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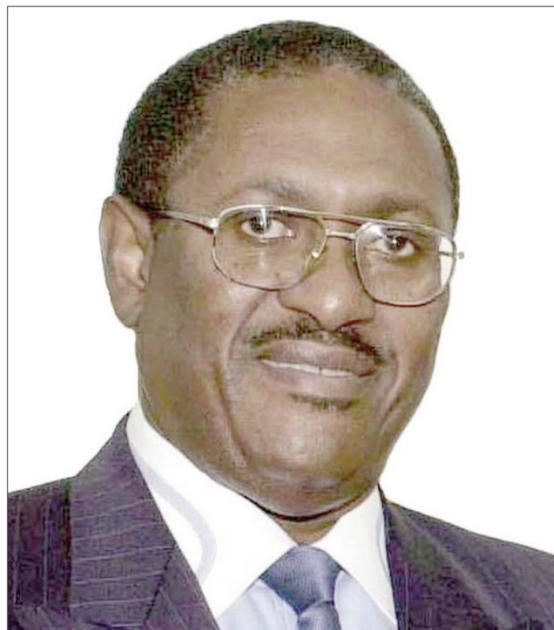
BRADLEY ROBERTS DIES

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

The Progressive Liberal Party is mourning the loss of a champion and fierce fighter, its long-time party Chairman and Former Cabinet Minister Bradley Roberts. He passed away early yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Roberts succumbed to a heart attack at his residence on Skyline Drive.

The 74-year-old businessman, served as the former national chairman of the PLP, leader of opposition business, Minister of Works and Utilities, as well as the Member of Parliament for



▶ Deceased Chairman and Former Cabinet Minister Bradley Roberts (Courtesy of BIS)

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PM Notes Roberts' Dedication To Service

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis expressing condolences on the passing of Bradley Roberts said he was a noted and successful businessman and was dedicated to public life.

A statement from the Cabinet Office said, "he served for 40 years in the front line of politics, twenty-five as a Member of Parliament. He was dedicated to the Progressive Liberal Party, his political home, and up to his retirement from the front line in October 2017, was the National Chairman



▶ Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis (File photo)

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Former PM Ingraham Remembers Roberts

Former Prime Minister Hubert A. Ingraham yesterday said he was shocked to learn of the sudden passing of Bradley Roberts, former Member of Parliament and Cabinet Minister in the Government of The Bahamas and most recently, Chairman of the Progressive Liberal Party.

In a press statement, Mr. Ingraham joined with all those extending heartfelt sympathy to his wife Hartlyn, his children, and

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Wilchcombe supports Grand Lucayan purchase



▶ Former Tourism Minister Obie Wilchcombe (File photo)

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
 Journal Staff Writer

Former Tourism Minister Obie Wilchcombe said that he supports this government's decision to purchase the Grand Lucayan Resort, but he says the purchase

must be done with a purpose.

Mr. Wilchcombe's statement comes after a lot of criticism from the opposition and members of the public over the purchase of the

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THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PRESENTS LABOUR ON THE BLOCK 2018



▶ The Bahamas Department of Corrections/Case Management in conjunction with the Department of Labour presented Labour on the Block 2018 at the Department of Corrections, Thursday, October 25, 2018. Minister of Labour Senator the Hon. Dion Foulkes brought remarks during the opening ceremony. (BIS Photos/Patrick Hanna)

Inmates Go Job Hunting

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
 Journal Staff Writer

Another Labour on the Blocks job fair, but this time, inmates are the job seekers.

Yesterday, at the Bahamas Department of Corrections, 30 inmates seeking employment presented their resumes and sat for job interviews with 16 prospective employers.

Labour Minister, Dion Foulkes, spoke to the importance of this initiative.

He said, "we could encourage other companies who are not present, to engage in not only inmates who are going to be released from the prison, but also

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Chipman Defends Family Land Ownership

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

Corruption was the buzz word for Centreville Member of Parliament, Reece Chipman, who used his parliamentary privilege to defend his family's legacy in Parliament.

The Chipmans are at the center of a dispute over enormous tracts of land amassed by their patriarch, Howard Nelson Chipman.

Standoffs are regularly posted on social media – the last involving Tourism Minister, Dionisio D'Aguilar's wife over land in the Orange Hill area.

The video showed the minister's wife uprooting a fence

the Chipman's had installed around the said property.

Standing her ground, Mrs. D'Aguilar invited the Chipmans to call the authorities.

Addressing the issue in the House of Assembly on Wednesday, the FNM MP insisted that Chipmans are law makers not lawbreakers, land givers not land grabbers.

He admonished Bahamians to not allow something just because it's politically expedient, to save generations of Bahamians while unraveling the knot of corruption, greed and in some cases misunderstanding, and to follow the law.

"You see Bahamians, they want to hold us to a certain

standard, one which they do not hold for themselves.

"My great-grandfather's legacy was one of land ownership and wealth, his legacy was one of helping the poor.

"His legacy will not be erased from the Registrar's Office, or Land and Surveys or the Attorney General's office. It will be restored, as the God we serve will have it no other way.

"So yes, we know who the rightful owners are," said the MP.

Mr. Chipman ended with the promise that his family's legacy will not be rewritten or retold by corruption, political skullduggery and cronyism.



