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War On The Streets

TRADEWINDS PLANNING SESSION



▶ Commander of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) and Chief of Defence for the Tradewinds 2018 Exercise Commodore Tellis Bethel (second right) interacts with RBDF Coordinator for the Exercise Lieutenant Commander Ricardo Barry (left) and US Northern Command (NORTHCOM) planners Mike Mabbitt (second left) and Bill Cogan, on June 12, 2018, during a Tradewinds 2018 planning session in Downtown Nassau. Tradewinds 2018 is an annual regional military training exercise that will be held in The Bahamas June 14 -21 and this year's exercise will focus on Countering Transnational Organized crime in the region. The Bahamas last hosted the event in 2009. Its main objective is to foster training for security forces that is "tailored for the region by the region", and the annual exercise is sponsored by the United States Southern Command. Twenty-two partner nations from the Caribbean region, the wider Americas and Western Europe representing a total of over 800 troops are expected to participate in the exercise. Also, there will be community outreach projects throughout the exercise, with the first being visits to the Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled School June 12 and 13. (BIS Photo/Eric Rose)

• But Police Allay Fears

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
 Journal Staff Writer

It is as if a war is going on in New Providence. However, Police believe that the seven homicides recorded in less than a week are not related.

Then, since psychologists have long opined that crime is the fever chart of a sick society, the Bahamian society is apparently sick indeed.

Just yesterday afternoon two men were shot and killed on Cox Street in Fox Hill.

According to reports, Tameko Major a Correctional

Officer and Bernard Anestor were the victims in a double homicide which occurred during the downpour of rain. A few hours earlier, yesterday morning, a 65-year-old security guard was robbed, shot and killed at A.F. Adderley High School.

His killers – the two armed robbers - are still on the loose as is the case in a number of similar crimes.

Despite what has amounted to daily bloodshed, authorities are assuring that crime in The Bahamas is still down, and they're looking at the numbers to prove it.

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Police Busy With Murders

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
 Journal Staff Writer

Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), Clayton Fernander, yesterday, told reporters that based on what investigations have so far revealed, police see no connection in the recent murder incidents.

"When we look at the double homicide that occurred on Saturday morning on Jerome Avenue, we are following some significant lead in this and the other matters as well," Fernander said.

"Based on our lines of inquiries thus far into that matter, we suspect that it could be a gang related matter, which resulted in some retaliation, and we are following some significant lead with respect to that matter.

"With the taxi driver that had arrived home with his family, we believe that armed robbery was the motive based on our lines of inquiry thus far.

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AG Threatens Web Shop Owners

• "IF THEY GO UNDERGROUND, THEY'LL BE DUG UP!"

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

Attorney General Carl Bethel is not backing down in the face of threats by the Web Shop operators to fight the government in court over a proposal to hike taxes on their businesses.

Mr. Bethel told reporters outside of Cabinet yesterday that the government is ready for whatever stance the operators decide to take.

Attorney Wayne Munroe said yesterday that the the Bahamas Gaming Operators Association (BGOA) ordered him to take legal action against the government over the proposed sliding scale increase and as much as a 50 per cent increase in taxes on the industry.

Attorney Alfred Sears reached out to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Peter Turnquest on May 31 on the association's behalf, when he asked to hold a meeting to formally



▶ Attorney General CARL BETHEL (Journal file photo)

discuss the issue.

However Mr. Bethel said, "If they sue, they will be fought in court, if they go underground; they'll be dug up. We have a whole arsenal of powers under the Proceeds of Crime Act to deal with persons who decide that they want to break the law."

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MINISTER GRILLED IN FRANK SMITH'S TRIAL

BY TIA THOMPSON
 Journal Staff Writer

Tension mounted in the Magistrates Court yesterday when the Minister of National Security, Marvin Dames testified on his involvement the matter relating to the bribery trial of former Chairman of the

Public Hospitals Authority, Frank Smith.

Appearing before Chief Magistrate Joyann Ferguson Pratt, Mr Dames said the first time he heard of the complaint of Barbara Hanna was from Minister of Health Doctor Duane Sands a few days after the Free National Movement won the general elections and became the gov-

erning party of the Bahamas in May 2017.

The Minister said he had not spoken to Barbara Hanna until about two weeks after the conversation between he and Dr. Sands.

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DPM OPEN TO GAMING MEETING

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

As threats of legal action ring off, Deputy Prime Minister Peter Turnquest yesterday said that he is open to having a rational conversation with Web Shop Gaming operators about the way forward.

The seven day window the gaming house operators

gave the government to meet with them has since closed. However Mr. Turnquest insisted that the government is firm in its stance that it's decision is fair.

