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Group Threatens to Sue Over Shantytown

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
 Journal Staff Writer

The law firm Callenders has warned the Attorney General, Carl Bethel of its intention to commence legal proceedings, challenging the government's policy to eliminate Shantytowns across The Bahamas.

In a letter signed by Queens Counsel Fred Smith, the lawyers sent an urgent request for the government, as well as utility providers, not to enforce the policy by the August 10th eviction deadline.

Mr. Smith wrote: "the gov-

ernment's policy to eradicate, bulldoze, destroy and eliminate unregulated communities is unconstitutional and infringes the guarantee against freedom from discrimination embodied in article 27 of the Constitution."

Callenders is representing "Respect Our Homes Limited," a non-government organization formed to advocate the human rights causes of Shantytown residents in the Bahamas, as well as approximately 200 Shantytown residents in New Providence and Abaco.

Mr. Smith said, "the govern-



▶ Fred Smith, Q.C. (Journal file photo)

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"LET PEOPLE LIVE THEIR LIVES"

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

As the government's August 10th deadline for shanty towns draws near, Bahamas Rights member Michael Smith issued a statement this week pleading with the government to remove the upcoming deadline.

He says, "the government for the people, of the people, has decided a particular type of human is to be disregarded, cast aside, in favor of the preferred humans."

He added, "this is where it becomes a sucker's game. It is a sucker's game to participate in favoring one 'kind' of

human over another, simply because the winds will change and the 'type' of human you are may be the next cherry to be picked and discarded."

Mr. Smith also said that the function of any government should be to serve the people and protect the people.

He said, "to play favourites, to pick winners and losers, that is the role of the people, yes, the humans of the land. Tribalism, heritage, ethnic composition, how that is dealt with is between the humans of the

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New Vice President of the Industrial Tribunal



▶ Mrs. Carol Misiewicz was sworn in as Vice President of the Industrial Tribunal at Government House, Monday, July 30, 2018, as Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling looks on. (BIS Photo/Patrick Hanna)

LOCAL AIR HACKERS INCLUDE FOREIGNERS

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
 Journal Staff Writer

Bahamians are not the only ones operating as air hackers, according to The Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA).

The officials have found that there are foreigners conducting flights in The Bahamas without the requisite approvals.

"One of the things that we have to do was to introduce a multi-agency task force involving the Police, Customs and Immigration, the Defence Force and the airport authority because all of these people need to now

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Residents Recount Unemployment Woes

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

In the wake of the Department of Statistics' unemployment report, Bain's and Grant's Town residents yesterday described the uphill battle associated with securing a steady income.

The Journal spoke with Sidney Pierre, a landscaper, who has been unemployed

for about five years.

He said, "working today, you got a lot of people that go out there on a hustle and try to make a dollar, but you got people that have you working and when the weekend comes around, it's a run

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POLICE INVESTIGATE TWO FATALITIES

POLICE are seeking the public's help in locating two females who have been reported missing by family members.

The first female is 30 year old Lauren Brown of Robinson Road. Brown is described as being about 5'2" tall, slim build with dark brown complexion.

The second female is 16 year old Britney Thelusma of Maxwell Lane.

Thelusma is described as being 5'0" tall, slim build with dark complexion.

Anyone knowing the where about of these missing females are asked to call the Central Detective Unit at 502-9991/2, crime stoppers at 328-TIPS (328-8477) or the nearest police station.

POLICE INVESTIGATE TWO TRAFFIC FATALITIES

Police in New Providence are investigating two traffic accidents which has left two adult males dead yesterday.

In the first incident, shortly before 3:00am, a male was walking on Carmichael Road in near to Gladstone Road when he was struck by a vehicle, which left the scene. He was transported to hospital in serious condition and later pronounced dead.

In the second incident, shortly before 3:00am, a male was leaving a business establishment on Carmichael Road in the vicinity of Popeye's Restaurant, when he walked into the path of an approaching vehicle and was

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ment has not articulated, and does not have any immediate legal right to possession of the land. In particular, no provision of the Buildings Regulations Act entitles the government to take possession of the land."

The letter highlighted several newspaper articles dated from February 2018 to July 2018, where the government spoke about the process of the removal of Shantytown residents.

