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PLP Deepens Democracy

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

A special Convention of the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) has adopted a report from a committee appointed to amend the party's constitution. A resolution to thank the Constitutional Committee for its work and to adopt the report was passed without dissent in a special parley held on Saturday at the Holy Trinity Centre, Stapledon



▶ Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) Leader, Philip Davis (Journal file photo)

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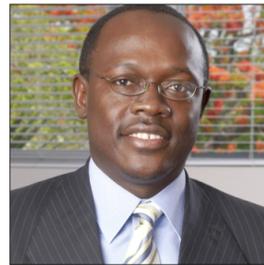
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Again, there were more men than women in this category.

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PM TOURED SKYLINE'S \$2.5 BILLION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT THE FORMER GINN SUR MER



▶ Friday, July 27, 2018, Skyline Investment's Project Manager, Derek Gape updated the Prime Minister on the purchase of the 2,012 acres of real property. (BIS Photos/Yontalay Bowe)

DNA Deputy Leader Calls for Economic Growth Plan

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

According to Democratic National Alliance Deputy Leader Arinthia Komolafe, Bahamians are waking up to the reality that electing a government without an economic growth plan has serious consequences.

She said that the unemployment report issued last week by the Department of Statistics shows an absence

of policy initiatives for "incentivizing the private sector", and as a result, the economy has remained stagnant.

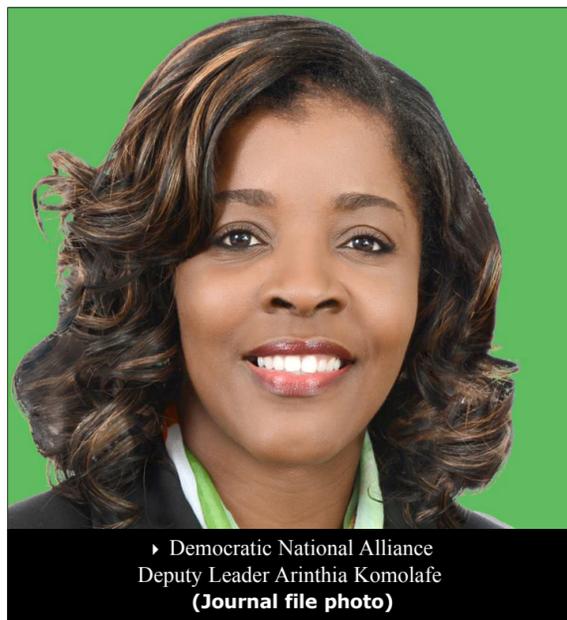
Mrs. Komolafe says the increase in the unemployment rate between November 2017 and May of this year can be attributed in part to the termination of 2,555 individuals from the public sector.

She also said that this report suggests no correction to the labour market as the

Private Sector has not created enough jobs to compensate for these losses and new entrants into the labor market.

Mrs. Komolafe said, "It is simply impossible to tax and borrow our way out of our fiscal predicament. Further, austerity without an accompanying plan to grow the economy could imperil the economic fortunes of a nation.

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▶ Democratic National Alliance Deputy Leader Arinthia Komolafe (Journal file photo)

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Gardens.

Now the leader of the party in consultation with the Leadership Council are directed to review and finalize the draft constitution, taking into account all views and the amendments raised in the Convention for discussion and consideration by the National General Council of the party and for tabling at the next general Convention to be ratified.

Addressing his party's one

day constitutional convention was Party leader Philip Davis, who stressed the need for a stronger and more transparent party.

He said, "It is essential that we are on the cutting edge of reform. It is essential that we infuse our party with new young talent that will propel our nation forward into the future.

"It is essential that we continue to ensure that the mechanisms, procedures and the way we do business as the Progressive Liberal Party are current, relevant, trans-

parent, alive and appealing," said Mr. Davis.

The convention aimed at addressing areas of concern like the party's objectives, enforcement in governance, membership structure, organizational structure, and operations.

While Mr. Davis admitted that change is necessary, he also said that no Constitution is written in stone.

