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BPL NEEDS RETOOLING

The outspoken President of The Bahamas Electrical Workers Union Paul Maynard says Bahamas Power and Light (BPL) needs to be retooled in the national interest.

Appearing as a guest on the Love 97 Radio evening show "On Point" yesterday, Mr. Maynard said "the poor performance at BLP over the years is not the fault of the workers. You have to blame the former management team of the last fourteen years headed by

Kevin Basden.

"Our members have worked seven days a week, 24 hours a day to keep an ancient system going. We haven't had a system upgrade since 1990. That is why when lightening strikes, the whole island goes off. The switches are ancient and they need to do a protection audit," he said.

The Union leader said there is no easy fix for BPL. "It took years for them to get into this situation and it's going to take years to get out of this."

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► President of The Bahamas Electrical Workers Union Paul Maynard (Journal file photo)

"FNM Producing Unemployment"

The leader of the Opposition Progressive Liberal Party, Philip Davis says "even in opposition, the work of the PLP is having a more positive impact on the lives of Bahamians than the policies of the governing Free National Movement."

Addressing the installation of stalwart councilors of the PLP on Sunday at the Lorana Thompson auditorium on Baillou Hill Road, Mr. Davis told his supporters, "for their part, the FNM has put thousands of Bahamians on the unemployment line.

He said, "most of the jobs added to the economy since May 2017 were jobs created by the PLP."

"With more than 200,000 Bahamians without health insurance, National Health Insurance remains their best hope and option to access affordable quality health care. We in the PLP introduced this policy," said the PLP leader.

He said "access to affordable quality education are important to youth development and securing our future. That is why the PLP established the University of The Bahamas and expanded educational opportunities to young Bahamians-especially public school graduates. We doubled our investment in education.

"The FNM has slashed available scholarship money," said Davis.

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Two Bahamian Soldiers Honoured At Memorial Ceremony

BY LICEC BASTIAN
 Journal Staff Writer

Tribute was paid to fallen comrades at a Memorial Day Ceremony held at the Clifton Pier Memorial with a wreath laying ceremony yesterday.

Special recognition was given to U.S. Patrol Squadron 23 sailors, who died off the coast of Nassau on May 7, 1954.

During the ceremony, Charge d' Affaires, of the U S Embassy Nassau, Stephanie Bowers also took the time to honour two Bahamians who served in the US Army, one of whom lost his life in the Iraq War in 2004.

"This Memorial Day, we also remember two Bahamians who served in the US Army. Sgt. Errol McKinney and Private First-class Norman Darling.

"We recognize their service and sacrifice as

well as that of their families, a powerful reminder that the United States Military includes in its service citizens of many nations," Mrs. Bowers said.

During her remarks, Mrs. Bowers also paid tribute to 10 sailors who lost their lives 64 years ago during a training mission off the coast of Nassau.

"Memorial Day began as a way to honour those who lost their lives during one of the most tragic times in US history. Today across America's cities and towns Memorial Day will once again be observed.

"This particular monument erected in stone is a testament to the 10 sailors in patrol squadron 23, who tragically lost their lives on May 7, 1964.

"It also stands as a tribute to all those who lost their lives in the arms services, not just here in

The Bahamas, but around the world. On this day in particular, we become feeble as we look on the water where 10 service men lost their lives.

Although words cannot repay the debt we owe them, we must remember them," Mrs. Bowers said.

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► Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor General, was in attendance during the United States of America Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 28, at the Clifton Memorial site, Clifton Pier. Royal Bahamas Defence Force gave a Gun Salute during the ceremony, and released wreaths. Wreaths adorn the Clifton Pier Monument in honour of fallen military heroes. Among the United States and Bahamian officials, and friends and family, are in front row, from left: Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling; US Embassy Charge d'Affaires Stephanie Bowers; National Security Minister Marvin Dames; Foreign Affairs Minister Darren Henfield; Leader of the Opposition Philip Davis; and Ingrid Lady Darling. (BIS Photo/Patrick Hanna)

23-YEAR-OLD CHARGED WITH GROVE MURDER

BY LICEC BASTIAN
 Journal Staff Writer

A 23-year-old was arraigned in Magistrate's Court yesterday for the alleged murder of a 38-year-old resident of Market Street.

Leander Bell spent his first night on remand at the Bahamas Department of Corrections after being charged with one of count murder in the shooting death of Jason "Lyrics" Edgecombe.

Bell, of Rosebud Road was charged with unlawfully causing the death of the 38-year-old father of seven who was shot while standing with a group of men on Fourth Street, Coconut Grove.