According to the letter, the argument is that the government has not conducted any town hall meetings in each unregulated community or surrounding subdivisions over the government's eradication policy, nor has the government disclosed to residents the three-page action plan which the minister of labour alluded to in February 2018.

"Disclosure of the action plan would enable residents of those unregulated communities to make informed representations as and when proper consultation is

embarked upon," it said.

"In addition, as far as our clients are aware, the government has not disclosed the Building Assessment Report that was conducted by the Ministry of Works, nor has the government disclosed whether or not it has consulted any International Organizations and if so, the representations made by such organizations."

It is the government's plan that once the unregulated communities are cleared, it intends to take possession of the land, using it to develop subdivisions for Bahamians to purchase at a reduced price.

"The Building Regulations Act does not confer upon the government any authority to eliminate entire communities (thereby causing entire populations therein to be displaced) nor does the Buildings Regulation Act authorize the government to take possession land in such a brutal manner or otherwise.

"As far as our clients are aware, neither the government nor the relevant utility companies have disclosed

their respective action plans to disconnect services to residents in unregulated communities, nor have they disclosed any legal basis for implementing such action plans."

Mr. Smith stressed that his clients intend to file an action in the Supreme Court to protect their rights as soon as possible.

"We therefore ask the Attorney General (acting on behalf of the government) and each utility company or service provider to provide by return, a written undertaking that until trial of the Supreme Court Action brought by Respect Our Homes Limited in respect of the government's policy to eliminate unregulated communities in The Bahamas, the government and each utility company or service provider (whether by themselves, or their agents, or employees) shall not:

"Seek to take possession or take possession of any land forming part of an unregulated community otherwise known as a 'shantytown' in The Bahamas, wherever located other than

by due process of law through the courts.

"Demolish or cause the demolition of any building standing on land forming part of such an unregulated community.

"Disconnect or cause the disconnection of any supply of water, power, sewerage or telecommunications services to any part of such an unregulated community other than pursuant to governing statutory law.

"In any other way interfere with the quiet enjoyment of the home and property of any person living in such an unregulated community."

The letter ended by saying the group would seek to agree directions for the orderly determination of the proceedings.

The letter was addressed to Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis, Senator Dion Foulkes, Attorney General Carl Bethel, Minister of Works Desmond Bannister, Health Minister Dr. Duane Sands, WSC General Manager Elwood Donaldson, and BPL Manager Whitney Heastie. -

Minister Hopeful On Employment for Grand Bahama



Minister of State for Grand Bahama, Senator the Hon. J. Kwasi Thompson (Journal file photo)

Employment has grown from May, 2017 to May, 2018 in Grand Bahama confirming economic activity on the island, said Minister of State for Grand Bahama, Senator the Hon. J. Kwasi Thompson.

In a statement to the Press, the Minister said, "the results of the recently released preliminary Labour Force Survey 2018 reveal that for the period November 2017 to May 2018, the number of persons employed has increased in Grand Bahama by some 725, and increased by 1,805 employed for the period May 2017 to May 2018.

"While these numbers are encouraging, the unemployment rate according to the survey has remained the same as that of May 2017 at 12.4 per cent. We must continue to work to reduce this number."

The results are from companies including Windriver Tobacco Manufacturing Company, Carnival Ocean Medallion Project, Goombayland Go-Cart and Skating Rink,

G I B C digital, Fowlco Logistics Company and Omni Financial creating new jobs.

In the statement, the Minister of State said, "We also expect to see immediate employment opportunities at Quality Services Limited at the PharmaChem Expansion, Pelican Bay Renovation Project, Home Fabric Opening, Eco-Oil Construction and Opening, and Itelbpo expansion.

"We are very hopeful and confident in the two major projects of the Grand Lucayan and West End Skyline (Ginn) to proceed soon, which will create even more jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities for Grand Bahamians.

"We note the progress and we are keenly aware that a lot more work is required in Grand Bahama. We will continue to work even harder until our people experience the relief and economic improvement needed."

"LET PEOPLE LIVE THEIR LIVES"

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land."

He called on the government to "let people live their lives" and allow them to carry on with their day to day routine as long as they abide by the laws of the country.

"The inhumane brutality of what the government plans to do in

a mere couple days to a village, a town, a community, is taking us humans so far back that the barbarians of the gilded age would pause and shake their heads in disapproval," he said.

