NYGARD SEeks CONSENSUS

BY LEAH COOPER
Journal Staff Writer

Supreme Court Justice Cheryl Grant-Thompson agreed yesterday for a consent agreement to vacate a warrant of arrest for Fashion Mogul Peter Nygard and to allow him to return to the Bahamas to pursue his legal rights.

After listening to an address from Nygard’s lawyer, Algermon Allen, the Judge allowed both sides in the matter to produce a court order draft by June 18th and to appear in court on June 20th.

Mr. Allen went to great lengths explaining to the court Nygard's love of the Bahamas, saying that he has invested millions in the country “mentally, physically and emotionally.”

WILSON CONFIDENT IN BUT ELECTIONS

BY BERTHONY McDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

Some 3,800 teachers across the country voted in The Bahamas Union of Teachers elections yesterday.

Thirteen positions are up for grabs on the executive board which 38 persons are vying for.

Union President Belinda Wilson is again running for the union's top position and despite the many challenges she has faced during her tenure in office, she still maintains that she is the right person for the job.
either directly or indirectly. Industrial unrest, crime, suicides, abuse and domestic violence and other social ills must be defeated. Our social and economic challenges demand unity between the church, civil society and corporate Bahamas to combine our wisdom, skills and resources to ensure that we make our best effort to improve life in The Bahamas for us all.

In this regard, Operation Restoration. Its purpose is to influence the culture, contribute to restoring the sense of community among our people and advance national development for the benefit of Bahamians and those who call the Bahamas home through partnerships. Our action plan includes activities and events strategically designed to strengthen our families and nation.

In this regard, the Bahamas Christian Council is launching Operation Restoration. Its purpose is to influence the culture, contribute to restoring the sense of community among our people and advance national development for the benefit of Bahamians and those who call the Bahamas home through partnerships. Our action plan includes activities and events strategically designed to strengthen our families and nation.

The first event will be held this Saturday, June 15th, we will host a march predominantly aimed at men and a day of prayer, where we ask the nation to join us as we cover our country in prayer. We hope that these occasions will give Bahamians an opportunity for introspection, for forgiveness and commitment to changing our thinking and attitudes towards one another. Patriotism must rise again and dwarf the shadows that divide us.

Today, I am pleased to announce that one of our latest strategic partners is internationally respected clinical psychologist, Dr. David Allen. This week he is lecturing at Harvard University. Dr. Allen has challenged us to become equipped and trained in all forms of addiction counseling and participate in his crime consultative committee. To this end, I personally have introduced for discussion lethal injection as an alternative to hanging. Recently, we have had a number of murders and shootings in the capital. On behalf of the Bahamas Christian Council I extend my condolences to the families of the victims. In fact, we must continue to pray for every family impacted by crime. It is clear that the criminal element in our society has no fear of the law or our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A lack of empathy for the common man, the growing disrespect of people's property and failure to be our brother's keeper is undermining the fabric of our foundation as a Christian nation.

The state of our nation, the vast economic challenges of our people, the prevalence of crime and the unconscionable disrespect for human life has sparked this unified response to our common threat that is above the usual barriers of denomination, political persuasion and social status. We are seeking better Bahamas for us all understanding that it will take effort, unity and partnerships. We hope that the general public will join us as we forge ahead in this difficult but necessary work,” said Bishop Fernander.

The National News

NEW SCHOOL PLANNED FOR MATTHEW TOWN

Matthew Town, Inagua is set to get a new school in the upcoming year and plans are on the drawing board for the construction of new schools in Gregory Town, Eleuthera, and George Town, Exuma. Minister of Education, Jeffrey Lloyd in his contribution to the ongoing budget debate on Wednesday made the announcements as he presented an overview of the Ministry of Education in the House of Assembly. Minister Lloyd said the main aim of the Ministry of Education is to meet the educational demands of a growing population, and in this regard, in 2018 two new primary schools – Rum Cay Primary, and San Salvador Primary have been constructed. He told Parliamentarians that the Ministry of Education has also acknowledged and acted on the need to enhance and expand existing educational facilities to better the demands of students.

In “do no harm, in 2018, we have completed a new school in George Town on C.H. Reeves Junior High School North Eleuthera.

CHRISTIAN COUNCIL LAUNCHES OPERATION RESTORATION

The Inter-American Development Bank and the Government of The Bahamas (GoB) signed the Loan Contract No. 10773-BA for the execution of the Investment Program “Skills for Current and Future Jobs in The Bahamas” 50/13/137. The general objective of the Programme is to increase the employability and quality of employment of Bahamas youth, improving access to quality jobs in The Bahamas, with particular emphasis on youth, by three strategic sectors: maritime, medical services and IT/telecommunications. The specific objectives are to: (a) increase relevant skills and productive jobs in primary job functions for Bahamians; (b) improve the Effectiveness of the Public Employment Services (PES); and (c) enhance the capacity of the labour market intelligence system.