He said, "there's a lot of misinformation that is going on out there with respect to how we are taxing them and what we have contemplated. The reality is that this is not

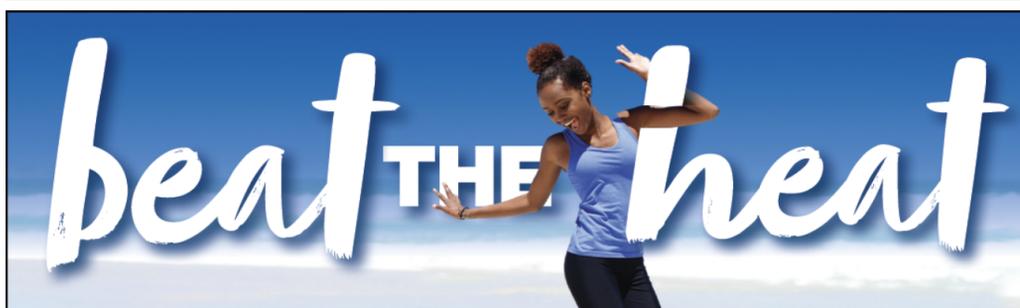
a 50 per cent tax that they're out there. This is, in fact, a very graduated tax that most of the industry will see no more than a nine per cent increase in their taxation."

He added, "there are a few big player that will see a bit more of a tax, but again if you look at what this industry is taking from the communities that they operate in; you have to appreci-

ate that there is an inequity in what has been allowed to happen from the beginning."

The Deputy Prime Minister then reiterated that it cannot be right that the seven operators benefit significantly to the expense of the government and the people.

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War On The Streets

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Those seven deaths pushed the homicide count to 50, heightening the fear of crime, but according to Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Emrick Seymour, this same time last year that count stood at 69.

"The Bahamas is still a safe place for all. We just ask the members of the public, as they go about their daily chores to just be aware of their surroundings," he said.

"Crime is down, once we continue on this trend and trajectory, crime will continue to go down, but that

will not happen with the initiatives of the police alone," he added.

"The vast majority of Bahamians are in fact law abiding citizens, and we need all stakeholders to hold our hands to ensure that we continue along this trend.

"But we want to ensure members of the public that they can go about their daily chores, just please be aware of your surroundings as you do so."

For its part, DCP Seymour said the RBPF is tightening its operational strategies.

"Members of the public can then

expect the police department to intensify their efforts going forward on the streets, as we move resolutely in our policing efforts in addressing not only these recent incidents, but all acts of criminality that is brought to our attention.

"They can rest assured that Nassau and indeed the entire Bahamas is a safe place for all of us."

Pride Estates resident, Errol Williams, was killed after 4am yesterday morning while sitting in his vehicle on the AF Adderley Campus on Baillou Road and Tonique

Williams-Darling Highway.

Police said at the time, Williams got into an altercation with his assailants, one of whom fired a shot at the 65-year-old security officer before running off. Williams died on the scene.

The early morning tragedy came within just six hours after 36-year-old Anthony Brice was shot and killed in the area of step street, Fox Hill.

Late yesterday afternoon, there was a shooting on Cox Street in Fox Hill. One man was left dead in the rain and another seriously injured.

This past Saturday night, police responded to a similar scene on Refuge Court, Hollywood Subdivision, off Cowpen Road, when Wilton Brown was fatally shot in front of his children soon after arriving home.

Earlier that same day, brothers – Delano and Malik Cartwright - were killed in a Jerome Avenue barber shop.

The Wednesday prior, it was Saintonas Jonas of Bacardi Road.

Police have issued wanted posters in the case of the all the matters.

MINISTER GRILLED IN FRANK SMITH'S TRIAL

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Having not spoken with Barbara Hanna face to face immediately after receiving information from the Minister of Health, Mr. Dames said that he waited until he did before handing over information to a police officer. As it is protocol to turn information over to a police officer immediately after three "ingredients" are obtained, Attorney Knight asked, "if you were given a complainant's name, an offence, and the name of a perpetrator to investigate, why did you not report this to a police officer immediately?" Dames said that as a public figure, and a minister he had the right to use his discretion in this case. He turned the matter over to Assistant

Commissioner Paul Rolle immediately after they had spoken.

The defense provided records of Dames calling the complainant 13 times from June 6th- June 20th, 2017. Attorney Knight questioned why Mr. Dames was so adamant to reach the complainant if he claimed he did not know her personally. Dames' rebuttal was that he is one minister that lives up to his word. He promised he would reach out to her and that he did.

The complainant was called by Mr. Dames three times on June 6th, twice on both June 7th and 8th, five times of June 9th and once on the 20th, in 2017. Mr. Dames said that he recently found out that the only way these phone records were retrieved

was by someone going to BTC and paying down on his personal phone number to obtain information on both he and his wife. He says that this is a national security matter and will be treated as such.

Mr. Dames made a statement on June 4th, 2017 which he signed confirming that it was true and correct, but on June 12th prior to the time of the trial, he amended that statement saying that he did so based on "new facts". Mr. Dames was accused of giving faulty accounts, and he said that he can amend.

Smith is facing 15 charges of bribery concerning the solicitation of \$65,000 from Hanna who he is said to have assisted in getting a contract for the cleaning of the Princess Margaret Hospital.

The prosecution did not

release a document to the defendant stating the nature of what Marvin Dames would be speaking on, which left Attorney Knight no choice but to call the prosecution, Mr. Edward Jenkins unforthcoming and reserved. According to Magistrate Ferguson- Pratt, as it was a

cross examination, some information should be given to defense on what will be said by the witness.

