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# PM Accuses Former Minister of Abuse

BY RANECHEA ELLIS  
 Journal Staff Writer

The former Progressive Liberal Party government was yesterday accused of abusing the granting of nolle prosequis by Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis, who cited the case in which then-acting Attorney General Jerome Fitzgerald nolledd the case of a couple suspected of illegal firearm and ammunition possession.

Dr. Minnis said the couple in question, George and Janice Hayles, were at one point clients of the then Attorney General, Allyson Maynard-Gibson who was out of the country when the nolle was entered.

"Can you imagine the Attorney General goes on leave. The Acting Attorney General comes in office. An office filled with files, on the desk and the floor. He has difficulty with walking in the office because of files, but he can find one file out of the abundance of files and gives a nolle prosequi for that one file.

"He should have at least done three of four," said Dr. Minnis.

The prime minister was at the time contributing to the debate on a bill to establish the office of an independent director of public prosecutions.

It is a piece of legislation that the government argued will remove the unnecessary interference of elected officials from criminal matters in order to protect citizens.

"Citizens must always be protected from unnecessary political interference in the justice system. Citizens must also be protected from those who use communication technologies to harm fellow citizens and residents, even as we vigorously protect the privacy of citizens and residents," said the Prime Minister.



▶ Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis (Journal file photo)

## HOUSE PASSES CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL

The passage of the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017, yesterday in the House of Assembly will result in the creation of the country's first-ever Independent Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

The now Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2017, will move to the Senate for debate and passage.

Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert A. Minnis, whose Administration foreshadowed the Bill during the Speech From the Throne in May, said Thursday's development was "long overdue."

The Prime Minister said the legislation is part of his Administration's programme for transforming the country's political culture, while simultaneously reforming the culture of governance.

The legislation, Prime Minister Minnis continued, deepens democracy in The Bahamas and advances the liberty of citizens and basic justice.

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## MINISTER OF TOURISM CHATS WITH POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL EXECUTIVES



▶ Minister of Tourism and Aviation, the Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar (centre, and again at right) speaks with Lea Miller and Richard Giannini, Executive Directors of Popeyes Bahamas Bowl, on November 1, 2017 at the British Colonial Hilton, during a video recording for ESPN. (BIS Photos/Kemuel Stubbs)

## PM defends immigration round up

BY RANECHEA ELLIS  
 Journal Staff Writer

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis yesterday defended his government's decision to tighten the grip on illegal immigration.

Dr. Minnis charged that he found some of the recent discussions on the issue very curious.

A few weeks back, he announced on the floor of The House that all illegals of all nationalities must leave the country voluntarily by the end of the year.

While the process will reportedly be carried out humanely and within the law, President Of The Grand Bahama Human Rights Association (GBHRA)

Queen's Counsel, Fred Smith has publicly rebuked the government on the matter.

Smith has charged that he was sickened by the approach and called in a human rights disgrace.

The Prime Minister however said, "it is disturbing that some who claim to be concerned about human rights and the rule of law seem to want to suspend the rule of law when it pertains to certain immigration matters.

"But let me say here that this government will not back down. All illegals are urged to leave voluntarily, because after December 31st, we will aggressively pursue all illegals."

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## Nassau Flight Services Men Charged With Drug Possession

BY LICEC BASTIAN  
 Journal Staff Writer

Five Nassau Flight Services employees were charged in Magistrate's Court yesterday on drug related charges.

In a packed courtroom of family and friends, five males stood before Chief Magistrate Joyanne Ferguson-Pratt on counts of possession, conspiracy, and exportation of dangerous drugs, namely cocaine.

First to stand before Chief Magistrate Ferguson-Pratt, was 26-year-old Rudolph Mott of Pine Barren Road, who was charged with one count of possession of dangerous drugs, namely Indian Hemp.

It is alleged that on Friday, October 27, while at New Providence and without proper authority he was found in possession of Indian Hemp. Mott pleaded not guilty to that charge.

