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FREAK ACCIDENT IN GB SHIPYARD

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

The work day at The Grand Bahama Shipyard was cut short yesterday following what is being described as a freak accident on the property.

Superintendent Walter Henderson explained that during police investigations, they discovered that one of the cranes being used to conduct repairs on the Oasis of the Seas cruise ship collapsed.

He said, "eight persons received injuries, but none were life threatening. Most of them would have received local medical assistance and were released."

According to Superintendent Henderson, all the wounded were taken to



Police are currently investigating the cause of the shipyard accident that left several people injured and thousands of dollars in damages to the cranes, Oasis of the Seas cruise liner and the Grand Bahama Shipyard dock. The image shows the ship slanted in the water after being damaged after the incident. Investigations are ongoing in the 'freak accident.'

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FORMER BPL CHAIRMAN DECRIES LOST OF TALENT

The former Chairman of Bahamas Power and Light, (BPL) Darnell Osborne says the resignation of Christina Alston as Chief Operating Officer of the company "is an opportunity lost by the country to attract and retain one of the country's best minds and talent."

According to sources Mrs. Alston left BPL last Friday out of frustration.

In a press statement Mrs Osborne said, "the news of Christina's

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FORMER GB CHAMBER PRESIDENT QUESTIONS LUCAYAN LOI

BY LEAH COOPER
 Journal Staff Writer

Former President Of The Grand Bahama Chamber Of Commerce Kevin Seymour yesterday expressed his concerns surrounding "not yet disclosed details" of the letter of intent with Royal Caribbean Cruises Limited and the ITM Group's joint venture to transform and redevelop the Grand Lucayan Resort and the Freeport

Harbour.

Mr. Seymour noted in a release that the Freeport Harbour is owned by Hong Kong based company Hutchison Whampoa and the Grand Lucayan was once owned by the fortune 500 firm.

The government purchased to hotel from Hutchison Whampoa for \$65 million in August of last year in an effort to



Former President of the Grand Bahama Chamber Of Commerce Kevin Seymour

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PROPOSED CRUISE PORT REDEVELOPMENT CELEBRATED

BY LICEC BASTIAN
 Journal Staff Writer

Bahamas Chamber of Commerce Chairman, Michael Maura, sees the impending expansion of the Nassau Cruise Port as an opportunity to expand the Bahamas' economy, particularly Nassau. As he puts it-one of the underlining components of the port development project in itself must be what eco-

nomie value will it have to The Bahamas.

"What we do know is that we have hundreds of new vessels, new cruise ships that are coming out of these new yards over the next five to ten years. Its reported that there's I think, 20 new cruise companies, that are being created right now.

"Virgin got into the

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TWO ARRAIGNED ON MURDER CHARGES

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

Two young Bahamian men were arraigned for two separate murders yesterday in the Magistrates Court. 18-year-old Deshawn

Hart of Sampson Road is accused of killing Karo Bullard on Friday, October 2018.

According to the prosecution, it is alleged that twenty-four-year-old Bullard was standing on his grandmother's porch

in Nassau Village when he was shot and killed.

Also shot during the incident was Elricka Collie. Bullard is charged with attempted murder in connection with that crime.

The accused was not

required to enter a plea to the charges and was remanded in custody. Sixteen witnesses appear on the docket; all except one are police officers.

A juvenile believed to be responsible the stabbing death of 15-year-old

Pierre Louis was also formally charged with the crime.

According to police, Louis, a 9th grade student at TA Thompson, was in an argument with two boys when he was stabbed.

He died in hospital soon after. His 16-year-old alleged killer, who was represented by attorney Ramona Farquharson-Seymour was remanded in custody. He is due back in court on May 7th.

STIFF FINES FOR TRAFFIC DEATHS

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

Three persons were arraigned yesterday on two separation traffic related accidents.

In the first incident, 22-year-old Shawna Smith stood before Magistrate Cara Turnquest-Deveaux on a laundry list of charges, namely one count of killing in the course of dangerous driving, failing to remain stationary on the scene of a traffic accident, driving without a driver's license and driving without being

covered under third party insurance.

It is alleged that on February 26th around 6:30am, Smith caused the death of Diane Morley on Sealink Drive.

Also charged along Smith was Daronique Johnson. She is accused of one count of permitting a person to drive while not being covered by third party insurance and another count of permitting a person to drive while not holding a valid driver's license.

The two pleaded guilty to all charges. Attorney

Leon Bethel told the court that Smith did not flee the scene, but rather went through the next corner as eyewitnesses began threatening her.

Mr. Bethel further argued that Smith only took the vehicle to go to a gas station to get food, as both of them were expected at work for 8:00am and Johnson, was still at home asleep.