Based on the statements given by both Barbara Hanna and Mr. Dames, the question posed was "what exactly was said between the two parties during their first conversa-

tion?" The Minister of National Security said he had not spoken to Barbara Hanna until about two weeks after the conversation between her and Minister of Health.

The case it set to resume today at 2:30 pm, where Ms. Hanna will be given the chance to take the stand again.



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The Ministry of Finance advises that the following vessel has been forfeited to the Crown following breaches of the Fisheries Resources Jurisdiction and Conversation Act and resulting in the selling by Tender:

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Interested persons may view the vessel by visiting the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Base, located on Coral Harbour, between the hours of 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m., Monday to Friday from May 28, 2018 to June 22, 2018.

Bids should be addressed in a sealed envelope to **the Financial Secretary**, Ministry of Finance, 1st Floor Cecil Wallace Whitfield Building, West Bay Street by 5:00p.m. on June 22, 2018.

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Marlon Johnson
(Actg.) Financial Secretary



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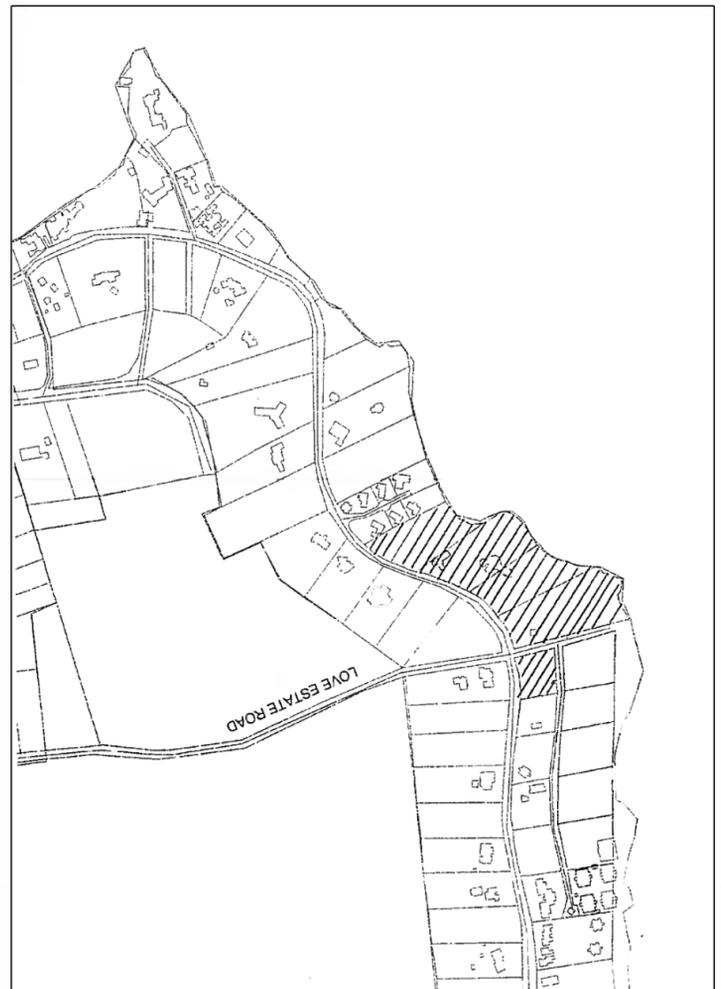
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL PLANNING

Further to the publication of an 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 public is hereby notified of the public meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 12th June 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the public meeting room in the Department of Physical Planning on John F. Kennedy Drive.

Interested persons and organisations are invited to attend the public meeting to discuss the preliminary application.

Signed
Charles B. Zonicle
Acting Director of Physical Planning



Rotary Road to Peace

• MINI PEACE CONFERENCE



► Road to Peace committee members and presenters at the Mini Peace Conference at the Harry C. Moore Library, University of The Bahamas. From left: Stanford Charlton, Elbert Ferguson, Ian Bethel Bennet, Valentino Brown, Marsha Bain, Joanne Smith, Ricardo Williams, Brent Decker, Mayuri Deka, Mike Russell and William Wong.

The Mini Peace Conference hosted by Rotary Clubs of Bahamas Road to Peace was the culmination of a week of activities during which visiting Cure Violence representatives were introduced to community leaders in high crime areas of the New Providence, government officials and Rotarians through workshops and meetings. Brent Decker, Programme Director and Ricardo 'Cobe' Williams, Deputy Director for Cure Violence were hosted by RTP committee as part of their ongoing effort to find a solution to the crime problem we face in this country.

The Cure Violence programme was launched in 2000 by Dr Gary Slutkin, an epidemiologist from the School of Public Health, University of Illinois at

Chicago. Slutkin's approach was to apply proven health-care methodologies used to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, to curb outbreaks of violence by stopping transmission at the source by interrupting conflict, identifying high-risk behaviours, and altering norms so that fewer people become infected by violence in the first place.

According to NGO Advisor, a Geneva-based body that ranks non-profit organisations, Cure Violence was rated first amongst organisations preventing violence. It has implemented these data-driven, evidence-based strategies in varying degrees in many countries around the world including Mexico, Puerto Rico, England and Trinidad & Tobago with success rates ranging from 31%

reduction in killings in South Africa to 88% reduction in Honduras.

