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# BPL Pays Out \$56 Million

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK  
Journal Staff Writer

**B**ahamas Power and Light's (BPL) voluntary separation packages (VSEP) is costing the government a pretty penny.

This according to Works Minister, Desmond Bannister, as of June 30th, 2018, the corporation paid out \$56

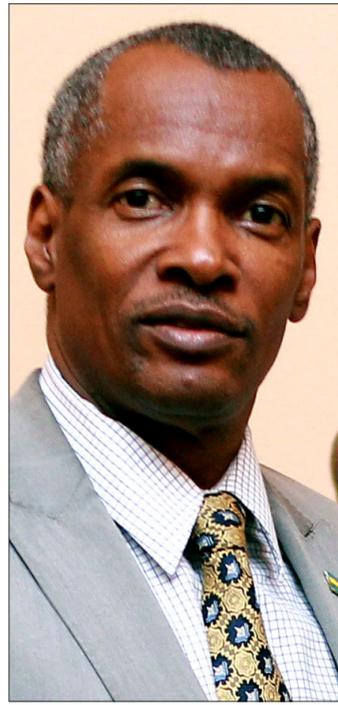
million.

According to Mr. Bannister, at the end of the exercise, that figure would have soared to \$70.4 million.

Payouts included \$2.1 million for accrued vacation; \$174 plus thousand for Christmas bonuses; over \$252,000 for incentive bonus; \$187,000 for retraining assistance; \$939,000 for medical contributions; and \$31.7 million for severance pay, giving a total of \$35.4 million.

The Minister speaking in the House of Assembly yesterday said, "the other costs include: the cost of pension gratuity \$1,741,006; the total cost of pension lump sum of 25 per cent; \$4,613,395.57, total cost of pension lump sum at 50 percent; \$28,567,802 total payments that was made by the pension fund Ansbacher that was \$34,922,203.

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► Works Minister, Desmond Bannister (Journal file photo)

## MINISTRY PROVIDES UPDATE ON SEA ACCIDENTS

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT  
Journal Staff Writer

A team of police and Defence Force officers along with the Port officials were in Exuma yesterday to detain an unregistered and unlicensed vessel found operating charter tours from Hurricane Hole, New Providence on July 2nd.

The Ministry of Transport on 2nd July, issued a Cease and Desist Order by the Acting Port Controller, which provided for Four Cs to effectively discontinue any further operations, pending the outcome of the investigation into a boating accident.

This came two days after the June 30th boating incident that killed American, Maleka Jackson, seriously injured her husband Tiran, as well as several others, who were airlifted to the United States.

The ministry said that once the boat is detained, further action will be taken in the courts.

In addition, the head of The Bahamas Maritime Authority's Causality Investigation Department is in the process of completing a report into the matter.

The Port Department said that the report will be then be handed over to the government.

The Ministry of Transport also provided details into the stabbing incident that involved Jet Ski operators off Rose Island on 10th July.

The Acting Port Controller hereby advised the public that Rose Island is not an area that is regulated by the Port Department for commercial activities under the commercial recreational watercraft act.

Additionally, the persons involved in the incident have not yet been identified, nor have they been charged.

As such, the port department is not in a position to take any action against any individual holding a port license, and who is allegedly involved in this incident.

The prosecution of any individual by the Royal Bahamas Police Force, who is licensed by the port department as a Jet Ski operator, will result in the immediate suspension of that operator's license by the acting port controller.

Thereafter, by the revocation of that individual's license by the New Providence port authority board.

## PM Touts Over-the-Hill Project at UN

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert A. Minnis says his Government's Over-the-Hill Community Development Partnership Initiative is on track towards achieving sustainable development goals.

Dr. Minnis made this assertion yesterday in an address to the United Nations High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

He addressed, specifically, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) with respect to Transformation towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies at the UN headquarters in New York City.

He said in his presentation: "The Bahamas reiterates its commitment to localizing the Sustainable Development Goals into its National Planning processes," and as a Small Island Developing State located in a volatile hurricane zone, The Bahamas identifies strongly with achieving sustainability and resilience.

