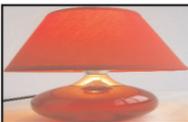


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A DUMPING GROUND FOR CARS

- "...cars that are allowed in The Bahamas cannot come into Africa..."
- "...radioactive contaminants..."

MP Calls For Reversal of Draconian Policy

The Member of Parliament for Englerston and Shadow Minister for Social Services, Glenys Hanna Martin is calling for a reversal of the government's policy on Social assistance for school uniforms. She takes strong objections to two guidelines

namely:
 That no more than two (2) children in any household may be assisted; and
 If assistance was obtained last year no applicant will be assisted except in "extreme or extenuating circumstances".

She says, "this is a drastic shift from a time-worn

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▶ The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce (CEO), Edison Sumner (Journal file photo)

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

According to The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce CEO Edison Sumner, 17,000 Japanese vehicles are imported into the country on an annual basis.

Off the heels of a trip to Japan, he said that quite a number of these automobiles undergo radioactive contamination inspections.

However, Mr. Sumner said that a few residents may unfortunately com-

mute in vehicles with radioactive contaminants unknowingly.

He said, "when they put these little sensors on these cars and the thing lights up like a Christmas tree, and say that they have to pull this car off the line because this car has radioactive contamination, because of the earthquake in Japan, a couple of years ago near the industrial and nuclear plants."

He added, "A lot of chemicals got into these

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▶ Member of Parliament for Englerston and Shadow Minister for Social Services, Glenys Hanna Martin (Journal file photo)

Grocers Implement VAT-Free Items

The Ministry of Finance is congratulating businesses on successfully implementing the VAT-Free breadbasket and medicine list

The Ministry in s statement yesterday said, "the Retail Grocers Association and the Manufacturers'

Agents and Wholesalers Association have been instrumental in coordinating with businesses to facilitate the transition. This was critical to minimize any inconvenience to Bahamian consumers, and to ensure businesses are in compliance with the new laws and regulations.

"It is important to note,

the VAT-Free breadbasket is not limited to the price control list. The VAT regulations, which are administered by the Department of Inland Revenue, are directly tied to the classification of goods under the Bahamas Customs Tariff Headings. This allows for a broad range of breadbasket goods to be included in

the VAT-Free list. Unlike price control, which only regulates a portion of breadbasket items, most types and variations under the breadbasket are VAT-Free with only a few exceptions, including prepared foods.

"All forms of raw rice

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Nurses Demand Answers

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

The Bahamas Nurses Union is not at all happy about the changes being made to a shift system coupled with other long-standing grievances. The nurses say enough is enough.

The four days on, four days off rotation has been switched to five days on, two days off, and is irritating BNU President Amancha Williams...

"By mandating a reduc-

tion in addition staff overtime, these actions will result in increase burning out of staff, increase medical errors and a lack of quality service provided.

"This attempt by PHA demonstrates a total disregard and disrespect to the workers. This does not help any industrial good will," Ms. Williams said.

Instead of shift changes, Ms. Williams feels PHA should focus on

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GG PAID RESPECTS TO LATE CABINET MINISTER PHENTON NEYMOUR



▶ The Governor General, Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling, pictured, paid respects during the Viewing of the late Cabinet Minister and Parliamentarian, Phenton Neymour in the Foyer of the House of Assembly, Wednesday, August 1, 2018. (BIS Photo/Letisha Henderson)

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ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED TO READ IN THE MORNING

How Five Survived Plane Crash

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

Engine failure said to be the reason a Piper Aztec went down earlier this year near the Great Harbour Cay Airport in The Berry Islands.

Luckily, the pilot and four passengers survived.

Based on the report into the incident, the group took

off from the Chub Cay Airport on January 12th at 11:30am.

Not long after, the pilot reported by telephone that the plane's right engine failed, resulting in a significant loss of altitude.

As the aircraft was unable to maintain altitude on the left engine alone, the pilot opted to divert and attempt a

landing at the nearby Great Harbour Cay Airport.

However, considering the continued loss in altitude, he instead executed a controlled landing in an area of mangroves approximately two miles south east of the Great Harbour Cay Airport to avoid crashing into trees.