He also revealed that Smith never knew her father; her mother is deceased and her aunt

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The public is hereby notified that a Public Auction will be conducted by the Bahamas Customs Department on non-entered goods at the places and times listed below:-

No.	LOCATIONS	DATES	TIMES
1	Airfreight - @ GFT	6 th May, 2019	9:00am - 12:30pm
2	Airfreight - LPIA @ GFT	6 th May, 2019	9:00am - 12:30pm
3	Airfreight - Odyssey @ GFT	6 th May, 2019	9:00am - 12:30pm
4	Betty K - Arawak Cay @ GFT	6 th May, 2019	2:00pm - 5:00pm
5	Mailboat - Arawak Cay @ GFT	7 th May, 2019	9:00am - 12:30pm
6	MSC - Arawak Cay @ GFT	7 th May, 2019	9:00am - 12:30pm
7	Tropical Shipping - John Alfred Dock @ GFT	7 th May, 2019	2:00pm - 5:00pm
VEHICLES (NEW PROVIDENCE) CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS			
8	Betty K - Kelly's Dock - Arawak Cay @ HQ	8 th May, 2019	9:30am - 12:30pm
9	Inchape Shipping @ HQ	8 th May, 2019	9:30am - 12:30pm
10	Island Maritime @ HQ	8 th May, 2019	9:30am - 12:30pm
11	R. H. Curry & Co. Ltd @ HQ	8 th May, 2019	9:30am - 12:30pm
12	United Shipping @ HQ	8 th May, 2019	9:30am - 12:30pm
13	MSC @ HQ	8 th May, 2019	9:30am - 12:30pm
14	Ro Ro Shipping @ HQ	8 th May, 2019	9:30am - 12:30pm
ARAWAK CAY			
15	Mailboat - Fiesta Mail @ Arawak Cay	8 th May, 2019	2:00pm - 5:00pm

The above goods will be sold under the Provision of Section 201 of the Customs Management Act. The Auction will commence at 9:00 am daily with the exception of Tropical Shipping and Betty K. Agencies, Arawak Cay @ (GFT), which will commence at 2:00 pm.

Vehicles (New Providence) Customs Headquarters, will commence at 9:30 am daily with the exception of the Mailboat - Fiesta Mail, Arawak Cay, which will commence at 2:00 pm.

A list of the goods to be auctioned can be viewed at Customs Headquarters, Betty K. Agencies, Gladstone Road Freight Terminal, Air Freight, Arawak Cay East.

The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids tendered

Athena Marche
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The Public Sitting of the Road Traffic Authority Board Will be held at Thomas A Robinson National Stadium, Off University Drive on the 26th March 2019 at 10 am.

The Board will be considering applications for the grant of Self Drive Cars/Scooters, Private Schedule Omnibus Franchises and Variations in accordance with the Road Traffic Act, Chapter 220.

Further, in accordance with the provisions of Road Traffic Act Chapter 220, any person is entitled to object to the grant of any franchise, however a person who would wish to be heard as an objector should within fourteen (14) days of the date of this publication lodge in writing, two (2) copies of his/her objection, setting out therein, all the grounds of his/her objection(s).

The under-mentioned persons or their representatives are required to attend:

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	NAME/ADDRESS	AMOUNT REQUESTING
1.	Schivano L. Saunders Anguilla Ave Nassau Bahamas	2 SD Cars
2.	Kirk A. Bastian Elizabeth Estates Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
3.	Lawar Mcneil Carmichael Road Nassau Bahamas	20 SD Cars
4.	Shanique Missick/Kamal Scott Nassau Village	2 SD Cars
5.	Bryantino Rahming Paradise Island Drive Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
6.	Thomas Forbes Adelaide Road Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars
7.	Duran Stubbs Pinewood Gardens Nassau, Bahamas	10 SD Cars
8.	Nerlie Dorvieux Family Street Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
9.	Keisa Cox Farrington Road Nassau Bahamas	6 SD Cars
10	Calvin Higgs Faith Avenue Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars

11	Kimely Bain P.O. Box SB 50629 Hope Gardens Nassau Bahamas	5 SD CARS
12	Alextine Daxon Stapledon Gardens FH14083 Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars
13	Sidney Mckenzie Sidmac Car Rentals Ltd., P.O. Box N-1603 Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
14	Frank Burrows Sir Lynden Pindling Estates Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars
15	Annette Thomas-Longley Winton Meadows III Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars
16	Valentino Farquharson Prince Charles Nassau Bahamas	3 SD Cars
17	Bertram Sears Wellington Lane Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
18	Alexander Johnson Claridge Road Nassau Bahamas	3 SD CARS
19	Fred Rahming Hope Garden Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars
20	Glenda Roker Pride Estates Nassau Bahamas	5 SD CARS
21	Marvin Comarcho Jr. Fox Hill Road Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
22	Lerone Hanna Marathon Road Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars
23	Cyril Greenslade/Gloria Greenslade Carmichael Road Nassau Bahamas	20 SD Cars
24	Olevia B. Anderson Pride Estates Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars
25	Santino Evans Shrimp and Hamster Street Nassau Bahamas	5 SD CARS
26	Dirk Simmons & Stephen Sweeting Skyline Lakes Nassau Bahamas	30 SD Cars
27	Miranda Adderley Harmony Hill Road Nassau Bahamas	10 SD CARS
28	Marvin Comarcho Sr. Oakes Field Nassau Bahamas	12 SD Cars
29	Michael Jeudi Minni Street Nassau Bahamas	15 SD Cars
30	Eric Whitely Jr. Dunmoe Drive Nassau Bahamas	20 SD CARS
31	Shanique Bodie Silver Pine Close Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
32	Sypron Brice Flamingo Gardens	15 SD Cars