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► NEW YORK CITY, USA -- Bahamas Prime Minister the Most Hon. Dr. Hubert Minnis, left, meets United Nations Secretary-General His Excellency Antonio Guterres at UN Headquarters in New York, July 18, 2018. (BIS Photo/Yontalay Bowe)

## MINISTRY SELECTS CONTRACTORS FOR SCHOOL REPAIRS

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK  
Journal Staff Writer

The Ministry of Public Works is in the process of updating their contractor database and is set to begin summer school repairs.

That according to its Minister Desmond Bannister, contractors wishing to apply for these works are required to submit a pre-qualification document.

Speaking in the House of Assembly, the Minister said, "through the completion of the prequalification document, contractors will be granted the opportunity to prequalify and be placed in

the Ministry of Public Works' database of contractors.

"This database will inform the ministry's project officers of which contractors are pre-qualified for various type of capital works.

"To ensure that the quality of contractors, evaluation is done through a prequalification analysis of the submitted documents," he added.

The prequalification document is designed for assisting the contractor in providing information in support of their selection.

"The document allows them demonstrate that they have suitable experience, the

capacity, financial standing and are aware of health and

safety procedures to properly execute the works," said Mr.

Bannister.

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## Teenagers arraigned For Murder

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT  
Journal Staff Writer

Three males and a female stood before Deputy Chief Magistrate Sousubola Swain yesterday charged with murder and one count of attempted murder.

Among them was 18-year-old Marquella Dean of Lewis Street, 18 year old Antonio Thompson of Hay Street and a 16 year old juvenile.

These teenagers are accused of the murder of Sean Augustin and the attempted murder of Jason Campbell.

Also arraigned was 22-year-old Keith Allen. He was charged with the murder of Shanindore Neely who was killed on July 8th.

These defendants were not allowed to enter a plea and were remanded to The Bahamas Department of Corrections until October 18th.

Shortly before 3pm on July 8, Mr. Neely was standing on Homestead Street when a Ford vehicle pulled up next to him and opened fire at him.

The victim was taken to hospital where he was subsequently pronounced dead.

In the case of Sean Augustin, he was walking on the eastern road of the clinic on Baillou Hill Road when he saw a male being chased by a group of men. They shot both him and the male before running away.

EMS personell were called to the scene to revive the victim but were unsuccessful. Augustin was pronounced dead on the scene.

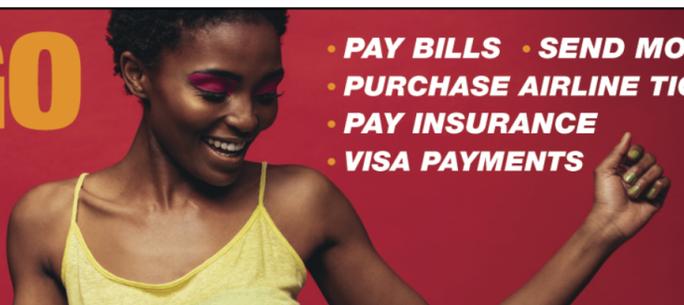
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# BPL Pays Out \$56 Million

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"This money is to be paid out essentially over a period of time," said Mr. Bannister.

According to the minister, this VSEP exercise was funded from the pension fund administrator as well as the funds BPL recently secured.

"A total of \$75million dollars was received in two tranches, less bank fees, legal costs and stamp tax.

"That leaves the current loan bal-

ances at \$200,011, and \$35 million respectively."

According to Minister Bannister, of the corporation's 1,038 employees, 314 applications were received and approved.

Separation was spread out to ensure the company's efficiency was not negatively impacted.

Two hundred and nineteen applicants left on June 30th and eight on July 1st.

Another eight will sever ties with

the company in September, four in October, seven in November and 39 in December.

According to the Minister, one applicant was approved to leave March 2019, 12 that June and four in December.