In this case, the pilot was the only one to be injured.

The aircraft was damaged; however, the extent is unknown.

All the passengers then were able to walk to the mainland where they were assisted by locals.

A post-crash report notes that the pilot was on a regularly scheduled flight on the route between San Andros, Great Harbour Cay and

Freeport.

However, authorities were unable to confirm whether this was a for-hire flight.

Due to the inaccessibility of the crash site, the AAID was unable to conduct the on-site phase of the investigation.

A limited scope investigation was therefore conduct-

ed.

The weather at the time in Great Harbour Cay was considered visual meteorological conditions.

The report revealed, despite repeated requests of the pilot, the maintenance records for the aircraft were never made available to the air accident investigation department for review.

Shantytown Challenges Develop

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

As Shantytown evictions in New Providence proceed as scheduled, there are some challenges.

Authorities have discovered that to date, there have been two suspected cases of illegal electricity connections, 35 illegals apprehend-

ed and 15 special needs families requiring assistance.

However, all derelict vehicles have been removed, two buildings have received occupancy certificates, 16 houses have approved permits; and those buildings that appear to be code worthy, will have a chance to remain standing.

"There are some individ-

ual homes in the various Shantytowns that are code worthy and some that have BPL connections and cable connections," said Labour Minister, Senator Dion Foulkes.

"Those are more difficult to deal with because they are surrounded by homes that will be demolished," he added.

As for who will be the landlords responsible for those homes left standing, Minister Foulkes said this is still undecided.

"We are getting advice from the Attorney General's office on the various options as to what we can do, what is possible from a legal standpoint.

"We're taking into con-

sideration the building codes of the Ministry of Works.

"So we have not come to any firm decision with respect to those two communities, but they will not be in this exercise," he said.

According to Colin Wright, Chairman of the Alternative Housing Committee, so far all is going well with residents

relocating to alternative housing.

However, there is one challenge - most persons do not want to move out of the Carmichael area.

He said employers have been assisting with the relocation process on behalf of their employees who are shantytown residents.

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vehicles and are still there, and these cars are now driving on our streets because someone who sent away to buy a car from Japan didn't go through the proper channels to get their car inspected properly, and some of the people inspecting vehicles in Japan were not inspecting it for some of these kinds of other elements."

Experts say that a person subjected to radioactive particles for lengthy

periods of time can experience a number of lung diseases or even cancer.

Mr. Sumner said that he made this visit as the Vice Chair of the Standards Bureau where he realized other areas of concern.

He said that he saw that the tires did not have sufficient threads in them, which aids in traction on the roads.

This, he said, fueled the bureau to push for improved standards.

He said, "we in this country say that we're

accepting gifts from some American Corporations or some Canadian Corporations and we are in the papers boasting about getting all these computers from these companies. When you look at it, if you cannot prove that these are brand new computers coming into this country, all we have become is another dumping ground for computers. They can't dump in the US."

He added, "we put them in our schools and

we put them in our homes and we say, 'Oh we have some wonderful new computers coming in'. They ain't new! We got them because they couldn't find anyone else to take it from them."

On a trip to Africa, Mr. Sumner said that African officials pointed out that a lot of the cars that are allowed in The Bahamas cannot come into Africa.

Mr. Sumner was the guest speaker yesterday at the Rotary Club of South East Nassau.

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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
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.



Ministry Of Transport and Aviation

Road Traffic Department

Please be advised that The Controller of the Road Traffic Department in accordance with the provision of the Road Traffic Act Chapter 220, hereby publishes his intentions to grant available, **Self-Drive Car/Scooters and Private Scheduled (School Bus) Franchises and Variations.**

Accordingly, the Department is presently accepting applications for the available licenses.

All application forms **MUST** be accompanied with the following documents:

SELF-DRIVE CARS/SCOOTER FRANCHISE

- A copy of the first (4) pages of a valid Passport
- A copy of National Insurance Card
- A current police record
- A letter of Intent (or Business Plan if Available)

PRIVATE SCHEDULE (SCHOOL BUS) FRANCHISE

- A Tentative agreement or contract from a recognised institution
- A copy of the first (4) pages of a valid passport
- A copy of National Insurance Card
- A current police record
- A copy of Driver's Public Service Badge

All applications should be submitted to the Franchise Unit, Road Traffic Department at The Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium no later than 4:00p.m. Friday August 10th 2018.