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cruise line business within the last year. What has to happen is that basically you have more ships coming and these ships are bigger, there has to be some changes made to Prince George Wharf to accommodate these larger vessels and more of them. "You can leave it as it

is, but what that just means is that the market share for New Providence is actually going to decline as oppose to grow and expand in relationship with the expansion within industry itself," Mr. Maura said.

As anticipation of the re-development of the Nassau Cruise Port increases, Mr. Maura says the expansion should be a

celebration for Bahamians particularly tour operators.

"I would say that from a taxi driver, tour operator, retail operator perspective one, personally I think it's a celebration because you're looking at this expansion, it's going to take our tourism arrivals from about 3.6 million to an estimated 5 million.

"So, that means more opportunity to put people in my taxi, to give more tours, to sell more goods to.

"And I would also say that from a taxi, [and] from a tour operations perspective what you want to do is make sure that everything is fair in terms of the processing and handling of customers, so that everybody

has an opportunity to participate and that as they say a rising tide should float all boats.

And so, that's really what I think the focus is and I can tell you that's what my concern and my effort would go into is just making sure that this is something that benefits the majority of Bahamians," Mr. Maura said.

Recently taxi drivers said they would not be left out of the port's redevelopment and pledged to be an integral part of negotiations.

Just last month, Global Holdings Limited signed a contract for the re-development of the Prince George Wharf. The expansion includes a \$250 million transformation.

FORMER BPL CHAIRMAN DEcriES LOST OF TALENT

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departure really caught me by surprise like so many other people. During my time as Chairman of BPL, we sought Mrs. Alston for multiple reasons: 1. to fulfil the Prime Minister's mandate to bring talented Bahamians back home, 2. Focus on family island development, 3. To simply reduce electricity cost by streamlining our procurement department.

"Like every organization we had our challenges and growing pains, but I can say without hesitation that she added value to the executive team. Mrs.

Alston whose ability to communicate so effectively to the general public, was lauded for giving one of the best presentations at both the Platts and Grand Bahama Outlook with respect to content and showed the Bahamas and BPL as moving forward with a comprehensive renewable energy plan.

"Mrs. Alston had a hands-on approach and was known to work in the field with her teams at a moment's notice to observe, advise and revise procedures if warranted," said Mrs. Osborne.

He said, "Mrs Alston is a fine example of our

country's educational system who graduated from Hawksbill High School in Grand Bahama. She proceeded after graduation to excel academically and professionally in the United States.

"Having met Ms Alston during my teen years, I followed her educational path at Florida State University and subsequent career in the utilities business first at Florida Power & Light and then at Georgia Transmission (GT) through her family member. Mrs Alston is an award winning engineer having spent over 30 years in her specialty in a field

dominated by men. One of her biggest aspirations was fulfilled to return home to be of service to her country. That opportunity came in October 2017 when she was hired at BPL as Chief Operating Officer.

She resigned from GT, sold her house and relocated her husband (a Microsoft computer engineer) and two of her four children back to the Bahamas, the home of her birth and took up her post at BPL.

"Sadly, the opportunity that she had looked forward to for many years, came to an abrupt end last week," Mrs Osborne said.



Christina Alston

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	Nassau Bahamas	
33	Deborah Mortimer Soldier Road Nassau Bahamas	3 SD Cars
34	Denard Dean Big Pond Nassau Bahamas	15 SD Cars
35	Laramie Woodside Mackey Street Nassau Bahamas	3 SD Cars
36	Kevin Duncombe # Dignity Gardens Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
37	Julie Johnson Jubilee Gardens Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
38	Samatha Bain Sugar Apple Street Nassau Bahamas	15 SD Cars
39	Marisa Darling Chippingham Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
40	Edward Johnson St Vincent Road Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
41	Jewel Sands Prince Charles Drive Nassau Bahamas	35 Plates
42	Anthony Duvalier Garden View Estate Nassau Bahamas	20 SD Cars
43	Lelia J. Beneby Sanford Drive Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars
44	Kevin Duncombe Dignity Gardens Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
45	Monique Taylor Fox Hill Nassau Bahamas	20 SD Cars
46	Curtis Gray and Dana Munnings Coral Heights East Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars
47	Aniska P. Johnson Carmichael Road Nassau Bahamas	4 SD Cars
48	Tomico Horton Big Pond Nassau Bahamas	2 SD Cars
49	Tamara Francis Windsor Fields Nassau Bahamas	15 SD Cars
50	Christo D. Edgecombe Lancaster Road Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars
51	Stanley Forbes Montague Nassau Bahamas	3 SD Cars
52	Carlisa Armbrster & Colin Mckenzie Teal Street Nassau Bahamas	15 SD Cars
53	Rudolph V.D. Bowe Love Beach Estates Nassau Bahamas	4 SD Cars
54	Keithian D. Gray Claridge Road P.O. Box CR-56173	5 SD Cars