According to police reports, around 10pm on Monday, May 14 while the group of men stood in front of a barbershop off Robinson Road, a white Nissan March pulled up, a man exited the car and fired multiple shots at the

group, hitting Edgecombe.

Paramedics were called; however, Edgecombe was pronounced dead on the scene.

Bell who was not required to enter a plea, was remanded to prison until August 21, when he returns for a Voluntary Bill of Indictment which will fast track his case to the Supreme Court.

The accused was not represented by an attorney.

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BPL NEEDS RETOOLING

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Mr. Maynard said BPL needs to bring in propane at the Bluehills Power Station. "That will represent a significant savings. They have to retool Bluehills to operate on propane. It's on diesel now. It should be off

in the day and only be running in the night."

He said "the Clifton Pier Power Station is a mess. Fix Clifton so that it can run on bunker C fuel and get Bluehills on propane and you'll see the fuel bill drop to almost one half."

"On the family islands, put

solar systems and propane engines there. Now you will have your fuel problem fixed and you'll be fine. On New Providence, just about every sub-station has to be upgraded," said Mr. Maynard.

As Labour day approaches next Friday, he says after the

movement lost ground in the 1990s, it is picking up again.

Mr. Maynard, the Presidents of the umbrella Unions, Obie Ferguson of the Bahamas Trade Union Congress and Bernard Evans of The National Congress of Trade Unions of the Bahamas are all hopeful that by June of

next year, all unions will be under one umbrella.

Mr. Maynard said the unions must get stronger because a lot of people are being taken advantage of. "As opposed to a minimum wage, we need a livable wage," he said.

Two Bahamian Soldiers Honoured At Memorial Ceremony

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Governor General, Dame Marguerite Pindling, in paying tribute spoke of the relationship between the Bahamas and the US which she says stands on a solid foundation of mutual respect and common principles.

"It is highly appropriate for The Bahamas to unite in this particular event and to solemnly recall the

bravery and sacrifice made by the crew members of Patrol Squadron 23, as well as others who have perished in the regional and global thrusts toward democracy and peace.

"Naturally because of our good relationships and proximity, many Bahamians have joined the American Military services and regrettably some have also made the supreme sacrifice. This is

therefore another valid and appropriate reason for us to jointly commemorate their battle, express our sympathy and ensure that they are never forgotten," Dame Marguerite said.

"I consider this Memorial Day to have another important message beyond the remembering of the fallen; it is also an

opportunity to continue to implant in the hearts of all of our people the necessity to remain vigilant and to constantly remind ourselves, our youth and generations to come of the seriousness involved in nation building," she said.

Remembering their loved ones, daughter of ADC John Holle Hope

Lamb and Pericles Maillis son of Alexander Maillis who was on site to assist with recovery efforts expressed gratitude for continued support of both the US and the Bahamas.

VP-23 Squadron Neptune aircraft (MA-5) and its crew, crashed after take-off from Windsor Field while participating in

an exercise ASDEVEX 1-54 with ships from the Atlantic Fleet. The wreckage of the MA-5 was located approximately three and three-quarters miles from the west end of runway 27 at Windsor field. On September 4, 1954 the Clifton Pier monument was erected in honor of the lost Sailors of MA-5.

COALITION TO SAVE CLIFTON

CHANGE OF VENUE

The Public Town Hall Meeting scheduled for BCPOU Hall on **Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 6 P.M.**, will now be held at the Bahamas Historical Society Hall on Shirley Street and Elizabeth Avenue, downtown.

Presenters will be Fred Smith, Q. C., Matt Aubry, and Lemarque Campbell and the Moderator will be Rev. Dr. C. B. Moss.

Apologies for any inconveniences caused.

"FNM PRODUCING UNEMPLOYMENT"

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Stating that all countries need Foreign Direct Investment to facilitate economic growth and development, he said the PLP was responsible for bringing Baha Mar, Albany, Bakers Bay, Island House and the Pointe projects to fruition.

"The PLP stood front and center in the conception, execution and establishment of the vast majority

of our national institutions. The policy footprints of the PLP span the length and breadth of the Bahamas," said Mr. Davis.

He told PLP supporters, "nobody can challenge the relevance of the PLP. Try as they may. Jobs are important to Bahamians. In our last term alone, 39,505 jobs were added to the economy."

Saying the PLP is on the move, Mr. Davis said the organization is

retooling its machinery to make it battle ready against the FNM government.

He said many of the honourees have toiled in the political vineyards, recruiting supporters and members of the PLP.

"They have fought gallantly on the political battlefield in securing victory after victory. They have fallen short at times, were down, but never out," said Mr. Davis.