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► Secretary General of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), Sergio Mujica addressing one-day seminar sponsored by the Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality (BBSQ), October 27, 2017. **(BIS Photo/Kristaan Ingraham)**



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Leigh Ann Thompson, Single,  
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and

Lynn Marie Alderdice, Divorced,  
of 4 Red Fold, Aughton, Ormskirk L39 4TX, United States of America

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**PM defends immigration round up**

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The prime minister again stressed that The Bahamas must be a nation of laws, not of personal fancies and extreme positions.

The government is seeking to remove itself from approving citizenship applications.

This will fall on an independent commission, save in the cases of national security.

The commission will be headed by a retired justice.

Still on immigration, Dr. Minnis made another

announcement in relation to one of four issues dealt with during the gender equality referendum.

“My government will make changes to the immigration act to make sure that all children born to Bahamian women, single or married out of the Bahamas are automatically Bahamians,” he said

Under the present law, a child born to a Bahamian woman who is married to a non-Bahamian is not a citizen, if that child is born outside The Bahamas.

**Nassau Flight Services Men Charged With Drug Possession**

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Mott was then charged, along with 26-year-old Phashad Arnette of Lemon Street, Yellow Elder; 40-year-old Keito Ferguson of Sunshine Way; 38-year-old Philmore Cartwright of Third Street, the Grove and 26-year-old Quinton Williams of First Street, The Grove, with possession of dangerous drugs with the intent to supply, namely cocaine; one count of taking steps preparatory to export the same and conspiracy to export dangerous drugs.

It is alleged that on Friday, October 27, while at New Providence and being concerned together, the five were found in possession of cocaine; took steps to export the drugs from the country and did conspire to export the cocaine from the country.

All five men pleaded not guilty to the charges and were remanded to the Bahamas Department of Corrections.

Defense counsel for one of the accused, Ian Cargill, requested CCTV footage that was listed on the list of prosecution evidence.

Chief Magistrate Ferguson-Pratt ordered the prosecution to provide defense counsels with the footage.

Before being lead out of court the Magistrate allowed the defendants to speak with loved ones, many of whom were visibly emotional.

The matter was adjourned to November 17, when they return for venue.

**PM Accuses Former Minister of Abuse**

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He said, “a mature and effective democracy requires values.”

Now, despite the opposition’s stance that the bill is regressive, it was yesterday

afternoon given the green light in The House of Assembly.

The house resumes on Wednesday, November 8th at 10:00am at which time, legislators will begin debate on an amendment to the pension act.

# Transport Minister Told GB Taxi Drivers More Unity is Needed

**FREEPORT, Grand Bahama** - In what could only be described as a frank, open and honest meeting with taxi cab drivers in Grand Bahama, Minister for Transport and Local Government, the Hon. Frankie Campbell addressed a number of serious issues facing cab drivers in Freeport.

From the hot button topic of the contention between cab drivers and tour operators at the Freeport Harbour, to the issues surrounding taxi plates and franchises, to an issue as simple as cab drivers keeping their vehicles clean, the Transport Minister was not shy in addressing all of the challenges being faced by taxi drivers in Grand Bahama, during a special called meeting at the GB Taxi Union Hall on Thursday, October 26, 2017

However, in spite of the past and present challenges taxi drivers must contend with on a regular basis, Minister Campbell assured them of one thing -- that the public transportation system in Grand Bahama, as it relates directly to cab drivers, has to be dealt with as an overall effort to fix the whole of Grand Bahama.

"Grand Bahama is a very important part of the puzzle of The Bahamas," Minister Campbell told cab drivers who had gathered at the GB Taxi Union Hall. "And as far as taxi drivers are concerned, I realize that you too play an important role in the economic sustainability of this island, because tourism being the major driver depends on all participants to play their role to ensure that the tourist experience is one that will result in repeat

visitors.