Mr. Smith recalled a time in the late 1930s when Nazi Germany was in full "bulldozer mode", and compares the decisions of the government to that of Nazi Germany in the 1930's.

He said, "it was the pristine art clad homes of wealthy Jews they were raiding and seizing. Here, with the targeting of the Shantytowns, the government is being disgusting - picking on and destroying the communities, the homes, the lives, of the... to be generous, the have-nots. For demolition machinery to churn forward and over people's homes, while backed by armed government soldiers should

be something that all Bahamians are not only opposed to, but will not let occur"

Mr. Smith said the time has come to either "be a decent human and not allow this assault to occur or to turn a blind eye and hope that your 'not preferred human' card doesn't get pulled too soon."

The government plans to offer affordable lots to Bahamians once these communities are flattened.



PUBLIC NOTICE

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTHERN RECREATION GROUNDS

The Government of The Bahamas through the Ministry of Public Works seeks to engage suitable contractors for Phase 1 of the Redevelopment of the Southern Recreation Grounds located Baillou Hill Road, and Cockburn Street.

Schedule for Tender Opening

Companies interested in tendering may obtain Tender Documents at:

Architectural Section
Department of Public Works
1st Floor North Wing
Ministry of Public Works
John F. Kennedy Drive
Nassau, Bahamas

A compact disc containing the Tender documents may be collected between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 as of Tuesday, 25th June, 2018. Applicants will be responsible to print hard copies of the Tender Documents for their use. Documents are to be completed in accordance with the instructions therein. The non-refundable fee must be paid in cash at the Accounts Section on the 3rd floor of the Ministry of Public Works Building, John F. Kennedy Drive.

All tender bids **must** include the following:

- Completed Tender Document
- Completed pre-qualification document
- Current Business License,
- Current National Insurance Compliance Letter
- Value Added Tax Registrant Number or Tax Identification Number (T.I.N.) Registrant Number.
- Current Tax Compliance Certificate.
- Proof of ability to obtain Contractors All Risk Insurance for the contract value and period.

Sealed Tender submissions should be addressed to the **Permanent Secretary Ministry Of Public Works** and are to be deposited in the Tender Box located at:

Tenders Board
Ministry of Finance
Ground Floor
Sir Cecil Wallace Whitfield Building
West Bay Street
Nassau, Bahamas

Tender submissions will be received no later than 10:00 am, Tuesday 24th July 2018.

All persons who submit bids are invited to attend the Tender opening at 10:00am, 24th July 2018.

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around.”

He added, “If you do find something you have to do things the people’s way. You please them, but you can’t be pleased.”

Although he admitted that he does feel the sting

of unemployment, Mr. Pierre also said that the government should not be at fault.

He said, “the government must be given space and time also. We can’t be sitting down saying ‘government government’ when there are other little things we can

do to help ourselves so that we can be better.”

“At the same time with the VAT and other situations with the smaller man having to pay for school, adults should be able to sustain themselves for the sake of their children,” he said.

A single mother who

also spoke with the Journal said that she has been out of work for almost a year.

When asked why she lost her job, she chalked it up as politics.

She said, “you know when parties change, they accommodate their family or whatever. So, it’s

been since October of last year that we have been let go from the National Stadium.”

She added, “since being let go, it’s been a real struggle because it’s hard to find jobs out there. When you get dressed and go on these interviews, it isn’t easy to

guarantee you’re coming home with a job. The struggle has been really great especially having kids.”

Preliminary figures show that the unemployment rate in the capital dipped from 10.6 per cent to 10 per cent.

International Organization Extends Reach to Local Orphans

A team from Youth 4 Orphans (Y4O) recently visited the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI) along with children from the Ranfurly Homes for Children and the Elizabeth Estates Children’s Home.

The children were given a tour of BTVI to discover the treasures that lie within its gates. Among the children were aspiring Cosmetologists, Nail Technicians, Auto Mechanics and Software Engineers.

The visit was to introduce those preparing to leave the home to a

world of possibilities where they can learn a trade then earn a living. This will give them better options and a strong skill set once they turn 18.

In fall 2018, five former residents of the Ranfurly Homes for Children became recipients of the Kirk-Ranfurly scholarship fund, which aids transitioning or former students of the safe haven to attend BTVI.