	Nassau Bahamas	
55	Cindy Kelly Wuff Road P.O. Box N-1333 Nassau Bahamas	5 SD CARS
56	Wellington Richards Cowpen Road Nassau Bahamas	6 SD CARS
57	Julian Rolle Stapleton Gardens Nassau Bahamas	5 SD CARS
58	Laverna Baker Skyline Lakes Nassau Bahamas	10 SD CARS
59	Jerome Johnson Minnie Street Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
60	Nathaniel Ferguson Jr. Collins Avenue Nassau Bahamas	15 SD Cars
61	Burshall Lebron Bain Yamacraw Hill Road Nassau, Bahamas	15 SD Cars
62	Dwight R. Longley Sandilands Village Nassau Bahamas	15 SD Cars
63	Dexter Kerr Jr. West Bay Street Nassau Bahamas	20 SD Cars
64	Carvison and Philippa Pratt Sea breeze Lane Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars
65	Henry Bain Opulent Drive Nassau Bahamas	30 SD Cars
66	Bancroft Thompson Jr. Malcolm Road Nassau, Bahamas	5 SD Cars
67	Sherrell McSweeney/Harvey Johnson Oakes Field Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
68	William Mccartney Mount Royal Avenue Nassau, Bahamas	12 SD Cars
69	Giovanni Thompson Yamacraw Shores Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars
70	Brian Newbold Pinewood Gardens Nassau Bahamas	2 SD Cars
71	Javon Saunders Montague Villas Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
72	Sherese Hamilton Winton Estate Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
73	Hesley Walkine West Bay Street Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
74	Wayde Seymour Marathon Estates Nassau Bahamas	5 SD Cars
75	Newell Bullard Graham Drive Nassau Bahamas	6 SD Cars
76	Coolie Johnson-McDonald Nassau Village Nassau Bahamas	2 SD Cars

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the Rand Memorial Hospital; however, at last report, most had been released.

A statement issued by Royal Caribbean Cruises said, "As always, the safety and security of our people remain our top priority at Royal Caribbean, and we are actively monitoring the situation."

It added, "We are aware of damage to the dock structure and to construction cranes. We are assessing damage to the ship. Dry-dock is a maintenance procedure, and there are no guests aboard the ship."

Investigations are ongoing into what led to the accident.

The Chairman of the Progressive Liberal Party, Senator Fred Mitchell in a statement said, "our thoughts and prayers are with those hurt in today's unfortunate marine incident.

"The government must move quickly to ensure the safety, security and well being of all who were injured. We must make sure that all on the property are duly accounted for.

"It is then important that we know what happened and why. The welfare of the workers of the company is also important as is the company itself.

The PLP stands ready to assist where ever we can," said Mr. Mitchell.



► Screen capture just after the GB Shipyard incident yesterday showing the damaged cruiseship and crane. Employees on the property can also be seen in the photo.

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77	Bernard Bodie Sunset Park Nassau, Bahamas	15 SD Cars
78	Richena Bain Garden Hills Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
79	Marlon Wood Yamacraw Beach Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
80	Theotis Taylor Golden Gates Nassau Bahamas	15 SD Cars
81	Shantelle Seymour Marshall Road Nassau Bahamas	8 SD Cars
82	Treca Whymys & Dion Thompson Pine Cone Ave Nassau Bahamas	15 SD Cars
83	Joydawn Roberts Prince Charles Drive Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
84	Basil Moss Jubilee Gardens Nassau Bahamas	15 SD Cars
85	Darcia Carey Pinewood Gardens Nassau Bahamas	3 SD Cars
86	Lenny Rolle Sunset Meadows Nassau Bahamas	SD Cars 3
87	Amber Johnson Cowpen Road Nassau Bahamas	SD Cars 15
88	Karen Moss-Timothy Tower Heights Nassau Bahamas	SD Cars 2
89	Kemico Sands Nassau East South Nassau Bahamas	SD Cars 2
90	Dario Campbell Fire Trail Road Nassau Bahamas	SD Cars 3
91	Jared Forbes Emmanuel Drive Nassau Bahamas	15 SD Cars
92	Berkley Newton Fire Trail Road Nassau Bahamas	15 SD Cars
93	Aaliyah Rahming Marshall Road Nassau Bahamas	2 SD Cars
94	Dania Ferguson High vista Nassau Bahamas	3 SD Cars
95	Jem Roberts Sea Breeze Estates Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
96	Don Delancy Joe Farrington Road Nassau Bahamas	3 SD Cars
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99	Amber Johnson Cowpen Road West Nassau Bahamas	15 SD Cars
101	Daniel Stubbs Fleming Street Nassau Bahamas	10 SD Cars
102	Edward Demeritte Mermaid Blvd Nassau Bahamas	13 SD Cars

