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PM Shuffles Cabinet

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

Just one year after assuming the government, Prime Minister, Dr. Hubert Minnis has shuffled his Cabinet, reallocating portfolios of four Ministers.

A release from cabinet office stated that the reallocation in the portfolios involved Ministers Renward Wells, Frankie Campbell, Michael Pintard and Lanisha Rolle.

Minister Wells will be reassigned from the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources to the Ministry of Transport and Local

Government.

Mr. Campbell is to take on the new role as Minister of Social Services and Urban Development.

Mr. Pintard will be moved from the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture to the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources.

Mrs. Rolle will assume the position Mr. Pintard as the new Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture.

The Prime Minister in the release acknowledged and thanked the Ministers for their contributions and said he looked forward to the work they will do in their new ministries.

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Prime Minister, Dr. Hubert Minnis (Journal file photo)

Opposition Slams Cabinet Shuffle

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

Opposition leader Philip Davis has called the recent shuffle of Cabinet Ministers and Permanent Secretaries "nothing more than a shuffle of a 'deck of bad cards'".

In a statement released shortly after the announcement by Cabinet Office of a rotation of Cabinet Ministers, and transfers of Permanent Secretaries and Acting Permanent Secretaries, Mr. Davis called the changes in portfolio allocations nothing more than political musical chairs.



Opposition leader Philip Davis (Journal file photo)

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45TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY BEAT RETREAT



Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling (centre) attended the annual Independence celebration Beat Retreat on Sunday evening downtown in Rawson and Parliament squares. Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis and Mrs. Patricia Minnis are pictured viewing the parade left of the Governor General, and Minister of National Security the Hon. Marvin Dames and Mrs. Stacey Dames are pictured, right. The Bahamas celebrates its 45th Independence Anniversary on July 10, 2018. (BIS Photo/Patrick Hanna)

FIVE CHARGED WITH SEVERAL MURDERS

BY TIA THOMPSON
Journal Staff Writer

Five men stood before Chief Magistrate Joy-Ann Ferguson, all charged with several murders and possession of illegal firearms. 25-year-old McKenzie Cela is accused of five murders and armed robbery.

The Hamilton street resident is accused of the murder and armed robbery of 31 year old Robert Smith after entering his home and robbing him of \$900 on Lobster Avenue.

He is also accused of the murder of Anthony "Hotdog" Brice of Step Street on June 11th, 2018.

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Gov't Works To Protect Future Boaters

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

Minister of Transport and Local Government, Frankie Campbell says that the government will put in place maritime standards to protect future boaters following that tragic boating explosion, where the life of an American newlywed was lost.

The woman identified as Malika Jackson, along with her husband and 10 others, including two Bahamians were on board the vessel when it exploded in waters

in Barretarre, Exuma – less than one mile from Smith's Creek.

According to reports, three of the six people injured have been released while the others remain hospitalized – two of them in the intensive care unit.

Minister Campbell said that the Port Department is actively investigating the incident, along with Captain Cyril Morley, Registered Port Inspector and Surveyor, New Providence police, and Exuma officials.

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BTVI LAUNCHES NEW TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

BY TIA THOMPSON
Journal Staff Writer

Prime Minister Hubert Minnis has committed to furthering the education of Bahamian students. Students are now able to obtain their associates degree by age 17, following with their bachelor's degree by age 18.

The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute along with the government of the Bahamas have made a way for young Bahamians to complete their education and obtain suitable jobs by founding a new information and communications technology program.

BTVI Chair of IT Mr. Anthony Ramtulla says that he is honored to have this opportunity.

The newly formed ICT program will begin this summer with 180 ninth grade graduates, with the intention to have a new slate of 180 students each year. During this year's blended training method, the students will complete the exploratory level of CISCO Cyber Security, Comptia I.T fundamentals certification and they will be able to build games through JavaScript and html. Minister of Education, Mr. Jeffery Lloyd says that the government is committed to the development of our young people. He says that 65 per cent of our population is under the age of 30. "The world today is about technology," says Education Minister.

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PM Minnis Leads Delegation to CARICOM: Crime and Security, Disaster Management High on Agenda

BY LINDSAY THOMPSON

The Bahamas will dialogue with other member states of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) on crime and security, disaster management and recovery, and emerging geo-political developments that can have an impact on the region's growth prospects at the 39th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of

Government of the Caribbean Community, July 4-6, 2018 in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis will lead The Bahamas delegation to that meeting to also join deliberations on measures impacting the implementation of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME).

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Ahead of the announcements, the Prime Minister told reporters, "It gives individuals exposure and experience in all the different ministries.