MP Calls For Reversal of Draconian Policy

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policy where assistance was based on qualifying need. This new policy has the potential of marginalizing untold households and very likely disrupting the education of many children.

"It is also of note that the allocation for uniform assistance has been reduced in this year's budget by almost one-half as compared to the allocation in the 2016/2017 budget. This is particularly alarming as the most recent unemployment numbers show no appreciable reduction in the number of people out of work," she said.

The Opposition MP said, "we are seeing more of the same from a government clearly insensitive to the human suffering that is being experienced by many in this country.

Many persons receiving food assistance including elderly and disabled persons whose cards have expired have been without assistance for months thereby causing great hard-

ship.

"There have been occasions when people seeking help at the Department have been referred to charitable organizations such as Red Cross or Great Commissions among others. This is appearing more and more as a policy of abandonment of the primary and fundamental role of our social safety net," she said.

Mrs. Hanna Martin is calling on the new Minister to immediately review these policies and affirm and confirm that people who have qualifying need be it food or assistance with school uniforms for their children are not turned away.

"We are reminded of the Prime Minister's recent comments in the House of Assembly when in proclaiming his commitment to the poor he recited Matthew Chapter 25 verses 35 to 40... "35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you wel-

comed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

The MP said, "this drastic cut in social assistance for our children living in poverty conditions is contrary to the recent rhetoric heard in Parliament on the Over-The-Hill initiative.

"The Minister of Social Services and Community Development is being called upon to immediately reverse this draconian policy," said Mrs. Hanna Martin.

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are now VAT-free, including white rice, brown rice and other forms of raw milled rice. All cooking oils are VAT-Free, including corn oil, vegetable oil, olive oil and other cooking oils. All forms of flour are now VAT-Free, including white flour, wheat flour, spelt flour or cassava flour. Most forms of cheese are now VAT free, including sliced cheese for sandwiches, block cheese for macaroni, or shredded cheese for making cheese and grits."

The Ministry of Finance is asking consumers to be patient as they become familiar with

the exceptions to the VAT-Free breadbasket list, and to ensure they are receiving information from official sources.

In the cheese category, cream cheese and liquid cheese are not VAT-Free. In the margarine category, liquid margarine is not VAT-Free. Seasoned rice is not VAT-Free. The exceptions exist based on how the international tariff codes are structured.

Diary milk is VAT-Free; however, plant based milks are not. Bathing soap, medicated soap and disinfectant soap are VAT-Free but only in solid form (bar soap, in other words). Liquid soaps,

bath wash, disinfectant solutions, hand soap and dish-washing liquid, as examples, are not VAT-Free.

Although there are some exceptions, there are still thousands of breadbasket items that are now VAT-Free: By estimates of the Retail Grocers Association, the VAT-Free breadbasket list covers over 80 per cent of the items in the store.

Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Peter Turnquest says, "The VAT-Free breadbasket is going to make grocery shopping a lot less expensive. Literally thousands of everyday items are now VAT-Free. This is not something I need

to promise consumers. This is something Bahamians will see for themselves when they look at their grocery bills and compare the difference: Before, Bahamians had to pay 7.5% on everything purchased in the food store. Now, Bahamians will pay zero VAT on most of their items."

Philip BENEBY, Retail Grocers Association (RGA) President said, "It took a lot of effort to implement all of the changes, and we appreciate the collaboration with the Ministry of Finance over the past few weeks. Having an open line of communication helped to answer some of the important questions our members had. There are still a few

kinks to work out, which are understandable, and we still have to make sure all of the businesses in every island have the right information. However, we feel confident that by and large the transition will continue to be smooth, and we also ask for the patience of consumers. All of our members and their staff have been working tremendously hard to re-price tens of thousands of items. The fact that most of them were ready on August 1 is commendable."