"Our goal and objective as a Government, is to ensure that as quickly as possible we increase the size of this pie, so that there are sufficient slices so that everyone can get a slice of the pie, and that the hustling which I know for a fact exists in the industry will decrease somewhat and you would be in a better position to sustain your livelihood comfortably."

Minister Campbell addressed the issues surrounding the leasing of taxi plates, noting that the whole idea of leasing a taxi plate is not necessarily the legal framework of how it is or how it was intended to work.

"Set criteria implied that it was intended that a person would have a taxi plate or a franchise to be an entrepreneur and to be able to look after his or her family," noted Minister Campbell. "However, as time went on, some children inherited these taxi plates and franchises and many of them never drove a taxi in their lives, but had gone on to become doctors and lawyers and other professionals, but since they had the plates, they leased them out at a very high cost.

"It has become what I call modern day slavery, because those who are leasing the plates pay the Government \$100 a year for the plate, but charge a driver \$500 per month to use the plate.

"I don't think that's fair and I am convinced that it is the major cause of the hustle that goes on with taxi drivers."

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► **SPEAKING WITH CAB DRIVERS** - Minister of Transport and Local Government, the Hon. Frankie Campbell took time from his tight schedule, October 26, 2017, during a visit to Grand Bahama to speak with Grand Bahama taxi drivers at the Taxi Union Hall. Minister Campbell addressed a number of issues that GB cab drivers face and promised to return for further discussions. Looking on is Minister of State for Grand Bahama, Senator Kwasi Thompson and Parliamentary Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister, with responsibility for Information and Communications, Pakesia Parker-Edgecombe. (BIS Photo/Andrew Coakley)

## HOUSE PASSES CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL

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Prime Minister Minnis said the creation of an Independent Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions will also help to enhance the rule of law in The Bahamas by removing the unnecessary influence of political figures.

The Prime Minister said the Government is creating a new "architecture of governance" that will lead to modernization and reform in areas such as promoting transparency and accountability in all areas of government --from the awarding of contracts to incentives for investors; public finance; policy planning and implementation; combating official corruption and the efficient delivery of public services.

"This legislation is in keeping with international best practices and norms," Dr. Minnis said. "It is long overdue. The Bahamas has been lagging in this area

for far too long. This reform enhances our democratic culture. It deepens our democracy. It advances the liberty of citizens and basic justice.

"This legislation is part of my Government's programme for transforming our political culture and reforming the culture of governance."

The Bill sought to amend the Bahamas Constitution to provide for the establishment of an Independent Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. In particular, the Bill sought to amend Article 78 of the Constitution to provide for the creation of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

By virtue of the creation of the Office of DPP, the Bill further sought to confer all powers relating to criminal prosecutions previously vested in the Attorney General.

"The Director of Public Prosecutions shall have power in any case in which

he considers it desirable so to do, to institute and undertake criminal proceedings against any person before any court in respect of any offence against the law of The Bahamas; to take over and continue any such criminal proceedings that may have been instituted by any other person or authority and to discontinue, at any stage before judgment is delivered, any such criminal proceedings instituted or undertaken by himself or any other person or authority.

"Under the former Government, there was an abuse in the grant of the nolle prosequi, including a nolle prosequi for a former client of the former Attorney General. We saw high-profile cases related to criminal prosecutions dropped with little to no explanation.

"The legislation before us is intended to limit the abuse of power," Prime Minister Minnis said.

