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"VAT Increase Heartless"

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
 Journal Staff Writer

Opposition Senator Doctor Michael Darville says Progressive Liberal Party Senators will not support the 60 percent increase in Value Added Tax (VAT).

The senator, argued that the increase was "unacceptable, disgraceful, heartless and certainly cannot be afforded at this time."

He urged the government to stop being lazy administrators of the public purse and look elsewhere to drum up additional revenue.

"You should go and collect real property tax, from the 2,000 plus properties that is already on the book, that are delinquent. Go get the tax, get the government tax," he said.

"Stop the proposed amendment that would allow companies in the industrial sector, particularly Stat Oil and Buckeye, who have a serious environmental foot print on Grand Bahama from being reimbursed millions of dollars."



► Opposition Senator Doctor Michael Darville (Journal file photo)

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Gov't To Focus On Fixed election dates

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

Attorney General Carl Bethel indicated in his 2018/2019 budget contribution in the Senate that the idea of having fixed election dates is still very much the focus of the government.

The Attorney General continued to push the whole idea of having fixed election dates as promised by the government on the campaign trail, but there are a few aspects he says the public must accept.



► Attorney General Carl Bethel (Journal file photo)

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► Head of the Shantytown Committee, Senator Dion Foulkes (Journal file photo)

FOULKES: Shantytowns In Decline

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
 Journal Staff Writer

Since the Shantytown Audit, the number of shantytowns in New Providence has been lowered to ten, as one has already been destroyed, forcing its residents to relocate.

According to the Head of the Shantytown Committee, Senator Dion Foulkes, contrary to popular beliefs, non-Bahamians are not the only ones who call these inhumane, unregulated communities home.

"Some Bahamians may say they are all illegals and kick them out, [but] no they're not," he said.

"Bahamians live in the shantytowns; Bahamians from generations live in the shantytowns," he added.

"You have persons with spousal work permits who are married to Bahamians who live in the shantytowns, you have persons with permanent resident status who live in the shantytowns."

"You have a large section with work permits who live in the shantytowns."

"The amount of illegal immigrants who live in the shantytowns is extremely small," he said.

As for Abaco shantytowns, Senator Foulkes said they're doing what they believe is right, and as sensibly and humanely as possible.

"We want to do this in a sensitive and humane fashion, and you're dealing with children under the age of 18; 45 percent of all the residents in these Shantytowns are children under the age of 18."

"So whatever we do, we are to be cognizant of that," he added.

"Furthermore there are a lot of complications involving the utilities and there are some people who have legal hookups, legal connections with cable, water, and electricity."

The government has imposed a July 31st 2019 deadline for the remaining shantytowns in Abaco to be abolished.

However, unlike in New Providence, those residents have limited alternate housing facilities.

OFFICIALS WORKING TO RID PRISON OF ROGUE OFFICERS

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

National Security Minister Marvin Dames said yesterday that while the vast majority of law enforcement officers may be committed to serving the country, there are still errant officers hell-bent on undermining the system at any cost.

Prison officials plan to beef up raids at the Department of Correctional Services in the wake of a stabbing on the Fox Hill compound earlier this week.

At last report, the victim was in stable condition. However, following the altercation, officers uncovered another knife.

Minister Dames told reporters yesterday that the matter is actively being investigated and under control.

He said, "this is an ongoing issue at correctional institutions around the world. Unfortunately, these inmates are being supported by men and women in uniform."



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

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Increase in Generator sales

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

Several businesses are reporting a jump in purchases for residential generators.

Having been left in the dark one too many times over the summer and during hurricane seasons, Bahamians seem to not be taking any chances this time around.

Bahamas Welding and Fire Assistant Sales and Marketing Manager, Mavis Duncombe said sales have increased by 50 per cent compared to this same time last year.

According to Ms. Duncombe, the jump has a lot to do with the frequent power outages that typical-

ly plague the country around this time.

In addition, there is the 60 per cent increase in Value Added Tax that is set to take effect on July 1st.

However, Total Services Bahamas Office Manager, Peggy Kelly and Bobcat Bahamas Sales and Retail Coordinator, Hussein Duncombe said that it's a bit too early to determine if there is an upswing or decline in generator sales, but both anticipate sales to pick up once the hurricane season becomes more active.

As for power outages, Minister of Works Desmond Bannister earlier this year promised that this would be the best year for Bahamas Power and Light

in terms of power outages.

BPL Chairman Darnell Osborne recently gave a similar assurance regarding the power outages.