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The Ministry of Finance reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

Financial Secretary



► RBDf 2018 graduates from the UB on May 24, 2018 at the Thomas A. Robinson Stadium. From left: Leading Woman Marine Stacy Ferguson, Lieutenant Natasha Woods, Leading Woman Marine Michelle Wood, Commander Defence Force, Commodore Tellis, Petty Officer Deanna Davis, Leading Woman Marine Jocelyn Scarlett, Marine Seaman Marcian Tucker, Able Woman Marine Ebony Gibson and Command Force Chief, Force Chief Petty Officer Oral Wood. (RBDf Photo by Chief Petty Officer Jonathan Rolle)

RBDf Personnel Graduate from University of The Bahamas

FNM RISKS BECOMING ENEMY OF THE ENVIRONMENT

If the FNM government continues down its current path with regard to fossil fuels, it will go down in history as an enemy of the environment according to Save The Bays chairman Joseph Darville.

Hitting out at several projects in the works that he said will extend rather than decrease the country's reliance on petroleum products, Darville asked what happened to the FNM's pre-election promises and the Prime Minister's alleged passion for renewable energy.

"The Oban oil refinery in Grand Bahama, an LNG plant at Clifton – instead of moving us away from dangerous, polluting petroleum products, this government seems to be entrenching the Bahamas in a longterm reliance on the curse of fossil fuels," he said. "This is the opposite of what Dr. Minnis and his colleagues said on the campaign trail.

"I sincerely hope that this new proposal for off-shore drilling in our precious waters is outright rejected. If not, this FNM government, despite all of its promise, could end up going down in history as yet another administration that turned out to be an enemy of the environment.

Darville conceded that the FNM have taken some positive steps, for example announcing a ban on plastic bags. However, he said, their position on fossil fuels and lack of a credible plan for transition to renewables remain major causes of concern.

"Environmentalists understand and accept the need for new projects, in particular those that will create employment opportunities, but development must be pursued both responsibly and progressively, with an eye to creating the kind of society future generations of Bahamians would be proud to live in."

The STB chairman said the government should reject the Oban deal as regressive and far too dangerous for the sensitive marine ecosystem of East Grand Bahama.

"Fossil fuels are a thing of the past and developed countries are seeking to move to renewables as quickly as possible. Oil refineries are retrograde – they represent the opposite of progress. We simply cannot put our marine environment, and the thousands of Bahamians who rely on it for their living, at risk in this way."

He also called for the Clifton LNG power plant deal to be reversed, saying the heavily polluted area desperately needs remediation, not further development.

"Clifton pier is an environmental travesty, a shameful stain on our national identity. How on earth could the government give permission to Shell to build yet another petroleum facility there? That whole area needs to be shut down and a full-scale cleanup project launched immediately. If the government absolutely must allow another power plant to be constructed, it should be built elsewhere and designed to work in tandem with solar or wind power as part of a plan to move to fully renewable energy over the next two decades."

Finally, Darville urged the FNM not to grant any licenses for off-shore oil drilling, which he said could be the "death-knell" for our marine environment.

"One major spill in our waters and it is game over for our fisheries, game over for our tourism industry, game over for our natural resources. We all saw what happened in the Gulf of Mexico; we are a small country and do not have the resources of the United States to bounce back, not that the environment ever truly recovers from such a disaster," he said. "I urge this government to think about future generations of Bahamians."

The Royal Bahamas Defence Force congratulates 7 of its members, who successfully graduated from the University of The Bahamas on Thursday past at the Thomas A. Robinson Stadium.

The graduates include: Lieutenant Natasha Woods (BA – Business Administration in Accounting), Petty Officer Deanna Davis (Bachelor of Education – Primary Certification), Leading Women Marines Stacy Ferguson, Michelle Wood and Jocelyn Scarlett (Bachelor of Science – Nursing), Able Woman Marine Ebony Gibson (Bachelor of Science – Tourism Management) and Marine Seaman Marcian Tucker (Bachelor of Science – Biology and Chemistry).

Commander Defence Force, Commodore Tellis Bethel congratulates the recipients on behalf of his executive and senior commands, Officers, Warrant Officers, Noncommissioned Officers, Marines and himself. He also lauded all of the recipients for their outstanding accomplishments.

The Royal Bahamas Defence Force continues to protect and preserve the territorial integrity of The Bahamas.