▶ Centreville Member of Parliament, Reece Chipman, (File photo)



▶ Minister of Tourism Dionisio D'Aguilar (File photo)

U.S. Embassy 4th Annual Education USA College Fair a Success



▶ Chargé d'Affaires Stephanie Bowers with students representing Eleuthera that attended the EducationUSA College Fair. (File photo)

The United States Embassy sponsored the 4th annual EducationUSA College Fair on Saturday, October 20th at the Melia Nassau Beach Resort. This year's fair included representatives from over 40 U.S. colleges and universities. The one-day event attracted over 1,800 students from Nassau and the family islands along with their parents eager to learn about higher education opportunities available in the United States. The U.S. Embassy also held informative presentations providing step-by-step instructions about the student visa application process.

Chargé d'Affaires Stephanie Bowers was pleased to host her first College Fair in Nassau. The Chargé also hosted a networking event for the visiting college representatives and key education contacts from The Bahamas at Liberty Overlook prior to

the College Fair.

In reaction to her first EducationUSA College Fair, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Stephanie Bowers stated:

The U.S. Embassy is pleased that over 1,800 Bahamian high school students took full advantage of the opportunities and information our college fair offered to the public at no cost.

Both of our countries prioritize education because we understand that it undergirds increased prosperity. Access to U.S. higher education can also strengthen the ties between our two countries by creating opportunities for the future political, civil society, and educational leaders of The Bahamas with whom we will continue partnering to promote a free and prosperous world.

Last year we saw an 11% increase in the number of Bahamians studying at U.S. colleges and universities

over the prior year. We have no doubt that our EducationUSA college fairs will facilitate further increases in years to come.

EducationUSA is a U.S. Department of State network of over 400 international student-advising centers in more than 180 countries. The network promotes U.S. higher education to students around the world by offering accurate, comprehensive, and current information about opportunities to study at accredited postsecondary institutions in the United States. A U.S. degree can be the key to a successful career and open new doors for prosperity and understanding. Prospective students can choose from more than 4,700 accredited colleges and universities to pursue a wide range of study options in a variety of academic settings – public or private, small or large, urban or rural.



▶ Chargé d'Affaires Stephanie Bowers with U.S. Embassy staff and their family members who served as volunteers at the EducationUSA College Fair. (File photo)



Public Notice

Roadworks Parliament Street

The Ministry of Public Works/Bahamix in conjunction with Island Pavers, has scheduled road works for Parliament Street. The Milling and surface preparation of Parliament Street will begin on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, between the hours of 7:00p.m. and 3:00a.m. for two (2) nights.

The Paving works is programmed for Friday, October 26, 2018, and Saturday, October 27, 2018, between the hours of 7:00p.m. and 3:00a.m.

Provisions will be made for local traffic where necessary. Motorists are asked to avoid the area if possible. Please be aware of and acknowledge the posted traffic paving signs in the area.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact telephone numbers (242) 361-3886 or (242) 341-3886.

Bahamix apologizes for any inconvenience caused.

Inmates Go Job Hunting

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those who have already been released, who are having a difficulty finding a job.

"What the FNM government wants to do and what our Prime Minister's committed to do, is improving the lives of every single Bahamian, including those that may have had some challenges and misfortunes in their lives," he added.

"One of the main things in improving the lives, is finding a job, finding income so you can support your family, so you could live a decent life," said the Minister.

Some of the companies present, included Bahamas Food Services, Aquapure, ARM Caribbean Limited, BAMS, as well as security and construction companies.

Acting Commissioner of Corrections, Charles Murphy, told what rehabilitative measures are taken for inmates to get to this point.

"Over the years the

recidivism rate was very high, unacceptable to us at the department, and to the government.

"Hence, we seek to give each inmate a skillset so when they leave our department, they wouldn't return because they'll find gainful employment," he added.

"We have a number of programs that go on in or training department.

"Inmates are engaged in life management, in family planning, money management and a number of other skills, and they are interviewed when they were selected for this level of the rehabilitative program," said Mr. Murphy.

Inmate Ian Hutchinson, said he was elated about the initiative, which proves there is hope for the future.

"I watched a lot of the young men walk out of here and I speak to them on occasion every day and as far as they're concerned if you have a criminal record, no one's going to hire you.

"But to see these folks come here today, took the time away from their business, that tells you something, because some church folks don't even come in, I'll be honest with you.

"So to see folks come here today and sit down to interview and they tell you, most of the folks tell you they would give you a job, it's up to you.

"So what this does is, when I get back to where I live, I can say to the guys what I've been telling them now for the past 13 years, all hope is not lost.

"There's some folks out there who still care, and they're willing to take a chance with you, now it's what you do with the opportunity," said Hutchinson.

All 30 inmates will be released within the next three months.

This is the Ministry's eighth Labour on the Block job fair – it marked the first at the BDC.



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House Passes Resolution to Relocate the General Post Office

The Government is one step closer to relocating employees from the General Post Office (GPO) to a more suitable working environment and to provide timely mail services to the public.

A Resolution was passed in the House of Assembly on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, allowing for the move from the landmark location of East Hill Street to the

Town Centre Mall on Balliou Hill Road south.

"I support this Resolution in the interest of the workers at the Post Office, and in the best interest of the customers, including businesses and residents of New Providence and the Family Islands," said Prime Minister, Dr. the Most Hon. Hubert A. Minnis as he contributed to the debate.

"We will lease the building at \$12.00 per square feet. The owners will retrofit the space through a public-private-partnership or PPP," the Prime Minister said as he wrapped up the debate.

The Town Centre Mall is centrally located at the cross-section of east to west and north to south in New Providence, with adjacent

major thoroughfares.

The Prime Minister noted that there is significant access by public transportation. Many jitneys from various areas travel to the mall throughout the day, there is adequate parking and "good security" from the nearby Road Police Station.