She said, "we have ongoing maintenance and other issues, as well as we are negotiating for our financing. So we are doing our best with the limited funds that we have to identify those key areas that we need upgrading, but we also know that it will not happen over night."

"We are making progress, but it will take some time and some money to get it to the point where we have no outages."

Local meteorologists say this will be a near or above average hurricane season.

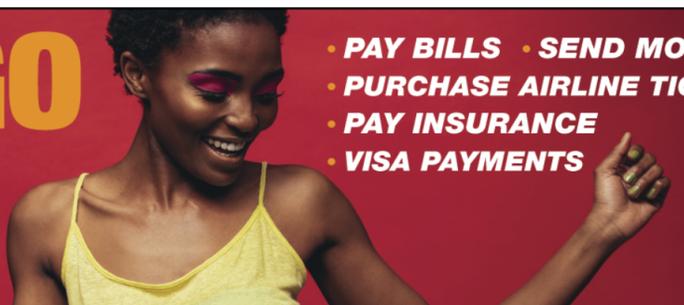
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MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY MEETS US EMBASSY'S INCOMING SENIOR DEFENSE ATTACHE



► **NATIONAL SECURITY COURTESY CALL** – Officials of the US Embassy on Wednesday paid a Courtesy Call on National Security Minister, the Hon. Marvin Dames, to introduce the incoming Senior Defense Attaché, Bahamas. Pictured from left: Commander Kevin Self, Senior Defense Attaché, Office of Defense Corporation; Lisa Adderley, Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security; Stephanie Bowers, Chargé d'Affaires, US Embassy; Minister Marvin H. Dames; and Commander Patrick Davis, outgoing Senior Defense Attaché, Bahamas. **(BIS Photo/Patrick Hanna)**

Bahamians Ready For Sacrifices

BY TIA THOMPSON
Journal Staff Writer

Bahamians have accepted that the 4.5 per cent increase in Value Added Tax will take some adjustments and sacrifices. Rather than asking what people think about VAT, The Journal interviewed several persons on plans to make lifestyle adjustments.

Quincy Pratt is a 48-year-old cab driver, and like many others, he will readjust his lifestyle when 7.5 per cent hits 12 per cent in just a few weeks. He admits that with a wife and five children, it won't be easy. Not only is grocery shopping and constant fill ups going to be difficult, he is afraid of becoming another murdered victim as two of his cab friends were murdered recently.

He says that with times hard like this, Bahamians will result in stealing more to make a living and crime will increase.

Leona Rahming is a mother of 3 with 11 grandchildren and 3 great grand children. The 64-year-old matriarch says grocery stores had already doubled their prices, making it hard already to feed her large family. She is now faced with seeking another job because the one job that she has now "just won't cut it".

Jefferson Johnson is paid minimum wage. He accepts that with five children, the increase in VAT will mean living from pay check to pay check and hopes for better days.

An upcoming family trip to Freeport, Grand Bahama had to be cancelled due to lack of resources. He says that the funds he had planned to use, he will now save to pay for

buying school uniforms and books as the prices on them will skyrocket also.

A 47-year-old newspaper vendor and father of four, Kenneth Thompson says he has "no idea" right now how is lifestyle with change, but that his only plan right now is to cut back.

He is hoping and praying that snack shops and newspaper sellers are not too harsh with

their price increases, because other than not being able to afford them, he will have to charge the public that supports him more than he ever wanted to and that's just not him.

The government admits the increase is painful, but a must, in order to achieve the end result of a balanced budget within the three-year time frame it has projected.

"VAT Increase Heartless"

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The former Minister for Grand Bahama who used most of his debate time to defend Grand Bahama, advised the government to put more money into The Department of Social Services, considering the impact the 12 per cent tax will have on the backs of the poor.

"I've said to the Minister of State, and I really mean it, that there are some issues that supersede politics, and I'm

prepared as a resident of Grand Bahama to work along with him in areas that we can find common ground to improve the quality of life for the residents who are hurting so dearly."

According to Senator Darville, Grand Bahamians gave the Free National Movement five seats in the government, but in return the only thing they got was a 60 percent VAT increase.

Prime Minister, Dr. Hubert Minnis, has said his govern-

ment looked at what impact doing nothing would have on the country, but that this was not an option, as the case with increasing the 7.5 per cent to 10 per cent.

According to Dr. Minnis, 15 per cent was just too much a pain for anyone and while the government acknowledges that with the much disputed 12 per cent there would be some challenges, the Prime Minister said the government knows how to overcome these.

