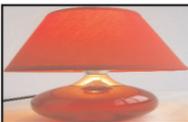


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Threat Of Next Downgrade

The Opposition spokesman on Finance, the Member of Parliament for Exuma and Ragged Island Chester Cooper says the latest ratings by Moody's on the Bahamas has said in clear language that it will downgrade The Bahamas should this fiscal consolidation plan, replete with holes, fail to pan out.

He said, "Moody's points out that economic growth is low for The



▶ Member of Parliament for Exuma and Ragged Island Chester Cooper



▶ Deputy Prime Minister, Peter Turnquest

Gov't To End Contract Workers

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

The government has decided to put an end to the contract worker system soon. This comes off the heels of a number of government contract workers not receiving pay for a month.

Education Minister Jeffery Lloyd told reporters outside of Cabinet that contract workers would either become "permanent and pensionable" or terminated once contracts come to an end.

Minister Lloyd assured, however, that the workers would be paid this week.

He said, "some have been paid last week. Please know that we are going through, yet again an audit of contract workers because we want to know who is there."

He added, "we want to know who is working, where are they working; are you being properly

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Board Members Were At Loggerheads

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
 Journal Staff Writer

Works Minister, Desmond Bannister has sought to clear the air on Bahamas Power and Light (BPL) Board dismissals.

In a statement yesterday, the Minister expressed regret that in recent times, the former board, chaired by

Accountant Darnell Osbourne, remained locked at loggerheads on virtually every critical issue, and that became costly to the electricity company.

Moreover, as relationships within the board deteriorated, three members offered their resignations.

In those circumstances,

the Minister said it was important that the company seek new leadership.

Mr. Bannister accepts there was a delay in issuing a statement on the matter, but that this was out of respect for a board member who is travelling and could not easily be contacted.

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▶ Minister of Works, Desmond Bannister

Two Men Held On Homicide Charges

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

Two alleged killers are back in the hands of police.

According to police, 22-year-old Kelvin Deveaux of Wilson Tract and 21-year-old Delano Fawkes of Marathon Estates were taken into custody in connection with a recent homicide.

Meantime, another Simpson Penn escapee has been returned to the Fox Hill Facility.

It was after 7:00 yesterday evening that

Intelligence led officers to an area on a park on Mermaid Boulevard West. There, they spotted a male fitting the description of one of the escapees.

Upon seeing the police, the boy ran. After a short chase, he was taken into custody and returned to the school.

Also, two men were arrested following two separate drug finds – the first was at Potter's Cay dock just before 6:00pm.

Police said the first suspect was in the area of

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THREE CITIZENS ACHIEVE QUEEN'S HONOURS



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▶ Elma Garraway, right, received the award of MBE for service to education and the community from Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor General. (BIS Photos/Patrick Hanna)

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The Minister thanked the outgoing board members, noting that they may proudly point to a number of notable accomplishments during their tenure.

Accordingly, he said the appointment of a new board does not reflect negatively in any way on the achievements or integrity of those who have given service to BPL and the

country.

A new board is to be appointed immediately as the utility company works to ensure that reliable power is available to all.

Mr. Bannister stressed that out of respect for the former board members, he does not intend to discuss the matter in any further detail.



Gov't To End Contract Workers

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registered in the system? Are you being properly paid? Are you being paid by the Ministry of Education? Are you being paid by the Ministry of Finance?"

Mr. Lloyd said the

Cabinet of The Bahamas wants to clarify these factors once and for all, so that the "contract worker business can come to an end" sometime over the next fiscal year.

The Minister acknowledged the fact that this issue exists with regard to

school repairs.

Following his school tour with Prime Minister Hubert Minnis, Mr. Lloyd said that the government is in communication with these individuals, and this will not affect schools being ready in time for September.

Threat Of Next Downgrade

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Bahamas – a glaring weakness that we have begged this government to address many, many times.

The suggestions and recommendations are still on the table.

"Moody's points out that though deficits have fallen, debt ratios and actual debt have risen under this administration. But we already knew that and have explained that to this government," said Mr. Cooper.

The deputy leader of the Progressive Liberal Party in a statement yesterday said, "The attempt of Minister of Finance Peter Turnquest to spin the current economic stagnation and Moody's dubious assessment of the Minnis administration's fiscal roadmap is laughable.

The government should consider that Moody's has extended its probation; the next few months will be critical.

"Given the Minnis administration's penchant for taking decisive action when foreign actors take issue with how it governs, it is hoped this latest assessment from credit ratings agency Moody's might serve as a wake-up call, as professional Bahamians who have made the same observations have been roundly ignored.