## The Bahamas Agriculture & Marine Science Institute WEEKLY PRICE REPORT WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Wholesale Crop	Weight	Size	BAMSI			Retail		USDA-AMS	
			Price	HIGH	LOW	Weight	Price	HIGH	LOW
Banana	40lbs		18.00	20.00	20.00	1lb.	0.49	0.72	0.49
Papaya	10lbs		14.00	18.00	16.00	each	1.59	1.57	1.57
Habanero Green	8lbs		16.00	15.00	12.00	1lb.	2.50	1.88	1.50
Habanero Orange	8lbs		40.00	15.00	12.00	1lb.	5.50	1.88	1.50
Okra						1lb.	3.00	N/A	N/A

Wholesale Prices		Retail Prices		
	Weight		Weight	
Abaco Big Bird	Per lb.	2.14	1 lb	2.39
Whole Chicken	40lbs	28.36	10lbs	8.49
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# Save The Bays Sympathizes with Resorts World Bimini Workers

Environmental advocacy group Save The Bays has expressed sympathy for the 150 workers laid off from Resorts World Bimini just as the high season was set to start, but said construction of the resort and surrounding properties proceeded "full steam ahead despite repeated and stern warnings about its disregard for the natural environment and what the impact could be."

Resorts World Bimini (RWB), which features a high-rise Hilton hotel, casino and large marina, announced the lay-offs Wednesday, blaming it on the damage in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma with the company's president Missy Lawrence claiming a hurricane-induced dramatic drop in tourism across the region.

Her comments came a week after one Exuma resort report, Grand Isle Villas on Emerald Bay, said it just experienced its second consecutive record year with occupancy rates higher than ever, more than triple what they were four years ago. Romora Bay on Harbour Island reported similar positive results, saying both its small hotel and active marina had enjoyed their best season ever.

"Whatever the real reason for the lay-offs is, our sympathy lies with the workers who should have been looking forward to more, not less, work at this time with the season just getting underway," said Save The Bays Chairman Joe Darville. "Resort executives are blaming the lay-offs, which they call temporary, on weather-related events. No one takes pleasure in pointing a finger and saying we told you so, but we (STB) made numerous trips to Bimini at the request of concerned residents who witnessed outright disregard for the environment and worried about what the long-term impact would be if there were a strong storm." Hurricane Irma struck in September, causing flooding and power outages in North Bimini. There was no loss of life.



► Three years after the 450-foot suction dredger M/V Niccolo Machiavelli (above) was retained by developers to dredge the North Bimini bay to clear the way for a 1,000 ferry dock to serve the casino and hotel under construction, the ferry is no longer in service, several of the world's most precious coral reefs were destroyed and on Wednesday, Resorts World Bimini announced it was laying off 150 workers. The company blamed it on ongoing hurricane repairs and storm-related declines in visitor numbers. Save The Bays reports that developers ignored local and international advice, pleadings and warnings that could have prevented the environmental degradation of the fragile, low-lying island and its marine resources.

According to Darville and to residents, warnings about the effects of environmental damage went unheeded.

"As someone once said about another project, 'They left out no mistake,'" said Darville. "Everything was out of proportion for a tiny island surrounded by coral reefs that were its main attraction and served as its protector breaking up the power of waves in storm conditions. Developers destroyed several of those world-famous reefs that had formed over thousands of years. They brought in a 450-foot destroyer barge that tore through precious coral reefs to dredge for a ferry to bring people in from Florida for day trips to gamble at the casino and return to Miami. Residents begged them to stop. Bimini Blue Coalition

filed suit and won an injunction until they could prove they had permits. In the end, they built the massive 1,000-foot dock and the ferry began its service."

But things did not turn out the way the developer, Genting, and operator, RWB, hoped. Ferry service ended in January 2016, a little more than two years after it began and following stops and starts attempting several versions of the excursion.

In areas of North Bimini where residences were being built by the same company that developed RWB, local fishermen and small tour operators expressed shock when they saw concrete and garbage being dumped on mangroves, suffocating protected native species that serve as the habitats and nurseries for fish, conch and

crawfish. They protested, too, when they saw huge boulders yanked out that had

acted as natural protection against oncoming waves, removed to make way for

broader beaches.

"No one who ever grew up in The Bahamas would remove protective rocks," said Darville. "You can't mess with Mother Nature."

Local Biminians and Save The Bays were not alone in their concern.