The brainchild of BTVI’s president, Dr. Robert W. Robertson, the fund is spearheaded by St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Kirk – where current residents

worship – with the assistance of corporate Bahamas.

Meanwhile, Y4O is an international organization that partners with orphanages to help ensure a safe environment for the children by helping provide basic needs and mentorship. Though this is only their second year in Nassau with the Ranfurly Homes for Children and Elizabeth Estates Children’s Home, they have been assisting the Old Bight Mission Home (Cat Island) and the entire Cat Island community for the past nine years.



▶ Standing left to right: Y4O Team Member, Angela Parzile; YFO Board Member and Treasurer, Tom Tippet; BTVI Dean of Construction Trades, Alexander Darville; Y4O Team Member, Matt Pawlynshyn and YFO Team Member, Lance Burkhardt. Sitting left to right: Y4O Creative Director, Sage Boysen; BTVI President, Dr. Robert W. Robertson and YFO Founder and CEO, Terry Hand.



▶ Mr. Rudy Meadows and his family paid a joint courtesy call on Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance the Hon. Peter Turnquest at the Office of the Prime Minister, Cecil Wallace-Whitfield Building, Monday, July 30, 2018. The family presented two children’s books “Little Ladena: Island Girl Let’s Meet LaDena” and “Ladena and the Color Pink” by Mr. Meadows’ daughter Tiffany D. Meadows and Illustrated by Audra Lovely. (BIS Photos/Yontalay Bowe)

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- A High School Diploma with a GPA of 2.8 or above, and four (4) BGCSEs with a ‘C’ grade or above and five (5) years working experience in any capacity

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PART C GRAND BAHAMA (NOT FREEPORT)				
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RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.29	4.47	5.05
		4.14	4.32	4.70
PART D ABACO, ANDROS ELEUTHERA				
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RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.40	4.64	5.19
		4.28	4.46	4.84
PART E ALL OTHER FAMILY ISLANDS				
NOT INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT				
RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.41	4.66	5.22
		4.30	4.46	4.86

ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

To: Mr. Jerry Pratt
Nassau, Bahamas

REF: A SINGLE STOREY WOODEN BUILDING LOCATED ON RUPERT DEAN AND PRATT ALLEY NASSAU, BAHAMAS

File No. 2046

1. TAKE NOTICE that the Minister Of Public Works in pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Minister by Section 10 (1)(b)(i) of the *Buildings Regulations Act Chapter 188*, has made an Order dated the February 20, 2018 copy of which has been affixed on the premises requiring you the owner of the respective premises described above to remedy the cause of the said building or structure being in a ruinous dilapidated state, by demolishing the said building and removing any rubbish resulting from the demolition within sixty (60) days from the date of the Order.


Craig Delancy
Buildings Control Officer

March 15, 2018

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

To: Mr. Mario Newbold
No. 37 Hospital Lane & Dunmore Street
Nassau, Bahamas

REF: A TWO STOREY WOODEN BUILDING LOCATED ON NO. 37 HOSPITAL LANE & DUNMORE STREET NASSAU, BAHAMAS

File No. 2047

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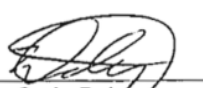
NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

To: Ms. Beryl Brown
No. 3 Dumping Ground & Ferguson Street
Nassau, Bahamas

REF: A SINGLE STOREY WOODEN BUILDING LOCATED AT NO. 3 DUMPING GROUND CORNER & FERGUSON STREET NASSAU, BAHAMAS

File No. 2045

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Craig Delancy
Buildings Control Officer

March 15, 2018



PUBLIC NOTICE
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

TENDER INVITATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER
TO CONDUCT A LAND AUDIT WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

The Office of the Prime Minister invites tenders for the appointment of a Service Provider to conduct a Land Audit within the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

All companies are invited to visit the Notice's section on the Government's website at www.bahamas.gov.bs, or to collect the Terms of Reference for the tender between the hours of 9:30 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Cecil Wallace Whitfield Centre
Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas

Office of the Prime Minister seeks the services of a Service Provider to conduct a Land Audit throughout the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in order to establish all land that is owned, leased or licensed for use by the Government. The Land Audit will build upon the work executed under The Bahamas Land Use, Policy and Administration Project, 2009 (LUPAP).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Government will engage the Service Provider to conduct the Land Audit which will:

- Spatially identify land and give ownership information within the study area in coordination with the Surveyor General;
- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of all properties within the study area;
- Create a user-friendly GIS database with ownership categories with useful fields that will assist in the planning and packaging of interventions;
- Create a Land Audit report (maps, tables and graphs, as applicable) for each island; &
- In particular regarding Crown Lands and Treasury Lands, to determine:
 - What Government Land has been alienated for use by others, either in the form of lease holds, licenses, authorizations, joint ventures and contractual obligations;
 - What Government Land is presently under commitments to be alienated, either via grant, lease holds or other means which has not yet been perfected;
 - What Government Land is presently under consideration to be divested either via grant, conveyance, lease or other means which has not yet been perfected; and
 - Whether Government Land leased to third parties is being used for its agreed upon purpose.

DELIVERABLES

- A Land Audit report containing methodology and Land Audit findings and recommendations;
- A Land Audit database with Title Documents as applicable and information on structures in the study area, submitted in Microsoft SQL or IBM Data base 2 format;
- An A0 map size with an overlay of subject land parcels; and
- 2x copies of DVDs/ CDs with GIS spatial datasets (WGS84 ESRI or ITRF shapefiles) of the above.

Bids must be submitted and sealed in an envelope clearly marked: APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER TO CONDUCT A LAND AUDIT WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS. All Tenders must be received no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, 3rd August, 2018, and addressed to:

Chairman, The Tender Board
c/o Acting Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cecil Wallace Whitfield Centre
P. O. Box N-3107
Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas

No increase, decrease, discount, reduction or any other changes to initial bid price(s) or conditions will be permitted after the opening of bids. Clarification of bids, as requested by the Office of the Prime Minister, may be accepted provided that the substance and prices of the bid remain unchanged.

Information submitted becomes the property of the Office of the Prime Minister, who reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

Permanent Secretary

The Impact of A Solution Oriented Approach

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.

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.

If something is impossible to do, it's impossible to do, right?

The idea of a solution-oriented approach to something probably doesn't make a lot of sense to some people. Yet, an insistence on a solution to any problem can bring about the desired result. Somehow one can find a way to make something work.

However, it first requires a belief that nothing is impossible to achieve. The single most influential factor in fashion mogul Peter Nygard's exponential business success is his belief that nothing is impossible, which produced a solution-oriented approach to his business.

The significance of a solution-oriented approach is illustrated in the Apollo 13 space mission challenges, as previously referenced. It's a situation that business consultants have used as a great storytelling example to demonstrate an important lesson for business.

Most people are already familiar with the unforgettable line from the Apollo 13 mission: "Houston, we have a problem."

When the astronauts in the Apollo 13 mission got in trouble while in Space — with challenges that would have prevented them from returning to earth alive — the Chief of the Apollo 13 Mission on the ground at NASA had one goal: "Bring the Apollo 13 astronauts home."

This is the goal he communicated over and over to the engineering team on the ground working on the problems faced by Apollo 13 in space. No matter how many times the engineers came to him to explain what problems they faced trying to find a solution, he kept sending them away and reminding them of the goal — bring the astronauts home.

He told them that he didn't want to hear what couldn't work. He wanted to hear what would work to bring the astronauts home. In other words, he kept directing them to seek solutions — to focus on the resolution and not on the challenges.

There is no doubt that the Apollo 13

mission would have been doomed with the American people having to mourn the deaths of their astronauts if the team on the ground was not able to come up with a workable solution for the Apollo 13 astronauts to return to earth safely.

While Peter Nygard's business missions are not as dire, his approach to every objective and goal was and is to 'bring the astronauts home'. No matter what he wants to achieve, he works with the premise that without a shadow of a doubt nothing is impossible.

But Peter Nygard didn't need this lesson from the Apollo 13 mission to know that nothing is impossible. Of course nothing is impossible. From the age of three until he left his grandparent's farm, he watched his Grampa do the impossible every day.

Whenever Peter Nygard encountered a challenge in his business and wanted to do things that had never been done before, he simply got to work and found a way to make it happen.