Seven others will part ways with the company in June 2020.

"It should be noted that 59 of the 95 employees who were retained beyond June 30, will be retained as employees with existing benefits

while 36 of them will be retained on contracts," he said.

"BPL made a determination that everyone who wanted to leave should have the opportunity to do so.

"Hence, many senior employees decided to accept the VSEP.

"It is, therefore, expected that 60 of the positions will need to be replaced as contracted and delayed applicants exit the organization over the next two years.

"Among these positions will be

posts for senior leadership in many departments.

"A Bahamian, Patrick Rollins has now been appointed to fill the post of Executive Director, a position that was previously held by Mr. Deepak Bhatnagar," Mr. Bannister said.

Mr. Bhatnagar resigned from the company late last year, along with its former Chief Financial Officer, Cecile Green and Human Resources Director, Marisa Mason Smith.

# PM Touts Over-the-Hill Project at UN

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The Prime Minister highlighted that The Bahamas has been made more resilient through having had to rebound after repeated thrashing by hurricanes.

He noted, since gaining Independence 45 years ago, The Bahamas has enjoyed a stable political climate and significant economic success: "We have witnessed a rise in life expectancy; attained widespread literacy; ensured greater access to preventative and curative healthcare; and expanded educational opportunities for all."

Nevertheless, "the challenges remain. Approximately 12.5% of our population resides in poverty."

He explained that economic opportunities and sound infrastructure are unevenly distributed, and that youth unemployment rates are consistently high. "There are still too many people without

access to clean water piped to their homes. Many face poor educational and health outcomes. In a country surrounded by water and basking in sunlight, we have made insufficient progress in becoming considerably more energy efficient and coastally resilient."

In this vein, he said the Government of The Bahamas is determined to move forward its national development agenda to enhance the quality of life for all in The Bahamas in a manner that aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Accordingly, he shared that a major initiative launched by his government in 2017 -- the Over-the-Hill Community Development Partnership Initiative -- is founded upon sustainability goals.

The Over-the-Hill area over the years became disjointed through higher

income residents moving out into newly-built suburbs. The result has been many who remained, or who moved in, were left with dilapidated housing and struggling infrastructure; as well as crime, poverty, unemployment and other social ills.

"Nevertheless, the Over-the-Hill community was and remains an historic, proud area," the Prime Minister said.

Affirming the foundation of sustainability in its restoration plan, the Prime Minister said, "The Over-the-Hill Community Development Partnership Initiative seeks to improve the living conditions within this urban area," and most of these initiatives the government has taken on -- including the commitment to provide water for all within this community by 2025 -- are in keeping with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

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### 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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

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

Please note the Ministry Of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

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# CIBC FirstCaribbean Wins “Most Innovative Bank” Award

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The bank is the only Caribbean-based Bank to have been recognized at this year's event.

“We are delighted to have won this prestigious award,” said Trevor Torzsas, the bank's Managing Director, Cards and Customer Relationship Management. “The award is a testament to our commitment and relentless efforts at leveraging emerging technologies to make banking easier for our clients.”

Earlier this year, CIBC FirstCaribbean revamped its mobile banking app to include services that are built on Visa technology – namely, mobile location confirmation and “Freeze My card” service. These features were the first of their kind to be introduced within the Caribbean by a bank. Through the app, clients can also easily check their account balances, transfer funds between accounts or to other CIBC FirstCaribbean clients and pay bills, all from their mobile device.

More recently, the bank launched an upgraded Online Banking system that allows its clients to bank online with the highest level of reliability and security. For example, clients can now schedule domestic and international payments online with stronger security through 2-step verification

and real-time alert features.

According to Torzsas, new technologies play a vital role in allowing the bank to pursue its digital strategy. “Our success could not have been possible without our investment in technology. Technology remains one of our top priorities as a bank and it has allowed us to deliver on our promise of ‘banking that fits your life’ by responding to client feedback and creating solutions that allow them to bank when and how they want. What is even more exciting is that our digital transformation has been well received by our clients who continue to engage with us more through these digital channels.”

