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Conch Poisoning Outbreak

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer



► Health Minister Dr. Duane Sands (Journal file photo)

The Ministry of Health confirmed yesterday that four cases of *Vibrio Parahaemolyticus* commonly known as conch poisoning within the last 72-96 hours.

Health officials says these four persons contracted this disease after eating from Stalls at Potter's Cay dock.

The Health Minister Dr. Duane Sands in a press conference yesterday said the Ministry is monitoring these instances and in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, and is taking the necessary steps to protect the health of those affected and through targeted investigations to prevent any further cases.

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Gaming Industry Challenged

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

The implementation of the recent Value Added Tax (VAT) increase has been quite the scare for many businesses, including Web Shop gaming houses all over the country.

Craig Flowers, President of FML Group of Companies says, "we find ourselves in a very disappointing position today, after establishing such a good relationship with successive governments because this journey for us started with the Hubert Ingraham

administration. It moved into the Perry Christie administration and now here we found ourselves with the Hubert Minnis administration," he said.

"For us to be in the position today where we are not called to the table to have a discussion about this type of increase in increments, in our structure, we find it extremely disappointing," said Mr. Flowers.

"I can say now the die has been cast, primarily because of the fact that it is now law that we must pay these fees."

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45TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY - COMMAND PERFORMANCE AT UB



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PASTORS EXPRESS VIEWS ON VAT INCREASE

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

A few of the country's Pastors of Churches believe that the increase in Value Added Tax (VAT) will not affect the church negatively.

With the 60 per cent hike in VAT this past Sunday, some Bahamians are still uneasy with the government's decision.

Many persons are also sharing the view that the increase was unnecessary and is too much for the country to handle at this time.

As for the church, Pastor of Golden Gates Assembly World Outreach Ministries,

Bishop Ross Davis says his concerns are for the poor in the country.

He said, "as a Minister, I do not look at VAT as being something that will hurt the church, because God is on our side and there's no one who can box with God. So if the church is God's, it can't hurt the church."

Bishop Davis added that he feels as though the poor would be affected more than anyone else. He said of course, there are poor people in the church and in that regard, he feels as though the church then would be effected.

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PLP Questions GB Money

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

The opposition Progressive Liberal Party is questioning the allocation of some \$25 million for Grand Bahama that was certainly not a talking point in the 2018 Budget Debate in the House of Assembly. However the Party said the amount somehow made its way in the Senate when the fiscal plan was debated in the Upper House last week.

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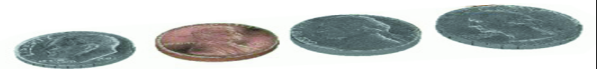
provide more details of their financial involvement in this secret so called private public partnership," says Party leader Philip Davis.

"We need to know the beneficial owners of the entities involved and how this deal proposes to revitalize Grand Bahama," he said.

Mr. Davis, said the party is also looking very closely at the concessions outlined in the new Oban Deal; which it contends is a scam, only enriching shadowy figures the government refuses to make public.

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ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED TO READ IN THE MORNING

Mixed Messages On Boating Incident

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

The Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) Deputy Leader is expressing serious concern over how news of Saturday's deadly boating tragedy is getting out to the international community.

On Saturday June 30, a 38ft charter vessel with 12 people on board, exploded off Barrataree, Exuma.

I. Chester Cooper said since the incident, he has consistently fielded calls from various US news outlets like CNN, ABC and CBS, but have referred them all to the Ministry of Tourism's communication desk.

"I believe there has started to be a fragmentation of the message that's going abroad. We see multiple communications, one from the Ministry of Transport.

"We've seen comments from the

Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Health. I personally believe there has to be a consolidation of the message so that it's a consistent conveying of what occurred and what's being done to mitigate future circumstances like this," Mr. Cooper said.

Mr. Cooper, the MP for Exuma, added that the mood on that island is still somber almost a week after the tragedy.