SELF DRIVE SCOOTERS

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1	Rino King Country Club Estates Nassau Bahamas	25 SD Scooter
2	Erica Chea Poets Drive Nassau Bahamas	30 SD Scooter

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1	Kristin Archer Garden Hills Nassau Bahamas	1 Private Schedule Plates
2	Gregory Munnings Clifton Heritage Authority Nassau Bahamas	3 Private Schedule Plates
3	Henry Forbes South Beach Nassau Bahamas	4 Private Schedule Plates
4	Geralie Gabriel Joe Farrington Road Nassau Bahamas	1 Private Schedule Plates
5	Barrett Smith Coral Harbour Nassau Bahamas	2 Private Schedule Plates
6	Danny Gibson West Bay Street Nassau Bahamas	5 Private Schedule Plates
7	Nicole Matecki Sweeting Lane Nassau Bahamas	3 Private Schedule Plates
8	Daniel Moss Mark Ave, Buttonwood Nassau Bahamas	3 Private Schedule Plates
9	Shavane Turnquest Big Flower Invst. Ltd. Cable Beach Nassau Bahamas	3 Private Schedule Plates
10	Elroy Knowles Bel Air Estate Nassau Bahamas	2 Private Schedule Plates
11	Joseph Wemyss Honeysuckle LN Nassau Bahamas	5 Private Schedule Plates
12	Tamara Francis Winsor Field Road Nassau Bahamas	3 Private Schedule Plates

Eneas Files

By Godfrey Eneas

Tuskegee Town: A Victim of Its Past

It seems as if we Eneas' always knew about Tuskegee, a small city in Alabama, for several reasons. It was made famous by Booker T. Washington, who found the institution in 1881 to train Black people. It was a global institution before globalization became a trend. It was global because Black people either of African descent or pure Africans saw it as a beacon to obtain training in the trades or the professions. Africans in the Caribbean and Africans in Africa flocked to Tuskegee for training.

In the 1930s, during the height of the Economic Depression that gripped the United States and the World, my grandfather, Bishop W.V. Eneas of the Church of God, took his elder son to Tuskegee to be trained as a printer.

At the time, George Washington-Carver had gained recognition as an international Agricultural Scientist of great repute, not only for his scientific work on the peanut and sweet potato, but also for the manner in which he was able to improve the production techniques of small Black farmers, mostly share-croppers, in the Southern States. For these small farmers, cotton was their crop of economic survival. He broadened the range of crop production and enabled them to expand their earning capacity by diversifying crops like peanuts and sweet potatoes, to which value could be added through processing at the farm level.

He was assisted by another Agriculturist, Mr. Thomas Campbell, whose son became a close friend of my uncle, as they were medical students at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee – one a physician and the other a dentist. They were so close that they married roommates. Mr. Campbell became famous in agricultural circles because of his work in Agricultural Extension, which was the mechanism that was used to influence the small farmer in adopting the practices and technologies which Dr. Carver had invented through his research on various crops.

In 1925 Dr. Carver published a research paper, "How To Grow The Peanut and 105 Ways of Preparing It For Human Consumption." It was published seven times, with the latest edition in 1940. It was groundbreaking research and it was one of his works that marked him as one of the most premier Agricultural researchers ever.

Dr. Washington had a knack for identifying the best and brightest Black minds in American. In

conjunction with Dr. Carver and Mr. Campbell, he was able to attract to Tuskegee the first Black man, Robert Robinson Taylor, to earn a degree in Architecture for the world-renowned Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Mr. Taylor even designed the chapel and the various academic and residential buildings that adorn the Tuskegee campus. His work was commemorated with a stamp by the United States Postal Service. There were others in Education, the Social Sciences and Veterinary Medicine who have made Tuskegee (formerly Institute), now University, famous.

Apart from its academic relationship, Tuskegee developed a strong connection with The Bahamas athletically, specifically in Tennis. Tuskegee used to be the Tennis Centre for the Negro National Championship, and there was a Black Tennis Tour, of which Nassau was one of the venues. This was done in connection with the Gym Tennis Club, so every year a contingent of tennis players from The Bahamas would go to Tennis to engage in the Negro Nationals.