The World Finance Banking Award is one of the most respected accolades in the banking and financial services sector globally. World Finance magazine has been celebrating achievement, innovation and brilliance in banking and finance since 2007.

## ABOUT CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN

CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank is a relationship bank offering a full range of market-leading financial services through our Corporate and Investment Banking, Retail, Business & International Banking and Wealth Management segments. We are located in seventeen (17) countries around the Caribbean, providing the banking services that fit our customers' lives through approximately 3000 employees, in 80 branches and offices. We are one of the

largest regionally-listed financial services institutions in the English and Dutch speaking Caribbean, with over US\$11 billion in assets and market capitalization of US \$1.8 billion. We also have an office in Hong Kong. The face of banking is changing throughout the world and CIBC FirstCaribbean intends to lead these changes with the expertise, integrity and knowledge gained from banking in the Caribbean since 1836.

CIBC FirstCaribbean is a member of the CIBC Group. CIBC is a leading Canadian-based global financial institution with 11 million personal banking and business

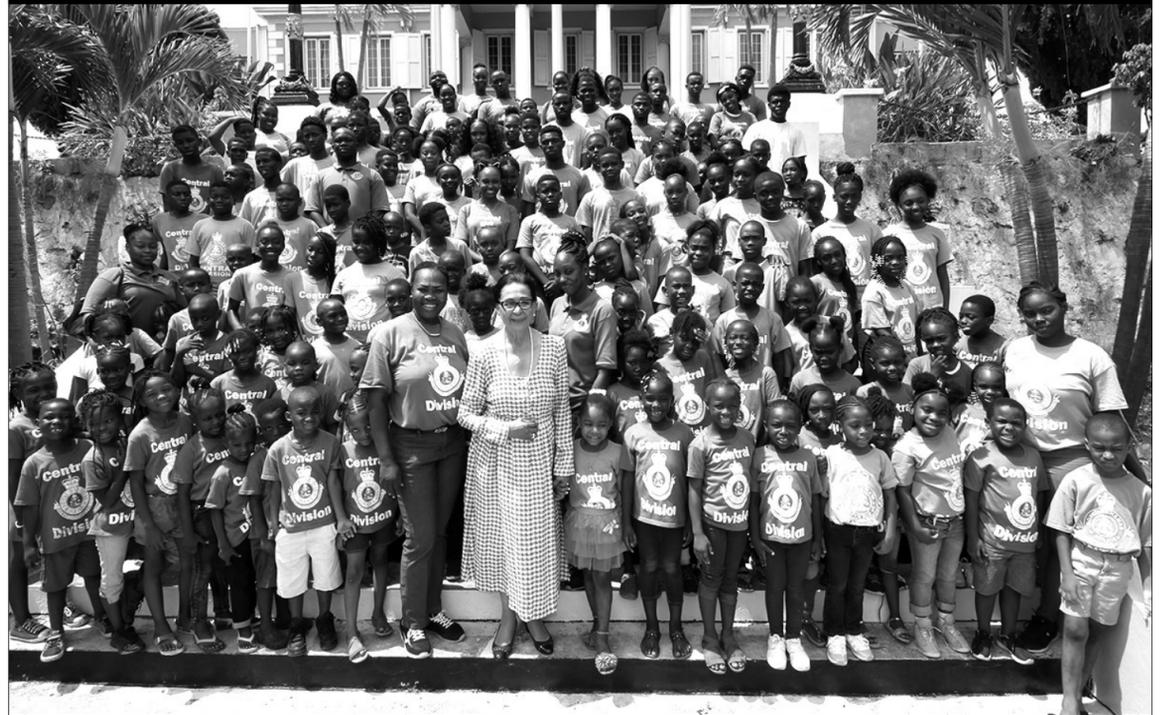
clients. Through our three major business units - Retail and Business Banking, Wealth Management and Capital Markets - CIBC offers a full range of products and services through its comprehensive electronic banking network, branches and offices across Canada with offices in the United States and around the world.