"That's why I don't have any ministries, I have no ministries, so I can look at all and learn about all.

"I have not lost faith in any cabinet minister, they have done very well and I'm certain that they would carry that skill to whichever ministry they move to.

"My cabinet ministers have performed exceptionally well," said the Prime Minister.

Dr. Minnis says he will fill not the positions left vacant following the terminations of Parliamentary Secretaries, Vaughn Miller and Travis Robinson.

He said, "we are now trying to balance a budget. That's a savings of \$90,000 dollars.

"Every great oak tree was once a nut, so we start small and build big."

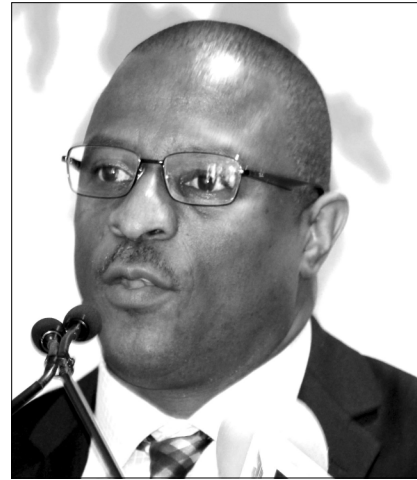
The ministers take up their new respective positions effectively as of



▶ Lanisha Rolle



▶ Renward Wells



▶ Michael Pintard



▶ Frankie Campbell

Thursday July 4, 2018.

The Cabinet also announced the transfer of Permanent Secretaries and Acting Permanent Secretaries.

Effective July 30th, Lorraine Symonette-Armbrister will move on from the Ministry of Transport and Local Government as the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education.

Nicole Campbell will be shifted from the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture to the Office of the Prime Minister.

Meanwhile, Sherrilee Smith from the Urban Renewal Commission within the Ministry of Social Services and Urban Development to that ministry.

Jack Thompson from the Office of the Prime Minister to the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, Elise Delancy from the Ministry of Public Service and National Insurance to head of the newly formed public service modernization unit, Donella Bodie from the Ministry of Education to the Ministry of Public

Service and National Insurance.

It was also announced that Acting Permanent Secretary, Cora Bain-Colebrooke in the Ministry of

Social Services and Urban Development will be transferred to the Ministry of Transport and Local Government.

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OPPOSITION SLAMS CABINET SHUFFLE

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"It accomplishes nothing of substance and is merely shuffling the deck of bad cards," Mr. Davis said.

He added that after one year in office, Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis' move to shuffle only "condemn his own government for incompetence and ineffectiveness".

In his statement, the Member of Parliament for Cat Island, Rum Cay and

San Salvador, also lashed out on the former Minister of Social Services, Lanisha Rolle who now holds the position of Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture.

"Mercifully the poor, hungry and dispossessed are relieved of the disaster visited upon them in Lanisha Rolle as Social Services Minister. Sadly, she is now let loose on the sports, youth and cultural community.

"She should have been

dispatched to the backbenches," Mr. Davis said.

Mr. Davis was adamant that the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) is not impressed by the moves of Dr. Minnis adding that the shuffle is only a distraction.

"One day into imposing a whopping 60 per cent increase in tax on the Bahamian people, our Prime Minister seeks to distract us from real problems imposed by his government with this nonsensical cabinet shuf-

fle," Mr. Davis said.

This Cabinet shuffle comes just two weeks after

two Parliamentary Secretaries were relieved of their duties when they both

voted no to the increase in Value Added Tax, which came into effect on July, 1.

FIVE CHARGED WITH SEVERAL MURDERS

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Malik and Delano Cartwright, the two brothers who were shot dead in a barber-shop on Jerome Avenue are two more lives that were allegedly taken by Cela early June 9th..

Mr. Anthony Thompson was also allegedly shot in a clothing store off Faith Avenue by Cela on June 17th. The accused is also said to be charged with the possession of an unlicensed firearm. He was remanded to the Bahamas Department of Corrections and is set to return before the magistrate on Oct 10th and 18th.

Accused of three of the murders with Cela is Geram Sainvil, a 24-year-old Haitian Bahamian from Chesapeake road. He allegedly was an accomplice in the murders of Anthony Brice, Robert Smith and, Malik and Delano cartwright. He was also remanded to the Bahamas Department of Corrections and set to return to court on October 10th.

Phillano Williams, born on September 9th, 1988 is accused of the murder of Donathan Hanna of Golden Acres on June 26th and as an accomplice in the murder of Anthony Brice.

The 29-year-old was remanded to the Bahamas Department of Corrections and must return to court on October 10th.