Rupert Roberts, RGA Secretary says, "Grocery stores will end up collecting less VAT for the Government, but that is because those savings are going to the people in

the form of lower prices. The list of VAT-Free items is actually very extensive, and I think people will not realize the magnitude of the savings until they see how many VAT-free items are on their receipts. In the case of Super Value, 8000 of the items in our inventory are now VAT-Free. That is around 80 percent of the store the Government is giving away in VAT. For some of the smaller convenience stores, nearly 100% of their items may very well be VAT-Free. This means huge savings for consumers that will bring down the cost of living on a major weekly expense."

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RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.40	4.40	5.01
		4.27	4.27	4.65
PART B				
FREEPORT, G.B.				
		INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT		
Freeport Oil Co. Ltd.	ULSD	4.41	4.41	5.01
PART C				
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		INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT		
RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.29	4.47	5.05
		4.14	4.32	4.70
PART D				
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		NOT INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT		
RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.40	4.64	5.19
		4.28	4.46	4.84
PART E				
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		NOT INCLUDING SEA FREIGHT		
RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.41	4.66	5.22
		4.30	4.46	4.86

ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

To: Mr. Jerry Pratt
Nassau, Bahamas

REF: A SINGLE STOREY WOODEN BUILDING LOCATED ON RUPERT DEAN AND PRATT ALLEY NASSAU, BAHAMAS

File No. 2046

1. TAKE NOTICE that the Minister Of Public Works in pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Minister by Section 10 (1)(b)(i) of the *Buildings Regulations Act Chapter 188*, has made an Order dated the February 20, 2018 copy of which has been affixed on the premises requiring you the owner of the respective premises described above to remedy the cause of the said building or structure being in a ruinous dilapidated state, by demolishing the said building and removing any rubbish resulting from the demolition within sixty (60) days from the date of the Order.

Craig Delancy
Buildings Control Officer

March 15, 2018

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

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

REF: A TWO STOREY WOODEN BUILDING LOCATED ON NO. 37 HOSPITAL LANE & DUNMORE STREET NASSAU, BAHAMAS

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Craig Delancy
Buildings Control Officer

March 15, 2018

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

To: Ms. Beryl Brown
No. 3 Dumping Ground & Ferguson Street
Nassau, Bahamas

REF: A SINGLE STOREY WOODEN BUILDING LOCATED AT NO. 3 DUMPING GROUND CORNER & FERGUSON STREET NASSAU, BAHAMAS

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PUBLIC NOTICE
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

TENDER INVITATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO CONDUCT A LAND AUDIT WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

The Office of the Prime Minister invites tenders for the appointment of a Service Provider to conduct a Land Audit within the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

All companies are invited to visit the Notice's section on the Government's website at www.bahamas.gov.bs, or to collect the Terms of Reference for the tender between the hours of 9:30 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Cecil Wallace Whitefield Centre
Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas

Office of the Prime Minister seeks the services of a Service Provider to conduct a Land Audit throughout the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in order to establish all land that is owned, leased or licensed for use by the Government. The Land Audit will build upon the work executed under The Bahamas Land Use, Policy and Administration Project, 2009 (LUPAP).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Government will engage the Service Provider to conduct the Land Audit which will:

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

DELIVERABLES

- A Land Audit report containing methodology and Land Audit findings and recommendations;
- A Land Audit database with Title Documents as applicable and information on structures in the study area, submitted in Microsoft SQL or IBM Data base 2 format;
- An A0 map size with an overlay of subject land parcels; and
- 2x copies of DVDs/ CDs with GIS spatial datasets (WGS84 ESRI or ITRF shapefiles) of the above.

Bids must be submitted and sealed in an envelope clearly marked: APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER TO CONDUCT A LAND AUDIT WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS. All Tenders must be received no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, 3rd August, 2018, and addressed to:

Chairman, The Tender Board
c/o Acting Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cecil Wallace Whitefield Centre
P. O. Box N-3107
Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas

No increase, decrease, discount, reduction or any other changes to initial bid price(s) or conditions will be permitted after the opening of bids. Clarification of bids, as requested by the Office of the Prime Minister, may be accepted provided that the substance and prices of the bid remain unchanged.

Information submitted becomes the property of the Office of the Prime Minister, who reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

Permanent Secretary

The Rough Cut

By Felix F. Bethel

“...as forever continues...”