"Despite the hand-wringing of the prime minister, the labelling of Bahamians as corrupt, the back loading of bills to inflate the prior

year's deficit, the firing of countless people from the public service, the unnecessary raising of value-added tax (VAT), the hubris of an adrift finance minister, and the clueless inability to accept that it has borrowed excessively with little to nothing to show for it, the credit rating for The Bahamas is unchanged and the outlook of the economy remains negative," said the MP.

Mr. Cooper said "Moody's appears reticent to get behind the government's efforts at fiscal consolidation and raises doubt that the measures put forward by the Minnis administration will bear fruit. We also already knew this and have meticulously pointed it out.

"Moody's points out that contingent liabilities in state-owned enterprises and the Bank of The Bahamas pose a great risk to credit worthiness.

This, as the government announced its intention to nationalize a barely functioning hotel for tens of millions of dollars in order to save jobs – though it has yet to articulate any concrete plan to make this a reality. We reiterate that our faith in this administration running any business is perilously low," he said.

On another matter, Mr. Cooper said, "this administration's handling of BPL, after condemning the Progressive Liberal Party's (PLP) management of it, has proven to be disas-

trous.

"For better or worse, this government has hinged all of our fortunes on the collection of increased revenue through a massive hike in value-added tax and gaming taxes; though they still have not fully implemented a tax on patrons as they admit they did not do sufficient research into the impact of such a measure.

They however continue to undermine their own revenue targets with half-baked policies and concessions.

"Were it not for Baha Mar, this administration would have nothing but a series of blunders on its hands," said Mr. Cooper.

He said, "It is over a year in and the FNM has nothing to show for its haphazard efforts but broken hearts and shattered dreams.

"The PLP suggests that the FNM cease blaming others for its inability to function and seek the advice that our best professionals are willing to give to get the engine of the economy firing on all cylinders.

"Any unplanned, large expenditure early in the fiscal year such as the Grand Lucayan hotel acquisition or shortfall in revenue targets will be sure to lead to a downgrade.

"Perhaps another well-placed letter from wealthy foreign interests leaked to the public is needed for this administration to begin to understand what is truly at stake, notwithstanding the next general election," said Mr. Cooper.

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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.

Permanent Secretary



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**.

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- A letter of Intent (or Business Plan if Available)

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- 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.

Two Men Held On Homicide Charges

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Danny's Stall, acting suspiciously. A search revealed a quantity of suspected marijuana.

Similar circumstances led to the arrest of another man an hour later on Cyprus Court, Elizabeth Estates.

Both men are expected to be formally charged.

In another Police matter, a housekeeper

was at a home on the western end of New Providence when four men wearing bandanas on their faces forced their way into the home through the garage.

The males held the woman at bay while demanding cash and jewelry. When she began screaming, the suspects escaped.

Farewell Banquet Honours Archdeacon Harry Bain

BY ROBYN ADDERLEY

A farewell banquet honouring the Venerable Harry Bain, Anglican Archdeacon of the Northern Bahamas and

Rector of Christ the King, Freeport, was held on Friday, August 10, 2018 at the Grand Lucayan Ballroom. The sold-out event was attended by a cross-section of the community

along with representatives of Anglican churches in Grand Bahama and Bimini.

Present for the event was the Rt. Rev. Laish Boyd, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of The

Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands.

Archdeacon Bain will relocate to Nassau and officially take up the post of Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, as of September 1, 2018.



► Pictured from left: Mr. and Mrs. Iram Lewis, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Works; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Hon. K. Peter Turnquest and Mrs. Turnquest; Archdeacon Harry Bain and Mrs. Bain; Senator the Hon. Katherine Smith, President of the Senate; and Rev. and Mrs. Frederick McAlpine, MP for Pineridge. (BIS Photos/Lisa Davis)



MINISTRY OF LABOUR
THE PRICE CONTROL ACT, 1971
CHAPTER 339
THE PRICE CONTROL (GASOLINE & DIESEL OIL)
(AMENDMENT) () REGULATIONS, 2011

The public is advised that prices as shown in the Schedule for LEAD FREE GASOLINE sold by Freeport Oil Company Limited (FOCOL) became effective on Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