PRESENTERS

Dr David Allen, a clinical psychiatrist and founder of The Family was the introductory speaker at the Mini Peace Conference. He was one of first local experts to recognise and predict the decades-long effect crack cocaine would have on family disintegration and social fragmentation in Bahamian society. His innovative approach to group therapy engages up to 50 people in talk sessions allowing them to express their feelings and deal with anger, grief or other symptoms of social disengagement. Dr Allen shared his some of his findings with attendees as they related to shame, feelings of hopelessness and fear and the cycle of violence that results from these feelings.

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He added, "In any event, we will defend the inalienable right of the government to determine through parliament who bears taxation and for what reasons and what is necessary in the interest of the fiscal health of the country."

Gaming operators also raised the point that the government is being racist in their decision. However the Attorney General chalked this up as "emotional rhetoric".

He said, "this issue of racism is utterly untrue and utterly irrelevant. What we have is a business that is essentially under taxed.

"It has been under taxed ever since they were liberated from the bonds of criminal activities they were in and given some kind of legal status. They have always been under taxed and it's time for them now to pay their fair share of taxation," he said.

Gaming operators have also issued a letter noting that the country may be blacklisted if they return underground, however Mr. Bethel brushed this claim off as "spurious" and "false".

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"The fourth matter that occurred last night in the Fox Hill area, we suspect that it's something personal because we believe that the deceased person [knew] his attacker, because he was comfortable based on our lines of inquiry thus far and eyewitnesses, that there was some communication and shortly after he was shot as he walked away.

"With the security officer, again based on lines of inquiries, we believe that armed robbery may have been the motive."

ACP Fernander urged the public to be aware of their surroundings at all times.

"As you move about your daily chores, as you move and drive home whether it's at day or night time, pay attention to your surroundings, be aware and try to be alert as you move.

"If you see any suspicious vehicle that you are not comfortable with, drive to the

nearest police station or drive to an area where there's a number of persons that can assist and you can reach out to the police and we will assist you in getting home.

"Also at night time, make sure if someone is home that your surroundings are well lit at night, and if someone is home just appraise them that you are on the way and someone should meet you at the door or at the gate."

Authorities are still looking for Anthony Jean of Wright's Lane, Kirby Pierre of Bacardi Road - who according to police has been wanted for about a year, Alfred George of Knowles Drive, Perry Pickering of Dorsett Alley, who's believed to be in Bimini, and Franklyn Dean Jr of Yellow Elder Gardens.

As for those wanted for armed robbery - Shellman McKinney of Mount Tabor, Edward Colebrooke of 6th Street The Grove and Cordell Smith of Forbes Street, Nassau Village.

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Third Round of Delimitation of US-Bahamas Maritime Boundary Discussions Commence



▶ Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Miss Rhoda Jackson speaks during the commencement of the third round of discussions on the delimitation of the maritime boundary between The Bahamas and the United States. Also pictured: Mr. Oliver Lewis, Head of Delegation, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Legal Advisor, United States Department of State. **(BIS Photos/Derek Smith)**



The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the United States of America officially resumed the third round of discussions on the delimitation of the maritime boundary between the two coun-

tries on Monday, 11th June 2018.

These discussions follow previous rounds of official (face-to-face) discussions, the last of which took place in 2013 when a delegation

comprised of senior technical Bahamian officials with expertise in the area of law of the sea and maritime affairs, met with U.S. officials in Washington, D.C.

The Bahamian delegation

participating in the third round of discussions includes representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Attorney General's Office, the Ministry of the Environment, the Department of Marine Resources, the Royal Bahamas Defence Force, the Bahamas National Geographic Information Systems Centre, as well as other senior government officials with expertise and experience in relevant fields.

The official archipelagic baselines of The Bahamas, which are used to determine the country's maritime zones, were submitted to the

United Nations by the Government of The Bahamas on December 11, 2008.

However, because maritime entitlements overlap with those of other countries in many cases, international law as reflected in (United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), required that countries delimit those boundaries with neighboring countries by agreement. An agreement with the Republic of Cuba was achieved on 3rd October 2011.

Given the strategic importance of the maritime space between The Bahamas and

the United States of America, and the historic level of mutually beneficial cooperation that has always existed, the resumption of discussions is a matter of priority for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Government of The Bahamas.

An agreed boundary will promote the effective management of maritime resources and the protection and preservation of the marine environment. It will also play a critical role in assisting both Bahamian and American law enforcement agencies in effectively carrying out their duties.

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'HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?'

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.

Not very many people are limber enough to lean backwards and get really low to dance beneath a low limbo pole. Thank goodness that lacking the ability to win a limbo contest has no dire consequences. However, having a limber or nimble business can reap countless rewards.

A challenge that some new business startups have, especially noticeable in The Bahamas, is that even though the business doesn't 'take off', they stick to it doing the same thing over and over until they are forced to close it. There is a way to avoid this.