I am witness not only to his wealth of wisdom, but also, I have a keen sense of where and how he went wrong- and yet, I can also tell you that I got to know him well in those powerful days when – in the aftermath of his defeat- he visited with me in some of my College of The Bahamas classes.

With spin not intended, I can attest to the fact that:--Lynden O. Pindling's political achievements were part and parcel of what I would describe as a class-act of the first order.

Sadly, this great Bahamian's life-work-and-legacy project was –almost from the get-go- marred by jealousy, spite and hate.

At the core we find this trenchant observation to the effect that:-- [Cecil-Vincent Wallace-Whitfield wanted what Pindling had in 1969, namely--- adoration, power, and the love of the people!

And thus it came to be that:--Wallace-Whitfield soon began to make his move to snatch leadership out of Pindling's hands.

Clearly, then:--Their battle, would result in the dissolving of the UBP and the formation of a new political party, the FNM, The Free National Movement.

Forty five years ago, I was still young and still green-enough--and of course, the sap in me was still rising; indeed on occasion, the sap in me surged.

Alas! Forty-five years later--I am almost sapped-out; as one of my sons might respond—HA/HA/HA!

But for sure, I can now howl:--Forty five years later; it's all so very sad---! Forty five years of so-called Independence and what really have we [mainly Africa's children] have to show for all of this Independence Stuff—clearly, what we have is a god-awful mess of failure and pain piled upon the backs of men and women who –for what now seems a near infinity of years-continue to suck on a brew of pain and sorrows. Forty five years-and counting, I tell you, Africa's children –inclusive of the so-called 'successful ones' continue to feel not only the lingering sting of the master's whip, but also that of the merciless Black/African Slave-Driver who – in order to escape the lash-learned how to apply that weapon—thus to this bleeding day all those niggers who would – if given the chance would gladly

beat and terrify women, children and any and all weaker than them—and thus, the daily litany and report of police killings, mayhem on this or that marital bed and for sure, in this or that hurtful place they call schools

And then of course, please be reminded that the same deeply troubled 'nigs' have lock-ups for boys and girls who – if truth could ever be told-are routinely abused by some of their so-called guardians and protectors.

Indeed:--The White Man is very clever!

This much is also surely so very true:--The Pindling – Whitfield adversarial battles would come to change the political landscape of the Bahamas forever.

Forty five years later, forever continues!

Great God from Zion--Forty five years later, forever continues

Of all things of which I am certain—let it be known that:--Two men who should have remained in harmony as brothers, builders and liberators to and on behalf of a massively ruined people decided [for whatever infernal reason]to turn on each other.

Lynden O. Pindling warned:---“They know only too well that whoever foolishly seeks power by riding on the back of the tiger eventually ends up inside...”

Chinua Achebe Explains:--The white man is very clever; He came quietly and peaceably with his religion; We were amused at his foolishness and allowed him to stay; Now he has won our brothers, and our clan can no longer act like one; [and now] the white man has a put a knife on the things that held us together and we have fallen apart.

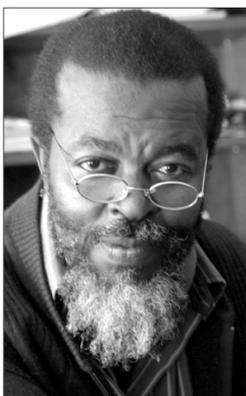
This much is true:--Chinua Achebe was a very wise man.

This much is true:--Lynden Oscar Pindling was a very wise man.

And this too is true:--Pindling and Achebe are now amongst the serried ranks of our immortal ancestors----Hallelujah!

And thus on this precious day –as I stew in these geriatric-disabled-suffering days-left-to me I now recall as to how my cousin Chinua Achebe understood and wrote as regards that nasty business which brings brother and brother to discord and anger.

One sure example of such fraternal conflict is exemplified by that one which back-in-the-day



tore apart Cecil Vincent Wallace-Whitfield and Lynden Oscar Pindling.

This is the question; and by damn, then:--Ting-ah-ling-ah-ling, teacher pants tie up with string; string pop, teacher pants drop---And with that, there was this shout: -- Wow what a ting-ah-ling!