SCHEDULE

PLACE	ARTICLE	MAXIMUM WHOLESALE SELLING PRICE PER U.S. GALLON		MAXIMUM RETAIL SELLING PRICE PER U.S. GALLON (VAT INCLUSIVE)
		MAXIMUM SUPPLIERS' PRICE \$	MAXIMUM DISTRIBUTORS' PRICE \$	
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		MAXIMUM SUPPLIERS' PRICE \$	MAXIMUM DISTRIBUTORS' PRICE \$	
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NEW PROVIDENCE				
		I N C L U D I N G S E A F R E I G H T		
RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.40	4.40	5.01
		4.27	4.27	4.65
PART B				
FREEPORT, G.B.				
		I N C L U D I N G S E A F R E I G H T		
Freeport Oil Co. Ltd.	ULSD	4.41	4.41	5.01
PART C				
GRAND BAHAMA (NOT FREEPORT)				
		I N C L U D I N G S E A F R E I G H T		
RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.29	4.47	5.05
		4.14	4.32	4.70
PART D				
ABACO, ANDROS ELEUTHERA				
		N O T I N C L U D I N G S E A F R E I G H T		
RUBIS Bahamas Ltd.	LEAD FREE ULSD	4.40	4.64	5.19
		4.28	4.46	4.84
PART E				
ALL OTHER FAMILY ISLANDS				
		N O T I N C L U D I N G S E A F R E I G H T		
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
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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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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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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:

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The Rough Cut

By Felix F. Bethel

“...at a lost...”

“...yes-indeed...”

“...Bahamians refuse to even acknowledge that most of the black population of this country originally came from Haiti...” Fred Smith, QC---

On the surface, Smith is right enough--and yet, a little more pointed [if allowed] the Smith-reflection would have led Smith to note that so-called Haitians and so-called Bahamians have their shared origins in Africa!

Evidently, right enough is therefore not good enough--Africans in Haiti and Africans in The Bahamas are one and the same people now marooned in the Americas and throughout the world!

Listen in as I report: Lord Dumbo Sambo Letter Writer once upon a time wrote a letter.

That Letter Writer reports: Haiti's population stands at nearly 10 million. That's almost 28 times our current population; that Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere; that eighty percent of Haitians live on less than \$2 a day; that sixty percent of Haitians live on less than \$1 a day... and that: Haiti is the third hungriest country in the world.

Once he reaches what must have been for him a climactic instant--Letter-Writer wrote: Is it any wonder why so many thousands of Haitians risk their lives on unseaworthy vessels in order to come to The Bahamas?

While I would love to feel this brothers pain, fact remains, Haiti's millions have absolutely no interest in The Bahamas.

And clearly, if Lord Dumbo was just a tad more ofay with the truth, he would have long ago learned and understood that relations between The Bahamas, Haiti, Jamaica and all of the Americas have been going on long before Bahamians became Bahamians!

It is with this little intended correction in mind, I say this: Do I have some scary-hairy-Haitian-stuff to share with you on this blessed Thursday!!!!???

By damn, I do!

Some of that stuff I found in a letter addressed to an editor.

For ease of reference and also for your information, I've decided to give the letter write a name that I think fits him to a TEE---Lord Dumbo-Sambo-Letter-Writer.

And to be truthful, I read the letter.

And since I have already done that reading thing, all you have to do is take my

word for it, as I inform as to how Lord Dumbo predicts that The Bahamas will have a Haitian-Bahamian prime minister within 20 years.

He is also convinced that: Of the reported 351,000 persons currently living in The Bahamas, 40,000 of them are Haitians; that while births among foreign women have dropped in the past 40 years, from around 30 percent in 1970 to around 18 percent in 2010, the birth rate among Haitian women has nearly doubled during that period --- and that: Haitian women are very prodigious when it comes to child bearing.

And with that heavily pregnant thing off his chest, Dumbo lets loose of what seems one of his scariest of scenarios: "...I would even venture that we will have a Haitian-Bahamian prime minister within 20 years and that this dude of a Haiti-derived leader of The Bahamas will probably relax our immigration laws in order to accommodate the influx of Haitians fleeing their impoverished country..."

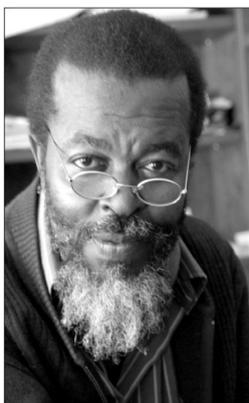
And then, by damn, Dumbo-Sambo explodes: The Bahamas is being Haitianized!

And thus, notwithstanding his love of the people of Haiti, Letter-Writer explains: "...I love the people of Haiti, but The Bahamas cannot absorb another 100,000, let alone one million Haitians..."