"This will be a temporary moment

of reflection to improve our game, recognizing that accidents do happen.

"We will discover that as tourism rebounded after even more significant events like the 9/11 incident, people will travel again.

"People will recognize that truly we are upping our game in Exuma consistently to provide the type of experience for our visitors and guests and of course the buoyancy of the economy for the residents of Exuma

as well," Mr. Cooper said.

Newlywed Maleka Jackson was one of 11 passengers on board the boat. Mrs Jackson died from her injuries. Her husband had a leg amputated.

Since the incident, boating company, 4c's Adventure, is under a cease and desist order and is prevented from undertaking any operations pending the completion of an investigation into the incident.

PASTORS EXPRESS VIEWS ON VAT INCREASE

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Pastor of Bahamas Faith Ministries, Dave Burrows said that he will see VAT affecting the public, but as for tithes in his church, he does not anticipate a decline.

"I wouldn't anticipate that. I think the increase in Value Added Tax is not welcomed by anyone I know. However it depends on whether or not it is absolute-

ly necessary and whether it will achieve the results desired. When you look at the overall impact of it, then you realize that it's not a significant impact to the average person. I was just doing a calculation and if you spend \$100 last week your VAT would have been \$7.50, this week it would be \$12", Pastor Burrows said.

Christian Council President Bishop Delton

Fernander recently gave a similar comments.

He said, "the church is the people and not the building; the people that are Christian and do tithing, don't see it as a tax. They see it as their obligation to God. So those who tithe are not in the majority and they do it because of their conviction to God and so they will take their 10 per cent out and trust God to bless the rest.

Conch Poisoning Outbreak

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Dr. Sands also added that in addition to the recent instances, there may have been more persons effected by the poisoning.

He said, "bear in mind that gastro problems can occur for a number of reasons and so to ascribe a case would require confirmatory testing. Based on historical information, we can say there has been four confirmed cases and possibly as many as six more awaiting laboratory confirmation. Based on that information we feel that this is significant enough event the public ought to be informed and educated on."

Dr. Sands said that the poisonous bacteria aren't in the conch meat itself, but lives and thrives in salt water. As a result, the Minister wishes to warn all conch lovers.

"The Ministry is advising that raw conch be cooked or if it is eaten raw, then it should be

thoroughly washed in clean fresh water rather than sea water and this will remove the bacteria from the conch. This is keeping with our stated government policy requiring conch handling since the 1990s," Dr. Sands said.

The Minister also advises that persons ask their conch salad vendors if the conch prepared has been washed with fresh water instead of salt water before eating.

When ingested, vibrio bacteria can cause watery diarrhea, often accompanied by abdominal cramping, nausea, vomiting, fever and chills.

Dr. Sands added that usually these symptoms occur within 24 hours of ingestion and last about three days.

Severe illness is rare and typically occurs in the people with a weakened immune system.

Persons who experience symptoms are asked to visit their nearest community health clinic.

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Mr. Flowers added that there are very few options that he and other gaming house operators now have.

"We can go down the road which we've been before in a legal term, to tie these matters up in court, or we can do one of the others, that is trim down, streamline our businesses and wait to feel the true impact as it relates to the customer's performance here," he said.

"At the end of the day, this whole industry is going to depend on what impact does this really have on the customers; the industry is driven by the customers, that is the engine of our gaming industry.

"The other approach which we may choose to take would be to bring back funds that we would have had outside, inject it into our business at this intersec-

tion and hold the staff and your entire operations, and that's one of the positions FML had chosen to do and then wait and see what impact this would have.

"We all realize that the gaming industry has never been challenged like this before.

"Whether or not it is going to survive, I guess we're just going to have to wait and see.

"This is all relative to the mindset of the people that brought us here, and ultimately we the operators just have to take a wait and see position at this time.

"That's what I would recommend, of course other gaming house operators may choose to go in different directions," he said.