Dame Bertha Isaacs and her son Robert (Bob) and another outstanding player named Minnis brought glory to The Bahamas. Minnis became a National Champion and was renowned in the States, where he trained many upcoming Black tennis players.

In the 1960s, the population of Tuskegee averaged about 20,000. Today it is slightly more than 30% of that. Why? Sometimes cities are victims of their past. When I attended Tuskegee Institute in 1961, there was a county-wide boycott of the businesses in Tuskegee. Most of the businesses were owned by white people who closed shop and moved to nearby townships. Today, there are less than ten white people in Tuskegee. The whole township is controlled by Blacks – the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the City Manager, the School Board, everything. Yet, the township is dying.

This is in sharp contrast to other neighbouring townships like Auburn and Opelika. One of my yardsticks for measuring the growth of a township in small town USA is WalMart. There are two WalMarts in Opelika, one in Auburn, but none in Tuskegee. WalMarts appeal to blue collar workers; the people living from paycheck to paycheck; the people looking for value for their dollars. In essence, the working poor.

In Alabama and Opelika you see Indians,



Chinese and Mexicans; you see a diverse population. In Tuskegee, you see only Afro-Americans and the affluent Afro-Americans are those who work in Tuskegee but live in Auburn or Opelika.

Auburn and Opelika have a population of about 70,000 and growing. There is a lesson here; diversity is a barometer for growth. In this era of globalization, that monoculture is a recipe for stagnancy.

In 1961, my father and I arrived in this area of Alabama. It was a Jim Crow environment, meaning that segregation was the order of the day. Every aspect of life was segregated, and Blacks were relegated to second-class citizens – to the point where they could not even vote. Voting rights for them did not come until 1964. The Civil Rights Movement was at its peak and Tuskegee was one of the pivotal locales for the Civil Rights message. Alabama, particularly Montgomery, Birmingham and Selma were hotbeds of civil rights activities.

In 1955, six years before my arrival in Alabama, the Civil Rights Movement in America had its beginning in Alabama's capital city of Montgomery. It was a dramatic moment in the history of Afro-Americans; it marked a turning point as Rosa Parks became an historical figure as she refused to give up a seat on the bus to a white man. Her action launched a 381 day boycott in Montgomery, led by a young Pastor, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In nearby Tuskegee, a boycott also took place; perhaps not as significant as the one in Montgomery. Kit was the boycott of white businesses in downtown Tuskegee that eventually led to the white fleeing Tuskegee.

Today, some fifty-odd years later, Alabama is a totally different place. Times have definitely changed. When there is change, some places advance – others do not. Tuskegee is a victim of its past, hence holding to the past has caused it the ability to progress. This is sad.

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E D I T O R I A L

DEGRADING OUR SOCIAL CULTURE

We have a problem in the Bahamas. In just over a month seven children were abducted on the island of New Providence by a woman in a silver car who we believe is demented. While the Police are doing everything that can be done to bring the person to justice, we hold parents largely responsible for the safety of children.

There are far too many little children between the ages of 5 and 10 years of age who live on the streets of our country. They sleep in homes, but they play in the roads, often falling victims to deviant behavioural problems. This is a result of what Pastor Trajean Jadorette of the New Covenant Baptist Church calls, "casual parenting as opposed to intentional parenting."

He claimed that he had nine boys in his office and all nine of them had a problem with their fathers. Most of them had not seen their fathers for a while. Another story is told that in a class of 32 children, every child had a relative or a friend who was a homicide victim; killed by a knife or gun shots. The point is that most of our children in the heartland communities in New Providence are victims of poor parenting.

Child abuse is a serious national problem in our country. It is expressed not only in the level of physical violence on children, but by the inattention to them and the unhealthy lifestyles that they are exposed too.

In order to break the cycle of abuse, we suggest that some therapy groups must be established by the State and the Church to teach parenting techniques to mothers and fathers who were abused by children themselves. There are parents who really should not be parenting.

There is a need for workers in the community to supply these parents with alternative outlets for their frustrations and anger and encourage them to call for help whenever they feel tempted to strike their children or to neglect them

Parents should also be encouraged to seek meaningful relationships with other adults and to bring up children with the value system that worked throughout the ages in the Bahamian society. Sayings like: "Manners and respect will take you around the world;" "If you were not with the crows found, you'd be home safe and sound."

Some years ago, our former Governor General Sir Arthur Foulkes wrote: "We must keep faith with the next generation by facing up to the challenges which threaten to degrade our social culture.

We are witnessing these days a dumbing down, a coarsening and a vulgarization in sectors of western society, elements of which are instantaneously transmitted around the world. Incivility and the debasing of social culture and habits, together with some structural weaknesses in our own society, threatens us with what I believe is a perfect storm of social disorder in our country. We ignore or underestimate this toxic concoction to our peril and the peril of future generations.