"As a significant shopping centre, it is routinely visited by much of the gen-

eral public. This new location will be very convenient for the general public," he said.

The Prime Minister also underscored the importance of a post office in the 21st Century that would serve the broader national interest.

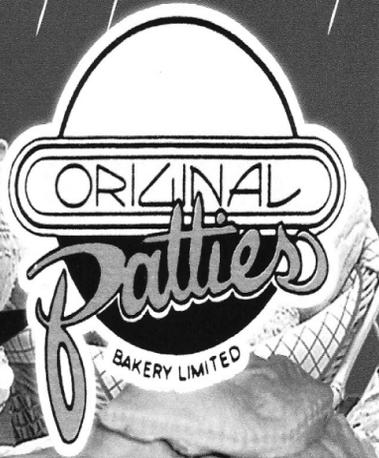
He said that with advanced information and communications technologies including the Internet, a

postal system must reconsider its mission and operating model.

"On a trial basis, we will look into developing an information centre at the new GPO, where residents with no access to computers might receive help from information assistants in filling out various forms and accessing various services," the Prime Minister said.

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National Public Service Week Expected to 'Inspire and Motivate' Public Sector

The 2018 observance of National Public Service Week will help to further inspire and motivate workers throughout the public service, Minister of the Public Service and National Insurance, the Hon. Brensil Rolle said Wednesday, October 24, 2018.

Delivering a communication in the House of Assembly outlining activities surrounding this year's observance of National Public Service Week (October 27- November 4, 2018), Minister Rolle said the role of public servants are so important, that organizers of the "week" have set aside nine days to celebrate and recognize public servants for the work they do "to bring to fruition the mandate of the Government which ultimately affects the performance of our country."

(The observance of National Public Service Week will be held under the

theme "The Public Service...Igniting a Positive Change for Future Generations.")

"The public service is that engine that runs the country to ensure that the mandate of the Government is fulfilled," Minister Rolle told Parliamentarians. "We have a commitment to provide education, health services, individual protection and natural security, infrastructural development and a stable economy - just to name a few.

"The Ministry of the Public Service and National Insurance is aware of this charge and the importance of enhancing the quality of life of public servants so that we may gain the maximum benefit from their service. In this vein, the Ministry of the Public Service and National Insurance, continues its role to implement strategies to identify and manage talent; promote and compensate

deserving officers; provide training opportunities at the expense of the Government; utilize technology to improve the way we do business and provide a healthy and safe working environment for public servants."

Minister Rolle said public officers are dedicated to the public good.

"We are challenged every day to advancing public services effectively, efficiently and equitably with a general focus on the public good of citizens. This mission requires an unprecedented level of understanding and cooperation. So, today, the activities and celebrations this week, represent a new call for action, and we must answer this call."

Minister Rolle said the activities scheduled will provide Bahamians with the opportunity to "see and hear from" retirees who have contributed significantly to

the growth and development of "our great" public service; be introduced to some of the brightest and talented individuals in the service as public officers of the year (of the various Ministries) and public officers in general are showcased, during a Mock Parliamentary Session; and enjoy the creative spirit of workers as they display the role and mission of their Ministries and Departments in a Float Parade Competition.

The activities will commence on Saturday, October 27, with a FUN, RUN, WALK, beginning at 6a.m., and leaving from the Fort Charlotte entrance of the Botanical Gardens. A Health Screening (free of charge) will follow the Fun, Run, Walk from 10a.m. to 12noon.

Retirees and Public Servants will assemble at the Zion Baptist Church, East and Shirley Streets at 11a.m. on Sunday, October 28 for a service of praise, and on

Monday (October 29), officers from the various Ministries and Departments will be involved in a training session in preparation for a Mock Parliament Session that will be held in the House of Assembly on Tuesday, October, 30 at 10a.m. Participants will share on the theme: "The Public Service...Igniting a Positive Change for Future Generations."

Other activities include a Courtesy Call on Governor-General, Her Excellency, Dame, the Most Honourable, Marguerite Pindling for the 16 representatives from the various Ministries who were chosen as nominees for the National Public Service Officer of the Year Award, and a Recognition ceremony for Retirees, Thursday, November 1, at Government House at 11am.

National Public Service Week T-shirt Day and the National Public Service Week Float Parade

Competition have been scheduled for Friday, November 2 with a volleyball competition scheduled to get underway at 6p.m. that evening at the D.W. Davis Gymnasium. The volleyball competition will continue on Saturday (November 3) - ending with a game featuring Politicians both past and present.

The activities culminate with the announcement of the winner of the National Public Service Officer of the Year Award. The event is planned for Sunday, November 4, in the Imperial Ballroom, Atlantis, Paradise Island.

"We have an exciting Public Service Week ahead," Minister Rolle told Parliament. "All events have been planned with public servants in mind - just to express how much they are appreciated. The week promises to be one of fun, reflection, recognition and fellowship."

BRADLEY ROBERTS DIES

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Bain and Grants Town from 1982-2007.

During his early years in politics, the contested the seat in the Shirlea Constituency against Sir Roland Symonette in 1977.

Even after retiring from frontline politics Mr. Roberts remained vocal in a number of national issues namely the

controversial OBAN deal.

Just this pass Sunday the outspoken politician nicknamed 'Big Bad Brad' issued a release entitled, 'The naked and unbridled corruption of the FNM continues'.

Mr. Roberts would have celebrated his 75th birthday on Christmas Day. Reacting to the shocking news of Mr. Roberts' passing is PLP Chairman Fred Mitchell.