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He said, "I want to tell you that even in Britain where they have a law for fixed election date, the Prime Minister and parliament which is sovereign and parliament in the Bahamas which is sovereign under the constitution, still has the right to call a snap election. We saw that with Theresa May."

Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May last April did call a snap election, at the time contending that opposition parties had been trying to thwart her efforts to leave the European Union.

In the end, she was surprised when the poll backfired. Ms. May's 40 votes in parliament turned into minus 10 votes.

However, the idea of a fixed election date is not a new argument. The Democratic National Alliance has been pushing for such

since its inception.

It is one of several issues the new Law Reform commissioner Dame Anita Allen will reportedly look at.

According to the Attorney General, the former Court of Appeal President has already completed a thorough review of the immigration laws.

"I am confident that over the coming years Bahamians everywhere will benefit from a wealth a judicial knowledge and experience as she moves to address critical areas such as the reform of our electoral laws, land reform, reform of our companies act, reform of our entire immigration act, inclusive of those areas where we seek to provide a legal revenue for those who illegally land in The Bahamas, but don't actually set foot in The Bahamas," the Attorney General said.

have already been brought before the courts.

He said, "once you make an obligation to wear a uniform, then it is expected to hold you to the highest standard. Bahamians expect out of their law enforcement officers integrity, loyalty, and

commitment to service. There's no room for anything other than that."

Minister Dames also said that investigations continue in an effort to pinpoint exactly who is supplying inmates with these items.

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He added, "wherever we find them, we will expose them and they will face the full brunt of the law. We make no apologies for that."

The minister also said that some rogue prison officers

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that a Public Auction will be conducted by the Customs Department on non-entered goods at the places and times listed below:-

No.	LOCATIONS	DATES	TIMES
1	Airfreight (GFT)	18 th July, 2018	9:00am - 12:30pm
2.	Airfreight LPIA (GFT)	18 th July, 2018	9:00am - 12:30pm
3.	Airfreight Odyssey (GFT)	18 th July, 2018	9:00am - 12:30pm
4.	Tropical Shipping - John Alfred Dock (GFT)	18 th July, 2018	2:00pm - 5:00pm
5.	MSC - Arawak Cay (GFT)	19 th July, 2018	9:00am - 12:30pm
6.	Mailboat - Arawak Cay (GFT)	19 th July, 2018	9:00am - 12:30pm
7.	Betty K. - Arawak Cay (GFT)	19 th July, 2018	2:00pm - 5:00pm
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8.	Betty K - Kelly's Dock - Arawak Cay (HQ)	20 th July, 2018	9:30am - 12:30pm
9.	Inchape Shipping (HQ)	20 th July, 2018	9:30am - 12:30pm
10.	Island Maritime (HQ)	20 th July, 2018	9:30am - 12:30pm
11.	United Shipping (HQ)	20 th July, 2018	2:00pm - 5:00pm
12.	R. H. Curry & Co. Ltd. (HQ)	20 th July, 2018	2:00pm - 5:00pm
ARAWAK CAY			
13.	Mailboat - Fiesta Mail (Arawak Cay)	23 rd July, 2018	10:00am - 5:00pm
FAMILY ISLAND			
14.	George Town, EXUMA	16 th July, 2018	10:00am - 5:00pm
15.	Marsh Harbour, ABACO	25 th July, 2018	10:00am - 5:00pm
16.	Governor's Harbour, ELEUTHERA	30 th July, 2018	10:00am - 5:00pm
17.	Matthew Town, INAGUA	2 nd August, 2018	10:00am - 5:00pm

The above goods will be sold under the Provision of Section 201 of the Customs Management Act and the Auction will commence at 9:00 am daily with the exception of

Tropical Shipping, Betty K. Agencies, Arawak Cay (GFT), which will commence at 2:00 pm.

Vehicles (New Providence) Customs Headquarters, will commence at 9:30 am daily with the exception of Fiesta Mail, Arawak Cay East which will commence at 10:00 am. United Shipping and R.H. Curry & Co. Ltd will commence at 2:00 pm.

Family Islands will commence at 10:00 am daily.

A list of the goods to be auctioned can be viewed at Customs Headquarters, Betty K. Agencies, Gladstone Road Freight Terminal, Air Freight, Arawak Cay East.

The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids tendered.

Marlon Johnson
(Acting) FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Beaches Ocho Rios' Jardine Vassell is Sandals/ATL's Team Member of the Year

Long before she was even a contender for the title of the Ultimate Team Member for the Sandals/ATL Group, Jardine Vassell was a legend in her own right.

