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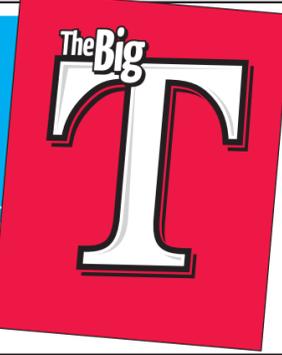


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# Boy drowns in pond

## Bystanders tried to save 10-year-old

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SOFTBALL enthusiasts struggled in vain to save the life of a 10-year-old boy, who is believed to have drowned in Big Pond on Baillou Hill Road.

According to reports, Tyrese LaFleur was pronounced dead by paramedics after it was reported that he had gone swimming near Baillou Hills playing field on Saturday.

The tragic incident hocked players and supporters at a Banker's League softball playoffs game as they rushed to assist the child sometime around 2.30pm.

Last night, witnesses regretted the possibility that the young victim could have been saved if emergency medical care had been alerted sooner.

Marvin Wood, a player with the Island Luck Truckers, said: "We were playing a game and there was a homerun that got hit. I was

playing outfield. I saw three young men coming from the back of the bush from the Big Pond area and I saw one of the guys totting a young boy that was literally lifeless."

Mr Wood, 36, added: "When I saw that I didn't have time to react. I just jumped the fence quickly, me and another of my teammates. I could see something was wrong with the boy. I said to everyone else to call the ambulance. That was a sad day."

As he ran to the children, Mr Wood said the teenager put down the child's body on a bench as if overcome by its weight. At that time, Mr Wood said Tyrese was foaming at the mouth.

"They panicked, all of them being young, they didn't know what to do. I went to (Tyrese), he was foaming at the mouth and one of my teammates went to perform CPR until a nurse came and took over."

"We asked the boy what

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PARENTS OF the drowned 10-year-old boy sit beside his body on Saturday.

Photo: Felipe Major/Tribune Staff

## WAR OF WORDS OVER BELL ISLAND

By CELESTE NIXON  
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ENVIRONMENT Minister Earl Deveaux fired back at PLP Senator Jerome Fitzgerald's criticisms of the Bell Island development claiming his "words cannot be trusted".

Mr Deveaux said the Bell

Island dredging is constantly monitored and the implementation of the Environmental Management Plan continues to ensure the highest environmental standards.

Last week, Senator Fitzgerald held a press conference urgently calling on the government to monitor

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## MITCHELL CRITICISES INFORMATION BILL

THE government's Freedom of Information Bill leaves much to be desired as it relates to dispensing public information to anyone desiring it, Member of Parliament for Fox Hill Fred Mitchell told The Tribune yesterday.

Mr Mitchell contended that the Bill affords a government minister who controls a public portfolio too much veto power over a request for information.

"The Commissioner for Information can't overrule the Minister's certificate granted in section 25," he said.

"Section 47 provides for an appeal of the decisions of the commissioner but not of the minister. Something is wrong there."

Section 25 of the Bill mandates that if a minister determines that a public record qualifies as exempt under the Freedom of Information Act, and he issues a certificate to the person requesting the information stating that the information is exempt, the minister's decision cannot be overturned - not even by a court.

"Where a certificate is issued under subsection one, under the hand of the Minister, it shall be conclusive that the record is exempt and no judicial proceedings or quasi-judicial proceedings of any kind shall be entertained in relation thereto," the bill states.

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## CHRISTIAN COUNCIL BACKS SEX REGISTER

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THE CHRISTIAN council has thrown its support behind the creation of a national sex offenders register.

Council president Rev Ranford Patterson said his members support many of the government's ideas for tackling crime - particularly its willingness to discuss tracking persons convicted of sexual crimes.

"We support all efforts to protect our children from sick sexual predators, be they heterosexuals or homosexuals," said Rev Patterson. "We call on family and friends to blow the whistle on known predators who need counselling and must be kept away from civil society."

According to Bishop Simeon Hall, the public tends to be more concerned about the rights of murderers and child molesters than the victims of crime.

He said: "When we talk about publishing a national sex offenders list, people seem to sympathise with the perpetrator instead of the little boy."

Rev Patterson said he believes it is important for the public to know the location of convict-

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## TWO MEN KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

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POLICE are currently investigating two separate Family Island traffic fatalities.

According to police reports the first incident occurred around 7:15 Friday evening on the Queens Highway in Cat Island when a motorcycle travelling west ran into the rear of white Ford F-350 truck.

The 18-year-old motorcyclist of Zonicle Hill, Cat Island suffered serious injuries and was taken to the local clinic where he later died.

The second incident occurred around 7:30 the same evening at the intersection of Ashwood and East Streets in Mathew Town, Inagua.

Police said a white Ford

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THE POND on Balilou Hill Road, where the boy drowned

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# BOY, 10, DROWNS IN POND

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happened, he said they were in the pond in the back just swimming and the young man started to freak out.” Mr Wood said. “He said he left him there and ran for help.”

Huge crowds gathered to assist Tyrese, who was said have had a pulse when he was discovered by the players. Tyrese’s companion reportedly ran to his family’s home in Yellow Elder and returned with an older relative.

“It was unfortunate,” said Mr Wood. “He was young, he panicked. He just went to call help, I guess he went to call the guy’s bigger brother.”

Another softball player said: “We saw one of the boys running through the track, but he didn’t stop, he just ran through.”

“Nobody took any notice of it, until at least half an hour after that, when we came out to the front, we saw the crowd trying to resuscitate this boy.”

“We were on the southern

side of the complex, this happened on the northern side between the Banker’s softball field and the Roscoe Davies soccer field.”

No foul play is suspected at this time as police investigations into the matter continue.

“It’s really unfortunate,” Mr Wood said.

“That’s been going on for years, when I was a little boy growing up I would go swimming up there. That’s a norm for boys, wandering and exploring (the pond).”

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# POLICE APPEAL FOR HELP AFTER THREE MEN SHOT

POLICE are requesting the public’s help in locating the culprits responsible for three separate shooting incidents that left three men hospitalised.

The first incident occurred sometime around 7:15pm on Friday at Cocomoo’s on Collins Avenue when a security officer

was shot.

According to police reports a man was inside his car at Collins Avenue when he was confronted by two men armed with handguns demanding cash.

The driver ran from the car and the culprits opened fire, a Security Officer was subsequently hit by a bullet and was taken to the hospital where he is currently listed to be in stable condition.

The second incident occurred around 9:30pm on Friday in Pinewood Garden when a man, who standing outside his Chestnut Street home, was shot in the foot. He was taken to hospital and is in stable condition.

The third shooting incident occurred around

2:45am on Saturday at King Street and Hospital Lane.

While police say the circumstances surrounding this incident are unclear on arrival at the scene officers discovered a man who had been shot in his upper body.

The victim was taken to hospital where he is detained in serious, but stable condition.

Active police investigations into all matters continue.

Anyone with any information regarding any of these incidents or any other incident is asked to contact police at **911, 919, 322-3333**, the Central Detective Unit at **502-9991, 502-9910** or **CRIME STOPPERS** at **328-TIPS**.

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A LARGE crowd gathers for the National Men's Empowerment Event and Rally in Rawson Square yesterday

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# MEN ARE URGED TO TAKE A STAND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By CHESTER ROBARDS

ZHIVARGO LAING, State Minister for Finance, urged Bahamian men yesterday to focus on working with "urban males who are predominantly responsible for the challenges confronting the nation" by using the \$1 million set aside by the government for community programmes.

Mr Laing, speaking at the National Men's Empowerment Rally in Rawson Square, encouraged men and women to sign up to volunteer with community outreach programmes and to develop new programmes that will help at-risk youth in the Bahamas.

"Bring your programme and we will seek to fund that programme," Mr Laing said.

"There is a great need in this nation for young people to be mentored. We have many programmes that could be possible, but the problem is they don't have the manpower to help them along.

"The government said let's register to volunteer because what we will do is match need

with abilities and we will be able to cause thousands and thousands of us to fill this great need in the nation."

More than 100 gathered in Rawson Square yesterday afternoon to support the rally which was hosted by Dr Myles Munroe and Real Men Ministry International.

Other speakers at the rally included leader of the Democratic National Alliance, Branville McCartney, Minister of Youth Sports and Culture Charles Maynard and President of Bahamas Against Crime, Rev Dr C. B. Moss.

Mr McCartney insisted during his contribution that a fundamental issue plaguing the country and contributing to the degradation of society is parenting.

He said that one of the solutions to social ills in the country lies in the early stages of the development of children.

"When two parents are present and active in their children's lives, the framework for success is reinforced and the shared responsibility creates a nucleus of self-worth," Mr McCartney said.

"Parents are fully responsible for creating the environment that is conducive to preparing children to be productive members of society."

Rev Moss contended that the Bahamas is still not ready to confront the crime problem plaguing the country. He cited the murder of 11-year-old Marco Archer as the reason for his believing that not enough is being done by "each and every one of us" in taking a stance against crime.