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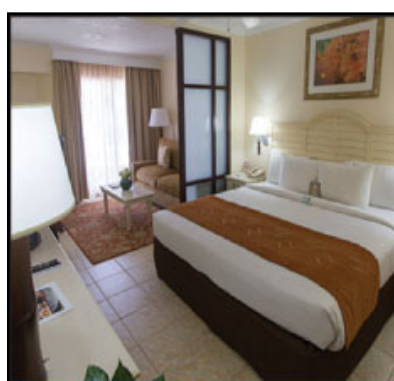
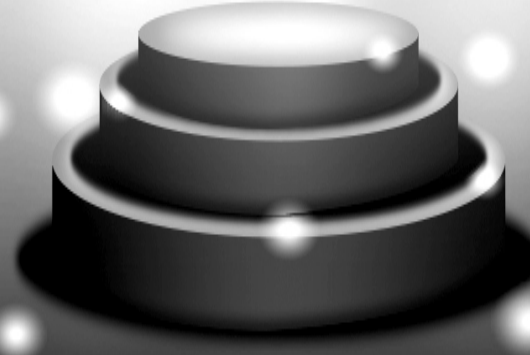
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► St. Anne's School Wins 1st Soldanza Healthy Throw Down Competition. The school won four laptops and were presented with a floating trophy from Milo Butler Distributors. Pictured l to r: Beverley Hamilton, Sr. Mistress, Arlene Major, Sr. Mistress, Cynthia Wells, Principal, Joel Cunningham, Sales Manager at Milo Butler, Damian Butler, Managing Director, Milo Butler Group of Companies; Shema Poitier, Brand Manager, Milo Butler, Raven McPhee, student and Christopher Thompson, Sales Merchandiser, Milo Butler.

St. Anne's Blue Waves Claim Top Spot in 1st Soldanza Healthy Throw Down School Competition

After one month of competition, the St. Anne's Blue Waves walked away as champions of the first Soldanza Healthy Throw Down School Competition.

A total of ten schools participated in the initiative launched by Milo Butler Distributors. Representatives from the company presented students and faculty with their prize pack including four laptops and accessories, Soldanza branded items and a floating trophy

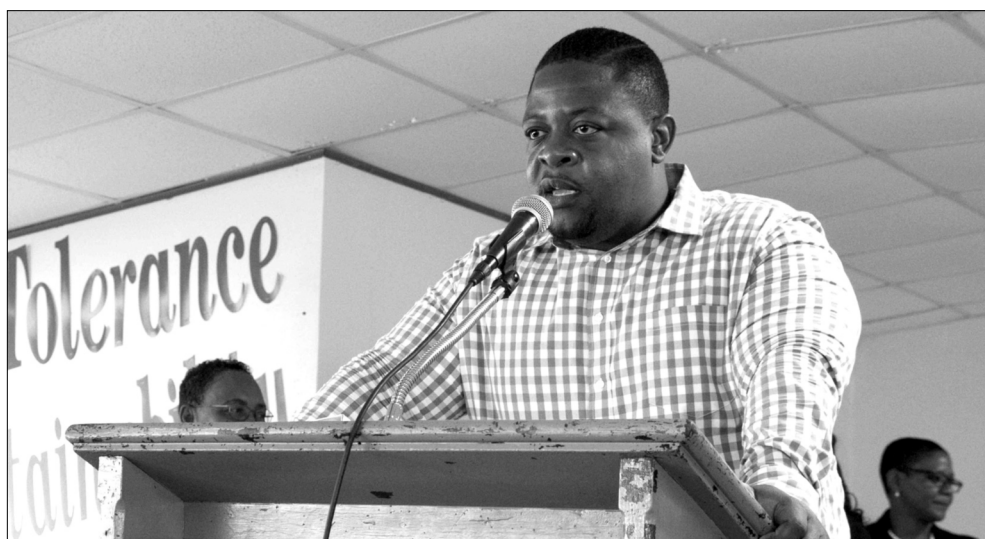
after the school purchased the most cases of product to win the grand prize.

Last summer, Milo Butler introduced the brand of organic plantain and cassava chips into the market as a light, healthy snack alternative. Shema Poitier, Brand Manager at the wholesale distribution company, spearheaded the contest.

"The response to our first Soldanza Healthy Throw Down School Competition was tremen-

dous. We were successful in achieving our goal of introducing healthier snack options to our younger consumers in the school environment. This campaign was part of our response to the health crisis we are currently faced with as a nation as it relates to high incidences of lifestyle diseases like diabetes, obesity and hypertension" Ms. Poitier said.

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► Milo Butler Managing Director and former student, Damian Butler addressing St. Anne's during the trophy and prize presentation

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THEREAL PETER NYGARD PART II

The 2018 series salutes fashion mogul Peter Nygard'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.

"Will the real Peter Nygard please stand up." There are many sides to fashion mogul Peter Nygard as Marina Sturdza has shared in her 1987 article "Who is the real Nygard?"