Hailed as a devoted and hardworking team member with an unmatched passion for volunteerism and community work, Vassell's status as a legend was further cemented on Thursday night as she was named the 2017 team member of the year during the company's annual Ultimate Award Ceremony and Dinner.

With her name forever etched in history as the winner of the special tenth anniversary staging of the award show, Vassell, a supervisor at Beaches Ocho Rios' Photoshop and a former coordinator and team leader in the resort's Kids Camp, walked away with an enviable volley of prizes including a cash award of US\$20,000, a monumental and symbolic increase over the cash prize of previous years. Vassell's winning ways also earned her a luxury-included, all-expenses-paid trip for two to an overseas Sandals or Beaches property with an exclusive private jet round-trip transfer to the destination of choice, champagne service, luxury ground transfers, a host of VIP resort experiences and the coveted Ultimate Team Member trophy.

Overcome with gratitude and emotion, Vassell, who joined the company in 2005, told the packed room that her dream was to become a nurse but her inability to pay her fees brought her to the gates of Beaches Ocho Rios and her passions have since changed. "I love nursing", she said, "but I can tell you that Beaches Ocho Rios is my home and my new goal is become a Kids Camp Manager."

She continued, "This is an overwhelming moment for me right now. The fact that I have been named the



► Photoshop Supervisor Jardine Vassell walks away with US\$20,000 and top honours at Sandals/ATL Group's Ultimate Award Ceremony and Dinner. She is presented her awards by Deputy Chairman of the Sandals/ATL Group Adam Stewart.

Ultimate Team Member for the entire group is a rewarding feeling. This should be an eye opener for everybody and a reminder that you're always on stage and you don't know who is watching you so always put your best foot forward. I am grateful for this opportunity I have gotten from Sandals Resorts International and I will treasure it dearly. Thank you to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman and my team at Beaches Ocho Rios."

Extremely passionate about giving back, Vassell who is currently the president of the Oracabessa Police Youth Club, committed to investing time as well as a portion of her winnings into creating an annual treat for elderly residents in her community. She said, "My plan for my charity is to treat the elderly. I'm already doing a lot of work with the youth so now I want to focus on the elderly. I love to volunteer, I'm passionate about volunteerism. Whenever I go out there and get to do any kind of project that makes a life or situation better I get a

different feeling inside. If I should ever be told that I cannot volunteer, trust me, you'd be taking away something from me. I volunteer twice as hard as how I work to be paid. It means the world to me."

In a spectacular show held at the beautiful Sandals South Coast and hosted by Marsha-Ann Donaldson-Brown, Sandals' director of weddings and romance and Weston Haughton, veteran compere and former Sandals creative director, the 26 nominees representing Sandals, Beaches and Grand Pineapple Resorts across the region, as well as ATL Automotive Limited, ATL Automotive Car Rental, Appliance Traders Limited, the Jamaica Observer and Island Routes Caribbean Adventures, were treated to a night of fine food and entertainment, culminating in a surprise performance from reggae star Romain Virgo.

The expertly produced show, which was streamed live to all resorts and companies in the group, tantalized the audience with a series of

mysterious videos seamlessly weaved into the production chronicling the 'kidnapping' of the trophy by a troublesome masked character dubbed 'Mischief' who demanded to be named the winner. Like an award-winning Hollywood film, the mystery deepened and grew more menacing as the night progressed but in the end, the trophy was reclaimed and much to the delight and shock of the audience, 'Mischief' was revealed to be none other than Donaldson-Brown who for many years has famously bemoaned the fact that she too wants to win these amazing prizes.

All nominees were treated to gifts of engraved sterling silver bracelets and a week of activities including tours to the Group's various head offices in Kingston, a day of adventure at Jamwest Adventure Park and outreach in the Whitehouse community in partnership with the Sandals Foundation.

In a captivating speech, Deputy Chairman of the Sandals/ATL Group Adam Stewart encouraged the nominees to find their passion and to make the best of every chance they receive. He also urged those with the wherewithal, to take chances on young talent, reminding the room that the company's success was largely due to the fact that many people gave his father and the company's Chairman, the Honourable Gordon 'Butch' Stewart chances.

He said, "Success has to be about teamwork and giving people chances. Every one of us in this room is unique and everyone watching across the region is unique, we all have something inside of us that is magic. All it takes for that magic to manifest is a chance. Tonight is about recognizing a group of winners, a group of people that are finding their passion and making the most of the opportunities

and chances they receive. We treasure you, we appreciate you and we will continue to go above and beyond to provide you with the chances you need to become your best selves."

