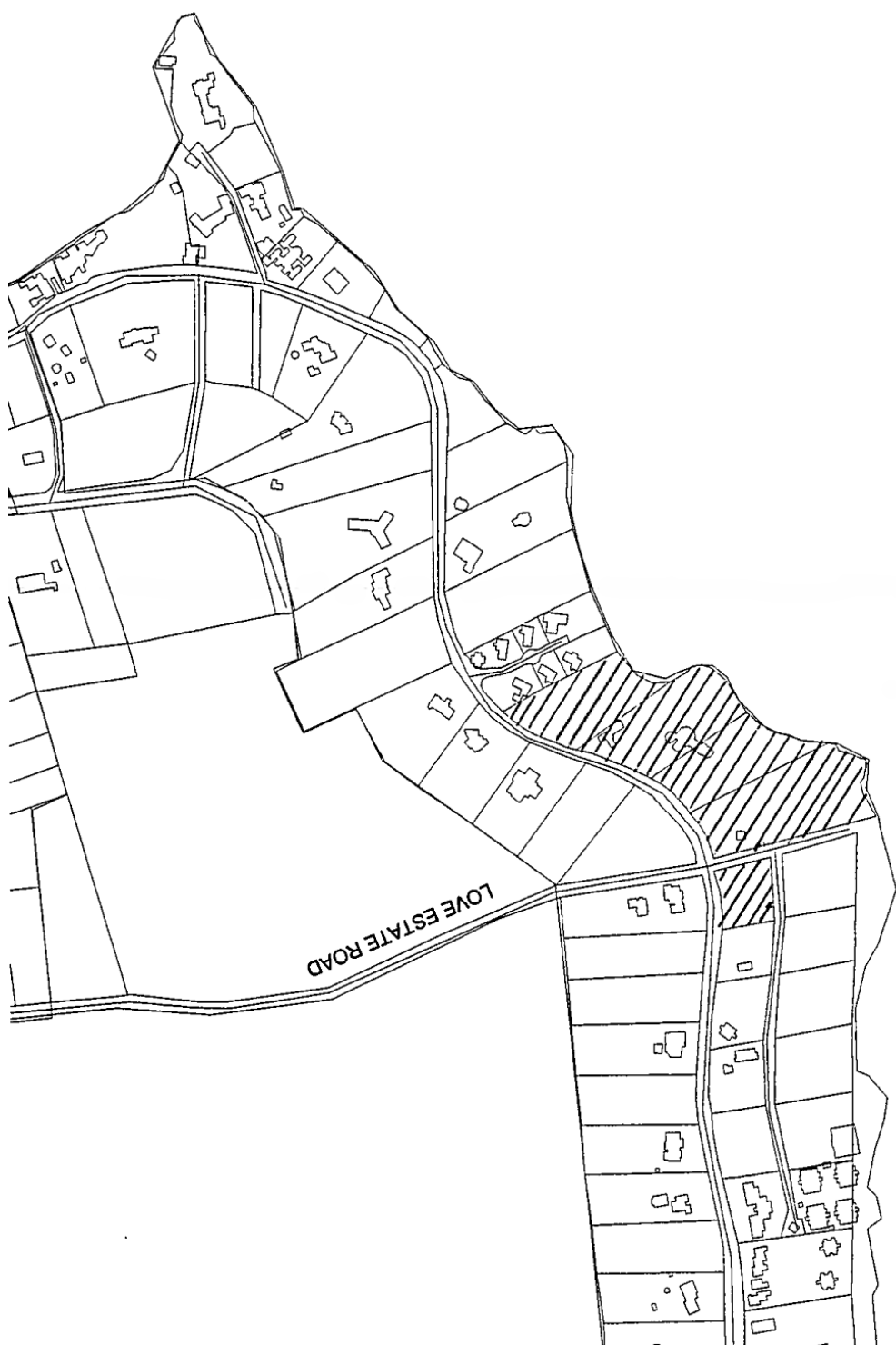
The public is hereby notified that the Town Planning Committee is considering a preliminary application (PSA/55/2018) on behalf of Hucknall Limited and Argon Limited to permit multi-family residential land use on Lots 6,7,8,9 and 10A in Love Estates.

The subject lots are situated on the northern side of West Bay Street and immediately east of Garden of Eden.

The file for the proposed change of land use is available for viewing in the Department of Physical Planning at the Aventura Plaza, John F. Kennedy Drive. Interested persons and organisations are invited to provide written comments to the Acting Director of Physical Planning within twenty-one (21) days of the date of this notice.

Submissions should be made via P.O. Box N-1611, Nassau, The Bahamas, or fax (242)328-3206. Further inquiries should be made to the Acting Director via Tel. (242)322-7550/2 or (242)328-3202 or CHARLESZONICLE@BAHAMAS.GOV.BS

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Eneas Files

By Godfrey Eneas

We Became an Inward Looking People Part 1: Bahamians as Global Traders

Until the end of World War II, The Bahamas looked outside. It was a British colony in the Caribbean that was very different from the others. Even though its economy was agriculturally based, its food production system was not one of a plantation dominated by sugarcane estates with slave labour. It was one orientated to supplying the global market with exotic commodities.

Export agriculture for the Caribbean was centred around sugarcane production. The Bahamas, on the other hand, developed a global market for a range of agricultural and marine products. Its proximity to the American and Canadian markets enabled The Bahamas to have a unique access.