20 year old Matthew Knowles is being held for the murder of Errol Williams, the security guard that was shot and killed at A.F Adderley high school on June 12th. He was remanded to the Bahamas Department of Corrections and set to be back in the Magistrate's Court again on October 10th.

He told Magistrate Ferguson that he is in fear of his life while in prison, as he got word that there are people in the prison that are "out to kill him" for the accused murder. The Magistrate said that she will consult the prison Superintendent and seek protection for Knowles. There was no plea nor bail for any of the defendants.

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BTVI LAUNCHES NEW TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

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The ICT program will be offered to both BTVI Grand Bahama and Nassau campuses. Mr. Jeffery Lloyd says that these students are now the authors of innovation and those that will solve the many issues that we have here in the Bahamas.

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The Prime Minister is accompanied to CARICOM by Joshua Sears, Senior Policy Advisor; the Hon. Darren Henfield, Minister of Foreign Affairs; the Hon. Jeffrey Lloyd, Minister of Education; His Excellency Reuben Rahming, High Commissioner of The Bahamas to CARICOM; Pakesia Parker-Edgecombe, Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister; Viana Gardiner, Chief Operating Officer, Prime

Minister's Delivery Unit; Michael Guy, Foreign Service Officer; Kemico Sands, Protocol Officer, Office of the Prime Minister; Inspector Livingstone Barr, Aide to the Prime Minister; Sgt. Kirk Bastian, Aide to the Prime Minister; Yontalay Bowe, Personal Assistant/Photographer; Lindsay Thompson, BIS Senior Information Officer; Kent Minnis, BIS Senior Digital Visuals Editor; Altovise Munnings, ZNS Reporter; and Philip Marche, ZNS Cameraman.



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.

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

BSGC Helps 10,000 Kids Get Back To School

Twenty samples, six months, four international companies and two strategic corporate partners later, a massive back-to-school effort sponsored by Bahamas Striping Group of Companies (BSGC) is officially off and running with school supplies set to arrive in the capital in a matter of weeks for 10,000 students across The Bahamas.

"The whole idea of this is to showcase how corporate Bahamas and community outreach organizations can work together to bring much-needed relief to persons in the community," said Atario Mitchell, BSGC president, in announcing the annual initiative set to benefit students heading into the 2018/2019 school year.

"We know that it's tough times out there and this will go a long way in easing the burden on some families."

BSGC partnered with Betty K, one of the largest shippers in The Bahamas, and Island Maritime Customs Brokerage to import the school supplies. The striping company has tapped service-oriented civic clubs, such as Rotary Bahamas and Kiwanis, to aid in the packing and distribution.

The giveaway has more than tripled in size since its 2013 launch, which saw the company and its subsidiary, Airport Maintenance Services

Ltd., donate 3,000 bags to the Urban Renewal Commission that year.

Last year, the initiative expanded to include notebooks. This year pens, pencils, sharpeners and rulers are being added to the bag.

When your mission is to provide back to school supplies to thousands of students every dollar counts. It fell to Tyrone Mitchell to ensure Bahamas Striping received the greatest bang for its buck in sourcing products from various wholesale suppliers.

"We wanted to ensure the quality of the bags, that zippers worked, that the pockets, the various compartments on the bag and the actual fabric could withstand the wear and tear of the school year," said Mitchell, the operations officer.

"The goal was to find the best product we could in line with our limited budget. I'm satisfied with what we found."

The company settled on four styles available in 10 colours. They are expected to arrive in the capital shortly after the July 10, Independence Day celebrations. Then, the supplies will be dispersed from BSGC, sometime during the last week in July, providing civic organizations and charitable outreach programmes sufficient time to stage their respective

back-to-school events.

Distribution will take place through the various organizations and not through Bahamas Striping's headquarters on Abundant Life Road.

"A lot of times when we see initiatives like this, they are very much New Providence-centric, but what's important for us is to ensure that kids on the smaller islands and cays are also going to be impacted," said Dr Allen Albury, BSGC's managing director.

From Grand Bahama in the north, to Rum Cay and San Salvador in the south to sparsely populated cays in Abaco, Bimini and the Berry Islands, Bahamas Striping expects its back-to-school initiative to have a tremendous impact on small communities where economies aren't strong or thriving.

"The reason why we bring our bags in so early is to give parents a little bit of a head start and kids a jumpstart, so they know it's one thing they could scratch off their list," said Fredericka Sturup, senior vice president of human resources and operations.

According to Mario Smith, assistant governor of Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas (East), the back-to-school initiative's timing is perfect. Recently, Rotary International's President Barry Rassin chal-

lenged Rotarians to be "the inspiration," fostering greater collaboration and partnerships within the community.

