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A Painful Process

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

The government of the Bahamas is under fire from a number of community organizations, including Human Rights activists on over the resettlement of hundreds of residents who were uprooted from so-called Shantytowns.

The main question being asked is:

where are these people going to live? Although some members of the clergy support the move by the government, the process is being called "painful" for the residents.

However, Bahamas Christian Council First Vice President, Archdeacon James Palacios has praised the government on the widespread consultation done on the decision to eradicate Shantytowns.

Local human rights groups have not been easy on the government

when it came to demolishing shantytowns throughout the country.

They argue that it is unconstitutional to move someone out of their homes and that many of the residents cannot find accommodations elsewhere.

However, Archdeacon Palacios congratulated the government on its widespread consultation on the issue, adding that the exercise is being done as humanely as possible.

He said, "you cannot have two

sets of laws operating where people can build indiscriminately and in an unsanitary manner, in violation to set building codes. In this case it's like no law and so we have no problem with that."

Reverend Palacios says that this is a very painful process for himself and for residents.

He said, "I know the government is saying it has an inventory of some 200 units where the displaced people can go and rent. Well, that's only

a part of the issue.

"The reality is where you will get first and last month's rent from and in addition to that, their salaries very often are basic minimum wage type salaries. Are they able now to pay for apartments that are for rent for 5 or \$600 a month?" he asked.

The government has imposed an August 10th eviction deadline for all shantytown residents except those in Abaco, who have been given until next year.

PM to address UN Economic and Social Council forum

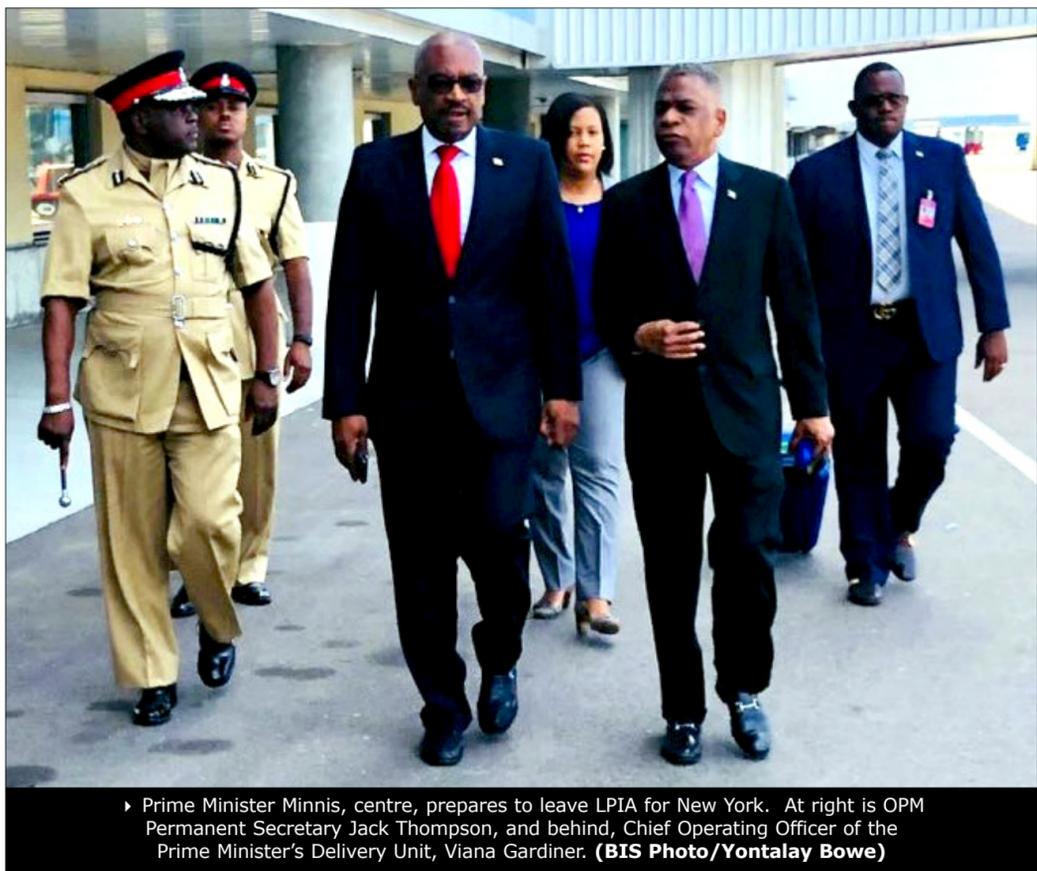
Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis left the country on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 for New York to address the United Nations High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