He said, "sometime around lunch time his wife callout to him and there was no answer; then she found that he was not responsive and we know the results."

"Why therefore we don't know, but it's just very sad, we're all shocked, the atmosphere is just somber here at his home," he said.

The PLP chairman added that to his knowledge Mr.

Roberts was not ill, but admitted that he had a few surgeries a few years back.

His longtime friend and business partner, Sir Franklyn Wilson said, "Bradley was no ordinary businessman. He was a remarkable human being. There is no doubt that he made quite an impact in a number of ways. Bradley Roberts made a difference. He felt deeply about his fam-

efforts over the many years.

"I served in cabinet with him, when I was chairman. He ran against me and defeated me, but we remained comrades in the struggle and I sat in many meetings over the many years; sat in parliament with him and he had a voracious appetite for the advancement of our people," Mrs. Hanna Martin said.

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Mr. Wilchcombe added that Mr. Roberts inside the game or outside, was always apart of the game.

"He brought institutional knowledge, he brought maturity, he brought those ideals that are important in any organization and then he became and was a brand throughout the Bahamas.

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ily, about his church, where he was faithful in his attendance and committed.

"Bradley Roberts was an anchor of the Sunshine Group of companies," said Sir Franklyn.

Englerston MP Glenys Hanna-Martin said she was shocked at the news.

"I got a message from him yesterday evening, he was still writing political pieces every Sunday. He was an active, vibrant presence. So it wasn't in my contemplation that we would be thinking of him in the past tense."

"I was very shocked and then of course, immediately thereafter very saddened, because he has been a feature and a fixture in our political

She said that without 'Big Bad Brad' its like a big piece of reality has been pulled out.

Touting Mr. Roberts' commitment to the country, Former PLP MP Obie Wilchcombe said Mr. Roberts gave his entire life to service.

"He was a professional individual, but then he served continuously, even when he fought in strongholds held by the UBP/FNM."

"Bradley Roberts became a Member of Parliament after the death of a PLP Member of Parliament and then he was able to get into the House of Assembly and the one thing he did on a weekly basis was met with his people and stayed in touch with his peo-

"So whenever people felt down or depressed, or that the other party was not moving as it should or as quickly as it must, he was able to serve to inspire because people believed in 'Big bad Brad' because 'Big Bad Brad' had become a brand in this country."

Mr. Mitchell added that the PLP will be winning the 2022 General Election for Bradley Roberts.

Also expressing condolences on behalf of the Free National Movement was party Chairman Carl Culmer.

In a press release Mr. Culmer said Mr. Roberts proved himself to be a worthy and tenacious opponent on political and national issues.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

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.

Business leaders like fashion mogul Peter Nygard are rare in that it is not every day you hear about entrepreneurs who are able to take a struggling company and turn it into a multi-million-dollar success.

One of the keys to his fifty-year success is Nygard's ability to strategically maneuver to always stay on top. However, not everyone can be 'like Mike' (reference to the old advertising campaign to be like basketball player Michael Jordan). Yet, entrepreneurs of today have an overwhelming advantage over their counterparts of yesteryear.

Using the Google tool, you can simply search for business strategies aimed at achieving any business goal you set; and you'll be able to find a treasure trove of strategies for improving your business prospects even in the face of strong competition.

We discussed strategies for increasing product sales each month and selling more add-on items. Now, we will present strategies for adding new customers each month to achieve the goal of 'increasing the business income by 20% for the upcoming fiscal year'.

As a foundation, the core focus should always be on presenting the benefits of your products to potential customers. If you conduct advertising of any kind, always present what the benefits are of using your products or services.

Why? Because people always think in terms of 'WIIFM'—What's in it for me? People are only interested in what you have to offer if it helps them in some way. This may seem obvious but it is easy to forget to focus on spelling out how your products specifically help individuals.

Proven strategies that can be implemented for increasing your customer or client base include,

- A Referral Program
- Giveaways
- Special Events
- Promotion Partners

The key to any type of referral program you set up is to involve an incentive for the person doing the referring. Some businesses offer a discount to both the referrer and the

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.

referee. Think about how you can set up a referral program that's unique to your business.

Giveaways as a strategy for gaining new customers is somewhat popular. However, it doesn't always appear to be done effectively. Giveaways should be targeted at potential customers and not just the public generally, unless your goal is simply to promote goodwill. Also, there should be a way to follow up or contact the potential customers that receive your giveaway.

Since you are spending money on your promotions, don't leave it up to chance that a potential customer will show up at your door. A smart giveaway will request the email address of an individual before giving the giveaway. Then after the giveaway, create a follow-up process that builds on the idea of your company as wanting 'to give' to the potential customer.

Special events are also a popular strategy for businesses. Once again, it needs to be tied to targeting potential customers and a follow-up program.

Another strategy that makes sense for businesses is to partner with other non-competitor businesses. Finding a promotion partner can be beneficial to your company as long as your partner has the same customer base as your business.

Also make sure it's set up in a way that helps you to reach your goals. If an educational institution is having a seminar, for example, and you partner with them as a sponsor, be sure there is a way to get information on the participants.

One way is to offer a free raffle. However, be sure to have participants fill in an entry form with their name, phone number and email address so you have the means to follow up.

Effectively implementing these various strategies presented over these past few weeks can work to help you achieve your business goals.