A delegation of international conservationists visited Bimini and filed equally troubling reports of their findings.

"The Bahamas are some of the most beautiful and wonderful places in the world," said Marydele O'Donnely, director of international policy for the Sea Turtle Conservancy (STC). "I've traveled extensively and I have been absolutely amazed by how the habitat looks here. But when I see developments like what is happening in North Bimini I am not only alarmed and concerned, but really saddened. Things have happened here that shouldn't have happened. You can have development but you need to do it properly, and it hasn't been done properly."

Government representatives are scheduled to visit the island in the coming days to prepare their own assessment. That delegation will be led by Environment Minister Romauld Ferreira and Member of Parliament for West End and Bimini Pakeisha Parker Edgecombe.

## TRANSPORT MINISTER TOLD GB TAXI DRIVERS MORE UNITY IS NEEDED

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As far as finding a solution to this problem, the Transport Minister said that he could take the easy way out by giving out more taxi plates, but noted that in the long run this would only exacerbate the problem and make the hustle among taxi cab drivers even more severe.

Instead, Minister Campbell said that he has instructed the Road Traffic Controller to provide him with an audit of every taxi, bus and public service plate that has been issued thus far in The Bahamas, specifying information on who has those plates, where they are located and what is being done with the plates.

"After that audit, I will make a certain determination and I will be prepared to live or die by that determination, as long as I get the support of the other members of Cabinet," said Minister Campbell. "This will affect the entire Bahamas at one time and I will make the decision in good conscience."

Minister Campbell slightly tugged at the major bone of contention among Grand Bahamian taxi drivers, which has always been a battle between cab drivers and tour operators at the GB Harbor. In trying to understand the issue, Minister Campbell noted that as far as he knows a tour is a pre-

arranged journey, which means it is something that is not done on the spot, but something that has been arranged before that tourist took the cruise.

"So Mr. Controller, Enforcement Officers, it is wrong and illegal, according to the Road Traffic Act, for persons to try and sell those tours on the ground," said Minister Campbell. "Don't get me wrong, I admire the tour drivers, I admire the effort they put into their profession; many of them advertise their services on the internet and attend expos abroad to promote their services. But at the same time, I'm disappointed that taxi drivers cannot come together under one umbrella and advertise their services on that same internet."

"Taxi Drivers, you have an awesome responsibility if you would stick together. There is a certain unity necessary for the kind of success you are looking for."

The Transport Minister then opened the meeting for questions from taxi drivers and allowed them to present burning issues for which they hoped the Government could assist in helping to find solutions.

Aware that one meeting would not suffice in fully dealing with the myriad issues that face GB taxi drivers, Minister Campbell promised to follow up with more such meetings between himself and GB taxi drivers.

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# Save The Bays Has No Legitimacy

We covered the start of this war with articles describing the battle over easement rights, the mysterious burning of a home, the blocks to rebuilding, and countless questionable court filings. This series of articles asks the needed questions and presents the arguments in full.

The problem with Save The Bays and its cohorts is that it is always appearing to act in a duplicitous manner and therefore has no legitimacy.

As we all know to well, Save The Bays has singled out fashion mogul Peter Nygard for vicious attacks. Their thinking seems to be that if Peter Nygard has done it on Nygard Cay, it IS environmentally hazardous. However, they purport that if other Lyford Cay homeowners, hedge-fund billionaire Louis Bacon, and its own attorney and Director, Fred Smith, have done the same things (and they did) it IS NOT environmentally hazardous.

This is rather confusing unless you admit the obvious. Either what they all did was wrong, since they all did the same things, OR, Save The Bays is singling out Mr. Nygard for personal attacks on behalf of Louis Bacon (read the court files to find out more about the plan by certain individuals to oust Peter Nygard from Lyford Cay). It can only be one or the other.

In the spirit of freedom of information, Save The Bays needs to come clean and tell us which it is.

Secondly, Save The Bays wants to decide when freedom of information should be applied and to whom it should apply.