Mr. Flowers' comments come as a guest on Love 97's talk show, Jones and Company, where he and financial experts Gwonon Bowe, Edison Sumner and Philip Galanis discussed the increase in taxes.



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.

► Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling attended the Anniversary Celebration of Independence of the United States of America at Liberty Overlook on Tuesday, the eve of 4th of July festivities. Pictured during the gala from left are: Acting Prime Minister, the Hon. Peter Turnquest; Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling; US Embassy Charge d'Affaires Stephanie Bowers; and Commander/United States Northern Command, General Terrence O'Shaughnessy. (BIS Photo/Derek Smith)

AMERICAN CELEBRATE WITH THE AGE OF JAZZ

BY TIA THOMPSON
Journal Staff Writer

The roaring twenties - the golden age of jazz - were back Tuesday evening at the US Embassy's scaled down Great Gatsby themed fourth of July celebrations at the residence of the U.S. Ambassador, Liberty Overlook.

The time marked a period when the American economy soared, bringing extraordinary levels of prosperity in the years following the end

of World War One in 1918. One of the two guests of orders was us Charge D'Affaires, Samantha Bower, who elaborated on the theme behind America's 242nd festivities.

Among the listed guests was Governor General Dame Marguerite Pindling who reflected on the fundamental principles the United States and the Bahamas share. "Bahamians have shared positively in the social, cultural, religious and other aspects of political sys-



tem; including serving rigorously in the armed forces..."

Also attending the event were Acting Prime Minister and Finance Minister Peter

Turnquest, Minister of Social Services, Frankie Campbell and Opposition Leader Philip Davis, along with their immediate families.

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Bahamians Ready for Medical Marijuana?

BY LEAH COOPER
Journal Staff Writer

Bahamian market and research company Public Domain yesterday found that 66 per cent of 998 Bahamians believe that adults should be able to use medicinal marijuana.

Public Domain released the results a recently conducted survey which indicated that 62 per cent of the participants also agreed that marijuana has medical benefits.

Thirteen percent said that they somewhat agree, one per cent said that they somewhat disagree and 11 per cent strongly disagreed with the statement.

On the other end of the spectrum, 47 per cent of the participants said that they believe the legalization of medical marijuana will lead to increased recreational use.

The results also listed the reasons why contributors thought that medical marijuana should not be legalized.

Eighteen per cent think that people do not need it will use the drug, 15 per cent say that it's harmful and destroys lives, and another 15 per cent believes that the drug will be abused.

Fifty-eight per cent of participants say that they obtained their knowledge of medical marijuana in the Internet, while 25 per cent say that they learned from television.

When asked to rank the most harmful or dangerous products, contributors ranked tobacco as number one, alcohol in second place, sugar in third and marijuana in fourth place.

DPM Giving Some Businesses Grace Period

BY LEAH COOPER
Journal Intern

The government is giving some business owners a break in the wake of the newly implemented 60 per cent increase in Value Added Tax.

Finance Minister Peter Turnquest told reporters outside of Cabinet this past Wednesday that the reason behind this was that some industries are simply more complicated than others.

He said, "So far the experience seems to be going smoothly. Some hiccups as there would be with any change, but by large we're fairly pleased."

He added, "There are others that have long-term implications and those we have given consideration to the tourism sector, insurance sector, and contractors who have longer term contracts."

"We're making some adjustments to accommodate this particular issues, but so far so good," he said.

As for the transition, the Deputy Prime Minister said that he learned about some confusion with the Customs Department as it relates to tariffs.

However, he assured that the government will iron out the kinks to ensure that everyone is on the same page within the next day or two.

Mr. Turnquest also spoke on the intended deadlines for the granted grace period.

He said, "For breadbasket items they'll come in on August 1st and the hotel industry September 30th."

He added, "Those that have long-term contacts while the rate changes on July 1st, we are respecting the contractual relationship. If they were booked prior to Just 1 we're allowing them to carry through with those contracts."

The Finance Minister also noted that there has been one reported incident of price gouging, however he says that the information on the receipt was incorrect.