During the Ministerial sessions on today, the Prime Minister intends to reaffirm The Bahamas' commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and in this regard will refer to the work being done through the Over-the-Hill Development Partnership Initiative.

The UN focuses on the eradication of poverty and hunger; ensuring that there is water and sanitation for all; making cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. The Over-the-Hill initiative is an example of The Bahamas' address of these issues.

The Prime Minister expects to hold Bilateral Meetings with the head of Singapore's delegation to the UN to discuss matters that arose at a previous meeting with the Prime Minister of Singapore on the proposed digital transformation of The Bahamas.

The Prime Minister's schedule also includes a Courtesy Call on His Excellency Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations. They are expected to engage in discussions on how the UN can assist The Bahamas through developmental grant that may be available.



► Prime Minister Minnis, centre, prepares to leave LPIA for New York. At right is OPM Permanent Secretary Jack Thompson, and behind, Chief Operating Officer of the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit, Viana Gardiner. (BIS Photo/Yontalay Bowe)

ANDROS CRASH REPORT PENDING

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

The report into the last fatal Andros plane crash is complete, but the findings will not be made public just yet.

According to Air Accident Chief Investigator, Delvin Major, the delay for the report is due to the fact that all concerned family members of the crash victims were unable to be contacted.

"We were only able to contact three of the persons by the deadline we had scheduled, so I pushed it back and still trying hard to locate the other family members.

"It is out of courtesy we have to have them review it before its splashed across the headlines for them to see. So it's already completed and just waiting," he said.

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BEATING THE SUMMER HEAT FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS

BY DESTINEE BOWE

The hottest time of the year has rolled around again, and the humane society has prepared a few tips for the public to help pet owners and their furry friends beat this summer heat.

Inspector Percy Grant, General Manager of The Humane Society explained yesterday, the importance of providing our furry friends with proper sheltering and an ample supply of fresh water during this challenging time.

During the hot summer months, many Bahamians visit beaches and

often carry their pets without adequate drinking water. Mr. Grant stresses that just as humans, neither dogs or cats drink sea water. Therefore, Mr. Grant advised pet owners to carry a gallon or two of water with them at all times along with a bowl. The same is advised for persons who carry their pets on jogs or leisure walks.

Mr. Grant mentioned that many persons inhumanely tie or chain their dogs, leaving them to bake in hot summer sun. He said that if you are to leave your dogs outside, ensure that they are placed in a dog house or on a long leash enabling

them to escape the sun and rain.

It is also very important to monitor animals in vehicles at all times to prevent possible heat strokes. Mr. Grant informs the public that if you are going to leave your animals in vehicles, ensure that someone stays with them as it is the safer and best option during these summer months.

Mr. Grant said many animals during this time suffer from heat strokes and he gave this advisory to the public in the event of such an incident.

Pet owners are asked to quickly hose down or submerge their dog in a bucket of water to immediately

lower their temperature. Otherwise, the public is advised to pets to a veterinarian as soon as possible.

Mr. Grant and the Humane society wish the public and the furry friends the best in this steamy time.