"We are happy to partner with Bahamas Striping who has proven to be a great company with a social conscious," said Mr Smith. "I am very pleased to see the increase in the bags and the distribution to the Family Islands. We know those economies are hurting a little more than the economy in New Providence. I'm sure that the parents and students will be very appreciative as this will go a very long way."

Working closely as it does with Sandilands Primary, Anithra-Lunette Cartwright, president of Kiwanis Club of Fox Hill, East Nassau knows first-hand how great the need is in certain communities.

"We have been working with students at Sandilands Primary for the past four years. We've found that on a daily basis students do not have all the necessities of school supplies that are needed to do their daily work," she reported.

"The interest Bahamas Striping is showing by doing this initiative, we are definitely in full support of it. We want to commend them for the work they do in the community, not only this but everything else they have done before. It does stand out and it is needed."

Last week, BSGC donated five brand new HP desktops to Programme S.U.R.E, the intervention institution for at-risk boys.

Bahamas Striping is a leader in quality striping and road paving. Within its group of companies is Airport Maintenance Services specialising in all aspects of aerodrome maintenance services

at world-class standards; Caribbean Pavement Solutions, a regional distributor for asphalt rejuvenation; Bahamas Themed

Photography, a company specialising in high-end digital imaging services; Abaco Caribbean Holdings and Atilio Holdings, a property investment, management and development subsidiary.

Gov't Works To Protect Future Boaters

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"We are working to ensure that our local maritime standards are consistent with the standards that we set for our flying registry," he said.

"I don't want this to be perceived by members of the public as a knee jerk reaction to this particular incident, but efforts will continue between the Bahamas Maritime Authority and the Port Department, to ensure that our inspectorate regime is consistent and efficient."

Mr. Campbell noted that the regulatory framework will be put in place to ensure that boating vessels meet local maritime standards and remain consistent - working to protect the future of boaters.

"I want to say how saddened we are that persons were injured and one person actually lost their life.

"We will to the extent that we can, do all that is possible to ensure that there is no repeat of such an incident," he said.

While it has not been confirmed what the cause of the explosion was at this time, according to Acting Port Controller, Commander Raymond King, the boats engines were not affected.

Mr. Campbell said he is uncertain as to how long the investigation will be ongoing, but as for now, the Bahamian registered boating company, 4C's Adventure, owned by Mr. Clayton Paterson Smith, is under a cease and desist order and is prevented from undertaking any operations at this time pending the completion of the Port Department's investigation.

Meanwhile, according to reports, arrangements for the transfer of an American male patient receiving care in the Intensive Care Unit at the Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) to Broward General Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Florida has been facilitated.

The patient was airlifted yesterday afternoon from Nassau, Bahamas to Florida.

Further arrangements are being made to airlift the remaining two American female patients to the United States.

U.S Embassy Officials, along with officials at the Princess Margaret Hospital are working with the family of the deceased, to facilitate the transfer of the remains of Malika Jackson.



► In the coming weeks, Bahamas Striping Group of Companies will oversee the packing and distribution of 10,000 backpacks with an assortment of school supplies to students across the Bahamas through a partnership with Betty K, Island Maritime Customs Brokerage, Rotary Bahamas, Kiwanis and other non-profit organizations. From left to right: Dr Allen Albury, BSGC's managing director; BSGC's President Atario Mitchell; Mario Smith, assistant governor of Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas (East); Fredericka Sturup, senior vice president of human resources and operations; Tyrone Mitchell, operations officer and Anithra-Lunette Cartwright, president of Kiwanis Club of Fox Hill, East Nassau. Photo courtesy of Bahamas Striping Group of Companies

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The public is hereby notified that a Site Plan Application (SPA/6/2018) on behalf of Wynn Development Limited is being reviewed by the Department of Physical Planning for presentation to the Town Planning Committee.

The proposed tract of land which, amounts to 3.56 acres, is situated on the northern side of West Bay Street and, approximately, 430 feet east of the Goodman's Bay Park. It is zoned for multi-family residential land use, conference facilities, offices and boutique hotels, and for purposes incidental to those uses.

The proposed development includes condominium residential units and condo-hotel residences with related facilities on six (6) levels and a parking garage in the basement.