To identify the ultimate winner, nominees were assessed by various criteria, including team spirit, training hours, attendance record, ambassadorial qualities, and community and environmental stewardship. After weeks of examining the nominees' profiles, the selection panel was confident to announce Vassell as the Ultimate Team Member – the best of the company's 14,000-strong team.

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*The Sheyla is a 67ft. single steel hull fishing vessel outfitted with a second top-deck located aft. This vessel is powered by a (K-19) 6 Cylinder Cummings Single Screw engine.

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► Commander Defence Force, Commodore Tellis Bethel presenting Rear Admiral Craig Baines of the Canadian Armed Forces with a token of presentation during a courtesy call at Defence Headquarters on June 21, 2018. (RBDF Photo by Marine Seaman Michael Turner)

Canadian Rear Admiral visits Commander Defence Force

Coral Harbour Base - Rear Admiral Craig Baines of the Canadian Armed Forces paid a courtesy call on Commodore Tellis Bethel, Commander Defence Force at HMBS Coral Harbour on June 19, 2018.

While at the Base, he was introduced to the Defence Force's Senior Command team and the key role leaders for the ongoing Tradewinds Exercise which culminates

on June 21. They include Commodore Tellis Bethel, who serves as Chief of Defence Staff for the exercise; Commander Frederick Brown, Task Force Commander for the exercise; Lieutenant Colonel Ken Lloyd Roberts, Chief of Staff for the exercise, Lieutenant Commander Ricardo Barry, Co-Director of the Exercise Control Group, and Force Chief Petty Officer Oral

Wood, Regimental Sargent Major (RSM) for Tradewinds 2018.

A decorated Officer, Rear Admiral Baines began his career in the navy as a Maritime Surface Officer in 1987. He has served in numerous billets aboard several Canadian vessels and also at the National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. Rear Admiral Baines has also served as Fleet Commander of Canadian Fleet Atlantic, and in September 2017, he assumed Command of Maritime Forces Atlantic and Joint Task Force Atlantic.

During the visit, both parties discussed matters of mutual interest. The visit concluded with a brief tour of HMBS Coral Harbour by Rear Admiral Baines.

Minister Calls for Physical Fitness Standards in Law Enforcement

BY LEAH COOPER
Journal Staff Writer

Law enforcement agencies are looking to tighten up their image as National Security Minister Marvin Dames expressed a need for physical fitness standards across the board.

While the Royal Bahamas Defense Force already has a standard, Mr. Dames said that the commissioner of police is looking to introduce the same after releasing the 105 recruits due to complete training soon.

He said, "It's good for the officers' health. It's good for morale as well, as it's a cost savings. You have an officer that has to change uniform size a number of times within a few years. It's not good for that officer from a health perspective, but also it's from a cost perspective too."

He added, "the officers understand this, and we will be putting in a tremendous amount of efforts and focus in this area."

As the Minister of Health puts out his best efforts to endure the public consumes a healthier diet, Minister Dames said that he intends to try the same within his ministry.

Law enforcement requires a lot of an individual physically and the minister wants to make it his duty to ensure that officers live their best and healthiest lives.

He also said, "we have a vested responsibility as a government and me certainly as Minister of National Security to make certain that the officers within these agencies are healthy, they love what they're doing, and they can do it to the best of their ability."

The Minister addressed this issue in his remarks yesterday at the closing ceremony of the Tradewinds 2018 military exercise.

BAM To Coordinate Silicon African Film Festival

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

The Bahamas Artist Movement (BAM) has been elected the regional coordinators for the 9th annual Silicon Valley African Film Festival held under the theme Africa through the African lens.

BAM is owned and ran by Rowena and Ronald Sutherland and aims to give Bahamian youth the opportunity to cultivate their love, passion and talents for performing arts through coaching and training of its drama studio program.

Ronald Sutherland said, "this is an excellent opportunity I think for Bahamians to do two things which is to get their work on the world stage and to tell their authentic Bahamian story authentically."

Through the initiative, BAM seeks to gather more submissions and gain traction for the festival, as The Bahamas is the focal point for films this year.

BAM has hosted several culture-conscious events throughout the Caribbean, most notably the celebrity workshops and the dream project.



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HOW NYGARD MITIGATED BUSINESS THREATS

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.

So how did fashion mogul Peter Nygard save his business when faced with threats to his business in the late 80s? Remember, department stores were looking to move away from polyester products, which was Nygard's core product.

Well, the first thing he did was pay attention to his intuition that told him the industry was making some moves that could drastically impact his business.