An Entrepreneur online magazine writer talks about the need to be ready to change course when taking risks and launching a new business. In her article, "4 Steps to Taking Calculated Risks That Move Your Business Forward" Elise Mitchell writes,

Developing a new product is risky -- you're wagering time, money and talent. As any entrepreneur will tell you, the risks don't disappear after your startup gets off the ground. To grow, you have to explore new products, offer new services and experiment with new markets.

There is an essential requirement to be able to do this. That is, having an agile business.

So what exactly is business agility?

A management consultant from a top U.S. business consulting firm, McKinsey & Company, described business agility this way: "Agility is the ability of an organization to renew itself, adapt, change quickly, and succeed in a rapidly changing, ambiguous, turbulent environment." (Aaron De Smet: "The keys to organizational agility" Dec. 2015)

It's like when fashion mogul Peter Nygard saw the market changing in the fashion industry and didn't allow himself to be squeezed out.

In the 70s, Nygard was considered the 'King of Polyester' because he had taken the core polyester fabric and perfected it to make it do everything he wanted it to do. He had eliminated disadvantages of the fabric being hard and not absorbing moisture. He softened the material and made it to keep the wearer cool. These changes had turned it

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.

into a beautiful fabric and resulted in Nygard's company being considered the best at using polyester.

However, In the late '80s early '90s, Nygard recognized that there was a move among many major retailers to start shifting from polyester products. This created a dilemma for him: He had a very loyal customer base and he did not want to lose them by making such dramatic shifts in product.

He needed to find a way to protect his company from getting squeezed out in terms of floor space and presentations within the major department stores. Nygard's company was known for making beautiful clothes. But if there is no opportunity to present those clothes, there is no opportunity for them to be sold. He came up with a new strategy.

It's just like your new start up: you may make the most beautiful product in the world, but if there is no opportunity to showcase it, or you can't get it to the people who really want it, it doesn't matter that it is the most beautiful product in the world. Your business will likely go under.

So, you would need to come up with a strategy for showcasing your new product and getting it in front of the people who really want it as opposed to people who do not.

Peter Nygard came up with a strategy that shifted his business model completely. His ability to continuously remain agile made the difference between going under, like many of the others in his industry, and achieving exponential success year in and year out.

In this year of Peter Nygard's golden jubilee, we'll continue with our in-depth study of the business strategies he used that has taken his business from 800 thousand to 800 million over fifty years.

Coming up, we'll focus on risk evaluations, business agility and how you can be prepared to change course in business to be able to achieve exponential business growth.

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REAL CHANGE NEEDED

As one day loss to anxiety and despair now piles upon others just like those now long gone, some of the smarter ones linked to the people in the so-called 'people's time are now ventilating some of their angst.

As one in that tribe of troubled ones wisely suggests: -- "...Rather than make tough, needed cuts this Free National Movement government took the easy, lazy way out and just increased taxes --- Very disappointing and a betrayal of the voters who voted for real change..."

We agree!

We are also in concordance with recommendations which now call for meaningful reductions in government spending, particularly in the size of the civil service and which also insists that: -- "Our debt is high and that revenue has to be increased but expenditures could have been reduced.

Whether we like it or not, the so-called 'debate' concerning the country's current bundle of challenges and crises is no such thing!

For our part, then, whilst we do have our own views as to how and why we have reached this sad point, we are nonetheless absolutely certain that, the day will come when we would be obliged to understand the mess we are in is rooted in our shared aversion to discipline and to industry.

And thus, whether we reference how we go about doing [as they say] either the Government's work or that done in the private sector, indolence and low levels are the order of the day.

And thus: -- With savings low; with bills both large and small, Bahamian workers can expect that things as bad as they are seem poised and ready to go from bad to worse!

Indeed, no day passes when this or that long-suffering soul snaps or for that matter, no day passes when some youth man or woman decides to succumb to the mystery of evil and who therefore 'decide' to hurt some of their fellow Bahamians.

And of course, there is also that other quite pernicious reality where visitors [also known as tourists] are ripped off, bamboozled, raped and/or otherwise abused.

Thus today: -- We affirm, assert and insist that the current economic, social and cultural challenges we now face are -- for the most

part -- rooted in a set of totally dysfunctional systems, whether located in the public or private sectors.

In truth, then, there is no doubting the conclusion -- as suggested by available sources, statistics and resources -- that the public bureaucracy is bloated, expensive and generally speaking both inefficient and expensive.

What is particularly interesting about this phenomenon where bloat and inefficiently routinely cavort has to do with that absurd extent to which some of those fine folk who belong to the aptly named pampered circle of the permanent and pensionable now feast off the sweated labour of the so-called corn-beef eating grass-roots.

These pampered ones would be inclusive of not only the top brass in the so-called civil service, but also of hundreds of other servants who reap where they have not sowed; who earn big or small money for much of the time they spend idling away in trivia.

Thus it transpires that, the Government -- as employer -- is today finding itself neck-deep in a quagmire of fiscal contradictions now being made even worse by what might have been sensible debate; but which now looks like a scenario where the blind is now being called upon to lead the blind.

Chaos now threatens!