The U.S. has designated the Ministry of Labour (MOL) as the Programme Executing Agency (PEA). The MOL will establish a Programme Executing Unit (PEU) within its organisational structure under the Office of the Permanent Secretary. According to the PEU, the Ministry has selected eight eligible individual consultants to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) indicating qualifications and experience required to provide consulting services of Strategic Communications Consultation. The contract duration for this consultancy is 12 months, renewable annually.

Specific responsibilities and workspaces are itemized in the Terms of Reference (TOR) for this consultancy, which can be accessed via this link, https://ppacokers.bahamas.gov.bs.

Required Qualifications

The consultant must hold a postgraduate degree in Business Administration, Marketing, Communications, Journalism or Public Affairs, or related field. He/She must have a minimum of five years of relevant work experience leading the design and implementation of corporate communications strategies.

The Consultant will have superior planning and logistical skills, with ability to identify resources, address and prioritize a wide range of issues and activities for timely completion, and a proven ability to take initiative and work independently. He/She will be experienced in coordinating strategic communications efforts and/or initiatives, disseminating knowledge, improving visibility, and developing relevant content. Graphic design experience/knowledge is beneficial, as well as competence in storytelling, communication and messaging, writing, editing, media design and development, stakeholder insight and outreach, and marketing.

Additionally, he/she will be competent in:

- Creative writing, data storytelling techniques, message development, graphic design, digital campaigns, social media.
- Coordination experience among multiple stakeholders. Consultant will need to be able to understand different stakeholders and tailor key messages according to their needs/interests.
- Collaboration, teamwork and inclusion – the Consultant will work cooperatively with others independent of background (gender, ethnic origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation, back-ground, perspective) or organizational roles, and takes a team-based and inclusive approach to projects and decision making.
- Innovation and creativity – The Consultant will develop strategic ideas and solutions through creativity, experimentation, and critical thinking.
- Communication and influence – The Consultant will communicate effectively and leverage relationship and strategies to influence decisions.
- Client focus – The Consultant will understand client and needs and provide services that meet their expectations for quality and performance.

Expressions of Interest should include a cover letter highlighting the consultant’s interest in the position, relevant experiences and qualifications. A recent copy of the consultant’s curriculum vitae (CV), three written professional references, and a sample of the consultant’s technical writing.

Submissions of Expressions of Interest may be submitted by hand to the address below or by email to ehf.labour@bahamas.gov.bs, no later than 5:00 p.m. June 14th, 2019.

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Labour

Christine House
Shilvey Street and Charlie-India Streets
Nassau, The Bahamas

Re: Strategic Communications Consultant, Skills for Current and Future Jobs in The Bahamas
Minister declares war

He said that 90 per cent of Bahamians eat insufficient fruits and vegetables, 72.6 per cent have adopted a sedentary lifestyle, 16.7 per cent are current smokers, 40.8 per cent are current alcohol users, 58.2 per cent have an abnormally high blood pressure (132,741 persons), and 23.9 per cent are diabetic (92,000 persons).

More than 600 persons, he said, are on hemodialysis at an annual cost of $25 million, while 75 lower limb amputations are conducted each year.

“Those lifestyle related issues mean that Bahamians are on average sicker than most, require more health care services than most, die prematurely as compared to most, and have health care costs that are more expensive. We also do not live in a single land mass where services can be consolidated,” he said.

He added, “consequently, our health care needs (demands) outstrip our financial capacity to pay… and the financing gap must come from somewhere. So, let me be clear. This is not about body shaming or simply about personal choices of esthetics. We are paying for an incredible toll because of our lifestyle choices.”

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Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis has assured the Bahamians that a company has been chosen to investigate the removal of the former Bahamas Power and Light (BPL) probe.

According to Dr. Minnis, an international company had been chosen to investigate the former Board's removal.

Minister of Health and Family Planning Dr. Chris Kerrick has already met with the company selected to investigate the removal of the former BPL's Office, the Prime Minister said.

However, in a report on the selected company, the Prime Minister said, "the government must explore the root causes of violence considering traditional and non-traditional theories.

He said, in fiscal years 2019, 2020, the Ministry will direct resources to and confirm private public collabora-tions for advancing our public health initiatives.

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