We have seen examples of businesses becoming aware of threats to their business, like the opening of a new business that would compete with theirs; yet, they would do nothing to counteract the threat. Threats are not always easy to spot. So if you can see it coming from a mile away, it's a blessing. You need to act immediately.

Acting in the face of a threat is very important and the only way to protect your business.

Next, Nygard assessed the risk of those changes to his business. Being very analytical in nature, his assessments went several layers deep. They included a closer look at,

1. Business profits – Nygard assessed how those changes would impact his profits.
2. Business viability – he analyzed the long-term implications for his business survival.
3. Market conditions – He studied the market to determine if the changes in fashions were just a fad or an actual trend heading in a different direction than he was going in.
4. Business relationships – He weighed the impact of the changes on the way he conducted business.

The results of his assessment showed that he needed to make adjustments. More importantly though, it was important for him to continue to listen to his gut as opposed to the noise in the market. Listening to the industry stakeholders meant he would have changed his products completely to jump on the new trend bandwagon.

Nygard came up with a multi-prong strate-

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.

gy to mitigate the threats he faced or eliminate them all together. He also addressed the threats on several levels.

- His strategy of opening up his own department stores was focused on maintaining his loyal customer base—the wearers of his polyester fashions.

- Not being one to run behind trends, he wanted a way to figure out for himself if this was truly a trend and not a fad. One purpose his business strategy of opening new retail stores served was research and experimentation. This would provide the information he needed to determine what changes were needed if any and what future products he would move to develop.
- Being competitively driven to always be the best meant that Nygard now wanted to dominate any new trends. So he got to work creating a silk fabric that had the advantages of being beautiful but stain resistant. Combining that with great designs resulted in this reputation: "Peter Nygard has brought something to Saks that is very unique—a product that is beautifully made with great fashions and creative genius." (Philip Miller—served as Chairman and CEO of Saks Fifth Avenue in the early nineties)

The way Nygard saved his business was to use his intuition, conduct the risk assessment, identify a strategy to mitigate the threats, ensure long-term survivability, and put himself back on top as the industry leader in the new trend.

This was Nygard's approach to every situation because the bottom line for him is to always be on top. Is it any wonder that he took a failing business to a level that reaps rewards of hundreds of millions fifty years later?

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As that old saying puts it—Say the word and shame the devil; and thus today, we note and comment upon some of the stated opinions of today's Attorney General, The Hon. Carl Wilshire Bethel.

In this regard, then we note and quote an analysis which says that: -- The country is suffering "fiscal illness," adding it is better for all Bahamians to shoulder paying off the nation's debt.

And with that, he leaps on the following porridge of words: -- "...The VAT increase was in the government's view "the most painless" way to arrest government debt...It's painful but no one can get rid of the kind of fiscal illness affecting this country without some degree of pain and it's better for all of us to shoulder our equal share of that pain since we've all over the decades enjoyed the benefits of government spending based on deficit financing by borrowing, borrowing, borrowing...We cannot continue to borrow our way out of debt. It is impossible to borrow your way out of debt..."

Of course! Of course! Of course!
But surely, there is nothing about this true as it goes set of nostrums which suggests that an iniquitous set of levies as those that come under the VAT rubric!

What about INCOME TAXATION that old proven and true stand-by on the road to justice Caesar-sanctioned imposition!

And thus we must alert the attentive public to that other reality where [as the record shows so clearly] the poor always pay more.

VAT will not in any way challenge our present inequity of taxing the poor while leaving the rich virtually tax free. VAT is a tax on transactions - in effect, a consumption tax...

We do not in any way criticise the high earnings of our professionals and executives, which are fully justified as due compensation in a capitalist economy

operating under free market principles. But we do not believe it smacks of socialism to argue that a reasonable portion of these earnings should be paid into the public Treasury, as a direct contribution to the cost of governance---This can only be accomplished by some form of income tax. Richard Coulson Writes.

And thus it follows: - Even with exempt items such as basic food-stuffs, a consumption tax has a greater impact on the poorer segments of society..."

Why – Yes! – But yet we do believe that: - They who are already poor will become poorer and they who are barely scraping their way through in the so-called 'middle' classes are slated to find themselves diminished inch by pauper's blighted inch and as we have previously insisted, there is no free lunch!

And thus that other factoid where creating exemptions from VAT is only a shifting of the cost; [indeed], then: -- They who are poorest can expect – as day follows night that they will get even poorer and poorer; and as they do so, social life will deteriorate.

In a nut-shell, then, we do agree with those brave souls who are sensible enough and compassionate enough and realistic enough to explain that taxation on earned income is the way to go.