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

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

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

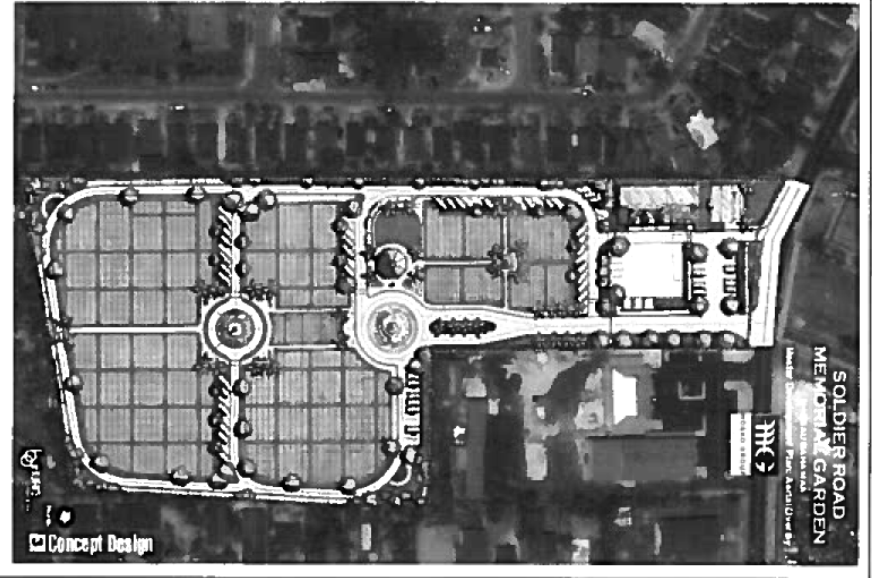
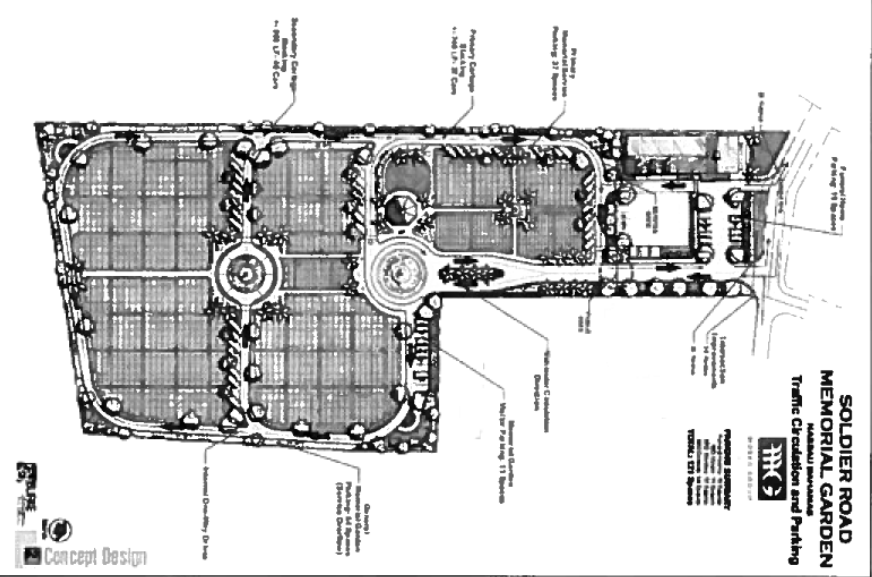
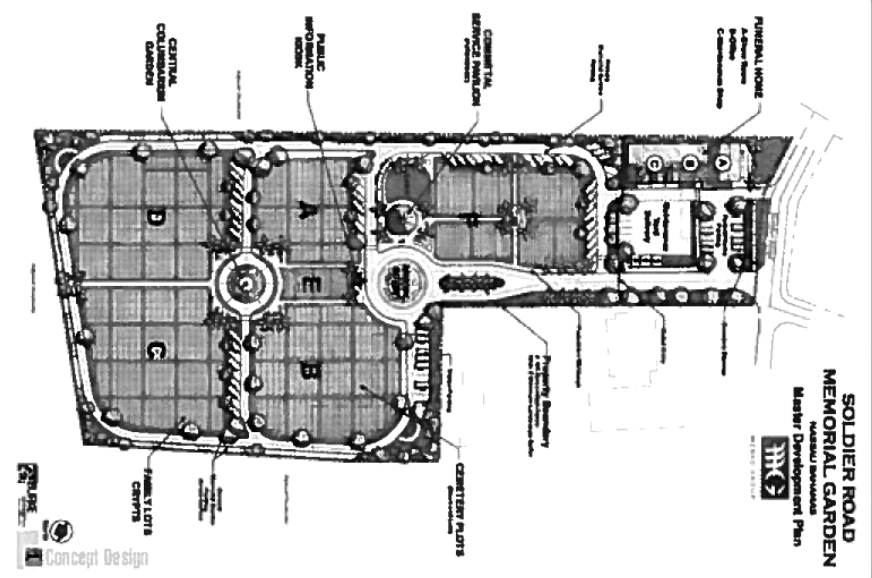
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The Rough Cut

