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Min. Woodside hears local gov. councillors Min. Woodside examined White Sound, Elbow Cay, road erosion



Minister of State for Local Government, the Hon. Byron Woodside, visited several communities on January 22 to talk with local government councillors. While he was on Elbow Cay, he and his group viewed the road in White Sound shown here. The golf carts are on the road that is being eroded away and undermined. A tender was put out by central government for rebuilding and bracing the dune, but it was felt that it was too expensive. Shown here are Councillor Glenn Laing, Administrator Alexander Flowers now posted in Nassau, Mr. Woodside, Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting and Councillor Harold Malone.

Three of Abaco's diverse district councils were visited on January 22 and 23 by the Minister of Local Government, the Hon. Byron Woodside, and Administrator Alexander Flowers, now posted in Nassau. This visit by Mr. Woodside was to meet with Council members and get a first-hand report of their problems. The logistics which local government officials contend with were evident as the minister rode ferries and took a plane to become familiar with Abaco's small island settlements.

There were no announcements and no major promises made, but Mr. Woodside now has a better understanding of the problems faced by these diverse and far flung communities.

The three towns of the Hope Town District Council were first on his Abaco agenda with visits to Guana Cay, Man-O-War and Hope Town.

Councillor Glenn Laing led the tour of the Guana Cay settlement. Mr. Woodside was told that there is no public land where garbage can be kept awaiting shipment to Marsh Harbour. One popular restaurant pays \$1200 a month to a development for holding his refuse pending its departure to Marsh Harbour. The restaurant owner felt that there should be a designated area where his refuse can be placed pending

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Man-O-War Flea Market

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Principals visit Wyannie Malone Historical Museum



Ministry of Education officials of the Abaco office and principals of schools throughout Abaco visited the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum and were impressed with the displays and geneological records assembled there. The museum staff is wanting to reach out to all Abaco communities to bring out connections with Hope Town. Six students of the Hope Town Primary School, dressed in Loyalist costumes, guided the group, explaining the displays. The staff is busy organizing the activities that will take place on Heritage Day that is scheduled for March 7. See story on page 6.

BREA Abaco elects new board



The Abaco Chapter of the Bahamas Real Estate Association (BREA Abaco) has elected its new directors for 2009-2011. Left to right are shown Dwayne Wallas, H.G. Christie Real Estate Ltd., Vice Chairman; Chris Plummer, Abaco Cays Realty, Director; Chris Roberts, Bahamas Realty Ltd., Director; Mailin Sands, Coldwell Banker Realty, Director; Sandra Evans, Abaco Waterfront Properties, Chairman; Bill Thorndycraft, Abaco Waterfront Properties, Treasurer; and Cindy Newell, Abaco Estate Services, Secretary. Several committees were formed including public relations/outreach, education and finance. The goals of the chapter are to elevate the level of its members' professionalism by providing more real estate education opportunities on Abaco, to inform the public of our commitment to fair market value practices and to continue to give back to the community through our donations and volunteer work.

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Minister was impressed with residents' initiative

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shipment. Many Guana Cay students go to school in Marsh Harbour, including ten primary school children. Government subsidized this ferry trip many years ago when Guana Cay was without a teacher. Parents are upset that this ferry subsidy is being discontinued. The school now has a teacher who works with two primary students. However, most parents feel that the local standards are below that offered in Marsh Harbour.

Another request was for a police presence as it was felt that rapid development was bringing in people with undesirable

behaviour. These concerns were outside Mr. Woodside's area of responsibility, but he promised to pass these issues on to those responsible.

While on Guana Cay the newly constructed public restrooms were inspected. The addition of this facility to the existing building was done very professionally, giving the impression that this was an original part of the building.