What it as interesting has to do with other facts which show that, since this is the hurricane season, we should all be prepared for the onslaught of one or the other externally generated tragedy?

In short, then, the sum of the matter remains: -- No matter the spin put on the fact that much of the troubles we face can and should be put on what seems a run-away public bureaucracy which just so happens to have morphed into what we can only describe as the unwelcome elephant in the room.

That monster of a problem is rooted in a public set of bureaux which now bleed the nation's economy!

Even more to the point then are all those exquisitely packaged and appointed suites that are available [albeit at a steep price] to the pashas who work hand in glove with THE MINISTER!

Despite all of this, the fact remains as follows---Real Change Needed

Letter to the Editor

Ordaining a Homosexual Pastor?

Dear Editor,

There has been a lot of talk about a church in Nassau that recently ordained an alleged homosexual. Connected to that discussion, a friend recently forwarded to me an audio clip of someone asking why I and other pastors have not spoken about it. Although I heard the allegation, I had no intention of speaking to it, but I've had a change of heart since the recent ordination continues to drive many conversations.

It is unquestionable that the biblical position on human sexuality exclusively recognizes the male and female sexes and is opposed to any and all sexual conduct outside the bonds of marriage between one consenting man and one consenting woman. In short, Scripture teaches heterosexual sexuality; it condemns homosexual sexuality. Therefore, any church that knowingly ordains, or receives into

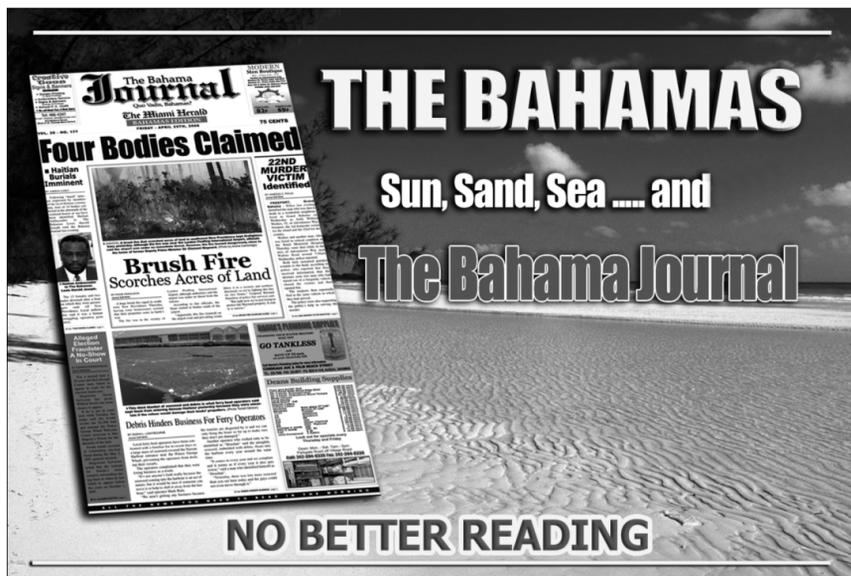
membership, a person who practices homosexuality or identifies as a homosexual is not a faithful church. In fact, it can be argued that such a church is not a church at all.

However, it is important to recognize that there are Christians who are tempted with same-sex attraction, and it is important to distinguish them from persons who profess to be Christians and practice homosexuality or identify as homosexual. Scripture says it this way: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV). Accordingly, people who formerly identified as homosexual are called to renounce that identity and embrace their new identity in Christ, even if they still face the temptation of same-sex attraction, which they must resist.

Those who have been

born of the Holy Spirit are the children of God, and their identity in Christ by far surpasses all else. It is that singular identity that they are called to embrace. All other identities are to be renounced, especially those that are contrary to Scripture. Therefore, a genuinely converted Christian who faces same-sex attraction can be ordained as a minister of the gospel or received as a member of a church. And they are called to live a holy life as are all who belong to Christ.

No doubt there are those who disagree with me. I would only remind them of the biblically supported fact that we live in a fallen world in which everything, including human sexuality, is broken, and we all experience broken sexuality in different ways and to varying degrees. For example, when a married man is tempted to lust after another woman, it is an expression of sexual broken-



ness. When a single woman is tempted to sleep with her boyfriend, it is an expression of sexual brokenness. Homosexual temptations are also expressions of sexual brokenness. And in all cases of immoral sexual desires, whether heterosexual or homosexual, we who are followers of Christ are called to resist them by God's grace and pursue holiness.

Temptation is not sin; sin is sin. Therefore, it is spiritually harmful to tell a believer in Christ who is tempted with

same-sex attraction (or any other sin) that he or she is not a Christian because of that temptation, even though that person, by God's grace, does not yield to the temptation. And the spiritual harm is compounded when that person hears that unbiblical indictment from those who should know better: pastors.

I have no doubt that if the recently ordained pastor had a reputation of being an adulterer or a fornicator we would not even know he was being ordained. And that's

because many people make little of heterosexual sexual immorality and much of homosexual sexual immorality. But in Leviticus 18, the Lord abominates all sexual immorality—heterosexual, homosexual, and bestial. We would be wise to do the same. And our nation will be better for it. May the Lord who created the gift of sex for the bonds of marriage help us towards this end.