By Felix F. Bethel

“...kate moss was...”

Kate Moss died at noon!
Thus Kate Moss was...!
They killed her.

With this oh-so-cruel coincidence death-tinged story in mind, I submit:-- [and as] fate would have it, I am directly related to the Benebee people, the Beneby people, the Moss people, the Deleveaux people, the Ferguson people, the Bonaby people, the Bonamy people, the Bonimy people, the Sands people, the Adderley people and – of course, to Her Majesty the Queen of England and to Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor General of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas – and of course, I understand that Nelson Mandela was one of my very many African cousins, related to me on my daddy and mammy side—and sad to say, I now remember Kate Moss, a cousin of mine who was mistreated and killed on Crooked Island in the long ago years!

And thus, today in this forty-fifth anniversary of Bahamas flag-independence, I am reminded that one fine morning Cousin Kate – at 7 o'clock in the morning– was taken to work in the field, where she died at noon.

“Kate was a domestic slave, and is stated to have been guilty of theft; she is also accused of disobedience, and refusing to mend her clothes and do her work, and this was the more immediate cause of her punishment.

On the 22nd of July, 1826, she was confined in the stocks, and she was not released till the 8th of August following, being a period of 17 days. The stocks were so constructed, that she could not sit up and lie down at pleasure, and she remained in them day and night.

During this period she was flogged repeatedly, one of the overseers thinks about six times, and red pepper was rubbed upon her eyes to prevent her sleeping. Tasks were given her which, in the opinion of the same overseer, she was incapable of performing; sometimes because they were beyond her powers, at other times because she could not see to do them on account of the red pepper having been rubbed in her eyes: and she was flogged for failing to accomplish these tasks.

I am also understanding that a slave-driver took her to the negro-house, and again flogged her; this time, apparently, without orders from her owners to do so. In the morning, at 7 o'clock, she was taken to work in the field, where she died at noon.

As I now report: -- My

cousin Kate Moss lived on the plantation of her masters, Henry and Helen Moss on Crooked Island.

● **Kate Moss was a slave. She was a house slave. She was accused of theft, insubordination and insolence for refusing to mend her clothes. This angered the Moss's. They ordered severe punishment for the insolence.**

● **Kate was shackled, locked in the stocks, to stand in a bent over manner, for 17 long days and nights.**

● **On the 22nd of July 1826, she was confined to the stocks.**

● **Kate remained there, until 8th August 1826, without intermission.**

● **[The stocks were meant to break the will and the backs of those confined to them]. The only time Kate was removed from the instrument of torture, was to be beaten.**

