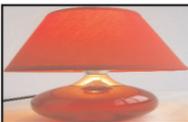


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BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

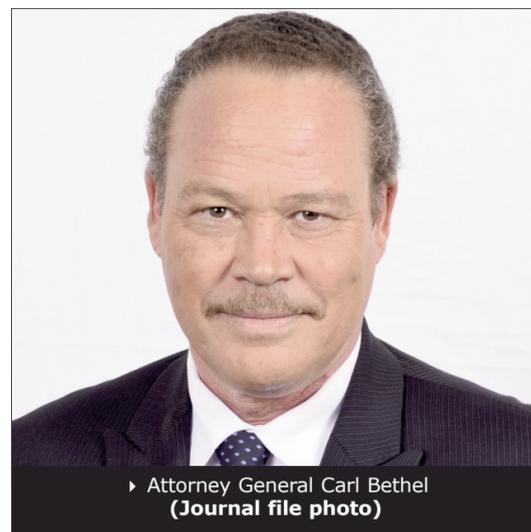
Investigators have determined that human error led to the January 17th plane crash off Andros

that killed all onboard. According to the report posted on The Bahamas Air Accident Investigation department's (AAID) website, the pilot's limited qualification, experience and proficiency in operating in weather deemed

"less than visual meteorological conditions" due to reduced visibility and rain, were contributing factors in the incident. The 17-page report, said AAID was notified of an overdue U.S. registered Piper Aztec with 6 souls -

1 pilot and 5 passengers - on board. The plane was enroute from San Andros to the Lynden Pindling International Airport.

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► Attorney General Carl Bethel (Journal file photo)

AG: Crown Land Should Not Be Wasted

BY LEAH COOPER
Journal Staff Writer

Attorney General Carl Bethel says Crown Land in the Bahamas should not be wasted or abused. He

was responding to the League of Haitian Pastors President Jean Paul Charles following the suggestion that shantytown residents be given first preference on such land

once it is cleared. Mr. Bethel made it clear that some of the land is not government owned, adding that he is not sure what right the government would have to force pri-

vate citizens to sell their land to these residents. He said, "a significant amount of these shanty towns are, according to my information, on former agricultural land that was

granted to others on lease terms for them to farm and the persons that they engaged ended up living on the land." He added, "there are elements of crown land

there, but the policy of the government is not to sell crown land to non-Bahamians. That's the first problem. That's our poli-

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Search For Hotel Buyer Continues

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

The Minnis administration insists that it is still trying to find a buyer for the Grand Lucayan Hotel, a property that closed its

doors some years ago. According to Press Secretary Anthony Newbold, the plan was always to engage an operator for the hotel. He said, "the proposal left on the table was unac-

ceptable to the government. "As a consequence, we say it was unacceptable to the Bahamian people and so it was rejected," he added. "No plan up to today

has surfaced that is acceptable and so the government, as Prime Minister Minnis has said, may have to just step in and buy the hotel and find somebody

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"Neymour never wavered"

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

A solemn moment for members of the Free National Movement who yesterday filed into the party's Mackey Street Headquarters for a memorial service for Former FNM Cabinet Minister Phenton Neymour. Mr. Neymour died at his Hutchinson Street home late last Monday. The 53-year-old had been battling cancer. Amidst the songs and prayers for his grieving family was a tribute from his former cabinet colleague, Tommy Turnquest who said from the day Neymour and the Coalition for Democratic Reform joined the FNM, he never wavered, and this despite how he was treated. Mr. Turnquest, a former leader of the Party said, "he remained com-

mitted to the cause. "He wanted to assist in building our nation, and always felt that he had something to offer. "He was prepared at all costs, to do so. He had an insatiable desire for Public Service. "He loved Exuma, and he wanted the opportunity to represent that island that he held dear," he said. "He had a booming voice and always called me "Tommy-T". "He would always tell me that he just wanted to help the Party. He just wanted to make life better for Bahamians. "Yes, Phenton was confident and articulate, and in his areas of expertise he never backed down." Neymour will be laid to rest during an official funeral at Christ Church Cathedral on today at 11:00am.

Chief Justice welcomes U.S. Chargé d'Affairs



► Chief Justice Jon Isaacs welcomed U.S. Chargé d'Affairs, Stephanie Bowers during a courtesy call at his Office, Tuesday, July 31, 2018. (BIS Photo/ Patrick Hanna)

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Andros Crash Caused By Human Error

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Air traffic control advised that after the aircraft made contact, it was radar identified and provided weather information as requested by its pilot.