Previously we highlighted several characteristics of Nygard that appeared to greatly contribute to his ability to make his business such a huge success. Sturdza also zeroed in on some of the ones we presented. Below are excerpts from what she shared in her article, which continues from Part I:

There's Nygard the perfectionist, who before launching his denim division, examined no fewer than 60 products, checking every detail, counting belt loops, pockets and the number of stitches per inch, measuring waist bands and checking logo positions. Nygard's own denim product was submitted to every conceivable wear and performance test, until it met his demands.

Even so, he ordered the production line stopped, when he zeroed in on a minor offending detail—and expensive three-week delay that cost the company thousands of dollars.

Similarly, for his classic Alia pant, available in 56 different colors, Nygard insisted on a costly one-piece waistband plus custom-dyed thread, buttons and zippers to match each of the 56 shades—all for a garment slated to retail at a ridiculously low \$26, that is churned out at the staggering rate of 30,000 a week.

There's Nygard the arch-competitor... a man whose compulsion to conquer and succeed in all his endeavors is seemingly endless.

All of the above are, or have been, the real Peter Nygard. But emerge with a remarkably limited portrait of the man, who's considerably more complex than he's likely to admit. Says Nygard: "What you see is what you get." Not entirely.

No one ever built a \$200-million clothing empire on mere flamboyance, hedonism, and a knack for self-promotion, and nobody ever did it alone. And Nygard's ability to retain top-level executives ... is testimony to the caliber of Nygard's operation and the opportunities he offers. And the company's impressive growth record—Nygard International has never failed to turn a consistently high profit, and sales have doubled every five years—indicates that Nygard is clearly paying attention to business.

Nygard's route to fashion supremacy may not have been as glamorous as that of his higher-end designer market peers, but in North America, the middle-market is where the numbers are and where the profit lies. What's more, Nygard's record has greatly endeared him to his retailers, and will doubtless earn him a privileged reception for his next venture, a signature collection pitted directly against Canada's "better" manufacturers.

Nygard further protects his retailers' interests (and incidentally, his own) by providing thorough product information and staff indoctrination, plus enviable display and co-op advertising support. So effective are his tactics that Nygard's Canadian retail sales amount to \$4 per capita, for every man, woman and child in this country—all the more impressive when you consider the company's low price points—\$25 to \$150, and the sheer number of units represented. In total, Nygard produces 10 to 12 million garments a year in his Thunder Bay, Winnipeg, Los Angeles, Taiwan, Korea, Hong Kong and Chinese factories.

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.

And you can't ignore Nygard the industry innovator, whose arsenal of computer software tracks everything from design and fabrication specifications, sales and marketing programs, immediate sales figures, customer data, stock levels, and accounts receivable, plus myriad other business details. Nygard's electronic message system also connects him instantly to any of his 30 international offices. In a business in which today's hot trend is all-too rapidly tomorrow's ennui, that's money in the bank.

And, for all that he's painted as a jet-setter, a party-goer par excellence, Nygard remains a loner, an essentially solitary man whose invariable priority is his work.

There's also Nygard the family man, who takes pleasure in providing his family with a luxurious life in Nassau, and who flies his parents in to share all the important occasions of his life.

While Nygard's glittering glass-enclosed new building could be construed as a self-aggrandizing and needlessly extravagant expenditure, it is also a stunning Toronto landmark that will most certainly pay off in increased sales and employee productivity. In fact, says Jim Bennett, the building's showroom and display facilities have already prompted an increase in orders. And, since Nygard intends to make his multiple-use building available to other designers and fashion organizations, it's also an elegant gift of space to the industry and to the city.

The interesting thing from this perspective is that it appears nothing has changed with respect to Nygard's approach to his business. We can see how his consistency has helped him to continuously achieve mega success while so many other retailers have gone out of business.

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EDITORIAL

PERFECTLY PATRONIZING?

Merriam Webster answers the question:--- What does patronize mean?

One use of patronize carries a distinctively negative meaning: "to adopt an air of condescension toward." This sense presumably developed from the idea of a wealthy and powerful patron who adopts a superior attitude towards his (or her) dependent.

Nowadays, someone who patronizes (or whose behaviour is patronizing) in this sense more often expresses a sense of moral or intellectual than of social superiority.

And thus today we recall that: -- "PRIME Minister Dr Hubert Minnis called for love between Bahamians and Haitians as the government seeks to eradicate shanty town communities."

This he did in the course of "...addressing the League of Haitian Pastors' 24th Annual Crusade/Civic Night at the Church of God Auditorium on Joe Farrington Road on Thursday, May 24, 2018..."

Evidently, the prime minister had -- as audience -- a captive crew, if ever the same could be said of any group of pilgrim travellers!

And lo and behold, many of these people were either ethnically Haitian or so-called 'Haitian' Bahamians.