Evidently, the current administration and its backers see and say otherwise; but yet – as we have been taught: -- Income tax is now imposed by virtually every modern country active in the international economy; and that two smaller countries, Panama and Singapore, with economies more similar to the Bahamas, are thriving despite imposing income tax.

This is most interesting!
Thus we wonder why a so-called caring People's Time Administration either could not or would not join in with this income tax chorus.

Indeed, we are moved to wonder why!
VAT by itself does not go nearly far enough in bringing the highly-publicised 'tax reform' to the Bahamas.



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Ministry of Education Hosts 'Meet and Greet' for Public School Scholarship Recipients

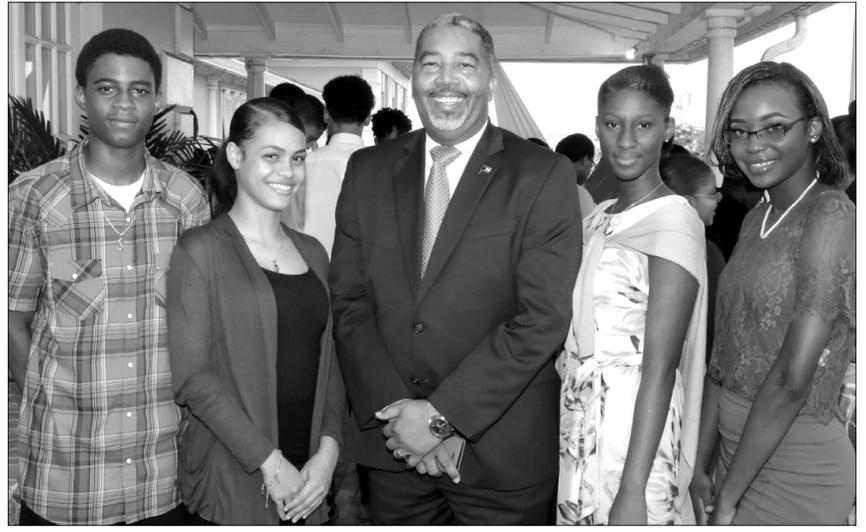


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The Hon. Frankie Campbell, Minister of Transport and Local Government, called upon Public School Scholarship Recipients to understand that it's not where they begin, but it is where they finish.

"You are all successful, but you're not yet finished."

"You've closed one chapter in your lives and as you open another chapter, you open this chapter better off than you began the previous chapters. You open this chapter in your lives with great opportunity; only you will get to decide what the final story is going to be," said Minister Campbell.

He urged the students to bloom and blossom where they are planted and take advantage of the opportunity they have received.

The Ministry of Education hosted the 'Meet and Greet' Public School Scholars Mix and Mingle at the National Art Gallery, on Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

Ministry of Education officials, including Monique Hinsey, scholarship programme

administrator; public school scholarship recipients; college representatives from Canada, Ohio and Minnesota, and parents were among those present. Some of the scholarship recipients gave testimonials.

"You are ambassadors," said Minister Campbell. "I should refer to you as excellencies. Why? Because your success will keep the doors of the various institutions open for more Bahamians to follow."

"If you go to these institutions and you act up and act out, persons will say we're not sure we want more Bahamians. You have the opportunity to ensure that all of the testimonials at the end of the next chapter are positive, not just for you, but for the institutions which you will attend; and positive for Mrs. Hinsey and the team who will increase these numbers."

He congratulated the students and challenged them to let everyone know that The Bahamas is where leaders are born. **(BIS Photos/Derek Smith)**

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- Ability to learn quickly in a fast paced environment
- Ability to receive constructive feedback
- Giving "EXTRA", with a passion for providing exceptional customer service
- Professional in demeanor, deportment, and dress
- High ethical standards in your work and personal life
- A passion for sales and solicitation in a strong sales culture