And by damn- ting-a' ling or no such ting a' ling---when the dust had settled on that day [May 10th. 2017] a supposedly 'distinctively different' Free National Movement led [obviously] by a 'distinctively different' in the guise of YOU-KNOW-HOO was the man for the moment and thus, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

This all came about as a result of the merciless machinations time and circumstance which led the masses –from Mackey Street in the north to Abraham's Bay in the south- to tell Perry [The gladiator] Christie that that was that for him and his crew!

And please believe me:--Somewhere I read these words which posed a puzzle as to how Bahamian Prime Minister Lynden Pindling, and his PLP Party gatekeeper, Chairman, Cecil Wallace-Whitfield, moved from political allies to bitter political enemies, was mind-bogglingly swift, cataclysmic and painfully final.

The same source also explains that:--When Cecil Wallace-Whitfield crossed the aisle, to take on Pindling, he went with intimate insider knowledge of the inner workings of the Party.

It also notes that:--When Whitfield crossed the aisle, he took seven other PLP House Members with him. He also took the confidence of the UBP Members in the House, all in a collective bid to take down Pindling.

Evidently, the Pindling – Whitfield adversarial battles, would come to change the political landscape of the Bahamas forever.

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DISCIPLINE & DUTY

On one day, the talk is all about 'our young men' and as to how so very many of THEM seem set on dead-man walking paths and as to how undisciplined some of them are when they do manage to get a job offer.

This is why we humbly suggest that:--More effort needs to be made by people like John Pinder, his staff of underlings, the political people to whom they are obliged to report to understand that the people who are savvy enough to go into business should not be neither pushed nor cajoled in to hiring dead-wood, dead-end duds or their ladies.

With that point noted:---Let there be mistake about that matter concerning discipline and its obvious connections with industry and thus with socially accepted norms of decency:--Discipline is a choice.

As opposed to what John Pinder advises when he recently opined: --- "...We have to put some discipline program in place, so that people [can] discipline themselves to know that you have to give a fair day's work for a fair day's pay..."

What the hell is a discipline-program!
We always thought that this happens in school.

Indeed, as we demur, we also suggest that the way ahead might well entail a radical review not only of immigration policies, but also might require a shift in how Government itself responds to these policy-relevant issues.

On that note, we turn attention to certain remarks recently made by current Director of Labor, John Pinder who recently took some time off from what might well be his own onerous duties to make the point that:-- "...We have to do our best to encourage our young men to be disciplined.

The very same John Pinder is also on record with a suggestion to the effect that:-- "...The unemployment rate in The Bahamas could be lowered if Bahamians, particularly young men, exercised more discipline in the workplace..."

And with that, the great one unlooses this doozy of a conclusion as he reports:-- "...there are many Bahamians who are qualified and either do not apply or quit after only a few weeks of working..."

Evidently, this assertion requires some dismantling.

This we attempt by way of question seeking answer in the same way –analogically speaking- in the same way a lock yields entrance to the right key!

As Pinder would have the public believe:-- There are qualified Bahamians out-there somewhere who are 'qualified and either do not apply or quit after only a few weeks of working.

Come on man, they quit precisely because they are NOT qualified; in other words, those duds are not up to the challenge implicit in honest, hard work!

What is interesting about this gem, this John Pinder wisdom-nugget – if you will- has to do with what seems its underlying premise, one suggestive of the conclusion that 'our young men' are at risk.

For our part, we are not quite sure that Pinder is getting it right; indeed, whilst it is a fact that he pursues a line of reasoning that is quite popular, it is also quite plausible [and indeed also extremely possible] that opinions derived or based upon popular sentiment might themselves lead to both confusion and error.

And thus as we look in on John Pinder's words of advice directed at God knows who, we surely sometimes wonder as to how long it is going to take for some among us to understand that we have amongst us any number of men and women who are just not into working hard in order to pay their way from one day to the next.

And as we wonder about phenomena such as these, continue to be amazed when this or that publicly employed personage could as the old saying 'ups and chats' as to how so very undisciplined are some Bahamians who are supposedly 'unemployed'.

If the truth be known--there are very many men and women out-there who say that they are unemployed—but who –if anyone had either time or interest to really tune in on reality are actually fully employed, some as thieves, pick-pockets, con-artists and hustlers.