The 2008 recession was no exception. Why should he join the recession? Others would have told him, 'it's impossible to avoid'. But challenging Peter Nygard is exactly what causes him to resolve to prove everyone wrong. So, he dug in, allowed his 'sisu' drive to take over, and found a way to avoid the recession.

Peter Nygard ignored the economists and got to work with a solution-oriented approach. Believing that nothing is impossible, he strategised to find a way to avoid the recession, despite the fact that his business was dependent on others, who no doubt, would also be experiencing the recession.

Instead of a recession, his solution-oriented approach resulted in a 25% increase in profits for Nygard—thus, the impact a solution-oriented approach can have on a business.

Stay tuned for more analyses of the principles at work in Peter Nygard's business success.

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EDITORIAL

OPPORTUNITY & HOPE?

Today they speak of the purported connection between opportunity and hope; and as the record shows, yesterday, some of the others spoke fervently about their understanding of how help could be married to hope.

Clearly, then, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

As expected, when the hot air had been ventilated, Parliament gave legal sanction to the current administration's Over-The-Hill Economic Empowerment Zone idea.

They got what they wanted.

And thus in the aftermath of action taken, we wait to see what — if anything —the poor Over-The-Hill people will get from this patched-together collage of warmed over urban-renewal retro-inspired ideas.

And thus, whether we reference the incidence of crime, poor housing conditions, joblessness, illiteracy, homelessness, and any number of attendant social ills, the fact remains that these phenomena are products of a capitalist dominated system which embraces some and rejects so very many others.

And thus when, this or that leader talks about the persistence of other so-called social ills that contribute to crime and anti-social behavior, they might do well to chart the living connection between the few who own so very much and the rest of the suffering populace which owns so very little.

Evidently, this is true of most communities populated by most Bahamians!

One of the crueler aspects to politics as 'played' in small to mini-states such as our beloved Bahamas has to do with the extent to which their leaders routinely fall into step with trying to promise everything that might garner them votes—and thus some of these men and women routinely play on the ignorance and emotions of their true-believer followers.

And thus, they pander to their base; and yet there is even more in this: --These men and women routinely turn to those rules that come tied in with what can be described as the 'blame game.'

And thus we now have on our hand that dread scenario where each side of the so-called 'political' divide continue to demonize each other.

Evidently, whilst we do understand that this is par for the course, we deplore it all; and clearly, all of this row-game material as played

out in media and in the hallowed halls of parliament sometimes takes on a presentation which can and does —on occasion-morph into the perfectly ludicrous and on occasion downright hysterical.

With this in mind, then, we would suggest that —as in times past- when leaders touted the potential inherent in their ideas concerning versions of affirmative action, venture capital experiments, Development Banks, industrial corporations and any number of other politician-designed quixotic projects, the result was invariably the same: ---Government money was poured —penny upon penny, dollars piled on the willing backs of even more public money.

In sum then, not only is this latest re-iteration of what is really a very old idea totally out of whack with reality; but that [clearly] the way things are organized economically, socially and politically mitigates against the 'expected' success of the current administration's so-called empowerment zone fantasy.

In this regard, then, we note what we consider one of the more bizarre aspects that comes marbled in with politicians can say things that are simply not true as when in a recent time, Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis blamed a "violent and destructive" era under the PLP for the Over-the-Hill community's poor conditions.

This claim is just not true.

As most right-thinking Bahamians know: -- The real truth in that matter concerning THAT VIOLENT AND DESTRUCTIVE is that not only was it destructive, but that that same period was the very same one where some Bahamians who traded in guns and drugs earned money sufficient to establish them as gentlemen, ladies and to wit, pillars of society.

This is par for the course in this smuggler's paradise.

In truth, that violent and destructive era under the PLP was neither child nor relative [however distant] of that party which was home not only to the Father of the Nation, the Rt. Hon. Sir Lynden O. Pindling, but also the birthing place of the late, Sir Cecil Vincent Wallace-Whitfield, the Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham and Perry Gladstone Christie immediate past prime minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

INVITATION FOR TENDER

Residential Waste Collection New Providence

The Government of The Bahamas is inviting Tenders for the weekly collection of residential waste in New Providence.