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SHOOTING VICTIM IDENTIFIED

Police have officially identified the juvenile male who was shot and killed on Friday, 13th July, 2018 at

Baillou Hill Road as Sean Augustin, age 17 years of Lightbourn Avenue, Rock Crusher.

Police on the island of Eleuthera are investigating an industrial accident, which has left four men with injuries, Monday, 16th July, 2018.

According to reports, shortly after 11:00am, four men were removing palm trees from a container at a business establishment on Banks Road, Governors

Harbour, Eleuthera, when one of the trees came in contact with a high voltage electrical line, causing all of them to be electrocuted. The men were taken to the local clinic, where three of them were treated and discharged. The fourth man was transported to a hospital on New Providence for further medical attention and is listed in stable condition.

Investigations are ongoing.

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ANDROS CRASH REPORT PENDING

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All persons aboard the ill-fated six seater aircraft died shortly after take-off from the San Andros Airport on the morning of January 17th, 2018.

Five months later there was another such tragedy which occurred in Rock Sound, Eleuthera.

The victims were three American men whose Cessna aircraft crash landed in a bushy area.

"Just last week we came back from Florida where we did the analysis of what was recovered from the site

where we laid out everything that we had and were documenting what was recovered," Major said.

"So once that documentation phase of the airspace and the engine is complete, the next phase is we leave on August 13th to Alabama to the factory that made the engine and we're going to be doing a complete engine tear down just to determine whether or not the engine may have played a role in what caused to aircraft to crash, so that's where we are right now," he said.

Mr. Major, said the

Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) has some idea of what may have caused the crash, but a full analysis must first be carried out.

"We want to rule out whether the aircraft was at fault, whether it could have been the pilot or whether it could've been the engine.

"Based on what we've seen; we have an idea, but we need to confirm our ideas by doing an analysis of the airframes; what was remaining and doing a full analysis of the engines.

"So once we've gotten those reports, then we'll put

those together and see what was done from the engine analysis and the airframe analysis along with what we suspect and see if we could come up with what really happened."

Mr. Major said an investigation of this sort can take up to 10-20 years, but the BCAA aims to wrap it up in a year's time.

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The Prime Minister will serve as Patron at a special reception commemorating the 45th Anniversary of Bahamas Independence, for Bahamians in the New York area.

His delegation comprises Aide, Inspector Edgar Kemp; Yontalay Bowe, Personal Assistant and Photographer; and Viana Gardiner, Chief Operating Officer, Prime Minister's Delivery Unit who are all to return home Thursday, July 19.

His Advance Team of Dr. Nicola Virgill-Rolle, Director of Economic Development and Planning/Office of the Prime Minister, and Matthew Aubry, representative of Civil Society, arrived in New York on July 16 and are to return home July 19. Shanell Moss, Statistician, Office of the Prime Minister, was in New York from July 10 to 16.



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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deliver the same level of competition and competitive professional tournament play; regulated by Coach Collins; but also signifies a step away from the familiar greens played in the first two BPGT tournaments hosted at the Royal Blue Golf Course at Baha Mar. The 3rd Classic will showcase the picturesque and charming ocean views of the Ocean Club Golf Course.

On Thursday, July 26th, 2018, The BPGT invites all amateur and professional golfers both

locally and internationally to share in the highly anticipated 3rd Classic in the installment of Signature Series. Just under sixty (60) Amateur and Professional Golf enthusiasts from our local community and internationally are preparing to set their sights on attractive prize purses including Cash and other great rewards. We look forward to seeing familiar local professionals including "Swing Doctor" Jim Duncombe along with many others challenge 2 Time BPGT Pro

Overall Leader; David Harris Tee-Off 2pm prompt. Again, thank you to Hedda Smith and Breezes Superclubs Resort who have upgraded their sponsorship package and presence to become BPGT TOUR PARTNERS and TITLE SPONSORS for Round 3! In addition, Under Armour remains the preferred brand of The BPGT SIGNATURE CLASSICS.