Evidently, many of these people are either voters or people who can help persuade people how to do their 'political' thing!

And thus, we most assuredly suspect that someone or the other has begged and beseeched the Hon. Dr. Hubert A. Minnis to go easy on those Bahamians and their ethnically Haitian kin who live in so-called 'shantytowns'.

And for sure, it might also happen that Dr. Minnis is himself absolutely convinced that some Bahamians might have taken it on themselves to be rude, boorish and hateful to what should be a most important politically potent demographic.

If evidence is needed here reference need only be made to the thousands of so-called 'Haitians' who are gainfully employed wherever the right kind of manpower is needed.

In truth, however, whilst Dr. Minnis' shantytown motives might be questioned by many, we happen to find ourselves on quite a different rhetorical run.

The fact of the matter -- as we see it -- is this: -- If you want the best answer to any question, please interrogate the victims of your solicitude and hopefully beneficent action!

And thus, regardless of the size and mandate

[allegedly tasked to carefully plan for the removal of shantytowns] so that we can better assimilate the residents of these areas, and help to improve the quality of life of residents".

This is precisely where the patronizing aspect of the matter rears its mighty head --- all this: -- "So that we can better assimilate the residents of these areas, and help to improve the quality of life of residents".

Prime Minister, the Hon. Dr. Hubert A. Minnis claims: -- "There has been a tremendous misunderstanding by some people, of what we are trying to do. Our aim is to improve the lives of all of those affected by what we are doing."

The nation's chief would be well-advised to remember that good intentions -- however patronizingly framed -- might yet prove to be nought but a road to hell.

In this regard, then, the advice we proffer remains: -- Please, Sir, refrain from patronizing them!

Evidently, therefore: -- Whilst such sweetly-syrupy efforts might be welcomed and encouraged, we counsel that, Haitian pastors [matter their denominational ties] may not be the best people to speak for or to on behalf of all those men, women and children who are being re-routed up-rooted from the familiarity inherent in village life.

And thus we suggest that:--[No] Underscoring the strong ties between The Bahamas and Haiti, no so-called "misunderstandings" in the government's dealing with issues of illegal immigration can or should be in the purview of said League of Haitian pastors.

And for sure, said league of comfortably appointed leaders --however well-intentioned -- should not be seen as substitutes for the men and women whose lives are being upturned.

We happily confess that whilst we might not know much, the fact remains that we know that the Hon. Dr. Hubert A. Minnis is acutely aware of the power that is being marshalled and wielded by our country's bevy of pastors, apostles and other anointed ones.

This neatly explains the Chief's constant forays into the inner sanctums of this or that saint-filled edifice.

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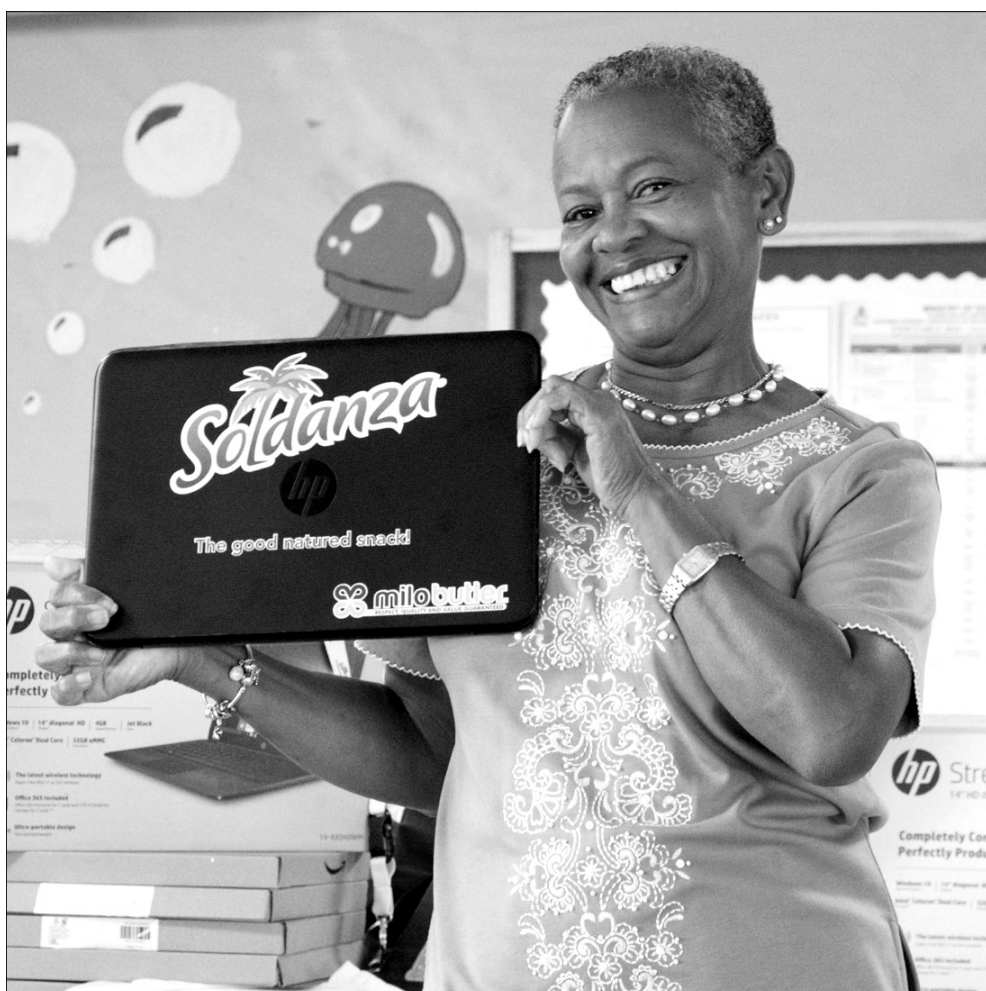
would willingly consume."