He added, "It is a living document and it may be necessary as time and events unfold that it will be necessary to come back to it for

further revisions."

After a long day of discussions, the party's Constitutional Committee Chairman Raynard Rigby said that they have expanded the party base.

He also said that provisions have been made to make the party larger and more enjoyable for members.

He added, "We have democratized the party in the sense that there's a balance in our party with respect to those voted in constituencies and other bodies within the

organization."

Mr. Rigby also added that a structured seat has been created to ensure that younger people have a more active role in the party.

Among the more groundbreaking implementations was the Code of Conduct, which Mr. Rigby said is a first for any political party in The Bahamas.

He said, "It deals with and addresses how party members should deal with each other, members of the public, finance reform, issues of how a Cabinet minister

ought to conduct the business and affairs of his portfolio in relation to donations and fundraising activities in these constituencies."

He added that the Code of Conduct is to ensure the accountability, transparency, and honesty in the public profile of party members.

Next, he said that the party plans to be more visible and active in every constituency across the nation.

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Unemployment among the youth (15 to 24) in the country continues to be considerably higher than any other age group, which officials said is common in most countries.

Their unemployment rate increased from 22.1 per cent to 24.1 per cent.

Meanwhile, discouraged workers increased by 6.9 per-

cent, New Providence by 7.3 percent and Grand Bahama 2.5 percent respectively.

However discouraged workers in Abaco declined by 2.7 percent.

Minister of Labour, Senator Dion Foulkes, said the results indicate that the Bahamian economy is stable and strong.

"The fact that employment increased compared to last November's survey is very good news for Bahamian workers and their families," he said.

"The unemployment rate is on a downward trend," he added.

"The significant decrease in unemployment in New Providence from 10.6 percent to 10 percent indicates that the FNM Government's economic plan is working and bearing fruits.

"The decrease in the [number] of vulnerable

workers by 10 percent shows that the working conditions are improving, and that workers' salaries have increased."

The Minister said the government remains concerned about the high rate of unemployment among young people, adding that programmes have and are being implemented to bring relief to the nation's youth.

However, Opposition Deputy Chester Cooper, is not at all pleased with the results.

"The Labour Force Survey released by the Department of Statistics Friday has some rather troubling indicators that demonstrate the FNM's reckless policies are coming home to roost," Cooper said.

"While the level of employed persons is up as a result of Baha Mar, the level of unemployed is a reflection of the FNM doing everything

in its power to depress the workforce and the overall economy," he added.

"Whilst unemployment overall didn't move significantly in any direction, unemployment on Grand Bahama and Abaco is up.

"Unemployment among youths is also up.

"This is most disturbing given that thousands of young Bahamians graduated high school and college just after the date of this report," he said.

"Perhaps most concerning is that discouraged workers have increased across the board, are pessimistic about the prospect of finding work.

"The FNM can take credit for embedding a sense of hopelessness in the country, so much so that many people no longer feel there is work to be had."

"Had these discouraged workers been counted among

the unemployed, the unemployment rate would have been much higher," Cooper said.

"The lack of a cohesive plan to create jobs and spur growth in the economy is becoming more apparent as we move further into the FNM's term.

"With Baha Mar coming to its top level of hiring and few prospects for meaningful employment on the horizon, the government has raised VAT and other taxes.

"We say again, the government must stop playing politics and focus on economic growth."

The MP for Exuma and Ragged Island, said a further study of the data behind the report will be done over the next few days, but the initial read is anything but encouraging.



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.

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Conch Vendors Face Shut Down

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

Government officials are taking a hard stance against conch vendors who do not have access to fresh water at their stalls.

Health Minister Dr. Duane sands in a press conference last week said that there is legislation that allows for government to shut down businesses that do not comply with health standards.

While he stressed that this is not the Ministry of Health's goal for those who fail to comply with the measures put in place to mitigate against a further increase in conch poisoning, the Ministry may be forced to shut down and revoke the licenses of vendors who do not

comply.

At last report, the confirmed number of conch poisoned persons were 27 with another 22 cases awaiting lab results with all indications that the vibrio parahaemolyticus bacteria is becoming increasingly difficult to treat.