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BOAT EXPLOSION VICTIM'S FAMILY RAISING MONEY

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

Family and friends of Maleka Jackson – the woman killed in last month's boating accident in Exuma are looking to raise \$175,000 within 14 days.

So far, nearly \$145,000 has been raised courtesy of 2,343 people.

According to a GoFund Me page, the money's to be used to care for her 12-year-

old son and widow, Tiran.

Some \$125,000 is to go towards immediate family and medical expenses and the remaining \$50,000 for Tiran's recovery and rehabilitation.

The Jacksons were celebrating their 15th anniversary in The Bahamas when the unthinkable happened.

The engine of their tour boat exploded, killing Maleka and injuring others, including a 22-year-old

dancer, Stefanie Schaffer, who is now a double amputee, having lost both of her legs.

All of the injured have since been airlifted from The Bahamas to The United States.

While a cease and desist order was placed on tour company, 4C's Adventures pending the completion of an investigation, the company has reportedly resumed operations.

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BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
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To: Mr. Jerry Pratt
Nassau, Bahamas

REF: A SINGLE STOREY WOODEN BUILDING LOCATED ON RUPERT DEAN
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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

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Buildings Control Officer

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
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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

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AVERTING BUSINESS THREATS PART II

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.

The dark clouds on the horizon of your business are starting to creep in closer. So, what can you do to avert threats to your business?

Well, let's jump right in and find out.

Here are four possible business risks that need to be addressed:

- Your sales are decreasing because there is new competition.
- Customers seem to always want to try your product but they don't tend to come back for more.
- Cash flow is challenging
- Your employees don't seem motivated or pleased to be at work.

Let's consider strategies for low sales due to new competition in the market.

Remember, you will use your business strengths as a part of the strategy for averting risks. Here are some possibilities:

Whether you have been in business one year or ten years, you are the more experienced company in the business. Therefore, you can claim your experience as a strength. So strategies based on this strength can be useful.

For many of the strategies you can identify, creating a marketing campaign that focuses on bringing awareness to your strength would be a good plan. Here are other possibilities.

One strategy is to find a way to reward your loyal customers. It can involve special promotions. For example, if you are a clothing store, you can let your long-term customers know of new arrivals through an in-store fashion show that gives them first dibs on the new fashions. Your experience comes in with featuring items that your loyal customer is sure to love.

If you are a store that sells technological products, you can give them membership cards and have sales for members only with demonstrations on the use of various products on sale.

If you are a service business, you can have

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.

a customer appreciation day with refreshments and offer free but useful information sessions. For example, if you offer accounting services, have an information session on strategies for investing.

In looking at the threat of customers checking you out initially but not returning to spend money, here are some possible strategies.

Offer a rewards program where they could rack up points, or they could get a discount on the third store visit, or some variation of these ideas. There are lots of reward programs out there. Do some research and decide what could work best for your business.

Another strategy would involve first finding a way to get their email address and sending them emails (no more than once a week—people get turned off when they are bombarded with too many emails; also, you would need to get permission to send them emails).

Make the emails enticing. Don't just send them product announcements. Send them info that they would want like how best to use products they may have bought—anything that would improve their lives with the product they purchased.

If it's a service, then offer additional information that can enhance their experience of the service they purchased. For example, if it was a massage, then give them info on other ways to relieve stress in their lives.

The key to these particular strategies is that you are communicating to long-time customers that you appreciate them and care enough about them to offer additional assistance to them. This will make them think twice about turning their business over to a competitor.

We'll offer strategies for the last two threats next.

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WHAT WE KNOW!

First—this bit of sad humour: -- Asked if Russia had compromising material on the American president, Putin replied, "it difficult to imagine utter nonsense on a bigger scale than this. Please disregard these issues and don't think about this anymore again..."