Damian Butler, Managing Director at Milo Butler Group of Companies, attended the presentation at his alma mater. During the special assembly at the campus in Fox Hill, Mr. Butler congratulated the school

and encouraged students to stay focused on their goals and to dream big beyond the walls of St. Anne's School.

The company plans on running another Soldanza Healthy Throw Down School Competition in the near future. Schools interested in participating

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► Arlene Major, Senior Mistress At St. Anne's celebrating the school's Soldanza Healthy Throw Down Win.

PRIME MINISTER ASSURES COMPASSION AS SHANTY TOWNS ARE BEING DEALT WITH



► At League of Haitian Pastors' 24th Annual Crusade, May 24, 2018 at Church of God Auditorium, from left: Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis; Minister of Financial Services, Trade & Industry and Immigration, the Hon. Brent Symonette; and Minister of Transport and Local Government, the Hon. Frankie Campbell. **BIS Photo/Yontalay Bowe**



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The Treasurer of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas is conducting a new vendor verification exercise to prepare for an upgrade to its digital payment processing system on **June 15**. This will affect all individuals and businesses providing goods and services to the Government.

It is very important for all vendors to participate in this verification exercise so they do not experience any discontinuation of payments. Failure to participate in the vendor verification process will result in the discontinuation of payments.

Vendors must **submit or confirm banking information and email contact information** with the Public Treasury. This must be done by completing a Vendor Verification Form, available online (Go to www.bahamas.gov.bs, go to Forms top left click on vendor verification form and download).

For the past three years, the Public Treasury has been transitioning away from the use of cheque payments and other manual processes. This year, the Treasury plans to eliminate cheque payments all together. Payments will be made by direct deposit. And as of **July 1**, **all notifications of payments will be sent by email**. This will allow vendors to receive immediate notification when payments are sent to their accounts.

Vendor Verification Process

1. Download Vendor Verification Form
2. Complete Form and Email to controlssection@bahamas.gov.bs
3. Or Fax to 397-5098

Vendor verification forms can also be obtained at the Treasury Department in New Providence, Grand Bahama and Abaco or by request via email controlssection@bahamas.gov.bs, and hand delivered at the Public Treasury, East & North Streets (opposite the Police Head-quarters, East Street)

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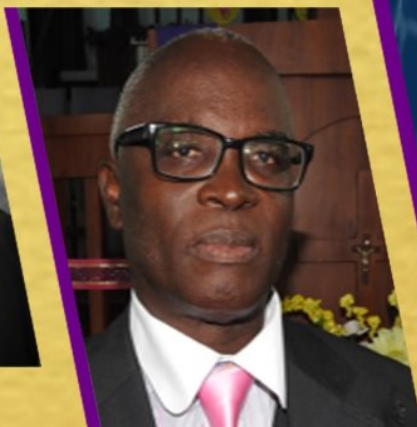
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Prime Minister assures compassion as Shanty Towns are being dealt with

BY LINDSAY THOMPSON

Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis called for love between Bahamians and Haitians as the government seeks to regulate that group of undocumented illegal migrants and their Shanty Town livelihoods.

He was addressing the League of Haitian Pastors' 24th Annual Crusade/Civic Night at the Church of God Auditorium on Joe Farrington Road.

With the Minister of Transport and Local Government, the Hon. Frankie Campbell serving as interpreter, the Prime Minister referenced the strong ties between The Bahamas and Haiti, and addressed misunderstandings in the government's dealing with issues of illegal immigration.