Letter to the Editor

Getting Control of Our Airspace

Dear Editor:

Several months ago, the government said it was working diligently to get control of our airspace from the United States. This is a vital initiative in terms both of the country's ability to earn revenue by charging fees to airlines that use our airspace, but also in terms of our sovereignty and dignity as a people. Why should the United States be making money every time a plane flies over the Bahamas? Common sense will tell you the status quo is an absurd arrangement.

The former PLP government made much ado about this issue, but in the end they only managed to get permission for Bahamian airplanes to fly through their own airspace for free. Calling this a victory was insulting to the people. There were

high hopes that this government would do better but sadly, the FNM appears to have gone quiet on this important matter.

Just like proposals for a sovereign wealth fund and the proceeds from aragonite mining, big ideas that will benefit the public always seem to be placed on the back burner. All successive governments seem to know how to do is give approval to foreigners to build hotels.

Can the government please give us an update on its efforts to get control of our airspace for the benefit of the Bahamian people?

Sincerely,
Ricardo Johnson

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EDITORIAL

Four Great Men

Let us now praise four great men!

The four men are: Frederick McAlpine, Travis Robinson, Reece Chipman and Vaughan Miller.

Whether the hierarchs in the serried ranks of the Free National Movement realize it or not, facts now available to the people in the people's time now clearly show that the once proudly dominant FNM is today not only riddled with dissent, but that it also seems blithely blind to that sea of discontent which is building up against them amongst the people.

Vaughan Miller: "This resolution is offensive because it reeks with corrupt, foolish arguments to support the wicked transfer of money out of the people's treasury into the pocket of a Cabinet minister boldly and brazenly and without shame." Vaughan Miller, MP.

Sadder still, there is evidence galore now coming in which suggests that such is the extent to which that party has lost touch with the people that even where they make a step in the right direction [as in the case of their plans for National Health Insurance], they find themselves being second-guessed and blind-sided.

Evidently, whilst the FNM is set to take one step forward, The Brent Symonette related Resolution is clearly that key move where their embrace of him and his town centre mall now amounts to two or more steps backward!

Reece Chipman: "Mr. Speaker, as a matter of principle, I say no to this resolution. Centreville does not support this resolution, as it is a dereliction of political and governance duty; a dereliction of a duty of trust in the Bahamian people; a dereliction in the duty of no conflict in fact and in appearance; a dereliction of a duty of due care, attention and protection of the public purse of the Bahamian people."

Of necessity, this brings us to that sweet point where we are obliged to remind that: One of the more enduring lessons of history, whether recent or long-gone, has to do with how even as men make history, there are times when circumstances in the moment con-

spire to mould new heroes.

We suspect that these four men- whether working together or apart-are bonded in such a way- may sooner rather than later wake to reality and realize that there is no space for them in today's Free National Movement.

Frederick McAlpine: "Our actions have not lined up with what we've preached. Too many see our government as hypocritical: same mess, different crew, they say. Our government must seek to change this perception. There are a lot of angry and disappointed people out there."

This observation we make on the heels of a moment just past when Pineridge MP Frederick McAlpine; Golden Isles MP Vaughn Miller; Bains and Grants Town MP Travis Robinson and Centreville MP Reece Chipman all voted NO to the Symonette-biased Town Centre Resolution.

As we all know, The Resolution was passed.

And for sure, there is no doubting the fact that -no matter what ensues in the days, weeks and years ahead- The Most Honourable Prime Minister and his team will pay a high price for not only their gall and effrontery, but also for what seems their unbridled contempt for truth and decency.

Travis Robinson: "It is my fundamental belief on the grounds of principle that no sitting Cabinet minister should be the direct benefactor of any government-issued contract, lease or investment, except he or she holds a monopoly on the goods and services in question. Therefore, Bains and Grants Town is unable to support the resolution and will be voting no."

In sum, then, place of honour in this commentary must be given Vaughan Miller's magisterially true comment: "...If we in the FNM were against corruption, then we must be against it in every shape, in every form, in every apparition, in every manifestation, everywhere and every time..."

The die has been cast--We praise these four great men; thus we say: Let the games begin!

Cruise companies have no interest in seeing Bay Street thrive

Dear Editor:

It is nonsense for the government to even consider letting one of the cruise ship companies manage the Port of Nassau. These companies have no interest in seeing Bay Street thrive.

Right now, they are allowed to dock in Nassau Harbor and keep their shops and restaurants open all day and night. They are making a killing while in our port and the last thing they want is to see a revitalized Down-Town Nassau that is taking customers off of their ships to shop, eat and enjoy themselves onshore.

The cruise ship companies complain that Nassau is one of the worst ports in the Caribbean. If that is true, their own

actions played a great part in making it that way. The government should view with extreme suspicion any helping hand from these entities.

The cruise ships are businesses and they are in it to make money. Nothing wrong with that, but we Bahamians, on the other hand, have to live here and want to see downtown flourish and our fellow countrymen who work and live there prosper. Government beware! Your people and these companies do not have the same interests at heart!

Sincerely,
Ricardo Johnson

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Please call The Bahama Journal's News TIP LINE at 356-7254 and let us know!

Social Services Minister Calls On UN CEDAW Chairperson

The Hon. Frankie Campbell, Minister of Social Services and Urban Development, called on Madam Dalia Leinarte, Chairperson, United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (UN CEDAW) and Anganile Mwenifumbo, Secretary, UN CEDAW, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, October 24, 2018.

Minister Campbell was accompanied by Dr. Jacinta Higgs, Director, Department of Gender & Family Affairs,

Ministry of Social Services and Urban Development; and Sasha Dixon, Second Secretary, Bahamas Permanent Mission to the UN. The Minister heads The Bahamas delegation to the 71st session of UN CEDAW, October 22 - November 9, 2018.