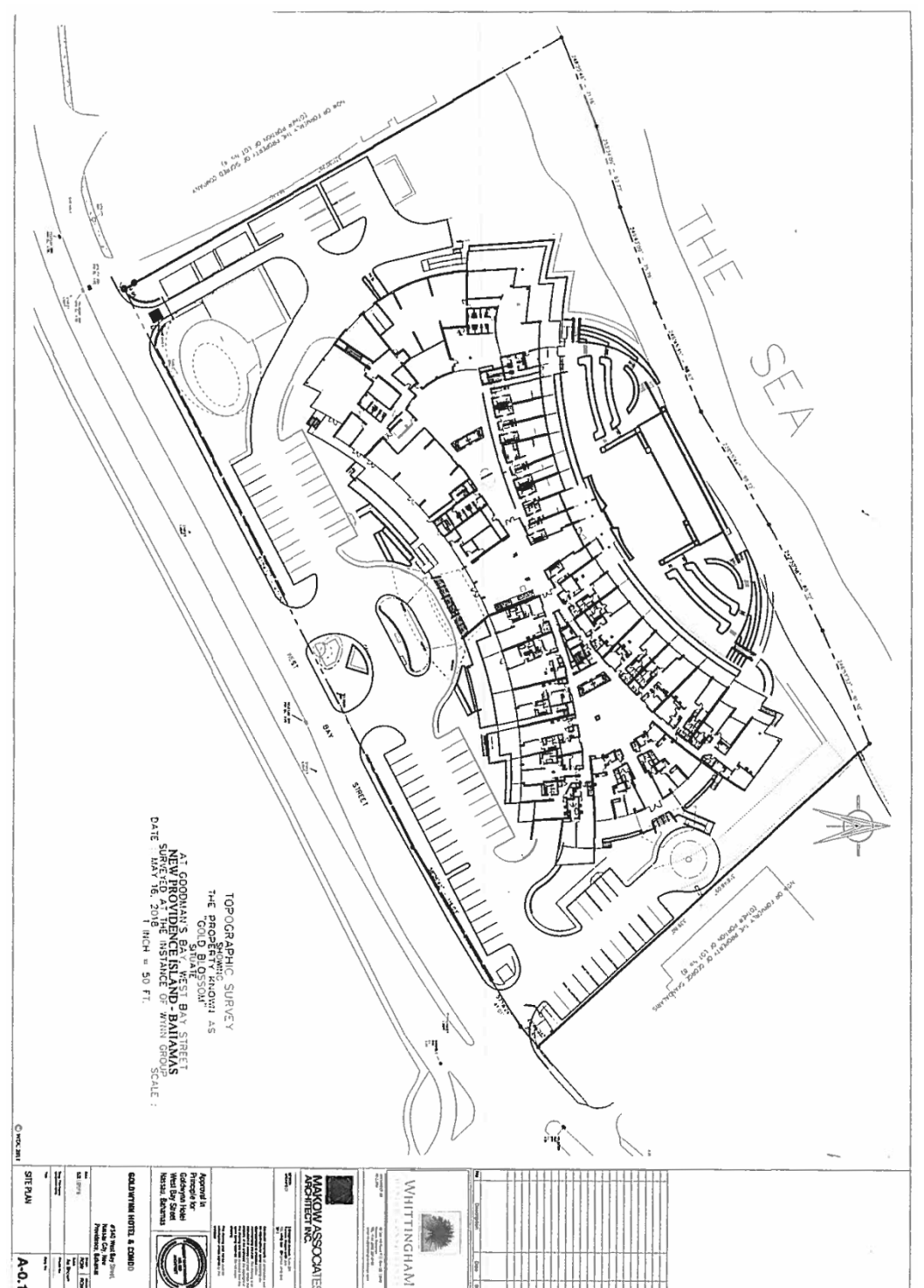
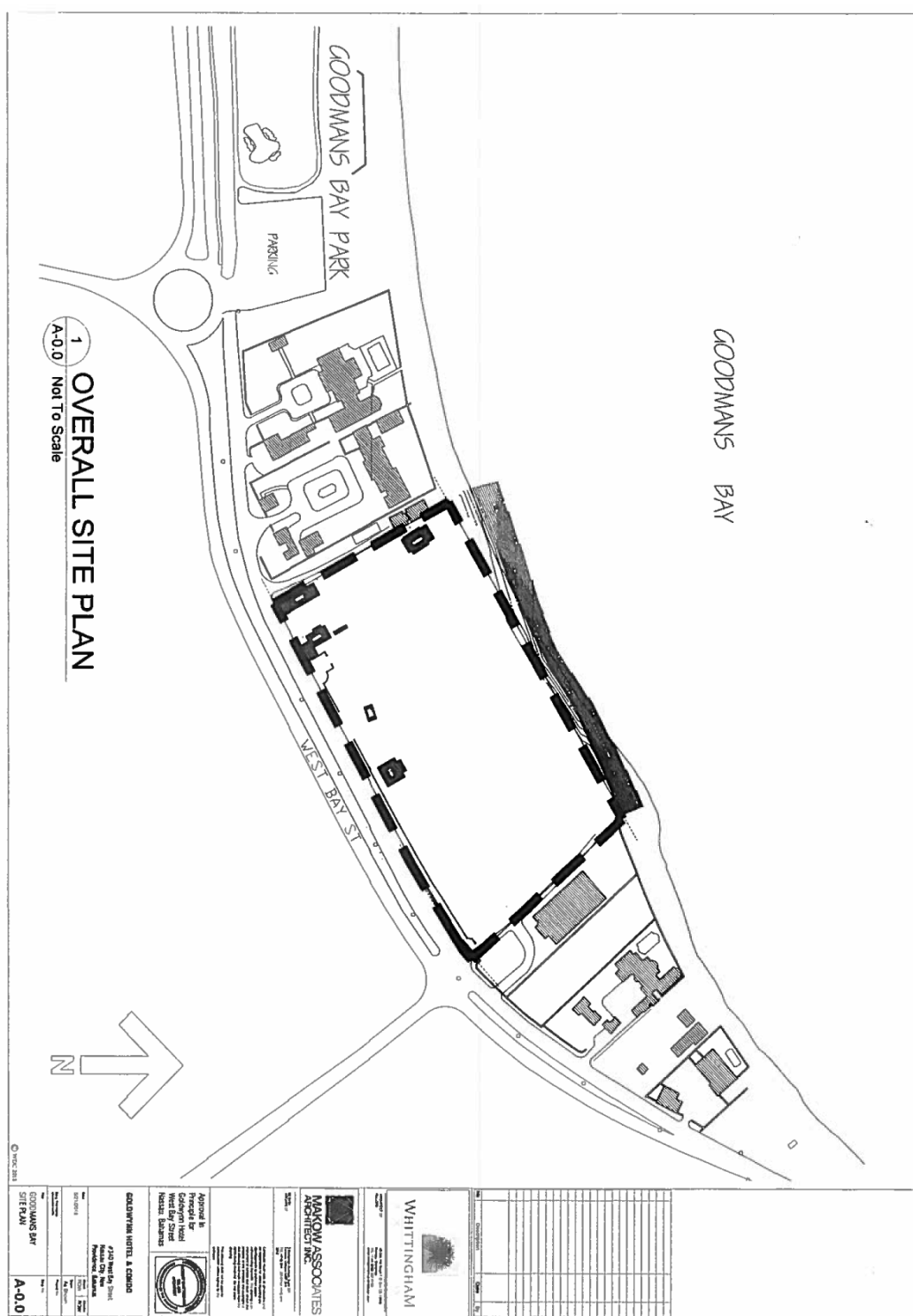
The preliminary site plan and file for the proposed development are available for viewing at the Department of Physical Planning, located in the Aventura Plaza on John F. Kennedy Drive, during normal working hours.