Everyone who has been paying attention knows that Save The Bays has been actively advocating for the legislation of freedom of information. While it is always important to hold civil and public organizations accountable, it is rather hypocritical for Save The Bays to be leading the charge.

Save The Bays presented these points in their website article on the Freedom of Information Act for The Bahamas:

*"Save The Bays supports the critical passage of a Freedom of Information Act for The Bahamas. As we push for legislation to protect our common marine environment, we demand insight into the decision making process to be assured that the government is acting in the best interest of its people.*

*"Most modern democracies have enacted their own Freedom of Information Act. Yet, despite repeated pledges from government leaders to pass such legislation, the Bahamian people remain without a fundamental law that provides us with a statutory right to the information that affects us.*

*"A Freedom of Information Act would dramatically change and improve the face of gov-*

## 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.

*ernance in The Bahamas. It would ensure that citizens are not kept in the dark and that helpful information is disclosed to the press and to interested parties where appropriate. Perhaps most importantly, it would give people an opportunity to do something about any abuse they have been subjected to or breaches of their rights."*

The challenge with Save The Bays' position is that they have no legitimacy on this issue. They are dictating terms to the Government for how it should operate when they themselves don't operate as they should. While freedom of information may be a good discussion point, why should we listen to Save The Bays' opinions when Save The Bays appear to be in violation of United States Treasury rules and regulations for how 501(c)(3)s should operate?

How can Save The Bays "demand insight," insist on assurances "that the government is acting in the best interest of its people," and rant about being without "a statutory right to the information that affects us," when these are the very violations Save The Bays is in breach of?

How do we know that Save The Bays is acting in the best interest of the Bahamian people? How do we know that we are not being kept in the dark about the true purpose of Save The Bays and the millions being spent on a campaign to destroy Peter Nygard? Actually, we are being kept in the dark.

Where is our redress for any abuse by Save The Bays?

Are these not legitimate concerns for the Bahamian people to have about an organization that claims to be protecting our environment, yet focuses on persecuting one man who appears to have done no wrong? Is it not a legitimate concern when observing the lengths Save The Bays and its cohorts have gone to—the point of creating a constitutional crisis—to hide their own information, which is the public's right to know?

Is it not a legitimate concern for Bahamians to be down right frightened of one Louis Bacon welding his power and using his millions to influence democracy in our country to fulfill his own agenda? If we are not frightened, we should be!

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# THAT SAD DAY

Today we take note of the sad arrival of a very sad day.

We submit that: It's all so very, very sad; which is to say – by way of direct explanation and with accompanied lament – that, we now live in a place where neglect of children has reached epidemic proportions.

For many of these young people, that neglect begins at sun-up in the morning when – as they are awakened from either slumber or sleep, they are packaged and set on their way to school. If they are lucky, they will be given a pittance that has to be so budgeted that they could get through the day ahead.

Alas! That pittance of change is invariably used to buy so-called 'food' that is simply unfit for human consumption where what passes for such is little more than a nasty concoction of grease, sugar and goo—and thusly and thereafter some of these children are set on a path that will lead to disease and on occasion, to early death.

This is what is happening throughout this country's heartland communities—and saddest of all, practically no-one seems to care.

And then, wonder of wonders, some of our 'concerned' leaders routinely chat and fret about the extent to which there is a crying need for money with which we could purchase more beds for the hospital; more medications for the sick—and of course, they would also love even more kudos from the sick and dying people they help.

But yet, we insist that this approach to the matter of caring for the well-being of the nation's children is absolutely mistaken. Indeed, the truth remains that: Prevention is better than cure!

By definition, therefore, we should be up and doing with seeing to it that every child in today's Bahamas is adequately clothed, adequately protected, loved and provided the best food needed for their sustenance and flourishing in a hard place as today's hard-scrabble deeply challenged Bahamas.