Interested parties may obtain further information, including eligibility to participate and may collect the bidding document(s) upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 per document, as of July 2, 2018 from:

The Department of Environmental Health Services
Farrington Road
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Tel: (242)-302-5150, 322-8037

Between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The method of payment will be certified cheque or cash. Tenders are to be submitted in triplicate (3) in a sealed envelope(s) and addressed to:

The Tenders Board
c/o The Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cecil V. Wallace Whitfield Centre
P.O. Box N-3017
Nassau, The Bahamas

No later than 4:30 p.m. on the 13th August, 2018

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The public is hereby notified that a Site Plan Application (SPA/5/2018) on behalf of Mosko Group Limited is being reviewed by the Department of Physical Planning for presentation to the Town Planning Committee.

The applicant is requesting preliminary approval to develop a cemetery on a 7.76-acre tract of land, situated on the southern side of Soldier Road and immediately east of Kennedy Subdivision. The proposed site also is bounded in part on the eastern boundary by Windsor Place Subdivision.

The preliminary site plan and file for the proposed development are available for viewing at the Department of Physical Planning, located in the Aventura Plaza on John F. Kennedy Drive, during normal working hours.

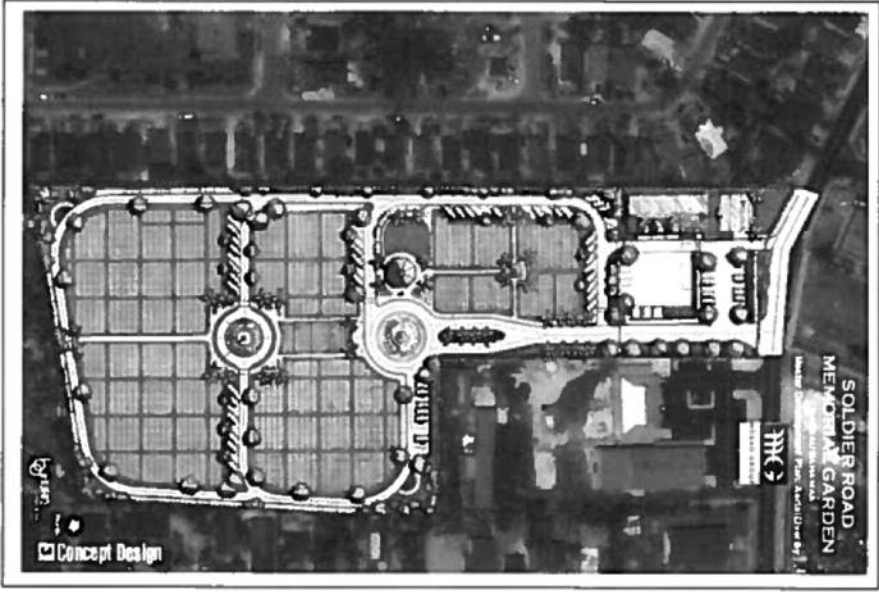
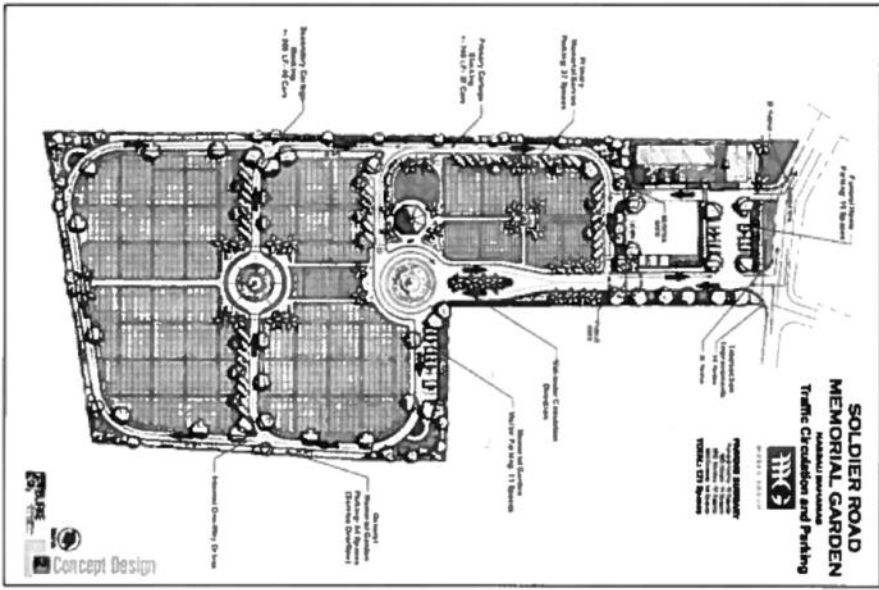
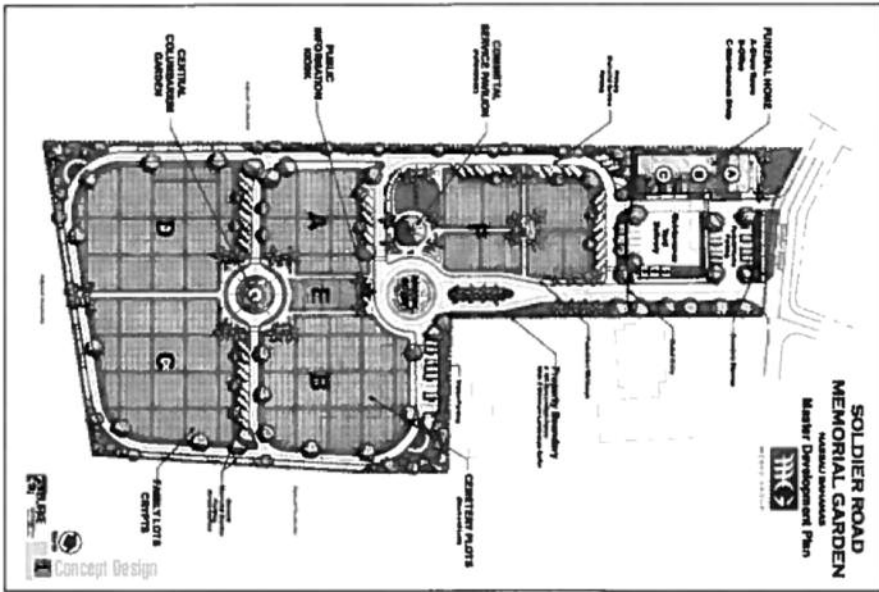
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Submissions should be made via P.O. Box N -1611 Nassau, Bahamas or fax (242) 328 – 3206. Further inquiries should be made to the Acting Director via Tel: (242)322-7550/2 or (242)328-3202 or CHARLESZONICLE@BAHAMAS.GOV.BS

