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Home ownership concept plausible



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SOUTH BAHAMIAN HOUSING PROJECT-The houses pictured above, are just two out of 39 constructed as a part of the multi-million dollar Government Housing Initiative in South Bahamia, which began under the former Progressive Liberal Party (PLP)-led administration. The house to the left is one of the five occupied. Meanwhile the one on the right remains vacant. (PHOTO: SHAYNE STUBBS.)

A strong plea made for more male teachers

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A call has gone out to the male population in the country.

“Join the teaching profession!” Making the plea recently, was Ministry of Education, Science & Technology Senior Education Officer Gaylene Pinder. She issued the “clarion” request “for more men to join this noble vocation.”

She referred to a quote by world famous German Physicist Albert Einstein which states: “It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”

Pinder said it is imperative for men to step up to the chalkboard, become teachers and use their God-given influence to inspire, motivate, instill a love of learning and wisdom in students and ultimately help to positively change the world.

“Firstly, I must advise that any individual desirous of joining the teaching profession is required to enter therein with the right motive and attitude, which undoubtedly would be the driving force that encourages them to remain faithful, honest and true right to the end.

“Teaching is not for the faint of heart. It takes dedication, hard work, discernment and enduring love because one would soon discover that while it may not be a vocation that is as financially rewarding as one might hope, the benefits of it are made manifest in many ways both directly and indirectly.

“Whenever a teacher comes into contact with a student who has gotten a good grip on life and doing well in the community and (the wider) society, a feeling of unmatched pride swells in the heart, knowing that one has helped to not only mold and shape minds academically, but also steered students along a path of success, touched students in such a way that there was the profound desire to make something of themselves.

“Good teachers discern and see the underlying potential in a student and every day they strive, realizing that their influence on a student helps them to grow and thrive. Teaching affects the entire community in ways that tend to go under-appreciated, but truth be told, every profession needs a teacher whether or not a student becomes a doctor, lawyer, plumber, chef, clerk, carpenter, artist, police officer, counselor, fisherman, farmer, etc. one must be taught,” Pinder declared.

Teachers of the ilk of Urban Gibbs, Donald McCartney, Cecil Thompson, Hezekiah Dean, Norris Carroll, Rev. Drexel Gomez, Ross Smith, E.J. Bowe, Philip Nairn, Stanley Bethel, Joseph Darville and others are gravely

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PLP, FNM criticized for failing to assist more locals to own homes

GB builder lobbies for a ‘Govt. Rent To Own’ housing project

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Historically nothing compares to owning a parcel of land upon which one can build a home, raise a family, create memories and pass on a legacy. That was the view strongly expressed by Pinnacle Investment Construc-

tion Co. Ltd. President Mike Edwards recently during an exclusive interview with *The Freeport News*.

Edwards encourages this concept that has become a tradition for many Bahamians and others the world over. He is calling on the central administration to establish a “rent to own program” to elevate those who qualify.

Edwards, during the interview,

emphasized the relevance of the multi-million dollar Government Housing Initiative in South Bahamia, which began under the oversight of the former Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) administration.

Former Minister for Grand Bahama Senator Dr. Michael Darville officially introduced the Government Housing Initiative to the Grand Bahama

community about 10 months ago (April 7, 2017), when he led a tour throughout Central and West Grand Bahama with Government Heads of Department, which showcased over \$50 million in “capital investment & development projects,” pointed out Edwards.

Approximately, 39 new homes were built along Yorkshire Drive and Blair Circle in South

Bahamia on large plots of land with each one having a more eco-friendly and efficient architectural design inclusive of energy-efficient, hurricane impact windows with all the necessary utilities fittings in place as well as the rooftops of either metal or Spanish tiles.

Each home that comprises the Government Housing Initiative, has a stately architectural appeal that is consistent with the building code of the Bahamia Subdivision.

“At the time, the PLP-led Government Administration had been keen on providing affordable housing for persons desirous of owning a piece of the rock, hence they entered into a partnership with the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation to ensure that those who qualify for mortgages through the corporation would finally have a chance at home ownership once that project was complete,” informed Edwards.

Possessing nearly 30 years of construction experience, Edwards warned the Grand Bahamian community not to lose sight of the fact that despite the PLP Government being ousted,

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PM Dr. Minnis inspires FNM's Youth leaders

This past Saturday, at the National Training Center, the leader of the Governing Free National Movement gave the party's youth arm the charge of uniting in service.

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis reminded the newly installed executives that the very symbol of the party, the Torch, represents equality, justice and opportunity for all.

The Torchbearers were told of the important role they are

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SMURFING AND PREACHING- National Academy Preschool introduced supporters and guests of the 19th Annual CFC Junior Junkanoo Parade to the wonder of Smurfville with Papa Smurf and Mama Smurf leading the charge, at left. Rising Star Christian Academy wowed all with their knowledge of Community Helpers that included Mr. Preacher Man, who carried his Bible in hand along the parade route. (See story on Page 5) (PHOTOS: JENNEVA RUSSELL)



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