The letter write concluded: The illegal immigration problem is here to stay; our governments, past and present, lack the moral courage and the financial and human resources to address this vexing issue; successive governments have allowed Haitian communities such as The Mud and Pigeon Pea in Abaco to mushroom into massive Haitian communities; Haitians living in those settlements have not assimilated into the Bahamian culture; some of the Haitian youth in this country are angry at the government of The Bahamas because of their stateless status and wonder of wonders, the letter writer rather grandly concludes: Eventually, these people will begin to flex their political muscles and will vote for a Haitian-Bahamian who will look after their interests in the House of Assembly.

Wow-----the Haitians are coming!

Truth is there are no such people named Haitian-Bahamian; this being the case since there is no such lurid nonsense as A HYPHENATED-BAHAMIAN: By damn, if you are entitled to a Bahamian passport- by damn,



you are a Bahamian. Bahamians are the only people who can make anyone their prime minister//evidently Lynden O. Pindling was a Bahamian. And thus, the fact remains, Lord Dumbo is talkin' some of the purest foolishness extant in today's hate-filled Bahamas!

But yet there is still some light in this deepest depths of ignorance, with that illumination brought forward by Fred Smith, QC.

Smith - in his guise as esteemed letter-writer once explained: There is a single underlying force which disproportionately influences the various attitudes, opinions and presumptions which make up the modern Bahamian psyche. Though in outward appearance its manifestations are diverse, this undercurrent can be encapsulated in a single word: hatred.

As Smith demurs, he explains: This may seem hugely ironic for a country celebrated as a welcoming paradise for more than five million visitors a year.

But while Bahamians can certainly be extremely friendly and engaging on the surface, there is always an underlying sentiment of mistrust, hostility and ill-will towards others who are considered in some way different or alien, often manifesting itself far away from the tourism limelight as a visceral drive towards discrimination and a frightening tendency to ignore or excuse human rights abuses.

The even greater irony is in this predominantly black nation, the most racist, oppressive and abusive forms of discrimination are reserved for other blacks, in particular those from Haiti - which, instead of being celebrated for first raising the torch of freedom and human dignity in the Americas, is looked down upon, shunned and rejected.

Indeed, Bahamians refuse to even acknowledge that most of the black population of this country originally came from Haiti.

Yes, indeed!

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EDITORIAL

Judgment Day!

“...It is time for the church to practise what they preach and to admit their failings, to take account of the damage this has caused to the lives of far too many children and lastly to apologise for the abuse...” Dino Nocivelli.

We agree with Nocivelli.

And for sure, we are on all fours with that one prolific letter once noted: [For a country which prides itself in being Christian], The Bahamas is very hard on children.

Jesus told His disciples that they must not prevent children from coming to Him, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 19:14).

And thus--- brother man, the letter-writer insists: The church must work in tandem with the powers-that-be to curb child abuse.

He is absolutely correct!

This we do as we report: "Church officials routinely and purposefully described the abuse as horseplay and wrestling ... It was none of those things. It was child sexual abuse, including rape."

This information we get from Josh Shapiro, Pennsylvania Attorney General.

Shapiro said that Catholic bishops covered up child sexual abuse by priests and reassigned them repeatedly to different parishes. "They allowed priests to remain active for as long as 40 years. Children were taught that this abuse was not only normal but that it was holy.

The grand jury scrutinised abuse allegations in dioceses that minister to more than half the state's 3.2 million Catholics. Its report echoed the findings of many earlier church investigations around the country in its description of widespread sexual abuse by clergy and church officials' concealment of it.

More than 1,000 children - and possibly many more - were molested by hundreds of Roman Catholic priests in six dioceses in the US state of Pennsylvania, while senior church officials took steps to cover it up, according to a landmark grand jury report released on Tuesday.

The grand jury said it believes the real number of abused children might be in the thousands since some records were lost and victims were afraid to come forward. The report said more than 300 clergy committed the abuse over a period decades, beginning in the mid-1950s.

Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh

Shapiro said the two-year probe found a systematic cover-up by senior church officials in Pennsylvania and at the Vatican.

The panel concluded that a succession of Catholic bishops and other diocesan leaders tried to shield the church from bad publicity and financial liability by covering up abuse, failing to report accused clergy to police and discouraging victims from going to law enforcement.

Most of the abuse survivors were boys, but girls were abused too, the report said. The abuse ranged from groping and masturbation to anal, oral and vaginal rape.

He also said that one priest had molested five sisters in one family. The diocese settled with the family after requiring a confidentiality agreement.

According to Shapiro: "The cover-up was sophisticated. And all the while, shockingly, church leadership kept records of the abuse and the cover-up. These documents, from the dioceses' own 'Secret Archives,' formed the backbone of this investigation..."