However, the plane was soon observed reversing course, as if it were heading back to San Andros Airport.

It was then observed making several unusual turns to various headings, while climbing and

descending without ATC approval.

The report further found that the aircraft disappeared from the radar screen during this process.

Several attempts were made to get a response from the aircraft with no success.

The pilot, read the report, failed to maintain control of the aircraft, possibly as a result of spatial disorientation and a lack of situational awareness, causing him to continue

flight into meteorological conditions for which he was not comfortable flying.

On January 18th, investigators from the AAID with assistance from the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) headed to the scene.

However, a limited amount of the aircraft wreckage and remains of the victims were recovered.

A local fisherman searching in the area of the crash site on

February 14th found the major components and parts of the missing aircraft.

However, authorities were not alerted until four days later on February 18th.

Once notified, recovery and salvage efforts were arranged and mobilized.

On February 25th, salvage efforts recovered approximately 90 percent of the wreckage, which was then sent to the U.S. for further analysis.

Search For Hotel Buyer Continues

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to operate it."

Mr. Newbold said the human element can't be ignored - and that's the fact that hotel workers in Grand Bahama need employment.

However, he said there are challenges in getting the hotel sold.

"It's a difficult market, and [when] you talk about one of the elements of purchasing a hotel or operating a hotel, you need airlift - one of the biggest challenges for anyone operating in Grand Bahama," he said.

"It's crazy to fly from New York or Florida for that matter, to Grand Bahama.

"And so how do you find the proper airlift to feed a hotel that you would open and so you

know it's a challenge that's gone back years.

"And so again you keep trying to find a solution to it, there's got to be some solution," said the Press Secretary.

As for if the \$25 million dollars allocated in the 2018/2019 budget to assist tourism will be used to purchase the beleaguered hotel, Mr. Newbold said, if this is the case, it must be done.

"Whichever way the government and the Minister of Finance, whatever they need to do, if that is the final decision, that [they're] going to buy this hotel, he would have to find the money somewhere and make it more palatable to everyone."

AG: Crown Land Should Not Be Wasted

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cy."

"We may consider leasing it if there is some viable national development issue, but we're not selling crown land or giving crown land to non-Bahamians," he said.

The Attorney General said that he welcomes

those with legal rights to push the issue in court, but counters that crown land should be used to benefit the country.

He reiterated, "this is agricultural land. It was land that was released for farming to Bahamians for them to farm. That's a social benefit that accrues to the nation; the more

people that are engaged in agriculture and producing food for us to consume rather than importing everything."

"Those purposes have been frustrated, and the government is grappling with the issue. We'll grapple with it fairly, but crown land ought not to be wasted."

Mr. Bethel said that he respects the views of the Haitian pastors, but the government will not be able to say if it will follow their recommendation.

However, it will continue to keep the line of communication open as it seeks to find a solution to this vexing problem.

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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.

Senate President Addresses Senior High School Teachers on the New Civics Curriculum

Senate president, the Hon. Katherine Smith, recently addressed senior high school teachers on the new civics curriculum being introduced in the 2018 academic year.

Using the theme, "The History of the Senate and its role in National Development", Senator Smith noted that she was pleased with the introduction of a new civics curriculum as many people do not know how the Westminster system of Government works,

as was evident in the recent public debate.

"If adults are not totally clued in, I do not expect that our children have the facts as they are as well."

She said what is currently being done is a good thing and if nothing else from the presentation, they should remember the importance of Parliament. As outlined in the Constitution of The Bahamas on page 34 chapter V 38, "There shall be a Parliament of The Bahamas which shall con-

sist of Her Majesty, a Senate and a House of Assembly."

Senator Smith's presentation covered the history and she explained the makeup of and the role of the Senate as well as the importance of the Senate.

In closing, she quoted former Senator and Member of Parliament, Sir Arthur Foulkes, who has often written of the House of Assembly, one of our foremost political institutions.



► Senate president, the Hon. Katherine Smith, pictured with senior high school teachers after addressing the new civics curriculum.

Cooperative Youth Entrepreneur Empowerment Seminar Summer Camp Closes

"It is incredible when you can go into the natural environment, source the material, and be able to convert those materials into products that have the capacity to generate billions of dollars," said the Minister of

Agriculture and Marine Resources, the Hon. Michael Pintard at the Cooperative Youth Entrepreneur Seminar (YEES) Summer Camp Closing Ceremony & Exhibition at the Mall at

Marathon, Monday, July 30, 2018.

The ceremony opened with the singing of the National Anthem by Katrina Cooper who was the summer instructor for bee keeping. All partici-

pating students were present to receive their completion certificates. Some of their handmade products were on display for sale along with some written reports of their camping experience.

The Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources proposed to have his Ministry buy as many products as possible from the students especially the business card holders which caught his

attention. He left many important words of encouragement including: "Excellence is a habit and through your studies and discipline, you are prepared to be excellent without excuse."



► Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources, the Hon. Michael Pintard attends the Cooperative Youth Entrepreneur Empowerment Seminar (YEES) Summer Camp Closing Ceremony & Exhibition at the Mall at Marathon, Monday, July 30, 2018. (BIS Photos/Raymond A. Bethel, Sr.)



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CHAPTER 339
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		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
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

File No. 2045

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Craig Delancy
Buildings Control Officer

March 15, 2018



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

Practicing Solution Oriented Thinking

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

Having a solution-oriented approach, not just to business but to life, can make a world of difference in the outcomes one hopes to achieve. For the Apollo 13 astronauts, it was a matter of life or death, as we have previously discussed.

For fashion mogul Peter Nygard, it was a matter of suffering during the 2008 recession or surviving and thriving, as we also previously discussed.

There are no drawbacks to using a solution-oriented approach to every situation in your business. The question is, how?

The common advice given in business is to be problem-solvers. However, that is the wrong way to think about it. It may be difficult to perceive the difference but let's dig a little deeper using the Apollo 13 Space Mission example.

Initially, the space engineers at Nasa kept trying to solve the problems that the Astronauts were having in space that were preventing them from returning to earth safely. The engineers were reporting to the chief of that space mission what couldn't work.

And that is the challenge with trying to use a problem-solving model. Some problems are near impossible to resolve and could take you in circles forever trying to solve them.

When the chief of that space mission insisted that the engineers stop telling him what can't work and find a way to bring the astronauts home, it reoriented the engineers thinking.

So, they stopped searching for a solution to the problem and started looking for a way to bring the astronauts home. That meant finding a 'workaround' of the problem. In other words, finding ways to achieve the goal despite the reality of the problem.

And that's the difference! So, here are some steps that can help you practice solution-oriented thinking that can make the world of difference in your business.

Begin with making a choice.

You first of all have to make the decision that this is the approach you want to use in your business. While this may seem inconsequential, it is actually necessary so that your brain can respond accordingly (more on this in an upcoming

THE CLIFTON REVIEW

By P. J. Malone

The Clifton Review is a bi-weekly column that examines the question of the Clifton project along with the evolution of the war between two billionaires, the links to unsavory characters, the use of the courts for personal agendas, the involvement of the Government opposition party (the FNM), and the attacks on the Government of The Bahamas.

article). It's almost as if there is a switch in our brain that we have to turn on to make the shift in our thinking happen.

Decide the end goal and no matter what, steer your thinking in that direction.

In order to work toward anything, you have to know exactly what it is you want. Take the time to craft a goal or the end result that you are seeking. That allows you to steer all of your thinking and activity toward achieving that end result.

Refuse to focus on the problem and force yourself to focus on a solution.

It's important to not allow yourself to get distracted on anything else. Because your brain is possibly in the habit of problem-solving, it may keep wanting to take you back to that practice of trying to solve a problem. You must always ensure that you are focused on achieving the solution you seek; otherwise, it'll be difficult to achieve your desired end result.

Solicit help.

When it comes to looking for solutions to anything, getting help to brainstorm possibilities is always far more advantageous than trying to do it alone. Invite friends, family, or colleagues to assist you with finding solutions. As long as they care about you, they will be invested in helping you find a solution. Be sure to only communicate the goal and not the problem.

Test your solution and go back to the drawing board if necessary.

Once you have come up with a solution, put it to the test, if possible, to make sure that it can actually achieve your desired goal. If not, go back to finding a way to get to your end result.

The more you practice, the easier you will find it to always focus on solution-oriented thinking.--

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EDITORIAL

AS TROUBLES ABOUND

As troubles abound in our country, we pause and look in on that ongoing mess now engulfing Grand Bahama and especially Freeport [and of course, as we do the same with the ongoing calamitous Oban Energies grand fiasco] we need only note some of what some seriously savvy observers now say as they weigh in on some of the current administration plethora of troubles.

Indeed, we confess:--As we look in on some the latest information coming our way as regards certain on-the-table discussions concerning possible hotel purchase by the current administration, we signal agreement and support for not only for what the Hon. Philip 'Brave' Davis is saying about this matter, but also as regards a position put forward by the deputy leader of the Democratic National Alliance, Ms. Arinthia S. Komolafe.