"In 2005 six years ago Bahamas Against Crime began to try to alert this nation to the impending crisis," he said. "But we could not get the major stakeholders in this country to respond."

Rev Moss said between 2005 and 2011 more than 500 murders occurred in the Bahamas and he blamed it on the inaction of society at large.

"The thought that tortures my mind every night is that if we had responded appropriately, dozens, perhaps scores, of lives that were wasted would have been saved," he said.

WATCHING WITH keen interest were adults and youngsters



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## MAN, 75, DIES IN HOUSE FIRE

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Road off Faith Avenue around 1:30am on Saturday.

Firefighters responded and on arrival found a four-room single story structure completely destroyed by fire.

Officers extinguished the blaze and upon further examination discovered the human remains of a 75-year-old man.

The possible cause of the fire has yet to be released.

A HOUSE fire has claimed the life of a 75-year-old man. The body of a man, said to be "burnt beyond recognition", was discovered by firefighters over the weekend.

According to police, a house fire was reported at St Vincent

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## Correcting information on matter of bail

IN THIS column on Friday, we broke one of our own cardinal rules. We commented on a statement before checking whether the person making the statement had his facts correct. In this particular case, he did not. Our mistake was to assume that he did. And so we wasted many words arguing a problem that did not exist.

In Friday's Tribune, lawyer Damian Gomez said that Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham's proposed amendment to the Criminal Procedure Code to allow the police to hold a suspect for questioning from 48 to 72 hours not only violated the Constitution but also allowed corrupt officers more time to "coerce" confessions out of suspects.

Mr Gomez went on to explain that this would be challengeable because "you are allowed to hold someone for 48 hours, after that you have to request for an extension from the court. This is done to prevent people from losing their liberties at the whim of the executive". Mr Gomez wrongly assumed that the police could arbitrarily extend the holding time without a magistrate's approval.

Mr Gomez, starting with an incorrect premise, arrived at the wrong conclusion.

Although the time that the police can hold a suspect has been extended from 48 to 72 hours, the police still have to apply to the courts for such an extension. Mr Gomez made his mistake by assuming that this extension could be made arbitrarily by the police without an application to the courts. This is not true.

Under our present law — now to be amended — the police can hold a suspect for questioning for 48 hours. Should they need more time for investigations, they can apply to a magistrate for an extension. The magistrate in turn can approve an extension up to 48 hours. This gives the police a total of 96 hours to do their forensic work.

The proposed amendment retains the same principle, it only lengthens the magistrate's approval time from 48 to 72 hours, thus adding an extra 24 hours, or a full day, for a police investigation. Instead of having 96 hours with the approval of a magistrate, the police, under the amendment, will now have 120 hours also with a magistrate's approval.

In his Communication to the House of Assembly last week on the anti-crime legislation, Prime Minister Ingraham clearly stated the position.

He said: "Increase the maximum period of extended time that a magistrate may allow the police to hold a person being investigated for a serious crime from 48 hours to 72 hours. The Police are still only able to hold a person for 48 hours without the authority of a magistrate."

It is good to know that we have at least one high court judge who believes that bail should be made more difficult for persons accused of murder, armed robbery and rape.

Appeal Court Judge Christopher Blackman of Barbados told a reporter that in the jurisdiction from which he comes, he is accustomed "to bail not normally being granted for murder until some time has elapsed and the trial has been started".

This is the way it was not too long ago in the Bahamas. Bail was unheard of for murder charges.

There is also an amendment that the public will welcome. The amendment "provides for magistrates to have no jurisdiction to grant bail in these cases" — that is, murder, armed robbery and rape.

This is an excellent move, although, according to a statement by former Attorney General Allyson Maynard Gibson, the magistrates were the ones pointing accusing fingers at the Supreme Court judges for being too generous with the granting of bail.

Anyway, it has been stopped altogether at the magistrate court's level and strict rules will be instituted for Supreme Court judges to follow before bail in these cases can be granted.

It is also stipulated that "where a Judge is so satisfied and grants bail, the reasons for doing so must be put in writing. And, the Attorney General may appeal such a decision, and if he does so, the accused is not to be released on bail until the appeal is heard and determined by the Court of Appeal."

We hope that this provision is strictly adhered to. We recall trying to discover on what grounds the person accused of the murder of a Tribune staff member had been remanded in custody only to be released on bail a short 14 months later.

Despite our drawing the case to the attention of each attorney general who has held office since her murder, we have been unable to get a reply. We were told by one of them that it was possible get a written explanation from the magistrate as to the reason for his granting bail. But nothing came of that. We are still waiting.

It is not a case that should occupy much of the court's time because the victim had been murdered in front of her home and in full view of several eyewitnesses.

However, the chief witness is elderly and if they wait much longer might not be available. This case is a disgrace. It is now five years old. We know that there are cases older than this, but with this one the witnesses are still intact and available.

# Parliament filled with empty vessels

EDITOR, The Tribune.

## Open letter to the Parliamentarians

Empty vessels make the most noise.

Every time I had had cause to look on the Parliamentary channel or look in on Parliament I got sick to the stomach. I saw one bunch of boys and girls adorned in gym shorts and short skirts with the appropriate pomp pumps, red and yellow, carrying on stupid. Go Lakers, go Celtics, go Celtics, go Lakers.

The players and actors seem completely oblivious that the camera's eyes were upon them, that the children's eyes were upon them, that the youth's eyes were upon them, that the young, the middle aged and the old eyes were upon them. Yes, indeed, the nation's eyes and above all God's eyes were upon them.

It is sad that this national board of directors carry on like immature juveniles, right in front of the impressionable eyes of our next generation, the next leaders. Half of these actors don't make one sensible contribution a year, some for the full term, to the betterment of the nation, cases in point.

The road mess. Not one pretender on both sides of the divide posed the question as to the completeness of the plans, as to how much impact these works would have on business in general and small businesses in particular.

Not one went out and did their homework so that he could ask the right questions. No one went outside — perhaps to the US — to study how they do it. Having ruined practically all the businesses on Blue Hill Road in the first debacle, now BEC is saying let's do it again.

These severely damaged businesses are now doomed. Doomed because actors, these little children sit on their fat wallets, overflowing from the public purse, banging on tables, contributing to the noise in the marketplace, go Lakers, go Celtics, instead of doing the research they are being paid to do in order to avoid this kind of foolishness.

Last I looked I saw member after member reading their contributions on the

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budget into the record. I am limited, but I have never nor can I conceive that a member of these hallowed halls anywhere cannot take a point or two and argue the pros and cons through to their logical conclusion with the help of a note or two.

What kind of leaders do we have when they put up big mouth children to represent us and when the chips are down they can only read what they do not understand? Grow up, my leaders, grow up, so the country can grow along with you.

• Constituency funds and annual declaration. It appears that moneys paid for constituency offices are not being used for that purpose. Instead of go Lakers, go Celtics, no one cares to police themselves.

All parliamentarians, by law passed by them, are supposed to make annual declarations as to their net worth. However, the leader, the leader of opposition et al just simply disregards this law and then somehow asks the citizen to obey the laws. How hypocritical!

One former parliamentarian, after reading the book, Yes You Can, said that all the living members of parliament, past and present, should be carried to Rawson Square and flogged. I asked, including you? He replied, including me.

So to you parliamentarians, in a country where 33,000 of 105,000 households are making less than \$20,000 a year, and equal numbers making less than \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000 and \$20,000 per year, where crime is out

of control, where murders are in three digits (should be less than 15), where the murder by suicide is at an all time high, where people are suffering beyond your wildest dreams and you don't have the common sense, oh, oh common sense to act in a manner where your own children would be proud of you, the children of the nation, the people of the nation and above all God.

By the end of October all of you will be getting a book from me. Presently this country is the most mismanaged, best described as grossly mismanaged.

The original edition proved this and the upcoming will prove it without a shadow of a doubt.

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What kind of behaviour does it take to get a parliamentarian fired? Fighting? No, I don't think so, corruption, no, country embarrassment, of course not.

We have a country to build, build it. There is far too much nonsense out there for you to be carrying on stupid and leading the pack. If this is the best you can do then you need to just...resign.

MILFORD LOCKHART  
Nassau,  
October 5, 2011.

## Plans for English Second Language programme for immigrant students

EDITOR, The Tribune.

The MoE is to be commended for planning to teach ESL for primarily Haitian-Creole immigrants.

However, this might ensure that those Bahamian students who are only familiar with dialect remain disadvantaged.

So why not ESL for Bahamians as well?

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# METER AUDIT FINDS THEFT IN OVER 1,000 ACCOUNTS

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FREEPORT – A meter audit being conducted by the Grand Bahama Power Company has found that while there were several cases of over billing and under billing, there have been discoveries of theft in over 1,000 accounts.

According to a press release issued by the company, some 11,534 meters have been audited to date.

The Power Company commenced an island wide meter audit in order to ensure the accuracy and integrity of its system, following public protests over the high electricity costs.

In addition to high fuel surcharge, residents raised concerns over the estimation of power bills compared to actual meter readings.

The company has conducted a review of all commercial and industrial customers and approximately 64 per cent of residential customers to date.