Yours sincerely,
Pastor Cedric Moss

Daily re-commit to the mission of social work, Minister Rolle tells Master's degree students

BY KATHRYN CAMPBELL

Ten students enrolled in the University of San Diego's Graduate Students' Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling -- Field Practicum -- were reminded of the old adage 'Practice Makes Perfect' during the closing ceremony.

The students participated in one week of practicum in two units under the Department of Social Services. Three students were assigned to the Domestic Violence and Counseling Unit and seven worked in the Juvenile and After Care Unit of the Department of Rehabilitative and Welfare Services.

Synergy Bahamas Training College, the University of San Diego, and the Ministry of Social Services and Urban Development organized the practicum.

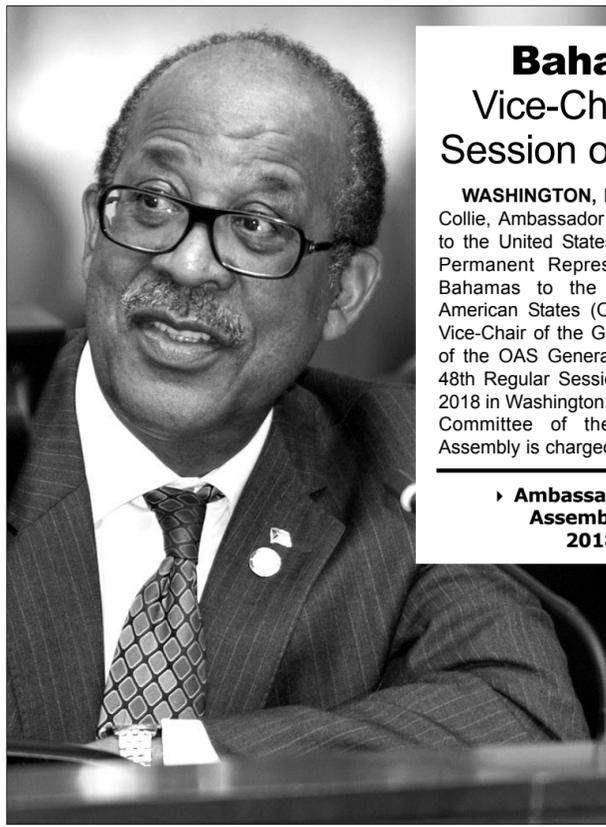
In remarks, the Hon. Lanesha Rolle, Minister of Social Services and Urban Development, told the students, Friday, at the Hearing Room, Aventura Plaza, that the knowledge and exchange between them and the practitioners would and should have caused them to recognize that what they have learned in the classroom must be married to their application in the field.

She said they must daily practice the six core values of social work, which include service, social justice, dignity and self-worth, importance of human relations, integrity and competence.

"You must daily practice or put into practice your commitment to the primary mission of the social work profession, which is essentially, to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, marginalized and living in poverty."

Minister Rolle said the Ministry of Social Services and Urban Development is "honored" to have partnered with the University of San Diego, and she is confident that the exchange gave the students a greater appreciation for what they can expect as social workers.

"As a social worker, you are expected to answer the call of the sick, the shut-in, the poor and indigent, the disabled and the impotent, the disadvantaged and the marginalized, the needy, and in some cases, yes, the greedy. What is important to understand is that your call is to serve, to serve people with respect, with dignity, with



Bahamian Envoy Elected Vice-Chairman at the 48th Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly

WASHINGTON, DC – H.E. Sidney Collyer, Ambassador of The Bahamas to the United States of America and Permanent Representative of The Bahamas to the Organization of American States (OAS) was elected Vice-Chair of the General Committee of the OAS General Assembly at its 48th Regular Session from 4-5 June 2018 in Washington, DC. The General Committee of the OAS General Assembly is charged with oversight of

the negotiation of draft resolutions; then they are presented to the Assembly for action.

Among the resolutions adopted at the 48th Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly was the Resolution on the Situation in Venezuela. The Bahamas, led by the Hon. Darren Henfield, MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs, joined eighteen other OAS Member States in voting in favour of the resolution.

► **Ambassador Collyer in attendance at the OAS General Assembly at its 48th Regular Session, 4-5 June 2018 in Washington, DC. (Photo/MOFA)**



love, with care and concern."

Minister Rolle encouraged the students to have a personal motto that will guide their professional performance in the practice of social work. She shared her personal motto, 'treat others the way you would like to be treated'.

"The best way you become the best social worker or the best at anything, is to daily commit to putting principles into practice. 'Practice makes perfect'.

She congratulated the graduate students on their accomplishments and encouraged them to take time out to celebrate their accomplishments.

Before the closing ceremony the students presented their findings and will also

share their counseling interventions for group and individual therapy with the Department of Social Services.

The cohort comprised: Ana

Carbonell, Samantha Davidson, Danielle Jones, Brittany Love, Laurie Lyon, Isis Pacheo, Darren Santos, Kimdinh Tran, Sean Winn and Bethann Zenk.

Dr. Edrica Richardson of Synergy Bahamas Training College, and Dr. Kristopher Hall of the University of San Diego also participated in the ceremony.