Second—Now this chunk of really hot new information: -- Special counsel Robert Mueller indicted 12 Russian intelligence officers for allegedly interfering in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Note also: -- In the indictment, the spies are accused of hacking the computer networks of members of Hillary Clinton's campaign, the Democratic National Committee and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

And thus, in the third instance, please know some of what we now know!

We know that Russia orchestrated a massive theft of information from the Democratic Party and the Clinton campaign, and used that information to help Donald Trump win the election.

We know that Trump publicly asked Russia to do exactly what it did -- to hack Clinton's emails --

And we know that Trump repeatedly praised Vladimir Putin, at considerable political cost, in the aftermath. We know that Trump associates, like Roger Stone, appeared to have advance warning of the release of the hacked emails.

We know that the willingness to cooperate with the Russians wasn't an idiosyncratic musing of Trump's, but suffused the top ranks of his campaign: Trump's inner circle -- including Manafort, Jared Kushner, and Donald Trump Jr. -- eagerly took a meeting with Russian operatives promising dirt on Clinton.

And we know Trump himself dictated the statement lying about the purpose of the Trump Tower meeting.

We know, from Trump's own testimony, that he fired the director of the FBI to end his investigation into Russia's role in the 2016 election.

We know that Trump has wanted to fire both his attorney general and his deputy attorney general because he feels they've failed to protect him from this investigation. Tellingly, the Trump administration has moved from arguing that the president did not obstruct justice to arguing that by definition, the president cannot obstruct justice.

We know in that in 2008, Donald Trump Jr.

said of the Trump organization, "Russians make up a pretty disproportionate cross-section of a lot of our assets." We know that in 2014, Eric Trump added, "We don't rely on American banks. We have all the funding we need out of Russia."

We know that from 2003 to 2017, "buyers connected to Russia or former Soviet republics made 86 all-cash sales -- totalling nearly \$109 million -- at 10 Trump-branded properties in South Florida and New York City."

We know that Paul Manafort, Trump's campaign manager, had ties to the Kremlin and was deeply in debt to Oleg Deripaska, a Russian oligarch closely connected to Putin.

We know Manafort was in communication with Deripaska's team during the election, and that he asked, of his powerful position in Trump's campaign, "How do we use [it] to get whole?"

We know that Russia's efforts to help Trump went far beyond hacked emails -- they included social media campaigns to inflame racial divisions on his behalf, armies of bots meant to elevate news stories helping him and hurting Clinton, and even efforts to compromise state voting machines.

We know that the Trump campaign interfered in the Republican National Committee's drafting of its platform to soften the language on Russia and Ukraine.

We know that Kushner sought a secret communications channel with Russians so the US government couldn't hear their negotiations.

We know that Trump has personally fought both his administration and his party to stop sanctions punishing Russia for electoral interference.

We know that there is no single issue that has bedeviled the Trump administration as long or as much as Trump's connections to Russia.

We know that since the election, Trump has bucked both his party and decades of American foreign policy to try to protect Russia from sanctions, pull American support back from both NATO and the European Union, and forge a closer personal relationship with Putin.

We know Trump insisted on the Helsinki meeting with Putin over the objections of his staff and despite the absence of any clear agenda.

And thus it follows--In time we shall all know the rest of the story!



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● *Prominent S Florida newspaperman honored at Bahamas Independence Ecumenical Service*

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL - Notable Bahamians within the South Florida diaspora including prominent South Florida newspaperman, Garth Reeves, were honored on Sunday during an Ecumenical Service celebrating the 45th year of Independence for The Bahamas, under the theme, "Celebrate Bahamas, We've Come This Far by Faith"

At the service held at the historical St. Agnes Anglican Church in Overtown, Miami, Florida, The Bahamas Consul General to Florida, Mrs. Linda Mackey, expressed appreciation and pride in the Bahamian diaspora of S. Florida in regards to their accomplishments and contributions to the S. Florida community over the years.