"Of the 11,534 meters audited, the company has found 1,227 accounts of theft, and 16 cases of under billing.

"The audit also revealed

five cases of over-billing which did result in repayments but in an amount significantly less than what has been reported in the press.

"We have informed those customers, whom for confidentiality reasons we will not name, of our findings and have resolved those issues," the statement read.

The company has stated that as a result of the audit it is confident about the security and accuracy of its meters.

"We will continue with our ongoing meter audit programme with industrial customers being audited annually, commercial customers on a three year cycle and residential customers on an ongoing basis.

"We understand that our customers have concerns, especially with so much misinformation being circulated, and we will continue to communicate on a regular basis.

"In response to comparisons between GBPC and Florida Power & Light (FPL), we must point out that FPL not only has 4.4 million customers in Florida with generation assets in 20 states, but also incorporates the use of nuclear power

which is not an option for GBPC."

The company also revealed that it recently conducted a cost comparison of electric utilities in the Caribbean, which is an accurate benchmark based on size and geography.

The company said GBPC electricity prices are at the median or the middle of all these utilities.

"While admittedly GBPC does not have the lowest electricity costs, we are certainly not the highest.

"Our team remains focused and working diligently on making the responsible and sustainable decisions needed to improve reliability and reduce costs to our customers," the statement said.

Operation Justice has secured some 5,000 signatures on a petition against the power company to file a formal complaint with the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA).

The civic group led by community activist Troy Garvey and local attorney Osman Johnson has led public protests and town meetings opposing the high cost of electricity on the island.

## TEEN DIES IN CRASH

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT – A teenager was killed in a car accident early Friday morning, pushing the traffic fatality count on Grand Bahama to seven for the year. According to police, the accident occurred just after 1am on the Warren Levarity Highway and involved a 2000 Suzuki Grand Vitara.

The victim, 19-year-old Sherice Burrows, was taken to hospital but died shortly after 2pm. Asst Supt Loretta Mackey, press liaison officer, said the victim was the only person in the vehicle.

The vehicle left the road, slammed into several trees and overturned. Investigations continue.

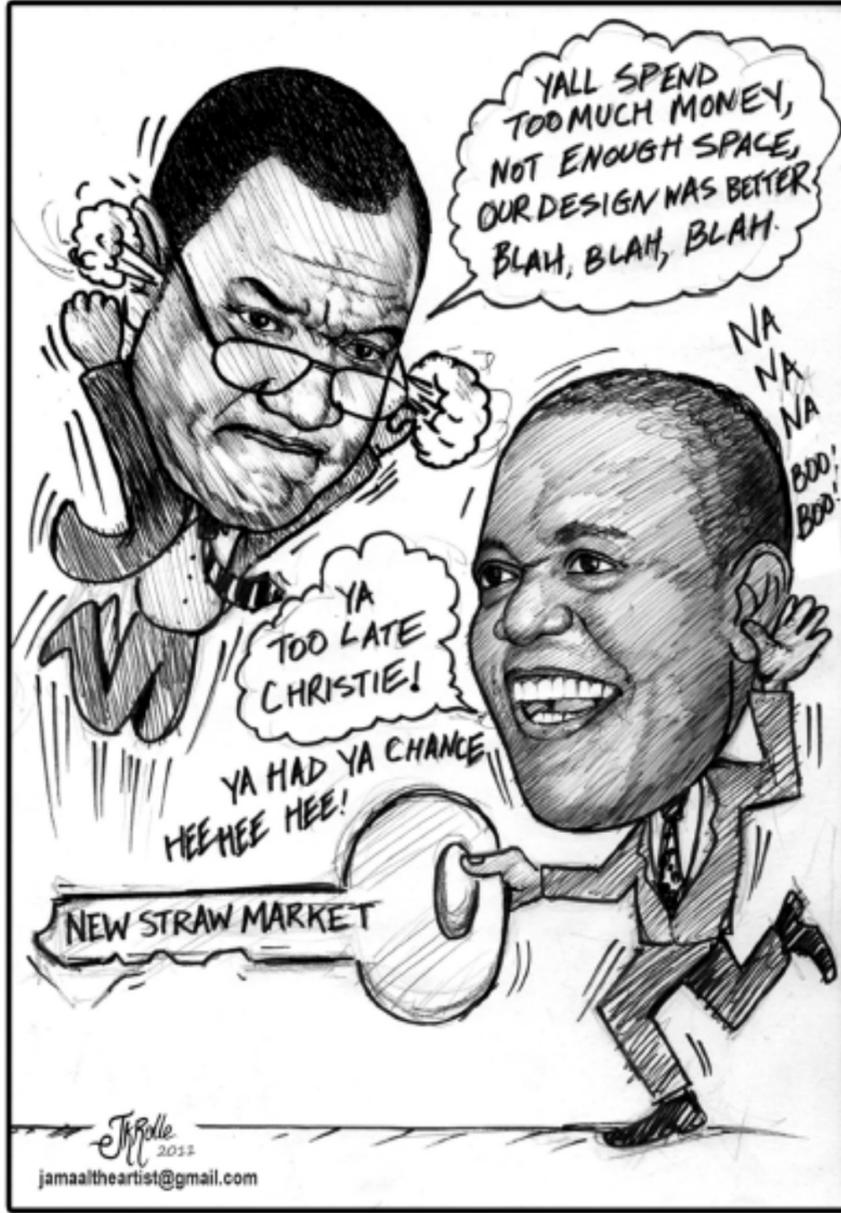
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## The Peril of Not Progressing Rain Hebrews 6:1-8

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits. For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame. For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; but if it bears thorns and briars, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.



## NEW STRAW MARKET DRAMA



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LOCAL NEWS



AMBASSADOR Nicole Avant laughs after one of her employees was dumped into the water



MINISTER OF Youth, Sports and Culture Charles Maynard plays a little bocce as US ambassador Nicole Avant looks on Photos: **Felipé Major/Tribune Staff**

# A SPECIAL WELCOME FOR YOUNGSTERS

YOUNGSTERS aiming to take part in the Special Olympics were hosted by the US Ambassador to the Bahamas at her residence on Saturday.

A host of events took place on the day to encourage participation in sport.

Among those present was the Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, Charles Maynard.



PLAYING TENNIS at the event



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SPLASHDOWN as someone drops into the dunk tank

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## THE CLEARING BANKS ASSOCIATION NOTICE

### Security Update: Fraudulent Emails

The Clearing Banks Association (CBA) has become aware that there has been an increase in electronic mail fraud, also referred to as "Phishing".

Phishing emails and text messages from cybercriminals masquerading as a legitimate entity are used to lure the unsuspecting public to phony websites in an attempt to acquire sensitive customer information such as usernames, IDs, passwords, bank account and credit card details.

#### Characteristics of Phishing Emails

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LOCAL NEWS

# MAN CHARGED WITH LOVE BEACH MURDER

By LAMECH JOHNSON  
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A MT PLEASANT Village man was charged in Magistrate's Court Thursday in connection with the country's 96th murder for the year.

Anthony Jerome Clarke, 45, appeared before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez, accused of a murder which occurred near Love Beach nearly a month ago.

The prosecution alleges

that on Friday, September 16, Clarke shot and killed Aleus Tilius near Nirvana, Love Beach.

Clarke, who had no legal representation during the arraignment, was not required to enter a plea to the charge due to the nature of the offence.

Chief Magistrate Gomez told the accused that a Voluntary Bill of Indictment will be served against him in Court One, Bank Lane on

Thursday, December 8 at 10am.

This, he explained, will forward the case directly to the Supreme Court for trial, bypassing a preliminary inquiry in the Magistrate's Court.

"Meanwhile, you will be remanded into custody at Her Majesty's Prison until completion of your hearings," the chief magistrate said.

There are 15 witnesses listed on the court dockets.

CRIME NEWS

# POLICE QUIZ MAN OVER BABY STORE ROBBERY

EARLY Saturday morning, mobile patrol officers arrested three men after they were found in possession of a handgun, a large quantity of ammunition, and suspected Ecstasy.

The incident occurred at a residence at Woodes Alley off Market Street shortly after 6.30am.

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POLICE are questioning a 30-year-old Windsor Lane man in connection with an armed robbery at Lullaby Baby Store, Rosetta and Mackey Streets.

The suspect is accused of robbing the store and fleeing the scene in an employee's car around 4pm.

However, police were able to recover the white 1998 Lexus after the robber ditched the car at Kenilworth Street off Mount Royal Avenue.

The suspect was caught at Wulff Road and Collins Avenue with an undisclosed amount of cash and an imitation firearm.

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ON SATURDAY evening, Drug Enforcement Unit officers arrested a 21-year-old Johnson Road man after they recovered a handgun and ammunition during a search of his gold

coloured 2000 Honda Accord.

The search was conducted at Johnson Road, Fox Hill, sometime around 10.30pm. Less than an hour earlier, police recovered a handgun after a high speed chase on Rupert Dean Lane.