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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Acting Director of Physical Planning



A TOOL FOR STUDYING BUSINESS RISKS

The 2018 series salutes fashion mogul Peter Nygård's Golden Jubilee detailing his rags to riches story and incredible business success over these past fifty years. The Clifton Review will take an inside look at how he did it.

So you've seen signs that your business is in trouble. Where do you begin to address threats to your business?

A key method for addressing threats begins with understanding the threats in a context that makes them easy to work with and allows for a more comprehensive approach.

It can take the form of a **SWOT analysis** and fits well with looking at risks from the various areas covered previously in "Determining Your Business Viability".

The **SWOT analysis** is a great tool that you can use for further studying both the external and internal risks for your business, and it provides a key to formulating strategies for addressing it.

SWOT stands for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Strength and weaknesses refer to those internal factors within your company while opportunities and threats relate to factors external to the company.

When determining your business strengths, you simply look within your organization at the things that tend to make it easier for your company to do business or achieve its business goals.

An example of a great strength a company can have is if your staff is highly skilled. A skilled workforce can lead to less errors and faster production times, which is a great boost to a business. Other areas of strengths could include, reputation for quality product or service, a great business location, or maybe loyal staff members.

Weaknesses, on the other hand can be a bit elusive if you are not prepared to look honestly at your business and see what could be working against your business. One weakness could be a poor accounts receivables process where you struggle to collect monies owed to the business.

Other weaknesses could include high inventory of products that are becoming obsolete, poor customer relations, or inability to consistently purchase resources from suppliers.

Opportunities are those gifts that are usually right in front of our eyes that we may still fail to see cause it's not what we are used

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.

to. Yet, they can represent the biggest potential for business growth and profits. An example of an opportunity can be a new church being built on the same street as a ladies' hat shop; however, this example is a bit more obvious than others.