And yet again, we insist that you should – somehow or the other—Imagine how it comes to be that: A child is sent to school by its mother; this she does not only does she needs to know that her child is safe but also that he

might have a fighting chance of getting an education that would fit him for life and survival in a place that is currently so very hard.

And now, imagine this:- That same child is given two or three dollars [max] with which he would get something to eat in the morning and a bite to eat at lunch.

Imagine as we might there is only so much that the child can buy with money so meager.

And so, to make a long story short, the fact of the matter is that the child in question like tens of thousands of his peers will consume food that is saturated with grease and goo; and that he will imbibe some fizzy drink or the other – and that, in time, he will suffer from one or the other life-style related diseases.

In time, the child will grow into adulthood burdened with dental problems, hyper-tension, heart-disease or any other bevy of chronic non-communicable diseases and complaints.

In truth and in fact, this is not just the story of one child forced to make bad choices; it so happens to be the story of how it now arises that, chronic non-communicable diseases now run rampant in this deeply challenged land.

Today's Bahamas is fast becoming an exemplar of what can happen to a people when they fail to provide an effective system of public safety and security for all; peace among the nations of the world for all; a just legal and political system; an unpolluted natural environment for all and a flourishing economic system for all strata of society.

This is what we mean when we reference 'the common good'.

When for example inadequate provision is made for serving the people's need for quality schooling and education for their children; the society at large can – as day follows night – await the day when it reaps a bountiful harvest of thugs and illiterate misfits.

And clearly, when society at large is gulled into consuming so-called junk food; that society can – as night follows day – await the day when it reaps a harvest of people who are suffering from any number of chronic non-communicable diseases.

That day is not on its way—That sad day is now!

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## GUY FAWKES VIEWING AT "CHIPPIE" CHIPMAN'S HOME BEFORE THE WEEKEND FESTIVITIES AT BOTANICAL GARDENS



► "Chippie" Chipman (left) and Herbert Styles, Sr. beat the drums in anticipation of the return of 'Guy Fawkes Celebrations' this weekend, November 4 and 5, at the Botanical Gardens. "Chippie," Mr. Styles, and Guy -- captured at Mr. Chipman's home today by BIS photographer, Derek Smith, before the fireworks excitement.

## Four Young Women Charged With Drug Exportation

BY LICEC BASTIAN  
Journal Staff Writer

Four young women between the ages of 20 to 24-year-old were charged in Magistrate's Court with possession, conspiracy and exportation of dangerous drug.

Ashley Rolle, 24, and 23-

year-old Keithra Stubbs both of McKinney Crescent, Millennium Gardens, were charged with one count each of conspiracy to possess dangerous drugs with the intent to supply and conspiracy to export dangerous drugs with the intent to supply.

Rolle was further charged with possession of dangerous

drugs with intent to supply and exportation of dangerous drugs with the intent to supply, namely cocaine.

It is alleged that on Tuesday, October 31 at around 7:15pm while at the U.S Customs clearance at the Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA), Rolle with a boarding pass

for a flight on Jet Blue to Ft. Lauderdale was subject to a second search based on inquiries.

As a result of the search, two clear plastic bags, containing 10 ounces of suspected cocaine were found in her chest area. She was detained and Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) was notified.

In her statement to DEU officers, Rolle admitted to having the drugs and stated that her ticket was purchased only by someone she knew as "Fred", to travel to the U.S for the sole purpose of exporting the drugs to 'make some money'.

It is alleged that Keithra Stubbs introduced her to

"Fred" and she was given instruction on how to transport the drugs.

After giving their statements to DEU officers, both were further cautioned and charged.

Both women pleaded guilty to the charges.

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The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely --

Willie Chapa, Single,  
of 11 Old Military Road, Garciasville, TX 78547, United States of America

and

Bianca Bazan, Single,  
of 11 Old Military Road, Garciasville, TX 78547, United States of America

Any person knowing any just cause or impediment why this marriage should not be allowed should enter caveat forthwith in the office of the Registrar of Marriages.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2017.