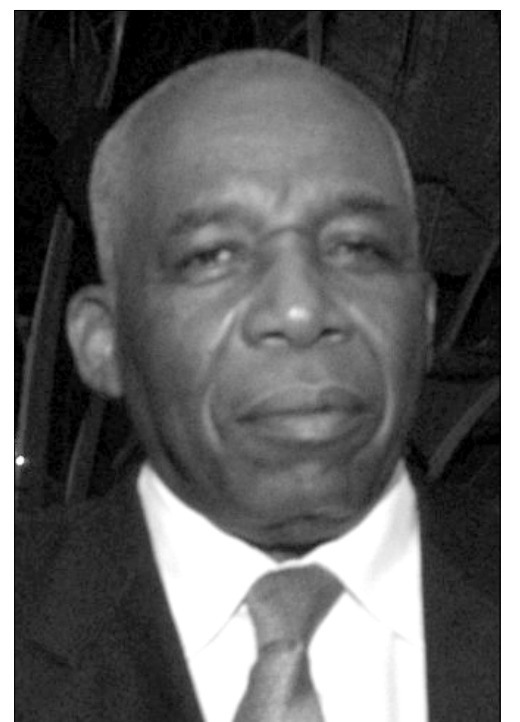
From 1900, The Bahamas was exporting agricultural commodities -citrus, pineapples, tomatoes, okra(supplied Campbell Tomato Soup of Canada), onions and sisal(Neville Chamberlain, former British Prime Minister operated a sisal farm on Andros for six years) to the US and Canadian markets and Cascarilla Bark to Europe. In conjunction with agricultural exports, The Bahamas was a major source of marine products for the export market-salt, sponges(Queen Victoria's sponge of preference was the velvet variety from The Bahamas. The sponge was the commodity that attracted the Greeks to this archipelago. By 1938, the sponge industry had collapsed as a result of a disease which put thousands of spongers out of work.), turtles and turtle jewellery items, ambergris(by-product of the sperm whale) and lobster.

Throughout the 20th century, agricultural exports played a significant role in the economy, particularly on Andros and Abaco, where US Off-Shore growers and companies were supplying the eastern seaboard of America with a range of winter vegetables(squash, cucumbers, okra, tomatoes and sweet peppers), citrus(orange, limes, lemons and grapefruits as The Bahamas had the third largest acreage in CARICOM) and avocado pears as well as pineapples. Hundreds of Bahamians, particularly women, were employed as farmer labourers, farm machinery operators and mechanics, irrigation repair and maintenance personnel, export grading and record keeping.

With reference to marine products/ commodities, lobster exports have evolved into 100 million dollar industry along with Aragonite, a multi-million dollar business.

Trade in the export of agricultural and marine products has been an important aspect of our economy. At the domestic scene, the Produce Exchange and the network of packinghouses on the Family Islands generated incomes and employment opportunities for farmers and their families.

The Bahamas had a long history of trading with its closest neighbours-the US,



Canada, Haiti and Cuba. The basis of the wealth of the Bahamian oligarchy, the Bay Street Boys, stemmed from the monopolies they were able to create as Commission Agents for American, Canadian and British products. Agency for various products became synonymous with certain families. Imports became an important part of the Bahamian economy as it generated wealth not only for the oligarchy but also for the State. The main source of revenue was excise duties.

Haitian products had a presence on the Bahamian market via Mr Wilfred Toothe, the brother of the Hon. T.A. Toothe, who had a Haitian Emporium on Woodes Rodgers Drive or, as it was called, the Market Wharf in those days. Mr Toothe travelled to Haiti buying all sorts of Haitian products as Haitian vessels anchored on the Wharf and off loaded fruits, rum, wood carvings, paintings etc. The Haitian sloops went back to Haiti with various products.

The Bahamas was also market for Cuban products. The chief agents for Cuban products were Ragged Islanders who plied between Duncan Town and mainland Cuba, only 139 miles away. Cuban products were brought to Nassau and sold on the Market Wharf from the Ragged Islands vessels. Trading with Cuba was an important part of the Ragged Island economy.

Inagua was unique as it traded with both Haitians and Cubans. Many of the residents were tri-lingual. Matthew Town to mainland Cuba is less than 90 miles and Port de Paix, Haiti is only about 70 miles. The trade dynamics in the Southeastern Bahamas included Haiti and Cuba, so there was a familiarity with people and places.

For economic survival purposes, Bahamians had to look outside. During the days when the Panama Canal was being built, scores of young Bahamian men caught ships leaving places like Long Cay for Panama in the early 1900s.

PLP CALLS COMMUNICATIONS BILL UNACCEPTABLE

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An amendment to the bill was later proposed with a new version now giving that authority to the Attorney General.

In light of these moves by the government, the PLP leader expressed his dissatisfaction because he believes the amendment places another 'political appointee' with the power to authorize interceptions.

Mr. Davis also said that

during the PLP's term in office, the Privy Council strongly advised the government to modernize its law and in the process to remove the jurisdiction from the political directorate to the jurisdiction of the court to give permission for interceptions as a way to eliminate the bias and prejudice from the process.

He added that when his government presented the bill prior to the last elections, it did so responding specifically to those issues that were nec-

essary.

This bill as it is being presented, he continued, flies in the face of the principle of having an independent public prosecutor so as to be free of political interference.

What is so amazing about the issue, he pointed out, is that some of the same people who opposed the bill when the FNM was the opposition party, are now supporting it. "What an about-face," he said. "Such a blatant act of hypocrisy."