Other opportunities include little competition or poor quality of competitors' product, new technology coming on stream that your company can easily adopt, or your company's ability to offer add on services due to the unique skills of individuals working within your organization.

As discussed before, threats can come from several areas, and when not dealt with, can debilitate a business. A threat can include the relocation of a university, for example, if your business is a fast food restaurant nearby that relies on the students from that university to patronize your business.

A type of threat not often discussed is a political threat. If a new political party has spent time on the campaign trail promising to tax businesses more for some reason or another, a business should pay attention to that and determine how to protect itself should that political party become the government of the day.

The most common threat businesses tend to notice is a similar business opening near them or with the intention to compete with them. There can be many subtle threats also such as more and more people changing their buying habits—like shopping online as opposed to going to shopping malls and other stores, or watching movies at home versus going to the theatres.

The key is to not stand idly by while these threats endanger your prospects.

The question is what to do when faced with such risks and threats to a business and how can this tool help? We'll discover the answers in our next edition.

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EDITORIAL

TODAY'S REALITIES

The reality today is that time and events are finally catching up with people who thought that there was some easy route to the good life.

Many of these folks came to believe that you could – as the jingle goes – buy now and pay later. In extreme cases, some buyers were made to believe that the vendor himself could – and through some accountant's sleight of hand – 'qualify' them for loans that [technically speaking] required no 'real' money down.

These days of high fantasy are coming to an abrupt and sometimes cataclysmic end. As they do, people are beginning to understand the truth that is inherent in the proposition that there is no free lunch—Gone are those days when the living was easy and when lots of money could be earned by any who had enough hustle!

Long time ago long gone!
In this regard, we hasten to add that as things return to some type of normalcy, more and more of our people will be obliged to learn and understand that productivity does matter.

We also suspect that the time is nigh when more and more of our people will be obliged to understand that the world owes them precisely nothing.

When this is understood, these same people will understand that reward goes to those men and women who know that when they work, they should give full value for money.

And thus we insist: -- When it is said and done [as it will soon enough for any and all born of woman] there remains that fact of the matter which undergirds the culture which currently sustains us—namely that: -- We should respect and recognize each other's inalienable rights to privacy, property and person.

And in particular, therefore, both Bahamians and residents [inclusive of visitors to these islands, rocks and cays should--as they make their decisions how to spend their hard-earned money – do as they please with what is theirs'.

And yet we hasten to add: -- None of this deters any Bahamian person or resident from following advice given them by their pastors or other religious.

Evidently, this is as it should be in a land

where people have their rights to differ on certain matters even where and when they might well be in the minority.

In addition, while we do understand the Minnis' administration's (in the People's Time) continuing fascination with home-building for a certain class of Bahamians who want to 'invest' in their own home, we counsel caution.

Indeed, we are all for matters such as these to be left to the private sector.

As a matter of fact: -- There is nothing wrong – in principle – with renting or leasing both land and housing for periods and amounts agreed upon by parties to the deal.

Indeed, we go further and call on all who would 'invest' in owning their own dwelling accommodation to note that there is – in reality – no such thing as a low-cost house.

Clearly, then, it follows that: -- Any quantum of funds can only purchase what it can at rates decided by the market. And even where there are concessions granted this or that person, someone else ultimately pays.

And thus we also suggest: -- The current administration should –as it promises- move swiftly to so rationalize this nation's tax system so that it could be brought up to speed with World Trade Organization-mandated standards.

In addition the notion that the current administration would also be well-advised to continue its rationalization [inclusive of any revisions to its current VAT+ operations] and for sure, how it taxes and how it goes about collecting any and all revenues that are due Caesar.

In truth, then: -- No matter how you cut it, the bulk of these revenues will come our way from the United States of America.

Indeed, such has been the impact of the United States of America that most Bahamians alive are trying to live out their own version of the so-called American dream.

Interestingly, as that dream sours for hundreds of millions of Americans living and working in the United States of America, so too is that same dream now souring for tens of thousands of those buy-now-pay-later addicted Bahamians.

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THE HONORARY CONSULAR CORPS HOSTS LUNCHEON IN COMMEMORATION OF BAHAMAS INDEPENDENCE



► The Honorary Consular Corps hosted a Luncheon in commemoration of the 45th Anniversary of Bahamas Independence at which Governor General, Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling was the honoured guest. The Luncheon was held at Sapodilla restaurant on June 27, 2018. (BIS Photo/Letisha Henderson)

C.A. Smith Presented Diplomatic Credentials to the President of Panama

PANAMA CITY, Panama -- His Excellency C.A. Smith, Non-resident Ambassador of The Bahamas to Panama, presented his credentials to the President of the Republic of Panama, His Excellency Juan Carlos Varela, June 26, 2018 at the Presidential Palace. Accompanying President Varela was the Vice-President and Foreign Minister of Panama, Her Excellency Isabel de Saint Malo.