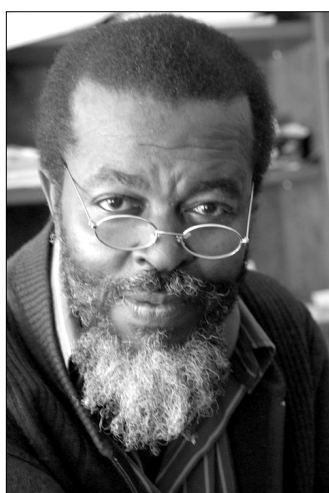
● **Day after day, Kate had red pepper rubbed in her eyes to stop her from sleeping. She was beaten repeatedly by the overseers, under strict orders from her masters. Over the days, she was further flogged by the under-driver, another overseer and even her own father, who inflicted 24 lashes on Kate as she stood shackled in the stocks.**

● **After the 17 days and nights, when she didn't seem to respond to more flogging, it was decided she no longer could be a slave in the house.**

● **Under orders from her masters, Kate was taken out of the stocks and sent to fields to labor as further punishment.**

● **In the early morning, of the 18th day, weak, broken, dehydrated and wracked with fever, Kate could barely stand, let alone work.**

● **In the cotton fields, she was ordered to be flogged again for not weeding and planting. The overseers' stick rained heavy blows on the girl, as she fell for the last time, onto the dry dirt of Crooked Island. Among the weeds in the field, Kate died just a couple of hours later, just as the sun was highest in the sky, at noon.**



Great God from Zion--
What a time!

What a disgrace!

And thus, I can also report that: -- After her death that the final, and harshest of blows, were delivered by Governor Lewis Grant. Grant was Governor of the Bahamas for eight years, between 1821 to 1829.

Grant, as it happened, was away from the Colony during the crime in Crooked Island and trial in Nassau. When he returned, the aristocracy of the Bahamas, the finest families petitioned Governor Lewis Grant to have the conviction and fine charged by the Courts on the cruel slave-owners, Henry and Helen Moss to be overturned. Grant wasted no time and wrote to London to have it done.

Kate Moss, the slave, had been cruelly mistreated and killed, only received small justice with the five months prison sentence and the mulct, the 300£ fine handed down upon her master and mistress.

Then Governor Grant comes back to town and tries to have it all remitted. He tries to have the good name of Henry and Helen Moss returned by appealing to the highest level, the King of England.

In the official communications between Downing Street in London and Governor of the Bahamas, General Lewis Grant, Kate was titled as a domestic slave.

The story, all but hidden in time, was reported in an anti-slavery publication in England in 1829. The anti-slavery movement condemned Governor Grant for his interference in the course of justice. By the time hidden story of cruelty was published in 1829, Governor Grant had been promoted. He was now Governor of Trinidad.

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Grants Town in Nassau, was named in Governor Grant's honor.

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When they said that they had a plan and that they knew precisely how things would go for the people living in so-called shanty-towns, we surely thought they knew what they were doing.

This reference we make concerning what now appears to have become a hot mess of a problem not only for the Government and people of the Bahamas, but also for a number of Bahamians who now face the very real prospect of becoming homeless.

Indeed, we wondered about this plan from the get-go; this we did because we thought then and do still wish to suggest that much of the current administration's anti-shanty-town rhetoric and actions are rooted not in real concern for health and safety, but in a desire to curry favour with mass opinion, much of which is rancid with anti-Haitian xenophobia.

This is so very sad.

Even more to the point being made, we are very sure that the Hon. Philip 'Brave' Davis is absolutely correct and on-point when he admonishes: -- You can't just engage in political machinations and think it is popular to say I'm going to get rid of shanty towns, but then at the end of the day could you effect that statement?"

Absolutely!

But yet, we would also dare agree with an idea which is both poignant and deeply pregnant with truth to the effect that: -- "...Xenophobia and unaddressed tensions between Bahamians and people of Haitian descent have caused unregulated communities to flourish..."