While the threat of a shutdown would affect the pocketbooks of conch vendors, Godfrey Pinder of Mckenzie's Fresh Fish and Conch at Potter's Cay agrees that shut downs are warranted.

"If they don't have no fresh water, they don't need to make no salad and if it's making people sick, then they shouldn't be selling.

"Seeing that that's the problem, then they need

to get rid of the problem and they will have to find something else to do because everybody out here knows exactly what to do with conch," Mr. Pinder said.

Dr. Sands said inspection teams will be on the ground to verify that the recommendations for conch preparations are being followed.

However, fellow Potter's Cay stall owner, Tyrone Darling said this should have been long been taking place.

"They're saying there's a lot of poisoning, but I don't see any health inspectors or anybody coming around checking the water and inspecting the stalls.

"I know years ago they use to do it, when we had

the three and four outbreaks, but now they're saying it's up to 27, but I don't see no health inspectors," he said.

Conch poisoning is caused by eating raw conch contaminated with the vibrio parahaemolyticus bacteria, which normally lives in seawater; in tropical temperatures like The Bahamas.

As Dr. Sands explained, with ongoing climate change affecting seawater temperatures, the organism increases, particularly in the summer months.

Bangs Owner, Edward Mcphee has a different theory. He says that sewerage leaking into the surrounding seawater is the cause of the conch poisoning outbreak.

PPP A VALUABLE TOOL IN BUILDING OVER-THE-HILL COMMUNITIES

BRADLEY B. ROBERTS
FORMER CABINET MINISTER AND MP
29th JULY 2018

The principle of Public Private (Sector) Partnerships is an invaluable policy tool to facilitate social transformation, economic empowerment and the deepening of our national identity, especially in vulnerable over-the-hill communities and must be more extensively utilized.

When we think PPP we think about the fast ferry dock, the major thoroughfare (King's Highway) and upgraded airport in Bimini – thanks to the partnership between the government and World Resorts Bimini. We also think about the almost two miles of the dual carriageway in and around Baha Mar resort called Baha Mar Boulevard.

This traditional application however, which incidentally is an innovative public financing tool, must go beyond public infrastructure development and public finances as a means of controlling the budget deficit and by extension the national debt. The country must explore the application of PPP with a view to strengthening our country's social infrastructure and deepening our national identity, one community at a time.

We have tangible and very effective evidence of this in any number of social partnerships that collectively offer a stronger definition of the unwritten social contract between the government and the people it governs.

Urban Renewal is a profound example of this where a number of the centers for empowerment and social transformation were housed in church halls. This social partnership between the church and the government has built up and embellished the common life in many communities.

The resourceful and resilient people of the iconic community of Fox Hill were able to build a community center over a number of years through fundraisers and donations, both foreign and domestic. This building was turned over to the government to manage and to be used through the department of Urban Renewal to build up the common life and strengthen the social infrastructure in Fox Hill. To a great extent, the social life of Fox Hill could become centered around the positive programs, projects and activities at that community center. It was unfortunately held hostage to and a victim of petty partisan politics for one year since May 2017, but I remain hopeful that the center's board and the government can work together to ensure that the vision of George Mackey and Fred Mitchell are realized for the benefit of the good people of Fox Hill.

When I retired from public life 'MP', I donated (rent free for 15 years) my former political headquarters in Grants town to the government to be used as a community center to empower the people of the Grants Town community. Fortunately for the people of Grants Town, this center was

not engulfed in petty partisan political warfare with the good people being innocently caught in the crossfire.

So it is clear that using PPP to build up the common life and social infrastructure is nothing new to governance in The Bahamas. The model is a proven success.

In my tribute to my late lifelong friend Alfred Bismark Coakley on the 9th August 2015, I issued a public challenge to many Bahamian families of means to return to their families' homesteads – in those over-the-hill communities that shaped their character and identity over one generation ago – and reinvest in those communities. Just yesterday (Saturday, 28th July) as I was driving along East Street I saw the dilapidated structures, I dare say eyesores, that were the symbols of the over-the-hill black middle class in a decidedly segregated Bahamas. Many of those persons have gone on to great wealth and social prominence in this country and have abandoned the communities that gave them birth and served as the launching pads for their social promotion and rise to fame and fortune. Other similar buildings can be found on streets throughout the Black Belt area.