Chief Councillor for the District, Jeremy Sweeting, took Mr. Woodside and Mr. Flowers through an extended tour of his hometown of Man-O-War. Included stops were the immaculate dump site, the beachfront ballfield, their oceanfront cem-

etry. The pride residents take in their town was evident in the spotless dump which also serves as park. The cemetery was equally impressive as most graves were adorned with colourful flowers. Although they were artificial, they were not weather-worn and were fresh in appearance. The

last stop was to the woodworking shop of Joe Albury.

The final visit in this District was to Hope Town where a shortened Council

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The Minister of State for Local Government, the Hon. Byron Woodside visited Guana Cay on January 22. He is shown here talking with the two students who are the entire school body of the Guana Cay Primary School. Looking on are Teacher Diane Williams, Administrator Alexander Flowers from Nassau, Abaco's Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper and Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting. All other Guana Cay students commute daily to schools in Marsh Harbour. Parents on Guana Cay are upset that government will no longer subsidize the expense of the daily ferry rides to take the ten primary grade students to the mainland.



This past year bathrooms were added to the government building that houses the Council office and the post office. The bathrooms were constructed in a way that they look like part of the original building. This office is on the waterfront, a minute's walk from the ferry dock.



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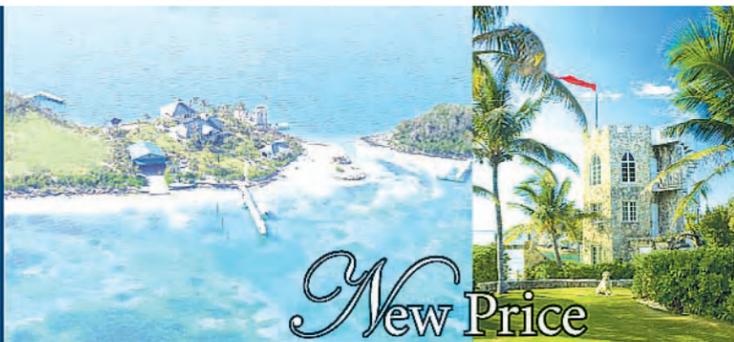
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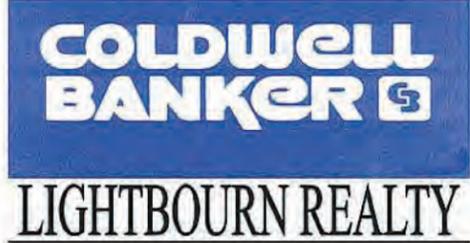
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Minister met with councils and toured towns

Woodside

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meeting was convened. Mr. Woodside addressed Council members and expressed his pleasure at the manner in which the three towns presented themselves. He said this spoke well of their diversity and heritage.

Lunch was eaten around the Council table in Hope Town while business was conducted.

When the meeting concluded, the Minister and Mr. Flowers were taken to the damaged road atop the White Sound dune. The road and dune were severely damaged by hurricanes several years ago when storm-driven waves severely eroded the dune. The road on top was reduced to less

than one lane wide. The road was temporarily routed through a private yard until the dune and road were repaired temporarily.

Tenders were let for permanent repairs. However, only one bid was received and it was felt that it was too expensive. Council members and town residents are concerned that another hurricane or severe storm could cause further damage, making the road impassable. These concerns will be relayed to the Ministry of Works by Mr. Woodside.

On returning from Hope Town to the mainland, the Minister was driven 25 miles to the Treasure Cay ferry for a visit to the Green Turtle Cay District Council. To make the best use of their time, they

spent the night on the island and left early the next morning for Marsh Harbour and a flight to Moore's Island where they spent the day.

They returned to Marsh Harbour late in the afternoon on the scheduled flight, arriving an hour before their departure to Nassau. The Minister was taken briefly into the Mud and to the new housing project in Spring City.