Just as we are celebrating a new birth and reinvigoration of our Bahamian artistic culture, so too we must reinstate the finer elements of our social culture, elements that some of us have traded in for the low end of other cultures

We must restore and renew our paradise. We must save our identity as a people through our artistic and social culture and renewed spirit of service. We must all practice and celebrate again the traditional good manners, kindness, self-respect and respect for others that, for generations past, made us a people quite as attractive as our natural heritage.

I believe that we too can recreate a Bahamas in which the aspirations of the next generations can be fulfilled, a Bahamas in which their talents and potential can flourish as they continue to build the greatest little country on the planet," said Sir Arthur.

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STIFF FINES FOR TRAFFIC DEATHS

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who raised her works in the Straw Market and is also ill.

Further, that she is undergoing counselling having been traumatized by the event.

He pleaded to the court for mercy for both

girls. In the end, Magistrate Turnquest-Deveaux fined Smith \$10,000 or one year in prison on count one, \$500 or three months in prison on count two, \$250 or three months in prison on count three and \$250 or three months in prison on count 4.

Half of the sum must be paid upfront and the remaining, by June 21st.

Meantime, 24-year-old Marine Kranstone Simms was charged with killing in the course of dangerous driving, driving while not being covered by third party insurance and driving without

a valid license.

It is alleged that on February 28th, 2019 while driving on Frank Watson Highway around 3:00am, Simms caused the death of Bernard Saunders.

His Attorney Bjorn Ferguson argued that the road in question is unlit and at the time was wet.

He said the person who lost his life was a close friend, riding in the back seat and his client was traumatized by the situation.

The court also heard how he is an active member of Full Life Outreach where he contributes to the community.

The Magistrate fined Simms \$10,000 or one year in prison on count one, \$250 or three months in prison on count two and \$250 or three months in prison on count three.

Simms was also required to pay half of the funds today and the remainder by June 21st.

Royal Bahamas Defence Force Annual Church Service



► Governor General, Her Excellency the Most Hon. Dame Marguerite Pindling and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Marvin Dames attended the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Annual Church Service, 'Celebrating the Past, Securing the Future' at The Christian Tabernacle Church, Robinson Road, on Sunday, March 31, 2019. Minister Dames delivered remarks. Photos also show Commander of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force, Commodore Tellis Bethel, and Commissioner of Police Anthony Ferguson. (BIS Photos/Derek Smith)

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► The audience enjoys High School Choirs, Drama, Liturgical Dance March 27 and 28 as excitement builds at the E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival adjudications at Grand Lucayan Convention Centre, Freeport, Grand Bahama. More than 500 entries are expected to take part in the Grand Bahama Festival in dance, drama, the visual arts, and music, until April 5. (BIS Photos / Eric Rose)



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PUBLIC NOTICE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL PLANNING

The public is hereby notified that the Town Planning Committee has scheduled a public meeting for interested persons and organizations to discuss the application on behalf of The Estate of the Late John F. Morley to rezone a tract of land, approximately twenty-three (23) acres in size, for commercial land use.

The subject property is zoned for low-density residential land use and is bounded on the north by John F. Kennedy Drive, bounded on the south by Munnings Road and immediately west of South Westridge Estates.

Please note that the meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 14th March 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the public meeting room of the Department of Physical Planning.