And thus, dearly beloved brothers and sisters, there it goes as the Roman Catholic Church [in these times] acknowledges that myriad of abuses committed --as it were--by so many wolves in sheep's clothing.

And thus, all we can say is that if there is a Bahamian side to this sorriest of judgment day-styled horror-story, the one in question has to do with a silence on the matter which is quite deafening.

What we can say is this, we quite agree with a letter writer who says: [For a country which prides itself in being Christian], The Bahamas is very hard on children.

Jesus told His disciples that they must not prevent children from coming to Him, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 19:14)... Bahamians must be taught the importance of not ruthlessly taking away the innocence of their kids. When abused, these kids typically end up harbouring deep psychological and emotional scars that society pays for in the long run.

Absolutely!

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- Bahamas Industrial Engineers Managers & Supervisory Union (BIEMSU)
- Bahamas Musicians Entertainers Union (BMEU)
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- 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



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- Commonwealth Transport Union
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- Public Service Drivers Union
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Mr. John Pinder
Registrar of Trade Unions

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

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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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Interested persons and organizations are invited to the public meeting to discuss the proposed development.

Signed
Charles B. Zonicle
Acting Director of Physical Planning



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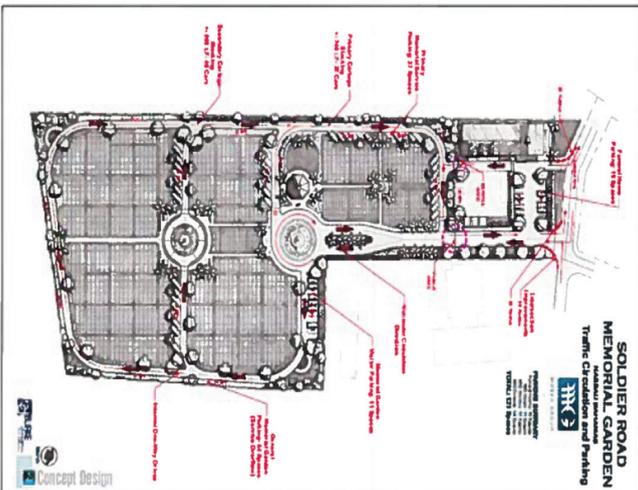
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SOL Petroleum Bahamas Ltd.	ULSD	3.98	4.16	4.54
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2018 Queen's Honours Conferred to Three Citizens at Investiture Ceremony

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BY KATHRYN CAMPBELL

Governor General Her Excellency Dame Marguerite Pindling in a Queen's Honours Investiture conferred awards to three distinguished Bahamian citizens during a ceremony at Government House, Mount Fitzwilliam, on Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

The exercise marked completion of the recognition of honourees for

the Queen's New Year's Honours 2018. Sixteen citizens received their awards during a ceremony in July.

The brief ceremony was attended by senior government officials including permanent secretaries; Commander of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF), Commodore Tellis Bethel; Commissioner of the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF), Anthony Ferguson; fami-

ly and well-wishers. Members of the RBDF provided entertainment.

The three honourees, Elma Garraway, Dr. Jonathan Rodgers and Kendal Romeo Culmer have contributed to the development of The Bahamas.

Anita Beneby, Secretary to the Governor General, described them as individuals who have given "full expression" to the aspirations of the nation

as contained in the national pledge, the motto, and the preamble of the Constitution.

"You are united in your service to community; your work has moved The Bahamas forward, and you have done this by upholding discipline, hard work, loyalty, respect for the rule of law and our Christian values.

"You are our best selves, and as such, each of you inspires us to strive well beyond the

normal expectations of our vocational lives to achieve the ideals of our nation."

Mrs. Beneby said the honourees have earned their awards and have every right to be proud.

Mrs. Garraway received the honour of Member of the British Empire (MBE) for her service to education and the community. She was sponsored by Anita Bernard, former Secretary to the Cabinet,

and Ruth Millar, former Financial Secretary.

Dr. Rodgers received an MBE for his services in the field of ophthalmology. He was sponsored by J. Barrie Farrington, former hotelier.

Kendal Culmer was presented with a British Empire Medal for service in business and politics. His award did not require a sponsor.

A reception followed the ceremony.



▶ H.E. Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor General, presents Dr. Jonathan Rodgers with the award of MBE for his service to medicine.



▶ Kendal Romeo Culmer is pictured with H.E. Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor General. He received a British Empire Medal for his contribution to business and politics.



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