During the courtesy call Minister Campbell exchanged pleasantries with Madam Leinarte and Mr. Mwenifumbo as they discussed matters of mutual interest. Madam Leinarte expressed appreciation to

The Bahamas for Marion Bethel-Sears, the first Bahamian female elected expert to serve on the CEDAW Committee.

On behalf of the government and people of The Bahamas Minister Campbell presented a handmade straw craft portfolio to Madam Leinarte. The gift is the work of Sherry Armbrister, Senior Nursing Officer and a member of the delegation. Minister Campbell also extended an invitation to Madam Leinarte to visit The Bahamas.



► Dr. Jacinta Higgs, Director, Department of Gender & Family Affairs, Ministry of Social Services and Urban Development, is pictured with Madam Dalia Leinarte, Chairperson, UN CEDAW.



► The Hon. Frankie Campbell, Minister of Social Services and Urban Development, greets Anganile Mwenifumbo, Secretary, UN CEDAW.



► Madam Dalia Leinarte, Chairperson, UN CEDAW is pictured accepting a gift of a hand-crafted straw business portfolio from the Hon. Frankie Campbell, Minister of Social Services and Urban Development. Also shown from left: Sasha Dixon, Second Secretary, Bahamas Permanent Mission to the UN, Geneva; Anganile Mwenifumbo, Secretary, UN CEDAW and Dr. Jacinta Higgs, Director, Department of Gender and Family Affairs.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS

Consultancy Services For A Project Pension Feasibility Study for Transition of Defined Benefit Scheme to Contribution Scheme in the Public Sector

Background

The Government of the Bahamas is seeking proposal to conduct a feasibility study for a transition of the defined benefit scheme to contribution scheme in the Public Sector. This study would assist government in a factual finding to support consideration of the Government's initiative for reduction in expenses for the public sector and a planned approach to achieve significant cost savings over time.

Procurement Method

The procurement of service will be conducted under a national competitive bid process.

All tenders will be published on the national press of The Bahamas and on the government website.

Successful firm(s) will be those who meet the standard requirements set out below and who meet the firm with the most competitive price.

Where there is a tie between firms on the specification and price the Ministry of Finance may choose to a firm based on the following criteria:

- Firm establishment (how long the firm has been in business in The Bahamas).
- Delivery timelines
- Ability to ensure service level agreement for service.

Requirement for Bidders

The Firm responding to this proposal must have a valid Bahamas business license. At the time of submission of bid all company tax and national insurance obligations must be current, this includes at the time of issue of this RFP, but is not exclusive to:

- Business license fee
- National insurance payments
- Company Profile
- Outline of qualifications and experiences

Firm must be of good standing, i.e. no impending or current legal actions against the company or the directors of the company which may have a significant impact on the ability of the firm to deliver the service.

OFFER FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES AND PROPOSED DELIVERABLES

Deliverables should be as follows:

1. Researching and outlining current position with regard to the defined benefit pension liability of the public service and all government corporations and agencies
2. Creating a data base of key statistics including but not limited to the pension liability, number of employees, contribution amount, etc.
3. Researching and benchmarking information from similar ones that have jurisdictions and governments specifically including ones that have migrated defined benefit plans to contribution plans.
4. Outlining cost savings/ expenses associated with each plan.
5. Survey of selected plan participants in the public service s related to their perceived benefits and concerns.
6. Estimating and scenario planning out the economic impact of the plans on the government's budget.
7. Identify any legal operational and funding issues around the migration to a hybrid pension system i.e. defined benefit for older employees, contribution for newer employees.

Submission of Bids

Bid contents

Firm responding to this RFP must submit their offers using the deliverables set out in this document. Additional documentation concerning the submitting firm and the service on offer may be submitted at the description of the firm.

Method of Submission

Bids to this tender can be submitted via electronically via e-mail or posted/delivered in a sealed envelope. Electronic submissions must be made to athenamarche@bahamas.gov.bs with the subject of "Feasibility Study for Transition of Defined Benefit Scheme to Contribution Scheme in the Public Sector".

Paper submissions should be posted/delivered to the following address:

Tenders submissions
Ministry of Finance,
Cecil Wallace-Whitfield Centre,
West Bay Street,
Nassau,
New Providence.

The envelope must be identified with "Feasibility Study for Transition of Defined Benefit Scheme to Contribution Scheme in the Public Sector".

Submission Deadline

Responses to this tender must be submitted, using one of the submission methods described above, by 5.00pm November 2, 2018.

Submissions received after this date will not be considered.

Please note that the complete RFP can be accessed on line at: www.bahamas.gov.bs

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PM Notes Roberts' Dedication To Service

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of the Progressive Liberal Party.

"He served as Minister of Works and Utilities and was also a former Minister of Immigration. As well as being Chairman of the Progressive Liberal Party, he was Deputy Chairman of the Bahamas

Telecommunications Company."

Dr. Minnis said, "Bradley Roberts contributed in various ways to our national development, and was known for his strong opinions on the issues of the day."

The Prime Minister expressed his surprise at Mr. Roberts' unexpected

passing. The Prime Minister expressed condolences on behalf of the Government of The Bahamas, and on his own behalf, and that of his wife, Patricia. He extended condolences to Mr. Roberts' wife, Hartlyn, his children, grandchildren, siblings and other family members and friends.

Former PM Ingraham Remembers Roberts

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siblings and to his extended family.