Two men reportedly got into a heavily tinted green Honda Accord after they noticed police officers at Rupert Dean Lane and Scott Street sometime around 10pm.

According to reports, an object was thrown from the vehicle as it fled south on Rupert Dean Lane.

The men evaded police; however, the handgun was recovered after a search of the area.

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ON FRIDAY, police arrested seven men found in possession of a large quantity suspected marijuana and cocaine.

The men, three of whom were Haitians, were apprehended near the Crossing at Great Inagua shortly after 6pm. The other four men were Bahamians.

Police recovered 57 pounds of suspected marijuana and two kilos of suspected cocaine with an estimated total street value of \$89,000.

Investigations are continuing in all matters.

## TWO FACE CHARGES OVER PIPE THEFTS

TWO men will face charges after they were caught digging up metal pipes at Water and Sewerage well fields.

The alleged thieves were found digging up metal pipes using a backhoe at well fields off Frank Watson Boulevard shortly after 10am.

According to reports, police have filed charges against the two men, ages 38 and 26.

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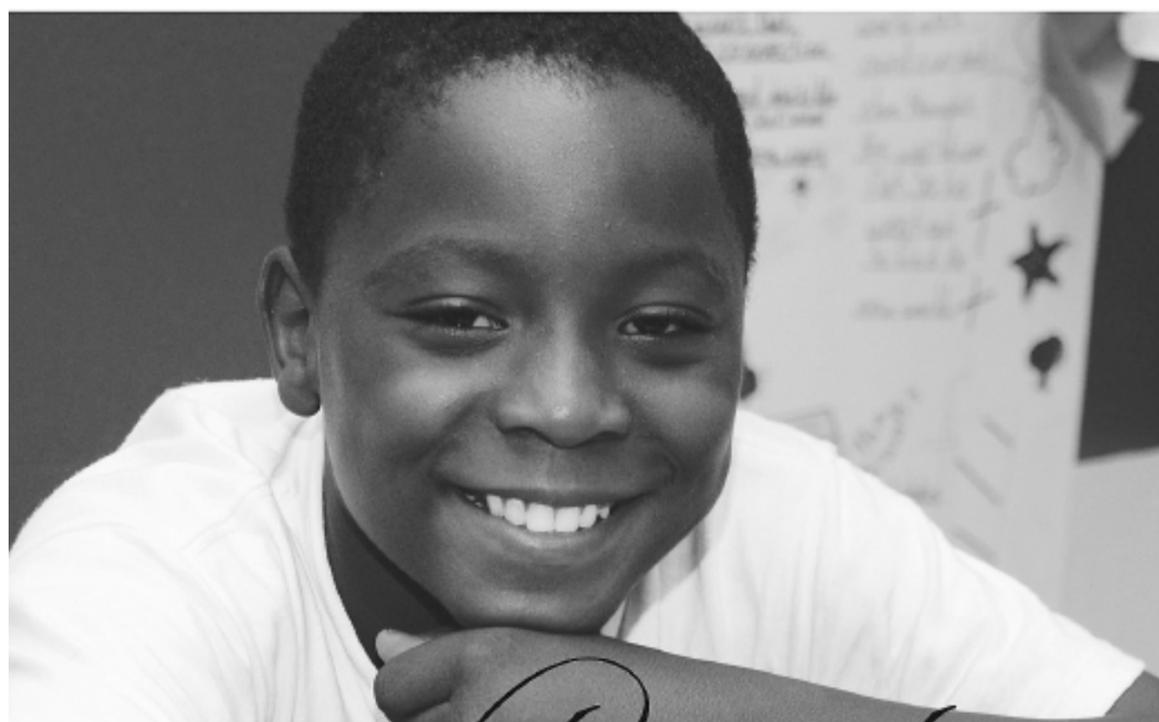
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## A New Lyford Cay Foundation Initiative



*Brighter future*

FOCUS, the Lyford Cay Foundation's new education enrichment programme, targets deserving, motivated Grade Four public school students and sets them on a path to college. The initiative provides its students with 45 additional days of formal learning each year as well as everything that is needed to participate in its activities, including transportation, uniform T-shirts, class materials, meals, and mentoring. Admission to FOCUS is by application and it is tuition-free. The project's aim is to assist its students to better prepare for higher education and career success.

### Students Teaching Students

FOCUS, which is modeled on an international organisation with proven success, also provides unique internship opportunities for aspiring teachers. High achieving college students have been recruited to teach the children and act as role models, under the guidance and supervision of experienced educators. Student teachers bring great energy, enthusiasm, a love for learning and a fresh approach to the task of education and serve as examples of how 'it's cool to be smart'. It is hoped that the training and experiences provided by FOCUS will encourage a significant number of its intern teachers to one day become dynamic education professionals.

**A Year-Round, Long-Term Commitment to Each Child**  
FOCUS consists of a six-week summer programme

held Monday through Friday and classes on 15 Saturdays during the academic year. Eventually it will also include an "On Course to College" curriculum designed to assist its 10th - 12th graders in selecting and preparing for senior high school and a postsecondary education. A new class of rising Fifth Graders will be added every summer, and students remain in the programme until they graduate from high school: a full eight years.

### Creating a Brighter Future

The first FOCUS class, made up of 30 children, began on July 7th, 2011 at **The College of The Bahamas**, which generously donated the use of their classrooms and facilities to the programme. During the first week of the project, one student wrote an anonymous note on the 'Wish Board' posted in one of the classrooms. It read: "I wish to have a better life than I did before and I think with the help of FOCUS it will get much better." The Lyford Cay Foundation has great hopes for the class of 2019 and those to come, and eagerly looks forward to watching the children's progress during this exciting new adventure.

We wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to our loyal donors, including **RBC Royal Bank of Canada**, several charitable foundations, and other individuals, whose great generosity made this programme possible.

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... MEN ONLY ADVANCEMENT EVENTS ...  
Venue: The Diplomat Center, Carmichael Road

**MONDAY, 10th OCTOBER**

9:00am-11:30am **YOUNG MEN & BOYS EMPOWERMENT SESSION** for Senior Boys from Public Schools

7:30pm-9:30pm **MEN ONLY ADVANCEMENT & ACTION EVENT**

**TUESDAY, 11th OCTOBER**

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LOCAL NEWS



THE NEW Straw Market building has been criticised by the PLP Photo: Steve Hunt/Tribune Staff

# NEW STRAW MARKET 'IS A PROFOUND DISAPPOINTMENT'

By **SANCHESKA BROWN**  
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THE NEW Straw Market is a "profound disappointment" that Bahamians cannot be proud of, according to the Progressive Liberal Party.

After touring the newly-constructed market, PLP leader Perry Christie said the FNM mishandled the project from the beginning.

"From the onset, this straw market has been a disappointment," he said. "Today, as the vendors prepare to move into the market, we note that is not a destination worthy of the vendors and their historic and cultural contribution to tourism."

Mr Christie also said the market is "too small and

cramped" and cannot possibly hold the more than 600 vendors waiting to occupy it.

"Our design for the straw market was more than 165,000 sq ft and would have cost \$23 million. This building size is 37,000 sq ft and cost \$28 million to build," he said.

"The final cost is five million more than our design would have cost and includes the penalty the government was forced to pay as a result of playing petty politics" (by cancelling the initial contract signed under a PLP government).

Mr Christie said the building has structural problems and the vendors are concerned about the size of their stalls.

He said: "The size of the

stalls in our design was 48 sq feet. Apparently the size of the stalls in this market is a mere 12 sq ft.

"The vendors are also concerned about the size of the aisles, which makes it uncomfortable for tourists to walk through the market and for straw vendors to display their work."

Mr Christie also criticised the government for not consulting with the vendors on the Straw Market Authority Act.

He said the government will have a lot of explaining to do when debate on the Act begins on Monday.

Prime Minister Ingraham announced in parliament on Wednesday that the market will be open for business after October 17. He did not give an exact date.

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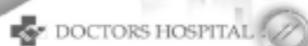
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## THE CLEARING BANKS ASSOCIATION

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Observed: Friday, October 14, 2011

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011**  
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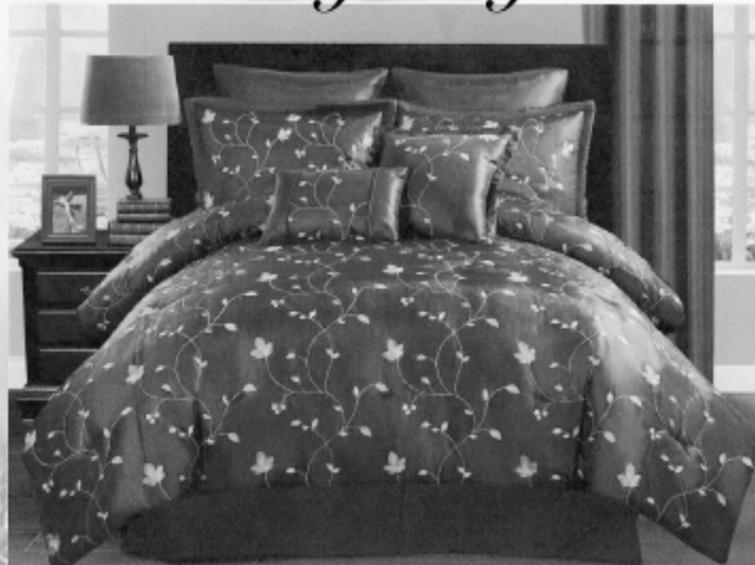
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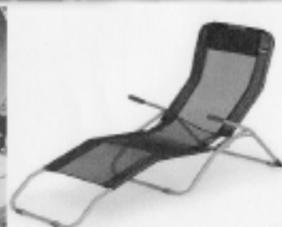
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# Royal Bahamas Police Force National Crime Prevention Office: Child molestation prevention

By CONSTABLE 3011 MAKELLE PINDER

CHILD MOLESTERS are far more common than most parents realise as well as very clever both at manipulating children and at disguising their intentions from parents or the child's guardian.