And thus, they pay their way in the world by hook or by crook!



MINISTRY OF LABOUR
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- Bahamas Electrical Utility Managerial Union (BEUMU)
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- Bahamas Industrial Engineers Managers & Supervisory Union (BIEMSU)
- Bahamas Musicians Entertainers Union (BMEU)
- Bahamas Utilities Services & Allied Workers Union (BUSAWU)
- Commonwealth Union of Hotel Services
- Union of Central Bankers (UCB)
- Union of Public Officers (UPO)
- Union of Tertiary Educators of The Bahamas (UTEB)

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



NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF TRADE UNIONS

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

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

Mr. John Pinder
Registrar of Trade Unions

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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.

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

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

The method of payment will be certified cheque or cash. Tenders are to be submitted in triplicate (3) in a sealed envelope(s) and addressed to:

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

No later than 4:30 p.m. on the 13th August, 2018

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

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

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

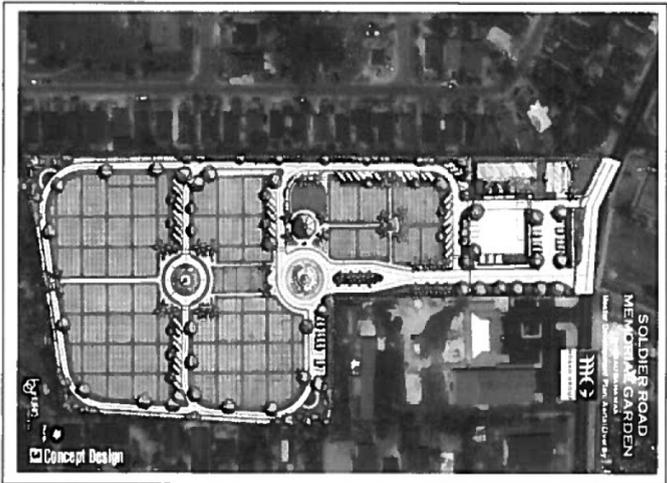
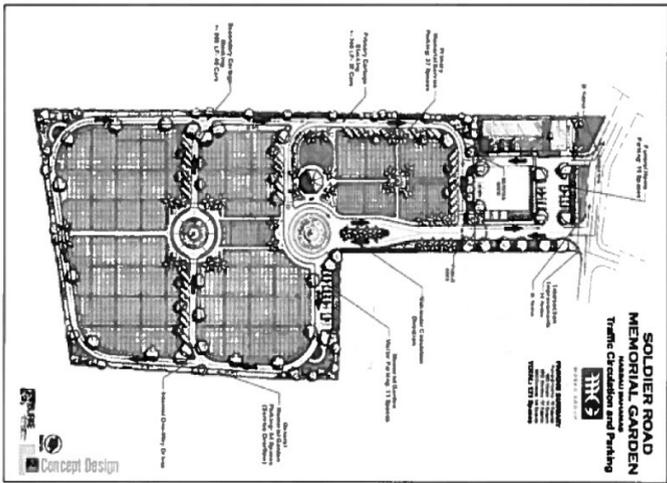
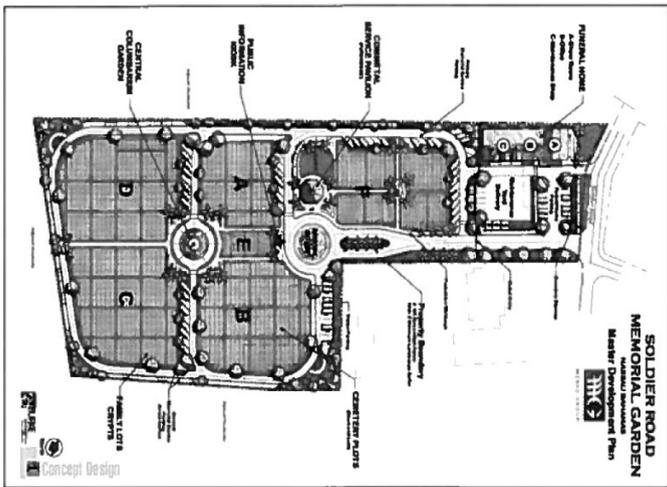
Interested persons and organisations are invited to review the information on file and provide written comments to the Acting Director of Physical Planning within twenty-one (21) days of the date of this notice.