► The Hon. Lanesha Rolle is pictured among the cohort. (Photo/Lisa Russell/Ministry of Social Services and Urban Development)



TRADEWINDS PLANNING SESSION

► Commander of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) and Chief of Defence for the Tradewinds 2018 Exercise Commodore Tellis Bethel (second right) interacts with RBDF Coordinator for the Exercise Lieutenant Commander Ricardo Barry (left) and US Northern Command (NORTHCOM) planners Mike Mabbitt (second left) and Bill Cogan, on June 12, 2018, during a Tradewinds 2018 planning session in Downtown Nassau. Tradewinds 2018 is an annual regional military training exercise that will be held in The Bahamas June 14 -21 and this year's exercise will focus on Countering Transnational Organized crime in the region. The Bahamas last hosted the event in 2009. Its main objective is to foster training for security forces that is "tailored for the region by the region", and the annual exercise is sponsored by the United States Southern Command. Twenty-two partner nations from the Caribbean region, the wider Americas and Western Europe representing a total of over 800 troops are expected to participate in the exercise. Also, there will be community outreach projects throughout the exercise, with the first being visits to the Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled School June 12 and 13. (BIS Photos/Eric Rose)



DPM OPEN TO GAMING MEETING

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Seventy-three percent of participants in a new survey released by Bahamian market and research firm Public Domain Sunday saw the new taxes for web shops as unfair.

Mr. Turnquest said, "we're just trying to create equity, and all of this distraction that is going on with respect to all of the side issues; again, we can't be concerned with that. We have to be focused on what we're trying to do. We know

that what we're trying to do is pure intent and that it is the right thing to do."

The minister also said that if the gaming operators intend to take legal action the matter will then be passed on to the office of the Attorney General.



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Bids must be deposited in the Tender's box bearing no identity of the bidder at the Ministry of Finance, Cecil Wallace-Whitfield Centre, West Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas, no later than 9:30 a.m. on or before Tuesday, June 19 2018.

Bidders or their designated representatives are invited to be present for the Tender opening on Tuesday June 19 2018 when the Tenders Board meets at 10:00 a.m.

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

Financial Secretary



CARIBBEAN AVIATION MEETUP OPENING CEREMONY

► Scenes from the Opening of the Caribbean Aviation Meetup at Atlantis Paradise Island.



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Rotary Road to Peace

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"The biggest problem in The Bahamas is fear of crime. You can take care of concrete issues but dealing with fear, you have to go into the heart", he said, and that is what his therapy sessions do. Family groups, who come from all over the community, form a non-judgemental, safe environment where members can confront hurt, shame and embarrassment with the support of family. Testimony of the positive impact of this model of therapy was shown last February when Dr Allen was asked to speak to 2018 American Group Psychotherapy Association meeting in Houston.

Superintendent Anton Rahming from the Royal Bahamas Police Force gave an update on their work in areas that suffer from high rates of crime and violence. He presented data, gathered by using state-of-the-art technology and statics, that the RBPF use to pinpoint their focus and crime fighting efforts.

There are many NGOs in the country that are plagued by a lack of financing and organisational capacity to fulfil their aims and this what One Eleuthera Foundation's founder, Shaun Ingraham, touched on in his presentation. One Eleuthera Foundation was started in 2012 in response to out-of-scale development for Lighthouse Point in southern Eleuthera and has since used their expertise and experience to help other civil society organisations employ worldwide principles of ethics, transparency and responsibility which strengthen their credibility in the community.

Once these standards are implemented and adhered to, the ability to attract funding is easier because financial integrity and management are addressed by transparency and wider sources of investment can be tapped, both here and abroad.

In closing, Mr Ingraham gave an anecdote

about funding for charities in England. "Big Society Capital, is organisation in the UK that connects investors with charities and social enterprises to provide repayable financing and one of their more innovative initiatives was accessing the dormant accounts of four big banks in there. This is the kind of financing an organisation like Road to Peace should pursue to achieve the social impact a programme like Cure Violence would have on The Bahamas."

Carlos Reid, a reformed gang member, gave an impassioned speech about his own epiphany and the work he now does in his community through the Hope Centre Bahamas and Youth Against Violence and his church, Kingdom Summit, where is a senior pastor.

Another initiative that is being proposed by Rotary Road to Peace is Peer to Peer Empowerment, which is being led by Ann Smith, an educator with 43 years experience in teaching and counselling. The programme is scheduled to be launched in September and the team is presently gathering data from school children of all ages so that trainers can anticipate scenarios they may be faced with in sessions. This programme may be expanded to include outreach to parents and guardians so that the whole environment of the student is improved not just school.

The conference finished with a rousing roundtable discussion led by Dr Ian Bennet-Bethel from the University of The Bahamas that opened the floor to questions and comments from the audience. Other panelist included Scrooge Valentino Brown, Superintendent Rolle from Urban Renewal, Brent Decker and Ricardo Cobe Williams from Cure Violence. An international Rotary Peace Conference is scheduled for next spring in Nassau during the Rotary International presidency of Bahamian Barry Rassin.

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