I issue this public appeal and challenge yet again. Give something back to these communities that literally made you. Many of those communities are socially vulnerable and need this quality of community leadership, organization and engagement.

An excellent avenue of constructive engagement and reconnection with their over-the-hill past is through the PPP policy. The Interamerican Development Bank (IDB), The Bahamas government, corporate Bahamas and even the US State Department via the local US Embassy are more than willing social partners as recent history has shown.

I strongly recommend that revitalization begin by addressing One street at a Time, this streets can then be used as models to stimulate interest and generate enthusiasm. A spasmodic approach is likely to fail.

Let us roll up our sleeves and build on the successes of the Fox Hill community center, the Grants Town community center and the social partnerships with the church through Urban Renewal in building up the common life.

The Public Private (Sector) Partnerships (PPP) is indeed a proven vehicle to facilitate further social transformation, strengthen our social infrastructure, empower our people and deepening our national identity, especially in vulnerable over-the-hill communities.

New Civil Aviation Regulations

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

Since the investigation into that Andros plane crash, The Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) has been very busy reviewing their systems, according to BCAA Director General, Captain Charles Beneby.

"We realize that, that particular issue highlighted the need for a multi-pronged approach to resolving, eradicating what we have identified, and what has been in place for some time a practice of illegal operations where persons not duly authorized and qualified are engaged in the carriage of persons we

believe for hire," he said.

"These activities generally involve aircrafts licensed and registered in another state, operated by pilots licensed by another state," he added.

In efforts to mitigate against future similar incidents, the BCAA has revised its website to provide a listing of authorized operators.

It is also amending the regulations, to require all foreign registered aircrafts based in The Bahamas to register with the authority.

Captain Beneby urged those Bahamians with foreign licenses to apply for Bahamian ones.

"We need to ensure that the pilots flying in our airspace and in our skies are properly trained and qualified to conduct the operations that they're engaged in," he said.

"So, we are revising our licensing process to take account for that, there will be new requirements for persons coming into the industry.

"And those persons that are already in the industry would be required at some point in time to demonstrate their competency in certain key areas of the regulations."

The BCAA has also launched an air safety

campaign that seeks not only to advise the flying public on what to look for before agreeing to use aircrafts for travel, but to also crack-down on unauthorized operators and those who insist on breaking the law by operating aircrafts that are not air-worthy or aircrafts that they are not appropriately licensed to operate.

The Director General said because it is illegal to operate without the proper licenses and certifications, the BCAA is lobbying for stiffer penalties, greater fines, seizures of aircraft activity and imprisonment where allowed.

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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 Whitefield 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:

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

DELIVERABLES

- i) A Land Audit report containing methodology and Land Audit findings and recommendations;
- ii) 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;
- iii) An A0 map size with an overlay of subject land parcels; and
- iv) 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 Whitefield 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



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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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: 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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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.

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 businesses.

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

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.

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

[MAKING] THE CONNECTION!

If ever there was a truism of world-wide significance and thus also importance, it would be that fact which says that crises-on-the-hoof in the United States, China or for that matter, the European Union, have implications for governance and politics across the globe.

In other words, such is the emanating power inherent in the left of the greatest nation-states in the world that the rest of humanity must take note when troubles abound at the core of today's deeply challenged world ordering of power and influence.

And thus today, like others around the world who are checking for what is happening in Trump-Land-America, we too speculate:--- Putin might have information about Trump's finances that the president would rather keep under wraps.

Note also as we challenge:---Imagine if Trump were acquiescent to Putin because financial favors were exchanged, for example, for policy reversals involving the lifting of economic sanctions on Russia or supporting Russia's military annexation of part of Ukraine.

Clearly, then:---In that context, Trump's finances — and his tax returns — touch on national security and the public interest.