The Prime Minister said, "no matter where we hail from, we also celebrate unity in our diversity. We must be one people in love and unity."

He thanked the organization for inviting him to share with them, counting it a privilege to be among "this wonderful turnout." And, he hoped the crusade would be filled with blessings and become a time of renewal.

"I thank the League of Haitian Pastors for the work you do in our communities, including your pastoral and social ministry and outreach," the Prime Minister said.

Quoting the Biblical verse from John 4:16: "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever



▶ Prime Minister Minnis waves to the crowd. **BIS Photos/Yontalay Bowe**

lives in love lives in God, and God in them." The Prime Minister urged the group to let their crusade be a time to express their love of God and love of neighbor, which God has instructed all to do.

"No matter the struggles, no matter the suffering, no matter the trials and tribulations, no matter the heartbreak, no matter the mountains to climb, we should always rely on the love and mercy of the God who sustains us in every season of life. Let us all always continue to seek God's guidance and grace," the Prime Minister said.

He also sought to clear up any misconceptions regarding the Government's intentions to, over time, remove shantytowns in New Providence and Abaco.

He said that the government

has set up a large task force to carefully plan for the removal of shantytowns, "so that we can better assimilate the residents of these areas, and help to improve the quality of life of residents."

The Prime Minister emphasized that the task force includes a number of representatives of the Haitian community, including pastors with whom the government is in continuous dialogue. "I thank all the members of the task force for their dedication and hard work," the Prime Minister said.

He noted, though: "There has been a tremendous misunderstanding, by some people, of what we are trying to do" and assured that the government has been careful to address the issue in a comprehensive, careful and compassionate manner.

"Our aim is to improve the

lives of all of those affected by what we are doing," the Prime Minister said.

He pointed out that The Bahamas is made up of people who have their roots from throughout world, including the Caribbean.

"The ties between the Bahamas and Haiti go back several centuries.

Haiti and The Bahamas are bound together by history, by geography and by family ties," the Prime Minister said: so many Bahamians enjoy such family ties; this is something to be celebrated. He added: "We celebrate those who have contributed so much to building our Bahamas, no matter which land we originally came from."



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ANATOL RODGERS HIGH SCHOOL ENERGY RETROFITS

This notice appears in local papers online and in the printed version. The official publication date of this notice is considered the date that it is posted online.

The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Ministry of the Environment and Housing has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP), to request competitive tenders from qualified companies to provide a cost-effective solution for the Energy Efficiency Retrofit (EER) at Anatol Rodgers High School, located on the island of New Providence in The Bahamas. The goal of the EER is to decrease annual energy demand and improve comfort through the installation of energy conservation measures (ECM) and a rooftop solar PV array. Accordingly, Bidders are expected to design, supply and install the following ECMs:

- 250 kW-DC rooftop solar PV array;
- robust exterior lighting control system;
- vacancy sensors in all classrooms, computer labs, and lounges to control lights and ceiling fans;
- louver sensor interlock at gymnasium;
- programmable thermostats throughout the school;
- low-flow lavatory aerators;
- re-zone interior lighting system at entrance;
- re-organize refrigerant lines from condensing units; and
- commissioning new systems and retro-commissioning existing ones.

The successful bidder will be required to implement the project with a design-build contract that ensures a guarantee from the General Contractor to complete ECMs at an agreed schedule and budget, and will be responsible for the performance of all subcontractors.

Bidders are requested to acknowledge receipt of this RFP by responding via box.com to minofenvironmentandhousing@bahamas.gov.bs and rford.contractor@rmi.org by 23rd May, 2018, for receipt confirmation. All subsequent information regarding this RFP, including changes made to the document, addenda, responses to questions, and any notifications will be directed only to Bidders who acknowledge receipt of the RFP.

Mandatory site visits will be conducted during the week of 11th June, 2018. Updated site visit information will be emailed only to Bidders who complete the receipt confirmation and declare intention to attend the site visit.

All bidders are expected to request clarifications by 22nd June, 2018, and final responses to requests for clarification will be issued on 29th June, 2018.

Proposals are to be delivered electronically to minofenvironmentandhousing@bahamas.gov.bs and rford.contractor@rmi.org in English, and must be received on 13th July, 2018, by 23:59 hours (Daylight Saving Time).

Proposals will be evaluated based on the strength of the company and its project proposal, project costs and employment practices.

A detailed RFP can be downloaded from the official Bahamas Government Website at www.bahamas.gov.bs from the Tender and Notice section. For additional information, Bidders can contact the Ministry of the Environment and Housing at telephone number 397-9450 or 322-6005/6 or at minofenvironmentandhousing@bahamas.gov.bs.