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► CIBC FirstCaribbean's Trevor Torzsas, Managing Director, Customer Relationship Management Strategy, demonstrates some of the features on CIBC FirstCaribbean's Mobile Banking App to colleague and Senior Analyst, Cards Issuing Team, Tonya Davis-Gibbs. (Journal file photo)

## ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME



► Students attending the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF) Central Division Annual Summer Youth Programme called upon Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling at Government House on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. (BIS Photo/Letisha Henderson)

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# PINTARD TO TOUR BAMSI AND MEET LOCAL FARMERS

Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources, Michael Pintard will visit the North Andros operations of the Bahamas Agriculture & Marine Science Institute, BAMSI, today in his first visit to the BAMSI as its Minister.

Accompanying Minister Pintard will be senior Ministry officials as well as the executive management team of BAMSI and members of BAMSI's Board of Directors. Minister Pintard will address the approximately 140 staff members. "Over the next four years our Ministry in conjunction with

our stakeholders in Agriculture and Marine Resources will increase our level of production and reduce our food and non-food import bill. This administration is determined to complete a strategic plan for BAMSI, complete the construction of the facilities and fully integrate it into the Ministry's plan of action in order to achieve food security and import substitution on a range of items. This trip is another step in that direction," according to Minister Pintard.

He will tour the school's campus inclusive of the demonstration farm and vari-

ous structures that make up the campus. The visit will also give the Agriculture and Marine Resources Minister the opportunity to meet the faculty ahead of the new school year.

While on Andros, Minister Pintard will also meet with farmers in BAMSI's Associated Farmers Program as well as tour several private farms in the North Andros area. This visit is an ongoing part of Minister Pintard's familiarization with all of the entities that all under his portfolio. Visits to other family islands will be announced soon.

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## MINISTRY SELECTS CONTRACTORS FOR SCHOOL REPAIRS

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According to the Minister, once the contractors have passed the pre-qualification process, they then will have the opportunity to bid on various projects for various scopes of works.

However, he added that contractors must not apply for work in a category which they do not have the necessary experience.

"Once contractors have

prequalified in particular categories they will have the opportunity to be invited to bid on rotational basis," he said.

"Furthermore, contractors may be deleted from the list if the quality of performance falls below acceptable levels or elevated to higher categories when the ability to advance has been demonstrated."

The minister also gave an update on the process.

"There are well over 600

and close to 1,000 prequalification documents submissions by different contractors and these are currently being evaluated by Ministry of Public Works," he said.

Contractors are able to apply for scopes of works for civil engineering, marine structures, road and airport construction, building construction, painting works, landscaping, electrical works, air condition installations and plumbing.



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER  
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

To: Mr. Jerry Pratt  
Nassau, Bahamas

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File No. 2046

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Craig Delancy  
Buildings Control Officer

March 15, 2018

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971

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

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LANE & DUNMORE STREET NASSAU, BAHAMAS**

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NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER  
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To: Ms. Beryl Brown  
No. 3 Dumping Ground & Ferguson Street  
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# The Rough Cut

By Felix F. Bethel

## “...dam broken...”

re: Putin/Trump encounter— Trump insists:---“... We got along well...”

Just you wait and see— Please note, I am being told that:---Every day the news gives journalists a new wonderment. Trump's own secretary of state reportedly thinks that he's a “f\*\*\*\*\*g moron.”

*“It is in part in fact of the failures of governments and elites... we now see much of the world threatening to return to an older, more dangerous a more brutal way of doing business.” Barack H. Obama.*

*“Given the strange and uncertain times that we are in -- and they are strange and they are uncertain -- each day's news cycle bringing more head spinning and disturbing headlines -- I thought maybe it would be useful to step back for a moment and try to get some perspective.” the former president said. He mostly spoke about Nelson Mandela, but at times strayed into the news of the day.” Barack H. Obama.*

*“If we cannot deny the very real strides our world has made since that moment when Madiba (Mandela) took those steps out of confinement, we also have to recognize all the ways the international order has fallen short of its promise.” Barack H. Obama.*

Fe-fe, fi-fi, fo-fo, fum -- with nought but John Donald Trump in mind- hear me at my addled best as I speak this truth--I smell smoke in the auditorium!