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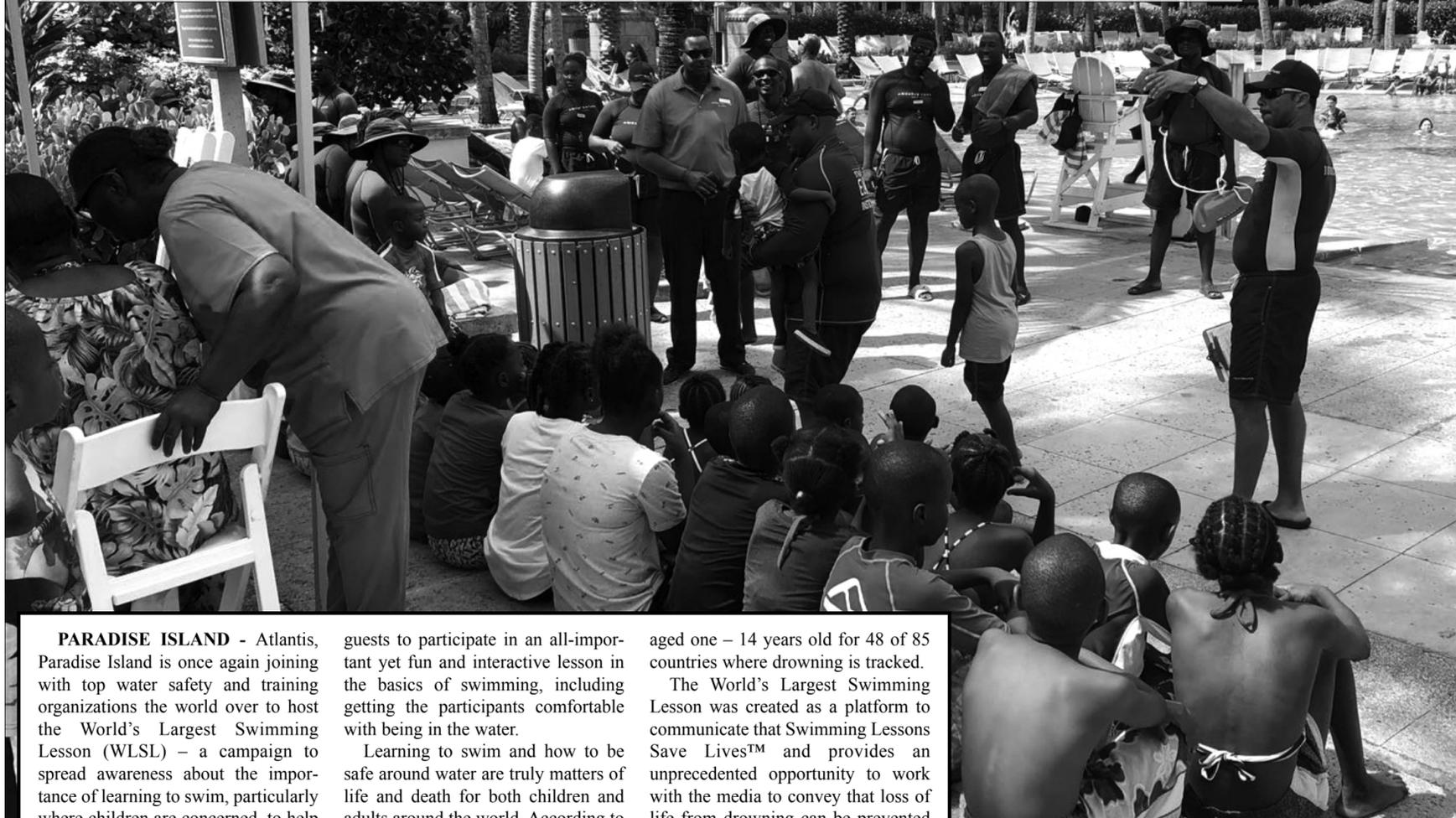
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Local Children Take Part in Atlantis' World's Largest Swimming Lesson event



PARADISE ISLAND - Atlantis, Paradise Island is once again joining with top water safety and training organizations the world over to host the World's Largest Swimming Lesson (WLSL) - a campaign to spread awareness about the importance of learning to swim, particularly where children are concerned, to help prevent drowning.

The event held Thursday, June 21st, - the first day of Summer - was hosted at the resort's Royal Bath Pool. Atlantis Water Safety Trainers welcomed some 40 youngsters from the local community as well as resort

guests to participate in an all-important yet fun and interactive lesson in the basics of swimming, including getting the participants comfortable with being in the water.

Learning to swim and how to be safe around water are truly matters of life and death for both children and adults around the world. According to the World Health Organization and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, drowning is major public health problem worldwide and is the third leading cause of unintentional injury-related death. It is one of the top five causes of death for people

aged one - 14 years old for 48 of 85 countries where drowning is tracked.

The World's Largest Swimming Lesson was created as a platform to communicate that Swimming Lessons Save Lives™ and provides an unprecedented opportunity to work with the media to convey that loss of life from drowning can be prevented through awareness and training. Since its inception in 2010, the WLSL event has helped spread the Swimming Lessons Save Lives™ message to more than 600 million people around the globe through media impressions.