As Davis asks:--"...We make the point that buying the property is one thing. Where will the money come from? However, buying will not be sufficient. Who is going to renovate it and pay for those renovations? Is the owner willing to sell or will it be a compulsory purchase? Who will operate and manage it?"

"It is clear that the Government has no plan and had no plan to fix Grand Bahama. Grand Bahama rewarded them with five seats, and there are three Ministers of the Government from Grand Bahama, yet 15 months into this pitiful administration, they have no solutions to the problems there."

We also note that:--The DNA's Deputy Leader, Ms. A. Komolafe is absolutely correct when --on behalf of her colleagues- she insists:--"...After just one year in office and the tabling of what they termed "the people's budget", the danger of electing individuals without a plan is apparent for all to see..."

And as she puts a fine point on her claim, she explains how:--"...In the absence of a plan, the current administration while in opposition took positions for political expediency without regard for their ability to deliver if they were successful at the general election..."

The fact of the matter is this:--Dr. Hubert A. Minnis and his team won a great prize-- and thus, it sure is what it is!

To this we say:--As a people who would live in a certain degree of progress and peace, we all still have a ways to go on this apparently never-ending trek!

Indeed and in fact:-- One of the more troubling aspects now engulfing the way we do politics in The Bahamas pivots on that troubling temptation certain politicians routinely yield to whilst in the cat-bird seat, with that being their pronounced tendency towards believing that --by virtue of having been elected or selected to serve in either the Upper or The Lower house:--- They have become exquisitely well- learned on all matters concerning what the Bahamian people either want or need.

And thus today:-- That sad-sad situation in recent times when they who know all that needs to be known decided --in their own wisdom to do with the VAT+ levy what they wished, regardless!

This is then the backdrop we have chosen for today's comment on the current administration's idea that --all things considered- the Government of The Bahamas should by that hotel in Grand Bahama, ostensibly to save a few hundred jobs.

This manoeuvre would -- if ever realized- amount to little more than an effort aimed at throwing good [borrowed] money behind bad money of the same order.

For crying out loud, gentlemen---This would amount to folly of the first order!

In truth, then:---There are surely times in life when you must either cry or laugh hysterically for want of anything better to do as crisis piled upon crises galore threaten to morph into galloping calamity.

That time is now as the current administration flails away in a sea of half-steps, missed opportunities and above their own apparent misunderstanding of the extent to which --PLP or no PLP--claim of corruption or no such corruption [even where clearly conjured up], the fact remains:---The Free National Movement-led administration must take ownership of all that is now on their plate.

Understand well:-The land-slide was yours and thus, also remember the wisdom implicit in the proposition---If you broke it, you bought it!

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Signed
Mr. John Pinder
Registrar of Trade Unions
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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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Mr. John Pinder
Registrar of Trade Unions

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
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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
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Ministry of Finance
Cecil V. Wallace Whitfield Centre
P.O. Box N-3017
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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.