People around the world are trying to figure out how and why Donald John Trump is so enthralled by Russian president Vladimir Putin.

Amongst these people we find Steven Richter who recently suggested that:--- Trump's preference for the opulent, gilded style clearly pointed to his deep affinities for Russia.

Richter notes that:---In 1987, Donald Trump put up a full-page ad in the New York Times, two months after his first visit to Moscow.

In his ad, Trump asked his fellow citizens about the value of their international alliances.

The ad's telling headline was "An open letter from Donald J. Trump on why America should stop paying to defend countries that can afford to defend themselves."

Fast forward to NOW and what do you find, Donald J. Trump is fondly friendly with Putin and Russia, and all the while fumingly angry with Nato and the European Union.

And thus we adduce the phrase, cui bono? Echo answers:--Putin and Russia!

Thus today:---Donald John Trump, president of the United States of America has been

described this way:--- "...The real genius of Russian diplomacy, it appears, was to have Donald Trump installed as a "sleeper" in American society long ago..."

This view according to The Globalist's editor Stephan Richter who [in a recently penned opinion] makes a most telling point as regards Trump's contacts and connections with today's Putin-dominated Russia.

If so:--- This would surely be THE MOTHER OF ALL POLITICAL SCANDALS!

Note also that:---People and pundits around the world, inclusive of hundreds of millions of American citizens and residents, now share [as regards what they consider Donald J. Trump's perfidy a views pivoting on this emergent consensus: ---"...It's time for the president to release his tax returns publicly..."

Were the president of the United States of America forced to do so, there would be a shout of joy around the world, since such a development would either confirm or deny that myriad of allegations suggesting that this United States president is a puppet of Vladimir Putin, the Russian president and former KGB agent.

And thus as Charles M. Blow [New York Times Columnist] frames the Trump- The-Traitor paradox this way:---"...Put aside whatever suspicions you may have about whether Donald Trump will be directly implicated in the Russia investigation...Trump is right now, before our eyes and those of the world, committing an unbelievable and unforgivable crime against this country. It is his failure to defend..."

Blow also points out:---"...The intelligence community long ago concluded that Russia attacked our election in 2016 with the express intention of damaging Hillary Clinton and assisting Trump. As a May report from the Republican-run Senate Intelligence Committee pointed out: [In 2016], cyber actors affiliated with the Russian Government conducted an unprecedented, coordinated cyber campaign against state election infrastructure.

Blow also points out that:---"...Russian actors scanned databases for vulnerabilities, attempted intrusions, and in a small number of cases successfully penetrated a voter registration database. This activity was part of a larger campaign to prepare to undermine confidence in the voting process."

What a scandalous mess!

THE BAHAMAS
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NO BETTER READING

The advertisement features a collage of newspaper front pages from The Bahama Journal. The main headline on the collage is "Four Bodies Claimed" with a sub-headline "Haitian Burials Imminent". Other visible headlines include "Brush Fire Scorches Acres of Land", "22ND MURDER VICTIM Identified", "Debris Hinders Business For Ferry Operators", and "Alleged Election Fraudster A No-Show In Court". The collage also shows various advertisements and smaller news items. The background of the advertisement is a scenic view of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore.



NOTICE
MINISTRY OF LABOUR
DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Please be advised that the following trade unions are in compliance with Section 30 (1), (2), and (3) of the Industrial Relations Act Ch321, Statue Law of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas:

- Bahamas Educators Managerial Union (BEMU)
- Bahamas Electrical Utility Managerial Union (BEUMU)
- Bahamas Electrical Workers Union (BEWU)
- Bahamas Financial Services Management Workers Union (BFSMU)
- Bahamas Hotel and Restaurants Employers Association (BHEA)
- Bahamas Industrial Engineers Managers & Supervisory Union (BIEMSU)
- Bahamas Musicians Entertainers Union (BMEU)
- Bahamas Utilities Services & Allied Workers Union (BUSAWU)
- Commonwealth Union of Hotel Services
- Union of Central Bankers (UCB)
- Union of Public Officers (UPO)
- Union of Tertiary Educators of The Bahamas (UTEB)