The Consul General spoke of the five Bahamians being honored as "educated and humble men and women who accomplished their dreams despite setbacks, disappointments and challenges, and doing so uncompromised. They were faithful as they trusted God to be faithful, and he was always faithful" she said.

Mr. Garth Reeves honored among the group, is not only a well-known newspaperman but has been recognized over the years for his activism in the South Florida Community and has been hailed as "The voice of Miami's Black Community." Born in The Islands Of The Bahamas, Mr. Reeves was raised in the United States. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. In 1970 he was named Publisher and Chief Executive Officer of the newspaper founded by his father, "The Miami



Times."

Other notable Bahamians honored on Sunday included another well-known activist in the Florida Community, Mrs. Thelma Gibson a descendant of some of the first Bahamians to settle the Coconut Grove community of Miami, Florida. Dr. Gershwin Blyden, a leading physician in the field of Oncology, in South Florida was also honored, as was Georgianna Johnson Bethel. Also, of Bahamian descent, and honored was Mayor Eric Jones of the City of West Park, Florida.

The Ecumenical service which is organized and hosted annually by The Bahamas Consulate General Office, Florida, once again drew a record crowd of members of the Bahamian diaspora in Florida, with attendees hailing from across South Florida but even as north as West Palm Beach up to Jupiter, Florida.

Special guests were the children of Our Lady's and St. Stephen "Angels of Praise Dance Troupe," from Bimini, Bahamas, who delighted the audience with a praise dance.

Bahamian son of the soil and rector of St. Agnes, Rev. Father Denrick Rolle, welcomed the audience of well over 300 persons in attendance. As is the norm annually, the service featured the participation of Bahamian clergymen from various denominations across Florida communities, and was attended by both Bahamian government representatives and officials and representatives of government from South Florida as well as members of the local diplomatic corp.

This year's Independence Message was brought by Rev. C. Lloyd Newton, PhD of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Delray Beach Florida. Prayers were presented for the International

Community, by Dr. William Pickard; for the nation, by Rev. Roberta (Bobby) Knowles of the Church of the Incarnation; for the government, by Senator the Honorable Katherine (Kay) Forbes-Smith; for the diaspora, by Rubyann Bradshaw, Vice President, National Association of Bahamians and for the Youth by Kirkland Sands Jr. The choir of the Church of the Incarnation, provided the musical selections.

Kay Forbes-Smith, President of The Bahamas Senate, brought special greetings from Prime Minister, the Honourable, Dr. Hubert Minnis and the entire government of The Bahamas. The Senator in her brief remarks highlighted that, "of critical importance to the goals of The Bahamas is the empowerment of our youth as expressed in our Prime Minister's Independence Message, arming them with increased opportunities to access the education and

training needed for them to realize their full potential."

"It is my fervent hope that this focus on our youth not only deepens their pride in our history and their commitment to community service, but it encourages their determination to become productive citizens contributing to the economic and cultural advancement of our country," Mrs. Forbes-Smith said, adding, that "the past 45 years of Independence reflects our story of a continuing journey to make our country better for all Bahamians but most especially for our young people."

Also making brief remarks on the occasion was Opposition leader in the Bahamas Senate, the Honorable, Fred Mitchell. "On this 45th anniversary we remember where we've come from and by faith we have come a long, long way. Independence doesn't solve problems but it gives the authority to decide for yourself, good or bad," Senator Mitchell said.

Bahamas Independence Celebrations in South Florida will continue with the Annual National Association of Bahamians (NAB) Scholarship Gala this Saturday (July 21st). The event which will mark the Association's 25th Anniversary, will take place at 7:00 p.m. at Shula's Hotel and Golf Club, 6842 Main St., Miami Lakes, FL. 33014.

The local S Florida Independence events will culminate on July 28th with The Essence Of The Bahamas Festival at the Bahamian Connection Village, 4400 NW 2nd Ave. Miami, FL, 12 noon to 12 midnight.



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