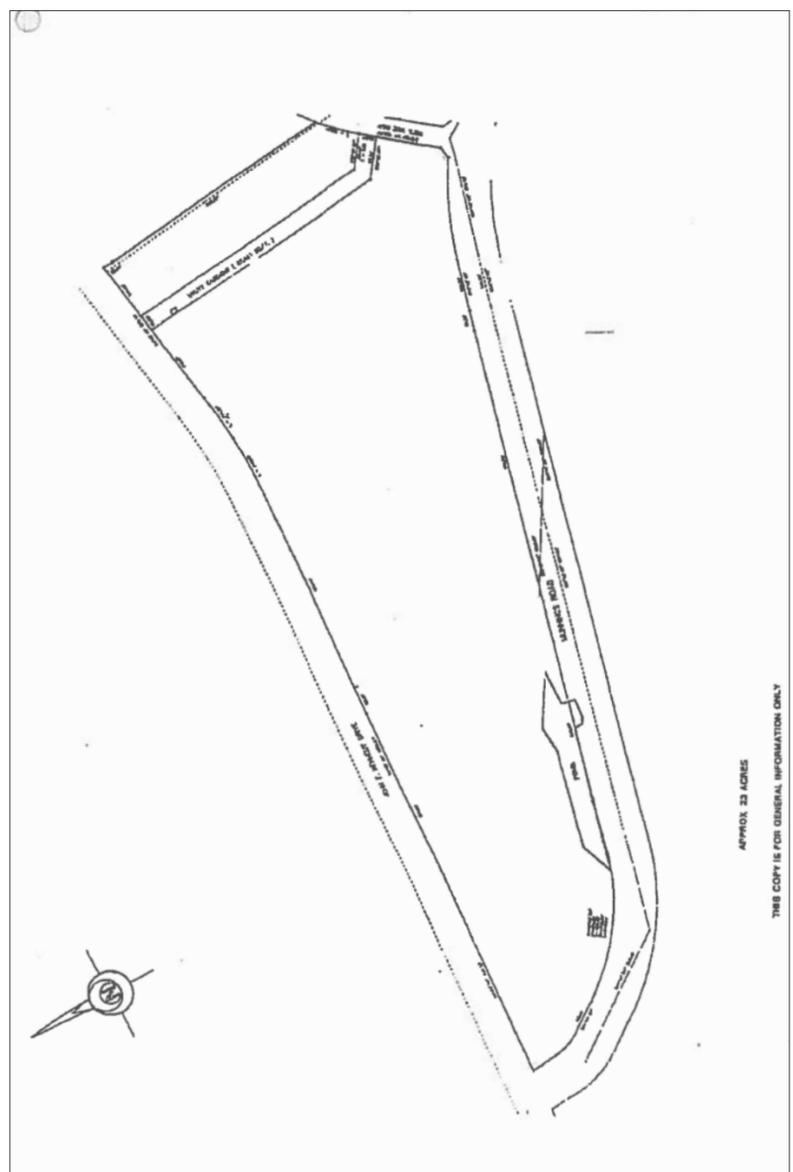
The file (PSA/139/2017) is available for viewing at the Department of Physical Planning, located in the Aventura Plaza on John F. Kennedy Drive, during normal working hours.

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

Signed

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Acting Director of Physical Planning



'TIGERS' OF P. A. GIBSON, NORTH ELEUTHERA, PAY COURTESY CALL ON THE GOVERNOR GENERAL



► Her Excellency the Most Hon. Dame Marguerite Pindling, Governor General (centre), welcomed teachers, family and the student 'Tigers' of P.A. Gibson Primary School, North Eleuthera, March 29, 2019 during a courtesy call at Government House. (BIS Photo/Patrick Hanna)

FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY COURTESY CALL ON THE GOVERNOR GENERAL



► Dr. Jaffus Hardrick, Interim President of Florida Memorial University (centre right), along with executive members, paid a courtesy call on Her Excellency the Most Hon. Dame Marguerite Pindling (centre) at Government House on Thursday, March 28, 2019. (BIS Photo/Letisha Henderson)

FORMER PRESIDENT QUESTIONS LOI

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save Grand Bahama's economy.

Mr. Seymour said, "I find it curious that Hutchison Whampoa, as the ultimate parent of the Freeport Harbor Company, name was conspicuously omitted, when the execution of the LOI was first announced by the Minister for Grand Bahama on March 27, 2019, during a press conference."

He added, "for the avoidance of doubt, before any work can be done at Freeport Harbor, Hutchison and or its subsidiary would have to authorize it, moreover since the project involves capital works to the Harbour's infrastructure, Hutchison or its subsidiary would need to be a party to the deal."

The joint venture between RCL and the ITM Group is expected to invest a total of \$195 million during the first phase of the project, which is expected to create some 2,000 jobs over the next two years.

Of the \$195 million, \$65 million will be paid to

the government for the purchase of the Grand Lucayan Resort.

Mr. Seymour said, "whilst I appreciate that a LOI is only an agreement for the Government to enter into exclusive negotiations with the Joint Venture, there are a few matters that I feel need to be carefully considered by the National Economic Council, as well as the Grand Bahama Port Authority, prior to giving the aforementioned investment the green light."

First, he questioned how the deal will be structured and if it could be considered "arms-length" or "incestuous" considering Hutchison is the owner of the harbor and former owner of the hotel.

He said, "on May 2, 2017, the former administration entered into a Head of Agreement with Carnival Cruise Lines, whereby Carnival agreed to construct a cruise port in Eastern Grand Bahama for \$100 million? A lynchpin of the deal with Carnival involved the waiver of Hutchison's exclusive rights to all Ports on Grand Bahama?"

He added, "how is the aforementioned investment agreed to by the Bahamian Government with Carnival, likely to be affected by the proposed deal? Does this new deal contravenes any provisions of the HOA with Carnival?"

The government expects that under the terms of the deal, it will be able to recover its \$65 million purchase price for the Grand Lucayan.

However, Mr. Seymour said, "I submit however that before this determination can be made with any degree of certainty, one needs to fully understand how the operating expenses incurred by the Government since it acquired the Grand Lucayan will ultimately be absorbed and the amount of concessions (i.e. stamp duty and other concessions etc.), if any the Government is prepared to provide to the Joint Venture."

With this in mind, he asked if the government's announcement is "a mere legal illusion" or can it potentially be economically beneficial for Grand Bahama.

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