Signed
Mr. John Pinder
Registrar of Trade Unions
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS



NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF TRADE UNIONS

The public is hereby notified that the Registration of the following Trade Unions has been cancelled pursuant to section 15(b) of the Industrial Relations Act Chapter 321 Statue Laws of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

- BahamaLand Construction & Allied Workers Union
- Bahamas Casino Employees Association
- Bahamas Cement, Marine, Maintenance Building Construction & Allied Workers Union
- Bahamas Marine Dock Construction & Refinery Workers Union
- Bahamas Maritime Port & Allied Workers Union
- Bahamas Petroleum Retailers Association
- Bahamas Security Allied Workers Union
- Commonwealth Transport Distributive & Allied Workers Union
- Commonwealth Transport Union
- Eastside Stevedores Union
- Optometric Association of The Bahamas
- Public Service Drivers Union
- The Bahamas Containers Port & Allied Workers Union
- United Brotherhood Long shore Union

Mr. John Pinder
Registrar of Trade Unions



GOVERNMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING
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
Nassau Bahamas
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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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
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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.

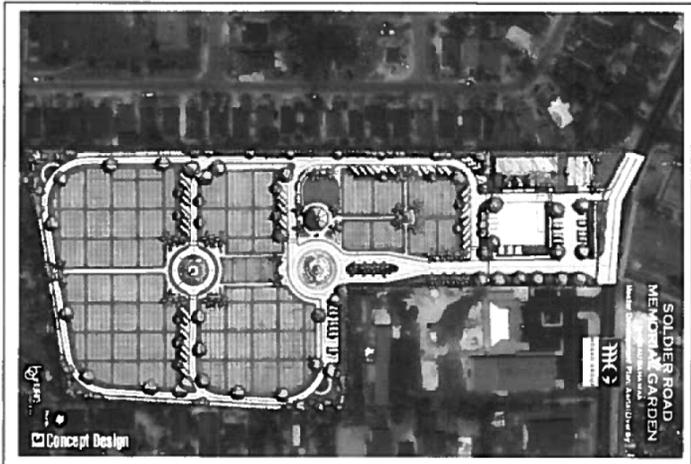
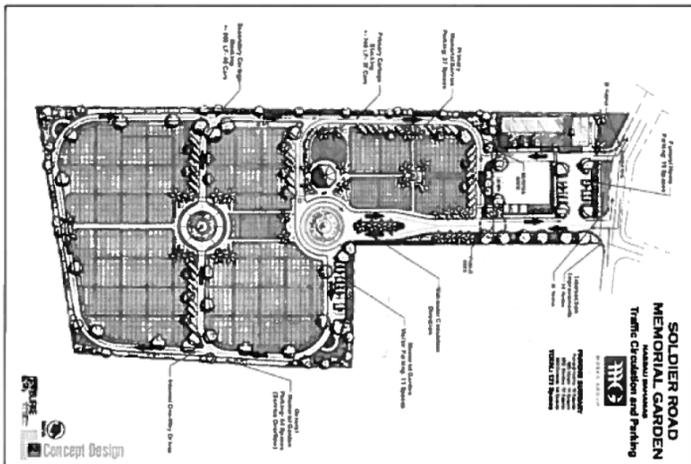
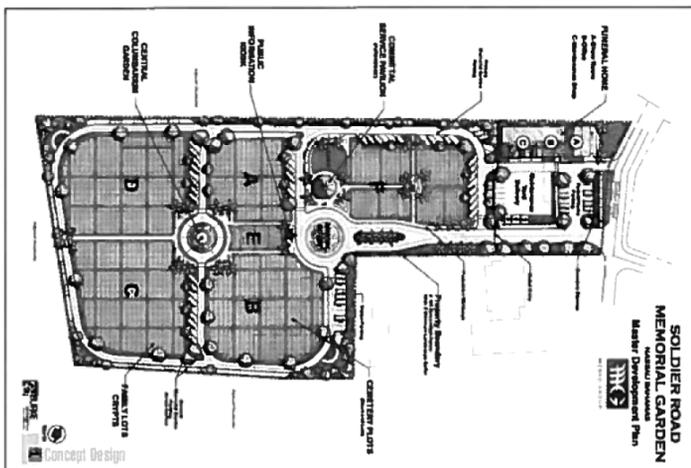
Interested persons and organisations are invited to review the information on file and provide written comments to the Acting Director of Physical Planning within twenty-one (21) days of the date of this notice.