Child molesters can have adult sexual partners. They may be married and the marriage may come across as a happy, successful union. The molester may even love his wife, but he uses his role as the happy family man to build trust and gain access to children. Women also molest children and they too can use their roles to hide their crimes. Child molesters try to create lifestyles that allow them access to children. They have jobs that involve children, they volunteer in child organisations, they go to church, and they will go wherever they possibly can to find a victim.

Child molesters target specific ages and genders. They will use manipulation to confuse the child; this confusion gives the molester more control. They may threaten their victims, bribe them, or convince them that they are in love with their molester. Child molesters network with other molesters and they enjoy child pornography. They may show a child the offensive material. Child molesters do not stop and they will continue to find victims if they are not penalised.

Like a cat unable to resist its natural impulse to catch birds, child molesters (paedophiles) who have been released on bail, constantly struggle to control a ravenous craving for children while living freely among them.

Child molesters endear themselves to trusting families to get at their children. They molest again and again when children aren't believed. Parents doubt that someone so nice could be doing something so horrible. Parents must warily regard anyone with access to

their child – just in case, for your child's safety. And a single mother should beware of her boyfriend; molesters often charm a woman to get at her children especially adolescent girls.

We must all take precautionary steps to protect our children. Therefore listed below are a few safety tips that can be helpful to both parents and children.

### ALWAYS TEACH YOUR CHILDREN:

- The proper name of their body parts. Teach them that certain parts of their bodies are private. Nobody has a right to touch them without your permission. Use the example of a bathing suit to help your child understand what the private parts of the body are.

- Discuss sexual abuse in an open and sincere manner with your child in the same way as you would discuss other safety guidelines. This way you will bring this subject to your child's attention without causing any unnecessary fear.

- Use family activities such as "what if" games that help your child think about new kinds of situations that could occur and make your child more confident of his abilities to handle those situations.

- Continually reinforce your love and concern for your child, regardless of things that may happen to them or things they might do. This applies equally to the child's general safety and any incidence of sexual abuse.

### WHEN YOU TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT SEXUAL MOLESTATION, ALWAYS TELL THEM

- "Your body is your own and you don't have to let ANYONE touch you or hurt you." "If someone does this say "NO" or "you are not my parent" and "always tell me who touched or tries to touch you."

- "You have my permission to say "NO" or "don't touch me that way" to any person especially if that person wants to do something that makes you uncomfortable."

- "If you get uncomfortable FEELINGS when someone does something to you or asks you to do something to them, come and tell me."

- "Sometimes nice people-people you know-do things that are not nice. Respecting and "Obeying" adults does not mean that you have to do everything they ask. If you think what they are doing or asking is wrong, come and tell me."

- "Some secrets-like surprise parties-are fun, but a secret that another adult says only the two of you can know is not right-come and tell me."

- "Always tell me if these things happen to you, because I love you and I want you to be safe."

### IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN ABUSED, LET YOUR CHILD KNOW

- You know what he or she tells you is the truth.
- You are not angry with him or her and display your continued love for them.
- He or she is not responsible for the incident, regardless of the circumstances.
- You will do everything you can to protect him or her from further abuse by the offender.

Should you need more information on Child Molestation or if you have information pertaining to any crime, please do not hesitate to contact the police at '919' or Crime Stoppers at 328-tips (New Providence), 1-300-8476 (Family Island or if you know of individuals who may be in need of counselling and emotional support please contact the Department of Social Services hotline number at 322-2763.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# URGENT DEBT, DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT ISSUES AT HEART OF COMMONWEALTH REPORT

BY SIR RONALD SANDERS

TACKLING the problems of climate change, burdensome debt and reform of the international financial system to take

account of the grave challenges that confront developing countries, particularly small states, lie at the heart of the recommendations being made to Commonwealth Heads of Government by the Eminent

Persons Group (EPG) appointed last July to advise on reform of the Commonwealth.

While recent attention has focused on a misunderstanding of the role of a Commissioner for Democ-

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### WORLD VIEW



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Deveral Capps is the Director of Strategic Development at Northumbria Law School and was the leader of the Bar Course for over 10 years. He teaches on Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes advocacy and e-commerce law. He would like to speak to anyone who would like to study for a UK law degree (either in the Bahamas by distance learning or on campus in the UK) or qualify as a UK Barrister.

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racy, the Rule of Law and Human Rights that the EPG has also recommended, very important recommendations on the development issues faced by developing countries have received little attention.

There are two reasons for this. First, so far, it has been decided not to release the EPG report publicly before the Heads of Government of the 53-nation Commonwealth meet in Australia from 28 to 30 October.

Consequently, details of the report are known only to specific government departments in Commonwealth countries.

This absence of comprehensive information has led to misinterpretations.

Second, a handful of government representatives have chosen to focus on the Commissioner for Democracy, the Rule of Law, and Human Rights wrongly suggesting that the holder of the post will be a "policeman" playing a "punitive role".

In fact, the post is meant to be co-operative and to be used as a tool to remedy situations before they escalate to serious or persistent violations of Commonwealth values.

There is a precedent for the EPG report to be released publicly before the Heads of Government meeting.

When the first EPG report was delivered to the Commonwealth Secretary-General twenty-five years ago, it was published four months ahead of the Summit meeting, allowing for a full discourse throughout the Commonwealth on its findings about Apartheid in South Africa.

At the time, there may have been governments that would have preferred the report not to be made public, but in the end it was released in the interest of transparency.

There is little doubt that public discussion of that report in the Commonwealth and beyond helped to mobilize strong senti-

ment against the Apartheid regime in South Africa.

On September 29, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Kamalesh Sharma, making a "statement of results" of his stewardship of the Commonwealth in his first term, said of the EPG: "It is encouraging to me that the Group has proposed a range of recommendations, and that they have paid close attention to the need for balance between the democracy, development and diversity pillars around which our association is built."

The Secretary-General summed up succinctly what

**The choice before Heads of Government is stark. Either reform the 62-year old organisation to make it more respected, more effective and more dynamic, or preside over its slow death.**

### Sir Ronald Sanders

the EPG did in its report. A total of 106 recommendations were made. The recommendation on the appointment of a Commissioner for Democracy, the Rule of Law and Human Rights, while very important, is only one of those recommendations.

The EPG was very conscious of the enormous financial constraints now being faced by every Commonwealth country without exception.

The Group was acutely aware that this is not the time to ask governments to put up more money to implement all the recommendations in its report.

For this very good reason, while the Group fulfilled its mandate to recommend urgent reforms that would make the Commonwealth "relevant to its times and its people," as it was requested to do, no new funding was proposed.

Instead, the EPG called for the retirement of some programmes in which the Commonwealth has no comparative advantage, which are duplicative of the work of other agencies, and which have displayed no particular benefit.

It was calculated that, if these programmes are retired, the Commonwealth's existing budget should allow all of the EPG's recommendations for reform to be implemented over a phased period.

Without these reforms, including the Commissioner for Democracy, the Rule of Law and Human Rights, the Commonwealth will decline as an instrument of value to its member states and as an influencer for better in the international community.

The choice before Heads of Government is stark. Either reform the 62-year old organisation to make it more respected, more effective and more dynamic, or preside

over its slow death.

The proposed reforms were informed by over 330 written submissions made by governments, trade unions, professional organisations and civil society groups that have been deeply involved with, and committed to, the Commonwealth.

Many years of collective experience contributed to the final recommendations.

None of this is to say that the Commonwealth Secretariat is adequately resourced. It is not.

As the EPG points out in its report, the staff complement at the Secretariat is smaller than the staff of the canteen at the United Nations.

And, as the Secretary-General told the Board of Governors on September 29, the Secretariat is "struggling to recruit and retain international talent. We are paying around 40 per cent lower than the UN at professional and diplomatic grades, which is at the low end of the international market".

In a better international financial environment, there is no doubt that the EPG would have recommended more money for the Secretariat to carry out both the recommended reforms and the increasing work given to it by governments.

Among the 106 recommendations that the EPG has made, the greatest priority has been placed on one of them – the urgent issue of the damaging effects of climate change on small island states and coastal states.