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The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely --

Nicholas Franklin Pelletier, Single,  
of 115 Foxhill Lane, Enfield, CT 06082, United States of America

and

Melanie L Cox, Single,  
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# FOUR YOUNG WOMEN CHARGED WITH DRUG EXPORTATION

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After a brief adjournment, Magistrate Weech ordered that Rolle and Stubbs pay a fine of \$2,500 or spend six months at The Bahamas Department of Corrections, for the first count and a fine of \$4,000 or again serve six months at The Bahamas Department of Corrections.

Both Rolle and Stubbs were represented by Ian Cargill.

In a separate matter, 20-year-old Tanique Peete of Derby Road, Yellow Elder Gardens, and 20-year-old Britney Davis-Evans of Gaulin Avenue, off Soldier Road, also appeared before Magistrate Weech and were charged with possession of dangerous drugs with the intent to supply, and conspiracy to export dangerous, namely cocaine.

Peete was also charged with possession of dangerous drugs with intent to supply and exportation of dangerous drugs.

It is alleged that on Monday, October 30, Peete presented herself for inspection at LPIA pre-clearance with a boarding pass for travel

on a flight headed to Atlanta.

With no checked luggage and only a carry-on a secondary search was carried out by U.S. Customs.

During the search, officers discovered a plastic wrap package to containing 2.5lbs of cocaine sewn into her hair. The drugs have a street value of \$21,000.

Peete admitted to possession of the drugs and said she was introduced to a male only known to her as "Jay", who promised to pay her money in return for her part in the exportation.

Peete told the officers that she was taken to a room at Orange Hill where she had the package sewn in by someone she did not know.

It is alleged that Davis-Evans gave Peete all the information she needed.

The women pleaded guilty to the charges and were ordered to pay fines.

Evans was ordered to pay a fine of \$6,000 or one month jail time, while Peete was ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine or serve one year at The Bahamas Department of Corrections.

They were both represented by Nathan Smith.



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Steven Scott Ouding, Divorced,  
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and

Donna Kay Chippewa, Divorced,  
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Richard George Marlenee, Divorced,  
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and

Cindy Jean Garberg, Divorced,  
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## FORMER AG DEFENDS GRANTS OF NOLLE

Responding to charges from members of the House of Assembly that she abused her office when she served as Attorney General, Allyson Maynard-Gibson says,

"I have never abused my authority as Attorney-General.

She said, "Michael Foulkes (the member of parliament for Golden Gates) is the last person who should accuse anyone of wrongdoing. I have repeatedly said publicly that, as Attorney-General, I routinely exercised my discretion to sign a Nolle, having received the benefit of the written advice and recommendation of the DPP.

"Michael Foulkes should also take note of the DPP's often reiterated statement that Nolles are issued where there is a constitutional issue (such as whether 10 years after charge a fair trial is possible) or an issue with the evidence (such as a key witness recanting his evidence). "Finally, as other other Attorneys-General have already said, Attorneys-General, in good faith, routinely exercise their discretion, after receiving excellent written advice from the DPP and the other competent professionals at the Office of the Attorney-General," said Mrs Maynard-Gibson.

Mr. Foulkes was one of the many MPs of the Free National Movement who criticized the former government of abuse in the granting of nolle prosequies.



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The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely --

Hugo Enrique Garcia Quiroz, Single,  
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and

Maura Dennine Sanchez, Single,  
of 13593 Saddle Drive, Mead, CO 80542, United States of America

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The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely --

Peter Thomas Duffin, Single,  
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and

Leah Marie Despard, Single,  
of 84 Castlemore Avenue, Belfast BT6 9RG, Ireland

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The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely --

Zachary Taylor King, Single,  
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and

Hannah Valorie Combs, Single,  
of 700 E Drake Road Apt. N12, Fort Collins, CO 80525, United States of America

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