As John O. Brennan exclaims: -- “Donald Trump's press conference performance in Helsinki rises to & exceeds the threshold of “high crimes & misdemeanors.” It was nothing short of treasonous. Not only were Trump's comments imbecilic, he is wholly in the pocket of Putin.

Republican Patriots: Where are you????”

And clearly, with that thought easily nailed down, let it be known:---Charlie Brown, Charlie Brown; He's a clown, that Charlie Brown; He's gonna get caught---Just you wait and see—Please note, I am being told that:--- Every day the news gives journalists a new wonderment. Trump's own secretary of state reportedly thinks that he's a “f\*\*\*\*\*g moron.”

Re: Putin/Trump encounter—Trump insists:---“... We got along well...”

And thus, barely an hour goes by without Trump say-

ing or doing something that would have been unthinkable for any president before him.

Let's face it: The president of the United States is an agent of Russia, an enemy power. He demonstrated it for all the world to see in Helsinki on Monday, but it follows a long string of Trump actions to aid Vladimir Putin's strategic aims.

But it remains to be proved whether Trump is a witting Putin collaborator or an unwitting (or witless) dupe.

And thus, Trump --whether as collaborator or dupe --now declaims:---“...So many people at the higher ends of intelligence loved my press conference performance in Helsinki.

Putin and I discussed many important subjects at our earlier meeting. We got along well which truly bothered many haters who wanted to see a boxing match. Big results will come...!”

The evidence mounts that it's the former, but it's too early for Trump adversaries to scream “Treason!” or call for his impeachment.

What's required is for Special Counsel Robert Mueller to complete his investigation and demonstrate a case against Trump as meticulously as he did against the 12 Russian intelligence officers indicted last week for tampering with the 2016 election to help Trump win.

Only overwhelming evidence will convince a majority of the country, Republicans included, that Trump has violated his constitutional oath to defend the country and silence the Trump claque shouting that a “deep state” conspiracy is conducting a political “witch hunt.”

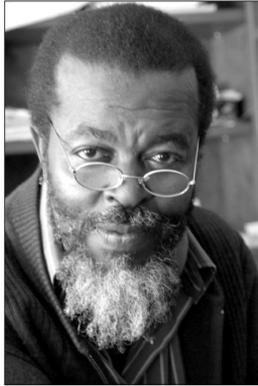
[Well] And By damn], Bob Mueller is on Trump's wicked scent—[and clearly, he is where he is even as Donald [The Doomed] Trump laments:--(Why's everybody always pickin' on me?)

Wow! That's him [Donald John Trump] on his knees---I know that's him!

Yeah, from 7 come 11--- Down in the boys' gym...!

Evidently, the fact that Donald Trump behaves in a fashion so profoundly inappropriate for an adult male, much less the most powerful person in the world, presents a challenge for the mainstream media.

Fe-fe, fi-fi, fo-fo, fum -- with nought but John Donald Trump in mind- hear me at my addled best as I speak this truth--I smell smoke in the auditorium!



And clearly, with that thought easily nailed down, let it be known:---Charlie Brown, Charlie Brown; He's a clown, that Charlie Brown; He's gonna get caught--- Just you wait and see-- Bob Mueller is on his scent—that is he is precisely where he is as Donald Trump laments:-- (Why's everybody always pickin' on me?)

Now this:---After 17 months, three weeks and six days of Donald J. Trump's tumultuous presidency, some of his fellow Republicans had finally had enough. “The dam has broken,” Senator Bob Corker, a Republican critic from Tennessee, said on Tuesday.

But has it really broken and if so for how long?