The discussions following the presentation were cordial with the Ambassador expressing his interest in bolstering diplomatic ties

between the two countries. He notably outlined the two countries' similarities, such as a shared respect for maritime culture and the importance of financial services. President Varela concurred with Ambassador Smith and expressed his admiration for The Bahamas, particularly in the tourism sector, recounting his personal travels to the country as a tourist.

In concluding the meeting, the President and Vice-President congratulated Ambassador Smith on his appointment and conveyed their best wishes for his success.



► In photos, Ambassador Smith is pictured, right, during presentation of credentials; and seated left. (Photo/Courtesy, Foreign Ministry of Panama)



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► The Independence Secretariat officially launched the 45th Anniversary Independence Celebrations in Rawson and Parliament Squares, Friday, June 29, 2018. Dr. the Hon. Duane E. Sands, Minister of Health, delivered remarks and made the declaration for the activities to begin. The 45th Anniversary logo was also officially unveiled during a Flag Raising ceremony. The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Pop Band and the Aquinas Aces Pop Band provided entertainment. The ceremony was followed by a Rush to Independence Junkanoo Parade by Conquerors for Christ Junkanoo group on Bay Street. **(BIS Photos/Raymond A. Bethel, Sr./Kemuel Stubbs)**

45TH INDEPENDENCE Activities Officially Begin

BY KATHRYN CAMPBELL

Dr. the Hon. Duane Sands declared “Let the Celebrations Begin – March on Bahamaland,” as he officially launched activities in Parliament Square, Friday, June 29, to mark the country’s 45th anniversary as an independent and sovereign nation.

In his remarks, Dr. Sands, who represented Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis, Prime Minister, urged the public to attend and participate in the week of activities planned in recognition of this year’s anniversary.

“Wear your national colours, wear the Flag pin, and decorate your shops and homes. Place the flags on your cars,” Dr. Sands said.

He also challenged local radio stations to play Bahamian music and television stations to replay Bahamian documentaries.

Dr. Sands recollected July 10, 1973 when The Bahamas embarked on the journey of nationhood. He said the lowering of the Union Jack and raising of the Bahamian flag was a “proud moment” for all Bahamians.

“Over 45 years we have achieved much and we have much to be thankful for. Every day we continue to celebrate good news.

“We have remained politically stable with some 389 years of Parliamentary

democracy. We have an independent judiciary and the rule of law, indispensable elements for development and growth. And we are still economically sound and socially secure.

I highlight these facts because we sometimes take this reality for granted. We must appreciate these given the uncertainties, civil wars, and social and economic conflicts in other parts of the world.”

Dr. Sands referenced “success” stories of young Bahamians who are making the country proud. Among them are 49 Bahamian doctors who recently graduated from The Bahamas’ own regional/local School of Medicine; four promising young women who just graduated top of their class from the University of The Bahamas Business School; Shaunae Miller-Uibo, Bahamian track star; and participants in the Independence official programme launch, Felicia Bien-Aime, Lyric Lighbourn and Remington Minnis.

“All of these young people were born after 1973. You can see from these examples that we are positioning our youth to take their rightful place in our society.

“We have come a long way and accomplished much. And we have done so under the watchful eye of

the Almighty. We have indeed come this far by faith,” stated Dr. Sands.

He commended Mark Humes, Chairman of the National Independence Secretariat, for outstanding leadership in coordinating activities to mark the celebrations, and the committee for their time, commitment and love of country.

Members of the Royal Bahamas Police Force led a brief Flag Raising ceremony and officially unveiled the logo for the 45th Independence Anniversary.

A Junkanoo rush-out led by Conquerors for Christ on Bay Street followed.



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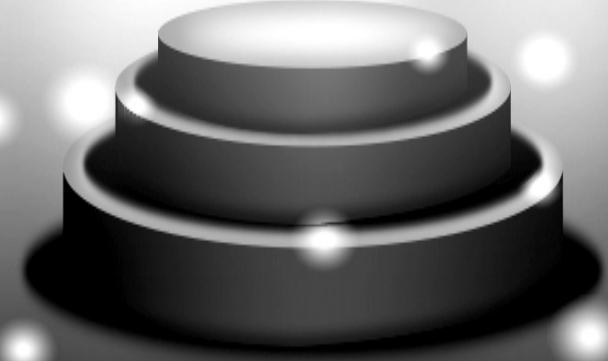
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