The Group has recommended that Heads of Government authorise the Secretary-General to convene an expert group to determine which countries are worst affected, in what ways, and how to deal with the issue including locating the money to do so.

Recognising that the Commonwealth, by itself, does not have the resources, the Group recommended the creation of strategic partnerships with international agencies and philanthropic organisations to tackle this crucial matter that threatens the very existence of some countries.

Beyond this, the EPG has also made firm recommendations on: helping developing countries to deal with debt; reforming processes in the World Bank that wrongly "graduate" small states from concessional financing on the basis of their per capita income only; practical methods to fund entrepreneurial schemes for youth and to tackle youth unemployment; and investment and job creation.

Throughout its report, the EPG makes the point that the Commonwealth is at the crossroads. Its credibility and its effectiveness are at stake.

It is an indispensable instrument for small states in particular to get international action on national development and improvement in the lives of their people. It is time for urgent reform.

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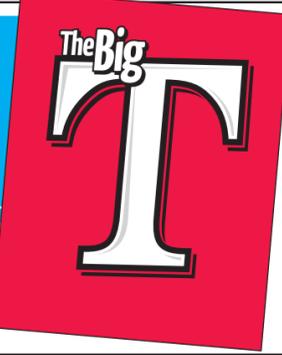


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# Boy drowns in pond

## Bystanders tried to save 10-year-old

By AVA TURNQUEST  
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SOFTBALL enthusiasts struggled in vain to save the life of a 10-year-old boy, who is believed to have drowned in Big Pond on Baillou Hill Road.

According to reports, Tyrese LaFleur was pronounced dead by paramedics after it was reported that he had gone swimming near Baillou Hills playing field on Saturday.

The tragic incident hocked players and supporters at a Banker's League softball playoffs game as they rushed to assist the child sometime around 2.30pm.

Last night, witnesses regretted the possibility that the young victim could have been saved if emergency medical care had been alerted sooner.

Marvin Wood, a player with the Island Luck Truckers, said: "We were playing a game and there was a homerun that got hit. I was

playing outfield. I saw three young men coming from the back of the bush from the Big Pond area and I saw one of the guys totting a young boy that was literally lifeless."

Mr Wood, 36, added: "When I saw that I didn't have time to react. I just jumped the fence quickly, me and another of my teammates. I could see something was wrong with the boy. I said to everyone else to call the ambulance. That was a sad day."

As he ran to the children, Mr Wood said the teenager put down the child's body on a bench as if overcome by its weight. At that time, Mr Wood said Tyrese was foaming at the mouth.

"They panicked, all of them being young, they didn't know what to do. I went to (Tyrese), he was foaming at the mouth and one of my teammates went to perform CPR until a nurse came and took over."

"We asked the boy what

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PARENTS OF the drowned 10-year-old boy sit beside his body on Saturday.

Photo: Felipe Major/Tribune Staff

## WAR OF WORDS OVER BELL ISLAND

By CELESTE NIXON  
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ENVIRONMENT Minister Earl Deveaux fired back at PLP Senator Jerome Fitzgerald's criticisms of the Bell Island development claiming his "words cannot be trusted".

Mr Deveaux said the Bell

Island dredging is constantly monitored and the implementation of the Environmental Management Plan continues to ensure the highest environmental standards.

Last week, Senator Fitzgerald held a press conference urgently calling on the government to monitor

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## MITCHELL CRITICISES INFORMATION BILL

THE government's Freedom of Information Bill leaves much to be desired as it relates to dispensing public information to anyone desiring it, Member of Parliament for Fox Hill Fred Mitchell told The Tribune yesterday.

Mr Mitchell contended that the Bill affords a government minister who controls a public portfolio too much veto power over a request for information.

"The Commissioner for Information can't overrule the Minister's certificate granted in section 25," he said.

"Section 47 provides for an appeal of the decisions of the commissioner but not of the minister. Something is wrong there."

Section 25 of the Bill mandates that if a minister determines that a public record qualifies as exempt under the Freedom of Information Act, and he issues a certificate to the person requesting the information stating that the information is exempt, the minister's decision cannot be overturned - not even by a court.

"Where a certificate is issued under subsection one, under the hand of the Minister, it shall be conclusive that the record is exempt and no judicial proceedings or quasi-judicial proceedings of any kind shall be entertained in relation thereto," the bill states.

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## CHRISTIAN COUNCIL BACKS SEX REGISTER

By CELESTE NIXON  
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THE CHRISTIAN council has thrown its support behind the creation of a national sex offenders register.

Council president Rev Ranford Patterson said his members support many of the government's ideas for tackling crime - particularly its willingness to discuss tracking persons convicted of sexual crimes.

"We support all efforts to protect our children from sick sexual predators, be they heterosexuals or homosexuals," said Rev Patterson. "We call on family and friends to blow the whistle on known predators who need counselling and must be kept away from civil society."

According to Bishop Simeon Hall, the public tends to be more concerned about the rights of murderers and child molesters than the victims of crime.

He said: "When we talk about publishing a national sex offenders list, people seem to sympathise with the perpetrator instead of the little boy."

Rev Patterson said he believes it is important for the public to know the location of convict-

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## TWO MEN KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

By CELESTE NIXON  
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POLICE are currently investigating two separate Family Island traffic fatalities.

According to police reports the first incident occurred around 7:15 Friday evening on the Queens Highway in Cat Island when a motorcycle travelling west ran into the rear of white Ford F-350 truck.

The 18-year-old motorcyclist of Zonicle Hill, Cat Island suffered serious injuries and was taken to the local clinic where he later died.

The second incident occurred around 7:30 the same evening at the intersection of Ashwood and East Streets in Mathew Town, Inagua.

Police said a white Ford

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dredging around Bell Island to limit the destruction he claims it is causing in the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park.

According to Mr Fitzgerald some 13 acres, or 600,000 sq ft of the sea bed has been excavated from Conch Cut south of Bell Island, to make way for the inland marina, destroying the habitats of numerous marine animals, including lobster and conch.

However, in his statement Mr Deveaux said Mr Fitzgerald's estimates are "far wrong" and that less than five acres of natural area is being affected by excavations.

He added that areas for the yacht basin and barge landing are a third of what Mr Fitzgerald claims is being destroyed.

Similar to the senator's criticisms of Saunders Beach last year, which were proven wrong, he is again using "emotive and incendiary words to inflame the public," Mr Deveaux said.

Last year Mr Fitzgerald blamed the "destructive" erosion of Saunders Beach on the excavations being done for

the Arawak Cay extension. Mr Deveaux argued that the erosion had been caused by the usual weather pattern at that time of year and had nothing to do with the excavations.

When the winter weather changed, and the pounding waves, driven by high winds ceased, the sand would return, the Minister had said.

Mr Fitzgerald replied that if the beach did not return by June 30 of that year the public would expect Mr Deveaux to resign. The beach returned as predicted.

As for Bell Island, said Mr Deveaux, activity is constantly monitored by an on site Environmental Manager. The manager produces daily reports and is fully empowered to stop works that are not in compliance with the project's Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

Further, Mr Deveaux said, the Exuma Parks Warden is a frequent visitor to the island along with senior government officials led by the BEST Commission who "maintain ongoing interactive input on the works."

In addition to a native plant

nursery in charge of regenerating and replanting indigenous plant species, Mr Deveaux said employees as well as divers from Black Point find, identify and relocate conch impacted by dredging.

In response to Mr Deveaux's statement Mr Fitzgerald issued a press release defending his comments on what he described as "irrefutable facts" and "visual evidence of the undeniable and large scale destruction being wreaked on the environment at and around Bell Island."

The Dredging Permit given by the Department of Physical Planning on September 23, 2010 allows for the developer of Bell Island to dredge 13.1 acres said Mr Fitzgerald.

He said: "The uncertainty in each and every statement proved either he (Mr Deveaux) doesn't really know what is going on at Bell Island or he doesn't care."

Reiterating his previous statement Mr Fitzgerald claims the development is not being monitored properly, nor is it complying with EIA and the EMP.



SOME OF the development work on Exuma as pictured from the air

In his statement, Mr Fitzgerald challenged the government to make public evidence of the size of current excavations, permits and other documents pertaining

to the project.

"I again implore the government, the Minister and the relevant environmental agencies to get a handle on the environmental destruction

which is taking place at Bell Island due to lack of safeguards mandated by the BEST Commission and provided for in the EMP," said Mr Fitzgerald.

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ed sex offenders and others who might pose a danger to society, so parents can better protect their children.

Prime Minister Ingraham addressed the public on Monday evening on his government's strategic plan to combat what he described as the country's growing criminal element.

Along with amendments to the Bail Act, the laws governing the death penalty, and the Firearms and Dangerous Drugs Act, Mr Ingraham said the government would be willing to debate a sex offenders registry.

He also said the government intends to introduce new legislation for the control and regulation of pawnbrokers and second-hand dealers, such as "cash for gold and scrap-metal operators" to block the onward sale of stolen property.

In addition, Mr Ingraham said, efforts will be made to crack down on illegal firearms and weapons smuggling, and harsher penalties will be meted out to persons

found in possession of illegal weapons.