As Mr. Trump scrambled to patch any holes on Tuesday by reimagining his extraordinary news conference with Russia's president the day before in Helsinki, Finland, the question was whether he had reached a genuine turning point or simply endured another one of those episodes that seems decisive but ultimately fades into the next one.

For the moment, at least, this time did feel different. After seeming to take President Vladimir V. Putin's word over that of America's intelligence agencies on Russian election meddling, Mr. Trump was being accused not only of poor judgment but of treason — and not just by fringe elements and liberal talk show hosts, but by a former C.I.A. director.

The United States should worry less about how much of its GDP it contributes to military alliances like NATO and more about how those alliances serve to uphold a “global operating system” that has limited violent conflict and boosted prosperity over a number of decades.

Former U.S. President Obama has warned that “strongman politics,” including attacks on the press, freedom of speech and the norms of democracy are in ascendant all over the globe.

Happily, Donald John Trump is not a strongman!

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## MEANWHILE... NOOSE TIGHTENS

For starters, we begin with this factoid:-- Newspapers around the world have reacted to Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin's performances at the Helsinki summit, and are united in their assessment of which world leader came out on top.

Putin won---Donald John Trump lost! Let it therefore be known:---For the past three days, we have felt obliged to focus attention on matters germane to the current Trump-driven crisis now engulfing the United States of America.

Obviously:--Whatever transpires in that great nation brings with it ramifications and implications for people around the world.

That's just the way it is; and as evident, there is no getting around the fact that micro-nation-states such as ours are price-takers in the world of the mighty and powerful.

This is precisely why we have decided to tune into what is being carried in media as regards not only Trump's travails, but also to know and report on how this politically potent issue is being handled in news houses around the United States and the world.

In this regard, then:--Note well information which follows which illuminates the extent to which disapproval of Donald John Trump is now reaching fever-pitch.

And thus today, we tune in to that shameful saga where --as the noose tightens-Trump seems oblivious to the damage he is doing his great nation.

Britain's right-wing Daily Express carried a double-page spread on the summit: “A nod and a wink ... and the Cold War ends” is its headline, as Putin meets his “new best buddy”.

The left-leaning tabloid the Daily Mirror said: “Trump branded a traitor” with the main headline calling him “Putin's poodle” after he backed the Russian leader's denial of meddling in the US election.

In the UK, the Guardian splashed on a picture of Trump and Putin's Helsinki handshake with the headline “Nothing short of treasonous: Trump accused over Putin talks”.

The biggest selling Swedish-language newspaper in Finland, Hufvudstadsbladet, carried a picture of a smiling Putin next to Trump with the headline: “Trump was my favourite”.

In Russia, the government-owned daily, Rossiyskaya Gazeta, had a slightly different

take. The paper said that relations with America had improved and that friends should not be fighting with friends. The paper reported that as a result of the discussions between the two leaders many things had changed for the better.

In Finland, the paper Kauppalehti made no bones about who had triumphed at the summit: Trump 0 – Putin 1, was its front page headline.

The Washington Post's headline is: “Trump touts Putin's ‘powerful’ denial”. The paper says Trump handed the Russian president “an unalloyed diplomatic triumph” during their summit as he refused to support the “collective conclusion” of the US intelligence agencies that Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election.

The New York Post ran with the headline: “See no evil”.

The New York Daily News accused the president of treason. Its front page featured an illustration of Trump holding hands with a bare-chested Putin and shooting Uncle Sam in the head with a gun in the other hand.

When asked about Russian meddling in the 2016 US presidential election, which 12 Russian military officers were indicted, Donald John Trump said:-- “...President Putin just said it's not Russia. ...”

And then, with that thought unleashed—The Commander in Chief of the United States of America declared:---“... I will say this, I don't see any reason why it would be. I have great confidence in my intelligence people, but I will tell you that President Putin was extremely strong and powerful in his denial today.”

And thus we listen in as Echo, too, whispers:--“...President Putin just said it's not Russia. ...”