He said, "Bradley entered the political fray early in life and remained committed to the end notwithstanding his retirement from the political

front lines since 2012.

"He will be remembered as a firebrand politician, single-minded and resolute in his support for his political party and for the causes in which he believed.

"His contribution to the development of our country,

both within his Party and in the Parliament is a matter of record.

"A successful businessman, Bradley will be remembered for his support for the advancement of Bahamians in all walks of life," said the former Prime Minister.

Wilchcombe supports Grand Lucayan purchase

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resort.

"We have to renew the plant and if we don't renew our tourism plan nationally, then another country is going to do it. Right now, we're leading the way as we lead the way with Atlantis and Baha Mar.

"Grand Bahama with a renewed plant, not just the hotel, but a renewed plant can become the new destination of the Caribbean; but its how its done and putting the players in work, going after the right brands and putting the airlifts in place," he said.

According to Mr. Wilchcombe, the former Progressive Liberal Party MP for West End and Bimini, the Grand Lucayan alone

will not be enough to boost and sustain Grand Bahama's strained economy.

"Let's put the magic back, let's create a place that's not Nassau; because you can't compete with Nassau, let Nassau be what Nassau is, but create something unique, create something that focuses on night life, create something that focuses on shows, create something that focuses on shopping, real shopping, put an emporium of shops there.

"Take a look at the international bazaar and create something spectacular. I want to see the old Driftwood Hotel, particularly the Kings Inn area. I want to see that become a national museum because you don't have one here.

"Well if I create one there, then that means people from here have to go there to see it and that creates domestic tourism and people from outside have to come to that as well," he said.

According to the Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis, the government has no intention of running the hotel, but to save jobs for Grand Bahamians.

A resolution was tabled and passed recently in the House of Assembly allowing the government to borrow \$35 million to be paid to Hutchinson Lucaya Limited and Bahama Reef Limited.

For the next three and a half years, the government is expected to pay \$5 million dollars every six months at a four per cent interest rate.



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The Ministry of Health, Department of Public Health invites Tenders for bi-monthly ground maintenance services at the following New Providence Clinics:

NAME OF CLINIC
Adelaide Clinic
Adolescent Health Centre
Anne's Town Clinic
Blue Hill Road Clinic
Coconut Grove Clinic
Elizabeth Estates Clinic
Flamingo Gardens Clinic
Fleming Street Clinic
Fox Hill Clinic
Gambier Clinic
South Beach Health Centre

Interested persons can contact the Clinic Administrator or Nurse In Charge at the said facilities for permission to inspect the premises. Also, for additional information and a copy of the Scope of Work please contact telephone number 502-4700/4818 or 502-4831.

All Tender documents are to be placed in a sealed envelope marked; "To Tenders Board" Ground Maintenance services c/o Financial Secretary Ministry of Finance Cable Beach Nassau, Bahamas

Companies should submit bids no later than Monday, October 22, 2018. Only persons with a valid Business License, Tax Compliance letter, Registration Certificate and Letter from National Insurance (NIB) stating your company is in Good Standing need apply. Bids will be opened October 23, 2018. Bidders or Representatives will be requested to be in attendance.



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The Road Traffic Department would like to remind all Franchise Holders – Taxi, Tour, Public Schedule, Private Schedule, Private Charter, Livery, Self-Drive Cars and Scooters that we are now accepting registration documents for the Bi-annual inspection period of October 2018 to May 2019.

The Following documents are required:

1. Passport/Voters Card and N.I.B Card (for holders not registered in the new system)
2. Up to date Franchise Receipt
3. Up to date Business License
4. Inspection Slip/Copies of expired Inspection Discs
5. Completed Inspection Forms for Companies with five (5) or more Vehicles that require On-site Inspection (forms Can be picked up at the Road traffic Department Franchise Unit).
6. Up to date Insurance Certificates
7. Vehicle Color and right/left hand drive (for new vehicles)

All Franchise Holders with a fleet of five (5) or more vehicles are invited to submit their packages to the Road Traffic Department, Franchise Unit Section 3 Eastern Grandstand of the Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium. All Packages will be processed on a first come first serve basis.

Please note that the Department will only receive payments in the form of:

- a. Certified cheques payable to the Public Treasury (No personal or company cheques)
- b. Visa, Master, Debit, Credit Cards
- c. Cash


Controller
Road Traffic Department

GGYA Heads to Africa to Discuss Award's Global Strategy

Officials of the Governor General's Youth Award (GGYA) are headed to Accra, Ghana for The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Forum, a meeting of the minds which takes place every three years bringing together delegates from across the globe to discuss the Award's development, consult on new policies and plans and take stock of its progress with a view to ensuring the programme's ability to equip even more young people for life and work.

As the international Award continues to grow its reach and impact so to must GGYA, said national director, Denise Mortimer who has provided 27 years of service to the Award, making this her ninth triennial forum.

"Attendance is crucial to help us determine where we are going and how are we going to continue our work with the Award to impact the lives of young people in the world and especially in The Bahamas. The forum offers vital workshops and training opportunities."

The programme encourages young people to develop skills, give service to

others and promote physical recreation and adventurous journeys (hiking expeditions). It is comprised of three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each, progressively more challenging. In 2017, the programme registered 1,773 participants, disbursing 239 Awards among 68 units on eight islands.

GGYA, one of the country's leading programmes for young people, will report on what it has done over the last three years, telling of its successes – such as hosting the Caribbean Award Sub-Regional Council where young people from across the region satisfied their Gold Adventurous Journey requirement in The Bahamas – and its challenges, such as temporary suspension of Award activities in the southern islands following devastating hurricanes.