Mr Ingraham also emphasised the need for greater community involvement in what he hopes will be a "new era of national volunteerism."

The council said it is extremely pleased with the crack-down on illegal firearms and the National Programme of Volunteerism, which will encourage Bahamians everywhere to "get involved."

Rev Patterson said the prime minister's speech was a sign that the government is serious about crime, and should be taken as a strong message to would-be criminals that no one is above the law.

"We are anxious to see the implementation of all those things raised, and we shall monitor them to ensure they are implemented," said Rev Patterson.

The council warned all persons "prone to angry confrontation, robbery, jealous rage and gun toting," that all criminal offences will be punished, and called on them to reconsider their behaviour.

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However, in section 47 of the bill, a request for information that is denied by the Information Commissioner can be appealed in the Supreme Court "by way of judicial review."

"In any appeal from a decision pursuant to section 43, the burden of proof shall be on the public authority to show that it acted in accordance with its obligations under the Act," the bill explains.

Mr Mitchell insisted that the clause in section 25 of the bill denying a judicial review of a minister's decision to withhold requested information will "not stand judicial scrutiny."

"Courts loathe to accept ouster clauses," he said. "You cannot stop judicial scrutiny since under judicial review procedures, the public authority must always act reasonably and it is the court who determines it."

The Bahamas has been

awaiting a Freedom of Information Act since the Free National Movement (FNM) promised it would enact one four years ago.

In the US, the media, general public and government watchdog groups maintain the country's strong democracy using the Freedom of Information Act to expose information of national interest.

Mr Mitchell said the Bahamas' Freedom of Information Bill as presented to Parliament last Wednesday, needs to be amended in order to "comply with the public's right to know."

He agreed that some information crucial to the security of individuals, the state and to the judicial process should be exempt from dissemination.

However, he found the expiration date that would end the exempt status of some types of information too long.

"Section 22(2) has the principle right that I am speaking about but 75 years is too long," Mr Mitchell said.

## TWO MEN KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

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Ranger truck travelling south on East Street collided with a four wheel ATV.

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was taken to the local clinic where he was reported to have died sometime later that evening.

Active police investigations into both matters continue.

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The Home Design Center represents 4 of the leading U.S. cabinet manufacturers, and according to Talens, "These 4 lines will give clients a large range of style and price of high quality cabinets." He explained that all of the cabinets are made of plywood material and not "pressed wood". They also boast high-end features like a hardwood drawer box with dovetail joinery and under-mount drawer slides with a soft-close. "Clients can be assured that they are getting a quality name brand product with manufacturer warranties," he said.

The Home Design Center offers 2 types of flooring - laminate and solid wood (bamboo), and will also order specialty windows and doors. Customers can get quotations for the complete kitchen, from cabinets granite work tops, to sinks, taps, decorative hardware and a coat of new paint. A 10 x 10 kitchen starts for under \$3200 and can be delivered in about 2 weeks, Talens explained.

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Candidate's surname	Other names in full	Place of Residence	Occupation
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<b>ARMBRISTER</b>	Tara	Mackey St.	House-wife
<b>CAREY</b>	Ricardo	McKinney Dr.	Security Officer
<b>CARTWRIGHT</b>	Dexter Delonn J.	South Beach Est.	Security/Businessman
<b>GLINTON</b>	Katie	Maranatha Close	Claims Examiner
<b>MOSS</b>	Cedric	Rolling Hills Est.	Sales Manager

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2011Signed: Mary Mortimer  
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**Polling Place:** Bartlett Hill Primary School

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<b>BARTLETT</b>	Whyland Leon	Martin Town	Contractor
<b>BETHELL</b>	Crystal	Hanna Hill	Student Teacher
<b>FARRINGTON</b>	Bridgette	Freeport	Teacher
<b>HARVEY</b>	Gretal	Bartlett Hill	Retired Teacher
<b>JACK</b>	Jackiely	Hepburn Town	Janitress
<b>RAHMING</b>	Pauline	Hanna Hill	Waitress

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2011Signed: Jacqueline Pinder  
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**Polling Place:** Freeport Primary School

Candidate's surname	Other names in full	Place of Residence	Occupation
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<b>EDGEcombe</b>	James Peter	Imperial Park	Security Supervisor
<b>HIELD</b>	Eleanor Evangeline	Coral Reef Loop	Janitress
<b>JOHNSON</b>	Reginald Edney	Sunrise Sub.Div.	Sr. Security Officer
<b>LEWIS</b>	Pamela Claudia	Easter Ave.	Teacher
<b>MISSICK</b>	Verona Bernadine	Samoa Dr.	Teacher
<b>MORRIS</b>	Shirley Mae	Trotter Ave	Retired Teacher
<b>ROBERTS</b>	Debbie Yvonne	Sunset Subdivision	Secretary Asst.
<b>RUSSELL</b>	Latoya	Tarrey Town	Customs Broker
<b>STUBBS</b>	Kenry Alexander	Lakeview Dr.	Police Officer

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2011Signed: Barbara Thompson  
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<b>GRANT</b>	Howard Romardo	Hanna Hill	Motivational Speaker
<b>ROLLE</b>	Rudolph V.	Jones Town	Contractor
<b>ROLLE</b>	Shonae Michelle	Jones Town	Self-employed
<b>SANDS</b>	Cannis Douglas	Deadman's Reef	Banker
<b>STUART</b>	Rita M.	Martin Town	Church Administrator

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2011Signed: Mary Russell  
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<b>LEWIS</b>	Branishka Bradia	Millennium Gardens	Registered Nurse
<b>MOORE</b>	Mia Michelle	Quarry Mission Road	Clerk
<b>MCFORD</b>	William	Millennium Gardens	Teacher

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2011Signed: Kathrine Rose  
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<b>RODGERS</b>	Samantha Taneisha	Sea Breeze Est.	Educator
<b>ROLLE</b>	Kay Jennifer	Water St.	Executive Assistant
<b>TAYLOR</b>	Dezree Terra	Royal Palm Gardens	Educator

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2011Signed: Deanne Hyler  
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<b>KNOWLES</b>	Sandra Kathleen	Franklyn Ave.	Teacher
<b>PICKERING</b>	Kingsley	Thompson Lane	Security Officer
<b>SANDS</b>	Frederick	Hospital Lane	Police Officer

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2011Signed: Willamae Bridgewater  
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<b>BAIN</b>	Roger Dorrington	Stapledon Gardens	Defence Force Officer
<b>CLEARE</b>	Bradick Anderson	Flamingo Gardens	Director
<b>KNOWLES</b>	Karen Monique	Gladstone Road	Teacher
<b>KEMP</b>	Valdarine	Coral Lakes	Teacher
<b>KNOWLES-TURNQUEST</b>	Joan	Bethel Ave.	Teacher
<b>LEWIS</b>	Darlene Maria	Mary Outten Cres.	Teacher
<b>ROLLE</b>	Keenya Shickiera E.	Warren St	Teacher

Date: 7th October, 2011

Signed: Beryl Gray  
**(for) PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER**

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<b>ALLEN</b>	Jacqueline Deborah	Tayoo End	Teacher
<b>ANDREWS</b>	Kenneth	Millennium Garden	Banker
<b>BULLARD</b>	William Marcus	Sunset Dr.	Electrician/Businessman
<b>DARVILLE</b>	Shavanna Cookie	High Vista Dr.	Vice Principal
<b>KING</b>	Arlington Gerume	Oxford Drive	Teacher
<b>SANDS</b>	Franklyn E.	Fox Hill	Self-employed
<b>SAMUELS</b>	Cheryl Claudette	Castor Street	Vice Principal
<b>SYMONETTE-GALANIS</b>	Alamanda Louise	Stevenson Subdivision	Teacher

Date: 7th October, 2011

Signed: T. Nicola McKay  
**(for) PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER**

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<b>HEPBURN</b>	Cynthia Marie	Kennedy Subdivision	Secretary
<b>MCKENZIE</b>	Orinthea Rochelle	Ferdinand Dr.	Office Administrator
<b>MILLER</b>	Tamara Cleo	Nassau, Bahamas	Tour Representative
<b>ROLLE</b>	Portia Michelle	Moncur Alley	Pre-School Teacher
<b>TAYLOR</b>	Charles M.	Winton Estates	Builder/Developer
<b>TAYLOR</b>	Laura Theresa Annastacia	Sutton Street	Religious Minister/JP
<b>TAYLOR</b>	Phillippa Clarice	Winton Estates	Sales Representative
<b>THOMPSON</b>	Mary Aretha	Abraham Street	Office Administrator

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Signed: Laurreta Smith  
**(for) PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER**