Submissions should be made via P.O. Box N -1611 Nassau, 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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DNA Deputy Leader Calls for Economic Growth Plan

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"The recent labor force survey in May 2018 follows a significant employment drive by Baha Mar and what has been touted as a spectacular and record breaking first quarter for the tourism industry in The Bahamas. We can only imagine what the labor force survey would have shown had Baha Mar not been the main driver of economic activity since May 2017," said Mrs. Komolafe.

She also said that the IMF has been quoted stating that the country needs 5.5% economic growth to absorb all new entrants into the Bahamian workforce and to cut existing unemployment rates in half.

She suggested that deliberate actions, steps and initiatives be undertaken to achieve the desired and tar-

get growth levels.

Mrs. Komolafe said it is "reckless and irresponsible to leave this important policy making role of the government to chance, luck or coincidence and adds that The Bahamas needs a plan that will ensure sustainable economic growth and insulate the nation from external shocks."

She also noted that the "dismal" record of the government on the economy was achieved prior to the implementation of a 60% increase in the Value Added Tax and this "targeted assault" on a shrinking middle class and anticipated reduction in the disposable income of consumers could further dampen demand of an already fragile economy.

Exuma MP fears Youth Exodus

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Unemployment among the youth (15 to 24) in the country continues to be considerably higher than any other age group, which officials said is common in most countries.

Their unemployment rate increased from 22.1 per cent to 24.1 per cent.

Meanwhile, discouraged workers increased by 6.9 percent, New Providence by 7.3 percent and Grand Bahama 2.5 percent respectively.

However discouraged workers in Abaco declined by 2.7 percent.

Minister of Labour, Senator Dion Foulkes, said the results indicate that the Bahamian economy is stable and strong.

"The fact that employment increased compared to last November's survey is very good news for Bahamian workers and their families," he said.

"The unemployment rate is

on a downward trend," he added.

"The significant decrease in unemployment in New Providence from 10.6 percent to 10 percent indicates that the FNM Government's economic plan is working and bearing fruits.

"The decrease in the [number] of vulnerable workers by 10 percent shows that the working conditions are improving, and that workers' salaries have increased."

The Minister said the government remains concerned about the high rate of unemployment among young people, adding that programmes have and are being implemented to bring relief to the nation's youth.

However, Opposition Deputy Chester Cooper, is not at all pleased with the results.

"The Labour Force Survey released by the Department of Statistics Friday has some rather troubling indicators that demonstrate the FNM's reck-

less policies are coming home to roost," Cooper said.

"While the level of employed persons is up as a result of Baha Mar, the level of unemployed is a reflection of the FNM doing everything in its power to depress the workforce and the overall economy," he added.

"Whilst unemployment overall didn't move significantly in any direction, unemployment on Grand Bahama and Abaco is up.

"Unemployment among youths is also up.

"This is most disturbing given that thousands of young Bahamians graduated high school and college just after the date of this report," he said.

"Perhaps most concerning is that discouraged workers have increased across the board, are pessimistic about the prospect of finding work.

"The FNM can take credit for embedding a sense of hopelessness in the country, so much so that many people no

longer feel there is work to be had."

"Had these discouraged workers been counted among the unemployed, the unemployment rate would have been much higher," Cooper said.

"The lack of a cohesive plan to create jobs and spur growth in the economy is becoming more apparent as we move further into the FNM's term.

"With Baha Mar coming to its top level of hiring and few prospects for meaningful employment on the horizon, the government has raised VAT and other taxes.

"We say again, the government must stop playing politics and focus on economic growth."

The MP for Exuma and Ragged Island, said a further study of the data behind the report will be done over the next few days, but the initial read is anything but encouraging.



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