Positioning itself to manage and coordinate higher numbers of people from diverse backgrounds and islands to participate on a sustained basis, GGYA recognizes the need to balance growth objective while safeguarding the programme's quality experience. Against



► Chairman of GGYA's Management Council, Anglican Archdeacon James Palacious; National Director Denise Mortimer (right) and Training Leader, Jacquetta Lightbourne-Maycock will depart from New Providence Sunday, October 27, for Accra, Ghana. The trio will attend The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Forum which runs from October 29, to November 5.
Photo by Precision Media

that backdrop the conference takes on even more significance.

"The forum speaks to best practices so we are afforded the opportunity to hear firsthand what's working in other countries, what's not working and why," said the organization's training leader, Jacquetta Lightbourne-Maycock who is attending the triennial meeting for the third time.

"In brainstorming those ideas, they might be practicable in smaller countries, or may be able to work with the resources we have available. Generally, it's about how these best practices could have a lasting impact, taking us to the next level in our development."

Seen as a valuable tool by the government, GGYA is known nationally for shaping young persons into more well-rounded, self-assured, community-engaged individuals.

"It is my hope attending the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Forum will strengthen and reinvigorate us to redouble efforts to deliver and grow the Award. The goal is to make the organization stronger," said Anglican Archdeacon James Palacious, chairman of

GGYA's Management Council, the body responsible for the day-to-day operations of the programme.

"We know it's about impacting youths, in particular, but by so doing you really impact society. We welcome the opportunity to learn what we can as well as to contribute to the debate."

Meeting in Ghana and West Africa for the first time signifies a milestone for the DofE International Award, to assemble on a continent which hosts the fastest growing, most youthful population in the world.

According to chairman of the International Council, the Rt Hon The Lord Boateng, PC DL: "A strong dynamic programme delivered by the global family, that is our Award, faces the future with hope and expectation."

The Bahamas belongs to the Americas Region of the International Award, a grouping that includes, the United States, the Caribbean, Brazil and Canada. Although one of the smaller nation's in that block, the national award operator said it continues to drive growth, better positioning the Award in the Americas Region as a whole.

Well-Known Herbalist Takes the Message of Diet and Disease Prevention to the Airwaves

Scores of Bahamians were tuned into their radios this week as leading nutritionist

and herbalist, Jamal Moncur, offered a sneak peek into the valuable and life-changing

information, he and his New Life sponsored event will give those looking to prevent

cancer and more.

Moncur, alongside his wife – the creative culinary mind behind New Life's innovative vegan menu options - began making the

for us but in reality are genetically modified hybrids that put a strain on the body" explained Moncur. "This seminar is really about educating people on what to eat

change – both diet and exercise. Dr. Bethel will share a wealth of knowledge on fighting cancer through natural and preventative measures and discussing new



Public Notice Roadworks

Please be advised

The Ministry of Public Works/Bahamix, has scheduled Milling and Paving works for Cordeaux Avenue between the hours of 9:30a.m. to 2:00p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning October 18, 2018, for 8 working days.

Provisions will be made for residents and businesses where necessary. Motorists are asked to utilize the adjacent streets and avoid the area if possible.

You are asked to be aware of and acknowledge the posted traffic paving signs in the area.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact us at telephone numbers (242) 361-3886 or (242) 341-3886.

Bahamix apologizes for any inconvenience caused.



► Moncur chats with Issues of the Day Host Wendel Jones and fields questions from his listening audience regarding the management and prevention of widely suffered ailments. (Photo: Ronnie Archer for Barefoot Marketing)

radio rounds to promote their message of healthy eating this week, ahead of the Saturday, October 27th event at Pelican Bay. Appearances began on the popular Guardian Radio program 'The Revolution' with host Juan McCartney, where listeners fully engaged the herbalist on the basics of healthy food choices, and how to prevent diseases through diet. The appearance

to help preserve their lives". The Moncur's media tour continued with a visit to Love 97, where Moncur again engrossed listeners in a lively discussion on the need to incorporate healthy eating habits into their disease management or prevention strategies.

"I'm glad we are having this conversation" commented one caller, "there are really too many Bahamians

innovations in cancer medical research.

The one-day seminar will start at 9 am and will feature vegan food training, herbal recipes from the culinary vegan expert Shonique Moncur, making vegan cooking enjoyable. "I've been asked for years about my recipes," she noted. "Its time to share them and help others make a difference in their diets and we hope help



► Moncur is pictured alongside Juan McCartney, host of the popular Guardian Radio Talkshow 'The Revolution'. Moncur fielded listeners questions about a variety of health and dietary concerns ranging from weight regulation to the impact of diet on common diseases. (Photo: Ronnie Archer for Barefoot Marketing)

was also a key opportunity for the Moncur's to answer a range of questions on issues such as regulating weight, addressing food sensitivities, and even the impact of certain foods on the development of commonly known diseases including cancer.

"There are so many foods which we think are healthy

dying from things like Cancer, so this kind of education is definitely needed."

At this week's highly anticipated event, the New Life family along with Cancer specialist Dr. Kevin Bethel, owner and operator of the Family Wellness Centre in Freeport, will be teaching a message of

prevent disease coming into our fellow islanders lives."

Tickets are on sale now for the event at New Life locations and are less expensive if purchased in advance for \$75. To learn more visit the New Life Facebook page or the 'Prevention is the Path to Cure' event page on social media.