Submissions should be made via P.O. Box N -1611 Nassau, Bahamas or fax (242) 328 - 3206. Further inquiries should be made to the Acting Director via Tel: (242)322-7550/2 or (242)328-3202 or CHARLESZONICLE@BAHAMAS.GOV.BS

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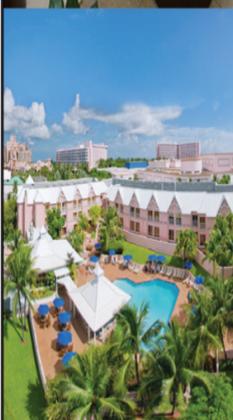



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Nurses Demand Answers

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the outstanding payments owed to nurses.

She said, "outstanding payments to be made to nurses for post graduate qualification, outstanding sick benefits for NIB, overtime payment for nurses in Grand Bahama, as well as outstanding post graduate payments and the list goes on."

Ms. Williams said, "the action of PHA can not be a unilateral decision. The shift proposal was eventually forwarded to the union. However PHA and its board did not respond to the response given by the BNU," she said.

The union is calling for the Health Minister to keep promises made to the nurses.

Backing the BNU, Trade Union President Obie Ferguson said they will do whatever it takes to help achieve basic fundamental rights.

"These are things that ought not be a dispute. Monies are due and money owing. The union

ought to be paid. If everyone else is being paid, then why can't the nurses who are very very important in the scheme of things in this country?"

"So whenever the nurses decide to do what ever they decide to do by the president and the executive, I will call upon all of my affiliates in the Trade Union Congress to support this objective, Mr. Ferguson said.

Mr. Ferguson called on the Minister of Labour and the Director of Labour to do the right thing and issue the BNU a certificate to carry out a strike vote.

He said, "issue these people today their certificate. They have 377 persons voting yes and seven voted no and you are denying the union? Its unfortunate that I have to do this because I don't think this was necessary."

"This is purely an administrative matter, so give them the certificate because that's apart of the negotiations," the Union leader said.

Labour Minister Dion Foulkes said, "we received several complaints from five islands that either ballots were not delivered or they were not delivered in time for all nurses to participate in the strike voting."

"The law requires that all members whether they vote or not should have the opportunity to vote," Mr. Foulkes said.

He said a communication has been sent to the nurse's union asking them to comment on this issue.

The Minister has given them 7 days to respond, after which a decision will be made to certify their strike or not.

Heath Minister Dr. Duane Sands said that every effort is being made to verifying outstanding payments to PHA.

He also said the Ministry released a statement prior to laying out the facts relating to this issue of shift changing, which he says remains the same, despite the union's displeasure with certain things.



PUBLIC NOTICE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

EXTENSION OF TENDER INVITATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO CONDUCT A LAND AUDIT WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

The Office of the Prime Minister has extended the invitation for tenders for the appointment of a Service Provider to conduct a Land Audit of Government Lands within the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

All companies are invited to visit the Notices Section on the Government's website at www.bahamas.gov.bs, or to collect the Terms of Reference for the tender between the hours of 9:30 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday from -

Office of the Prime Minister
Cecil Wallace Whitfield Centre
Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas

Tenders must be submitted and sealed in an envelope clearly marked: APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER TO CONDUCT A LAND AUDIT WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS. All Tenders must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, 31st August, 2018, and addressed to:

Chairman, The Tender Board
c/o Acting Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cecil Wallace Whitefield Centre
Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas

No increase, decrease, discount, reduction or any other changes to initial bid price(s) or conditions will be permitted after the opening of bids. Clarification of bids, as requested by the Office of the Prime Minister, may be accepted provided that the substance and prices of the bid remain unchanged.

Information submitted becomes the property of the Office of the Prime Minister, who reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

There will be a Public Briefing on Wednesday, 15th August 2018, at the Ministry of Finance, at 10:00 am. During the Public Briefing, questions regarding the Project and Terms of Reference will be addressed.

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