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<b>CHIPMAN</b>	Reece Dean	Mt. Vernon	Chartered Accountant
<b>CRAWLEY</b>	Bradley Thomas	Yamacraw Beach Est.	Investment Advisor
<b>FORBES</b>	Michael Enrique	Carmichael Rd	Banker
<b>JOHNSON</b>	Darisha Lavette	Lakeview Rd	Manager
<b>ROLLE</b>	Melissa Charmayne	Sir Lynden Pindling Est.	Teacher
<b>SMITH</b>	Bridget Valerie	Colony Village	Teacher
<b>SMITH</b>	Shannelle Sharmaine	Cable Beach	Attorney-At-Law
<b>SYMONETTE</b>	Sharon Denise	Sunset Park	Teacher
<b>TAYLOR</b>	Vanessa	Allen Dr.	Teacher

Date: 7th October, 2011

Signed: Nicolette Brown  
**(for) PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER**

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<b>BOWLEG</b>	Priscilla Darlene	Ridgeland Park West	Legal Assistant
<b>GIBSON</b>	Bernadette Agatha	Garden Hills #2	Teacher's Aide
<b>SANDS</b>	Tenneil Judith	White's Court	Radio Announcer
<b>THOMPSON</b>	Theodore R. Q.	Acklins St.	Defence Force Officer
<b>WILLIAMS</b>	Rudell Renelda	Victoria Gardens	Teacher

Date: 7th October, 2011

Signed: Deborah E. Stuart  
**(for) PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER**

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<b>ADDERLEY</b>	Darnell	Golden Gates	Teacher
<b>BODIE-HEPBURN</b>	Juanita	Yamacraw Beach	Accounts Supervisor
<b>DAMES</b>	Elkino	Firetrail Rd.	Teacher
<b>DEMERITTE</b>	Wendell Livingstone	Springfield Rd	Telephonist
<b>MILLER</b>	Rose Maureen	Elizabeth Estates	Cook
<b>POITIER</b>	Inga Mary	Sandilands Village	Medical Office Asst.
<b>RAHMING</b>	Glenwood	Armbrister St.	Plumber
<b>ROLLE</b>	Remilda	Bernard Rd	House Wife
<b>THOMPSON</b>	Michael Andrew	Spencer Close	Self-employed

Date: 7th October, 2011

Signed: Janet Nixon  
**(for) PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER**

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<b>CARTER-GITTENS</b>	Florence Louise	Albermarle Rd.	Teacher
<b>DEAN</b>	Audrey G.	Major's Avenue	Sales Assistant
<b>HANNA</b>	Charmaine Jacinta	Center Dr.	Teacher
<b>HUTCHESON</b>	Kirtland Gary	Coral Harbour	Private Investigator
<b>MAJOR</b>	Glen Whitfield P.	Nassau East South	Teacher
<b>MILLER</b>	Arlington L.	Carmichael Rd.	Industrial Consultant
<b>MOSS</b>	Vanda Maldean	New Providence	Teacher
<b>STRACHAN</b>	Cecilia	Marathon Rd.	Deputy Permanent Secretary
<b>TAYLOR</b>	Arthur Wendall	Elizabeth Est.	Revising Officer

Date: 7th October, 2011

Signed: Elaine Williams  
**(for) PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER**

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<b>BUTLER</b>	Elaine	Winton Meadows	Teacher
<b>HUMES</b>	Stella Annette	Johnson Rd	Computer Tech.
<b>NOUGUEZ</b>	Nina Monique	Yamacraw Est.	Croupier
<b>PICKSTOCK</b>	Edney Oscar	Hillside Park	Store Manager
<b>ROLLE</b>	Deidre Pandora	San Sousi	Secretary
<b>STURRUP</b>	Dennis Basil	Nassau East	Police Officer
<b>SWEETING</b>	Caroline Maria	Kool Acres	Clerk
<b>TRACEY</b>	Kenneth Randol	Yamacraw Est.	Contractor

Date: 7th October, 2011

Signed: Linda Major  
**(for) PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER**

# Time to reboot

# Commonwealth

By HUGH SEGAL

These days, when alliances are under stress, monetary unions confront their own dysfunction, and financial indicators are angst-ridden, the Commonwealth retains its potential as an organization for global good, but only just.

Voluntary, historic, multi-faith, multiracial and multicultural, this association, which spans every part of the world, this network of networks, has worked in a multitude of ways to make life better for its 2.1 billion citizens in 53 member states. The world's largest democracy, India, population 1.2 billion, co-exists with the small Pacific island state of Tuvalu, population 10,000. Scholarships, distance learning, parliamentary co-operation and education, agricultural support, development, trade advocacy, anti-poverty programmes, and health and democracy promotion have characterized this network of principled co-operation. However, in recent time, it began to lose its credibility and relevance in a world that desperately needs the healing touch it had brought to conflict and disparity in the past.

When Commonwealth leaders met in Port of Spain, Trinidad, in 2009, they publicly acknowledged that any organization, decades old, needs such reform from time to time. They agreed on two measures. The first was the establishment of an "Eminent Persons Group" (EPG) to look at how the Commonwealth might be updated and made more relevant, impactful and influential in the 21st century. Second, they mandated the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group, established by Commonwealth heads of government in 1995 to deal with serious or persistent violations of Commonwealth fundamental values, to consider how its actions might be made more effective when core principles of democracy, human rights and rule of law are violated by member states.

Commonwealth heads of government are meeting in Perth, Australia, in three weeks time to consider these reports that were submitted



CHAIR of the Special Senate Committee on Anti-Terrorism, Hugh Segal is a former chair and present member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs.

to them four weeks ago after 13 months of work, in the case of the EPG.

Inexplicably, current chair-in-office, the prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago, decided that the reports should be kept secret. The host of the meeting, Australia's prime minister, has indicated that while her national position is that the reports should be made public before the summit meeting, she is constrained to join the Trinidadian prime minister to keep the reports from being made public in the interest of "consensus." As a result,

helpful suggestions around more work on HIV/AIDS, a stronger and supportive presence on human rights, democracy and rule of law, a Commonwealth Youth Corps, focused disaster-relief preparations, economic and trade support for smaller states, achieving development goals, work on climate change, addressing the needs of women, and modernizing the secretariat's communications strategies to the benefit of all member states are left in the dark.

Instead, some recommendations have been subject to

distortion and misinterpretation by representatives of a few governments that mistakenly believe there is some marginal benefit to them in stifling progress on these issues.

From the outset, EPG members committed to openness and transparency in the process that would lead to their conclusions and recommendations. To this end, regular updates and news releases were issued after each of the five meetings – more than 300 civil society groups and many governments and individuals made submissions –

## About Hugh Segal

HUGH Segal joined the Canadian Senate in 2005, after four decades of public service which included Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister of Canada, Associate Cabinet Secretary (Ontario) for Federal-Provincial Affairs and Policies and Priorities, Legislative Assistant to the Leader of the Opposition (Ottawa), President of the independent Institute for Research on Public Policy.

Chair of the Special Senate Committee on Anti-Terrorism, he is a former Chair and present member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs. He headed a NATO parliamentary delegation to Washington and is a former Chair (Calgary 2004) of the annual Canada-UK Colloquium.

A University of Ottawa graduate in history, he is a Senior Fellow at the Queen's Schools of Policy Studies and Business, the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute and a member of the Working Group on National Security at Cranfield University's Centre for Security Sector Management. He chaired the Canadian Institute for Strategic Studies and was the founding Vice-Chair (Research) of the Canadian International Council. He sits on the Council of the International Institute for Democratic and Electoral Assistance (Stockholm) and sat on the Council of the International Institute of Strategic Studies (London).

He was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2003 and holds honorary doctorates from his alma mater and the Royal Military College of Canada. He is now one of the 10 members of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group.

and feedback was always solicited. EPG members organized input sessions and made themselves available for consultation in their own countries and, when invited, travelled widely to brief, but more importantly to listen to opinions on the reforms that the Commonwealth needs if it is to continue to be relevant to its people and its times. Keeping the report secret is harmful to informed, open and transparent debate about the organization's future.

At the end of the fourth meeting in London this past March, having read hundreds of submissions and listened to people throughout the Commonwealth, the group concluded: "The Commonwealth is in danger of becoming irrelevant and unconvincing as a values-based association" and "to safeguard against this danger, we will recommend to leaders the adoption of proposals that will strengthen the Commonwealth, both as an association of governments and of peoples."

The last Eminent Persons Group was established by the then Secretary-General, Shridath Ramphal with the strong support of prime ministers Rajiv Gandhi, Brian Mulroney and Bob Hawke of

India, Canada and Australia respectively, and its 1986 report dealt with the issue of apartheid. The report was made public – four months before the historic London Commonwealth summit. That report, the publicity it received, the support it garnered, and the pressure placed on South Africa in the years following, is credited with being a catalyst to the end of legal racism and segregation in that country. The report of the current EPG, "A Commonwealth of the People: Time for Urgent Reform," may not result in such an historic, life-altering transformation, but it does offer essential and practical ways to make better the lives of one-third of the world's population.

Leadership is about the courage to engage freely on ideas that serve the public interest. Advocates of keeping the reports secret are really advocates of weakening the Commonwealth – one of the great and historic associations that still has the potential to embody and reflect the best of the human spirit.

• (Senator Hugh Segal is the Canadian representative on the 10-member Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group)



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