This is surely the tap-root which feeds into the efflorescence of such informal types of housing arrangements; and for sure, this source is itself deeply connected to some of the realities that come packaged in with the so-called 'cost' of living which is but the other face of resentment and exploitation packed tightly together.

As one hapless Pigeon Pea denizen explains: -- "We here because we get crush in here. You can try and get out, but they hate us so much they don't let us go no place else."

Put succinctly, they are caught – as it were –

between a rock and a very hard place; thus choice is constrained by designs made by others—and thus, today these sufferers suck on sorrows.

As they suffer what they must, others not in their predicament pretend they do not exist.

What an awful mess in a so-called God-fearing land!

Making matter even worse has to do with what appears to us as but one ongoing tragedy where so very many people who through no fault of their own are being left bereft and who are now fearing becoming homeless!

This is happening to them in this VAT+moment as the current administration presses on [regardless] with cleaning and clearing them of their homes and their spaces on God's green earth.

Here we reference any number of people, some of them born and bred-Bahamians [of Haitian descent like so very many of their Bahamian cousins] who are eking out a living in a hard time and in what is proving to be a very hard place, namely today's deeply challenged Bahamas.

Sure seems as if these poor suffering people are being scapegoated!

This we deplore; and clearly, the same sentiment is shared by very many Bahamians who are now being obliged to stand in mute horror and shame as human beings whose only 'wrong' has to do with their continuing struggle to get up from under.

Interestingly enough, very many of these shanty-town dwellers are the very people whose sweated labour now provides basis and foundation for the good life enjoyed by so very many others.

This is that oh-so-ugly face of man's exploitation of their brothers and sisters.

Evidently, this sad story is not just that of these unfortunate people, but also this saga also belongs to the rest of those people who know – in their heart of hearts – they are doing wrong things to these near-helpless souls.

In sum, then, the time is now for the current administration to repent of this self-inflicted folly!



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MINISTER LANISHA ROLLE MEETS WITH HER YOUTH, SPORTS AND CULTURE TEAM



► Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture the Hon. Lanisha Rolle (at head of table) has an introductory meeting with Permanent Secretary Nicole Campbell (right of Minister), department heads and senior officials, during her first day in her new post, on July 4, 2018. (BIS Photo / Eric Rose)

JANE AND MARCUS BETHEL'S FAMILY GIVES UB AWARD

BY TIA THOMPSON
Journal Staff Writer

The University of The Bahamas has secured a \$100,000 scholarship called The Jane and Marcus Bethel Award for its outstanding students. Those students would have a wide range of beliefs, ideals, and talents, are encouraged to work, and learn together, foster intel-

lectual growth, refine their leadership skills, and enhance their relationship with the university.

The award is a unique scholarship afforded to UB students at both entry level and in third year of their degree. Former parliamentarian, Dr. Marcus Bethel and his wife Chantal Bethel are the official donors of the scholarship.

The scholarship is named in honour of Dr. Bethel's parents, the founders of Bethel Brothers Morticians and Crematory.

Each of the seven siblings will be adding to this scholarship each year, and it will be divided over a five-year period.

Rubie Nottage says that the \$20,000 will be distributed as such each year. It

will be divided into half of \$10,000, one half will be given to four students at entry level- based on criteria of need and merit.

The prime objective is for students in need to obtain these scholarships. The other \$10,000 will be divided into 1,000 awards for students in the 3rd year of a 4-year credited course at the University of The Bahamas.

According to UB President, Dr. Rodney Smith, the University is pleased to have another friend and UB parent contribute to the university's students and their education.

He says that the Bethel family is creating students with a better world view, which in turn makes them better nation builders. This scholarship had helped UB

to launch a new policy where all undergraduate students at the University will be required to complete a study abroad experience by the end of their third year and they will be required to complete their degrees at UB.

This award will be increased and given to the winners every year on July 4th.



GOVERNMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

INVITATION FOR TENDER

Residential Waste Collection New Providence

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

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

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

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

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

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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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