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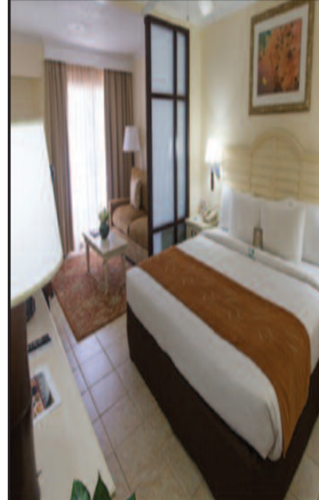
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Governor General welcomes Chinese Ambassador



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POLICE SEEK HELP IN LOCATING MISSING FEMALES

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struck. He was transported to hospital in serious condition and was later pronounced dead. The diver remained on scene and is assisting with this investigation. Investigations are being continued by officers from the

RBPF Traffic Department.

Police have now identified the male who was killed as a result of a traffic accident which occurred on the Western Road on Sunday as Jeffrey Luna Layosa a 35-year-old of Bueno Retiro Road and formally of the Republic of the Philippines

LOCAL AIR HACKERS INCLUDE FOREIGNERS

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pool their resources and coordinate their activities in order to tighten that noose," said BCAA Director General, Captain Charles Beneby.

Capt. Beneby, pointed out that this is crucial if there's to

be a real crackdown.

"The practice is that the operator would frequently say this is my cousin or this is my sister, this is my family and then those persons that are flying with these people are reluctant to come forward and say I paid," he said.

"So that is why this public

education campaign is going to be so important.

"Persons need to understand that they are placing themselves at great risks if they are operating with an entity or a person who has not been duly certified," he said.

Capt. Beneby's comments

follow January's Great Harbour Cay and Andros plane crashes.

Chief Investigator of The Bahamas Air Accident Investigation Department (BAAID), Delvin Major, said final reports into both will be available on Tuesday on www.baaid.org/accidents.



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