In the meanwhile, then:--Several US media outlets, including the Los Angeles Times and CNN, reported that Rick Gates, a former campaign aide and lobbyist, has struck a deal with Robert Mueller, the special counsel, and will testify against Paul Manafort, his long-time business associate, in exchange for leniency.

And thus, Mueller's noose now tightens; [and obviously] Donald Trump's former campaign manager is under increasing pressure to cooperate with criminal prosecutors investigating the campaign's alleged collusion with the Kremlin.

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# Junkanoo Summer Festival Showcases New and Innovative Cuisine

The experience of an authentic taste of The Islands Of The Bahamas is a major highlight of Junkanoo Summer Festival 2018, which takes place every Saturday this month and on August 4 at Arawak Cay.

The array of culinary delights on sale at the festival include mouthwatering dishes like conch fritters, guava and tamarind wings, seafood duff, stuffed crabs and lobster, fried snapper, gyros, sweet treats and icy cool drinks.

According to Culinary Manager at the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism and Aviation (BMOTA) Deanne Gibson, there are over 40 vendors participating in this year's festival.

Every week you can come and you may not see the same vendors because they are on different rotations. We have some very different food this year. We have the favorites like the Batter Girls and Andros Crab-A-Ganza. It's crab season so we have crab in many different ways. The creativity is really being seen in our food and beverage industry and so I am really excited about what we have to offer this year, she said.

Among the vendors at the festival site are Gussie Mae Restaurant, Batter Girls, Dancing Cooks, Lil Laura's Fresh Fruit Smoothies, Party All The Time, Talk of The Town, Island Flavor, Cotton Ice, Pigran, Mokomo



Culinary Services, Sea Duffs and Ocean Foam by Rock Oven, and Andros Crab-A-Ganza, just to name a few.

Ms. Gibson said that prior to the festival, a seminar was held to ensure that only the most creative dishes are presented. We are looking for Bahamian fusion. That real out-of-the-box item so that you can see the difference in the culture, she noted.

Many of the vendors are happy to be a part of Junkanoo Summer Festival because they get exposure locally and internationally.

Antoinette Glington of the Batter Girls said the company's following has grown

tremendously because of Junkanoo Summer Festival.

It is very beneficial for us and we have both local and international customers and we have returning international customers who come looking for the Batter Girls, she said.

Some of the things that they like are our conchy conch fritters, our shrimp fritters, cinnamon ice tea and our Cajun lobster and shrimp baskets. This is one of our main events and we intend to keep coming.

Joan Lockhart-Culmer of Sea Duff and Ocean Foam by Rock Oven from Ragged Island agreed. She said her

savory seafood duffs have been getting a lot of attention.

We never do things in a normal way. I decided that everyone else was doing a duff as a dessert and we are surrounded by a sea of wonderful things to eat like lobster, crab, conch and fish. Tourists and Bahamians are very interested and we have been bombarded with people wanting to share the entire loaves with their families, Ms. Lockhart-Culmer said.

I'm hoping that it will take off and the loaves will get to the hotels, to visitors so that they can experience real, authentic Bahamian cuisine.

Aremantha Curry of Island Flavor is a first time vendor, but she said the experience will keep her coming back to the festival. We wanted to be a part of the experience that would give people an opportunity to sample The Bahamas by the means of the items on the menu. We have things like grilled fish straight out of waters in Exuma and the reception for that has been good. We will definitely be back, she said.

In addition to the vendors, renowned chefs are also participating in culinary demonstrations. Over the last two weeks, chefs Kevyn Pratt

and Seanette Brice-Cooper have shown patrons how to make crab and coconut crusted conch cakes, respectively. Chef Mildred Evans has also demonstrated how to make potato and coconut breads.

Junkanoo Summer Festival is an explosion of Bahamian culture that features music, food, games, crafts, a kiddie corner and the exhilarating sounds of Junkanoo.

The festival begins at 1:00 p.m. to until.

For more information on Junkanoo Summer Festival visit [www.Bahamas.com/summerfestivals](http://www.Bahamas.com/summerfestivals).



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