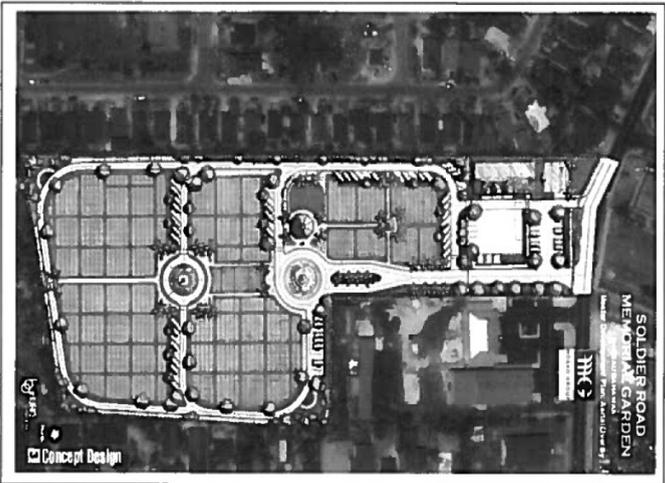
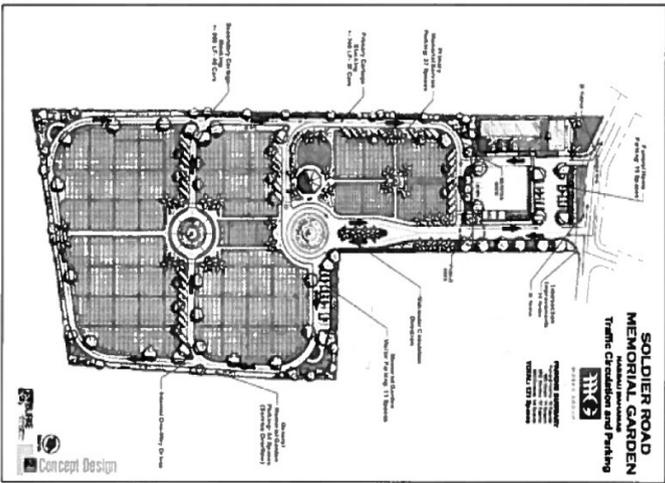
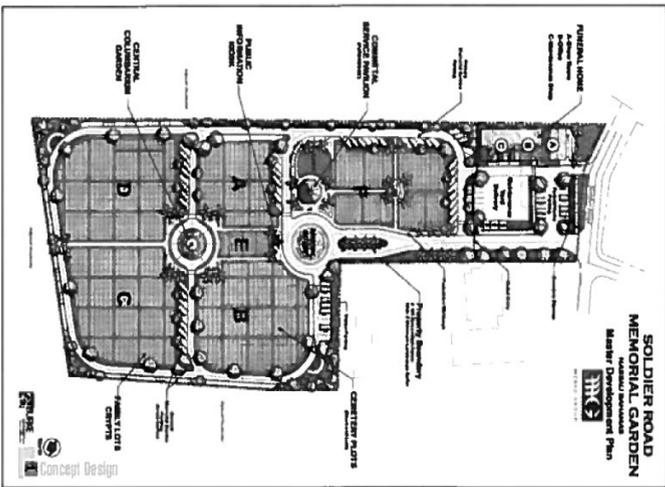
Interested persons and organisations are invited to review the information on file and provide written comments to the Acting Director of Physical Planning within twenty-one (21) days of the date of this notice.

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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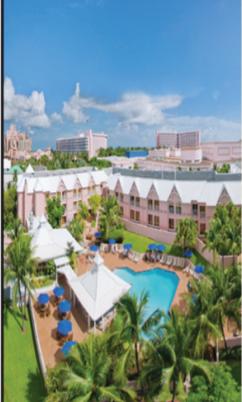



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NEMA, USNORTHCOM Conduct Series of Wildland Firefighting Training

The National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA and its partner the United States Northern Command are engaged in a series of Wildland Firefighting training exercises aimed at preparing the communities across The Bahamas for any such disaster.

NEMA and the USNORTHCOM completed training exercises on six islands. They are: New Providence (June 2017), Abaco (August 2017), Exuma (March 2018),

Long Island (June 2018) Andros, (July 2018); and the latest held in Crooked Island from July 25 to 27, 2018.

Approximately 90 participants comprising individuals from the public and private sectors on each island underwent the training exercises, with a view to equipping them with the skills to tackle wildland fires should they occur.

The participants were trained in life-saving techniques such as CPR, basic first aid, how to use

the tools during wildland clearing, how to set up an Incident Command System (ICS), how to operate the fire pump, how to use the self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), among other techniques.

The participants also gained knowledge of how to safely fight a fire to possibly save lives and property. And at the end of the training, each participant received a certificate of completion.

The equipment used for the training

included a Skid Unit (a 200 gallon fire pump with a high pressure hose attachment); SCBA - tanks and a compressor to fill them, Draft Suction Pump, Fire Line clearing tools, and fire suits.

The estimated cost of each set of equipment is \$38,000; which was left in the care of Local Government on each island to be used in the event of an emergency.

Director of NEMA Captain Stephen Russell underscored the

importance of such training exercises and the long-standing relationship with the USNORTHCOM.

"NEMA is pleased with the continued partnership with the USNORTHCOM and the United States Public Health Service in our continued approach to comprehensive Disaster Management, and building capacity throughout the Islands of The Bahamas to respond to any disaster, natural or manmade," Captain

Russell said.

The facilitators and trainers were Captain George Alveres, US Fire Department, Kyle Fisher, Public Hospitals Authority, Leading Seaman Romeiko Burrows, Royal Bahamas Defence Force attached to NEMA; Leading Mechanic Ingraham, Royal Bahamas Defence Force attached to NEMA; Kirk Cunningham, Forestry division and other personnel from The Bahamas and the US.



► Pictured are participants in the Andros training exercise held July 2018. Also pictured are Captain Stephen Russell, director of NEMA and representatives from the USNORTHCOM. (PHOTO/NEMA)



► A female participate in the National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA and its partner the United States Northern Command Wildland Firefighting training exercises in Long Island learn how to use the pressure hose and other techniques. (PHOTO/NEMA)



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