Accompanying the Minister on different legs of these island visits were Administrators Cephias Cooper, Theophilus Cox and Benjamin Pinder, along with the Chief Councillors for each district who pointed out the challenges and successes of each district. Just as The Bahamas is an archipelagic island nation, so is Abaco an archi-

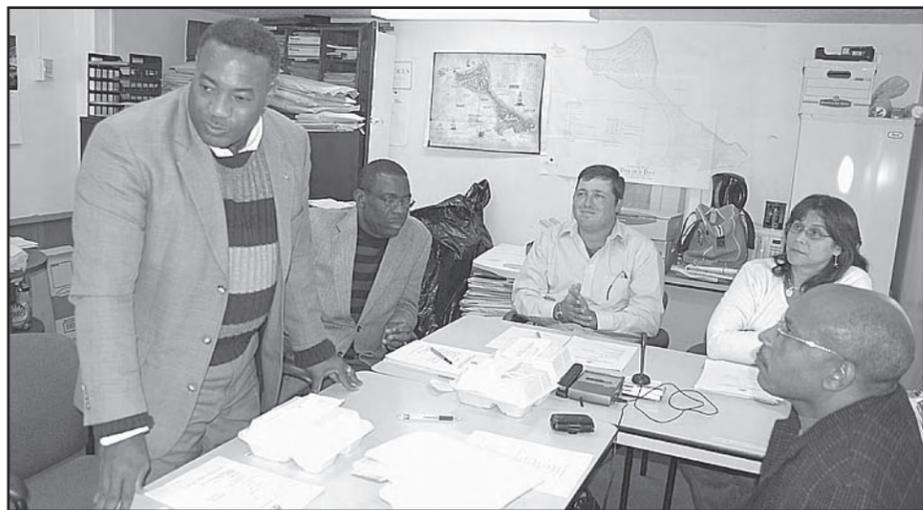
pelagic island state with diverse logistical challenges that are now better understood by the Minister.

Official Visit by Minister Byron Woodside to Moore's Island

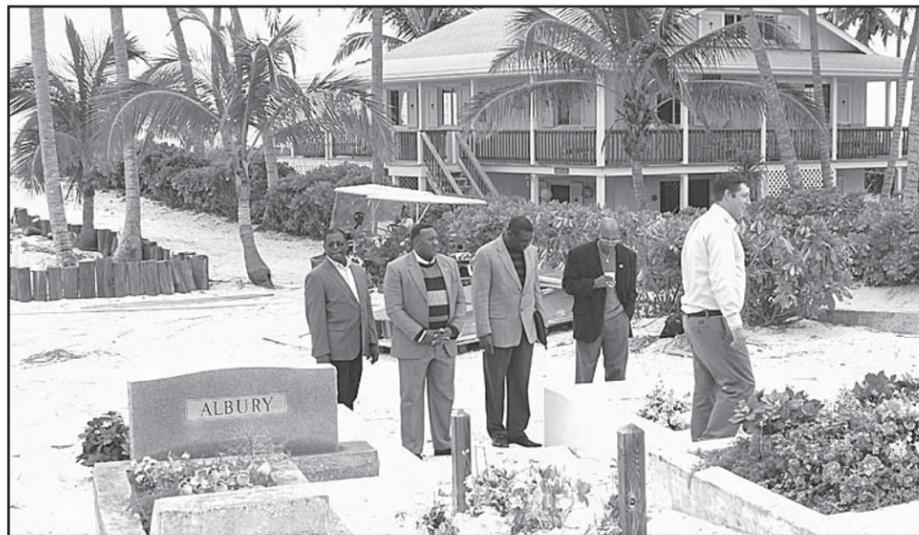
By Jennifer Hudson

As part of an official visit to Abaco, Minister of State for Local Government, the Hon. Byron Woodside, accompanied by Administrator Alexander Flowers from Nassau, toured Moore's Island on January 23. They arrived on the island at 8:30 a.m. via Abaco Air and met with Chief Councillor for Moore's Island, Delton Stuart, Deputy Chief Councillor, Mrs. Lillian Laing,

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During the Hon. Byron Woodside's visit to Abaco on January 22 and 23, he met with the Hope Town District Council, the Green Turtle Cay District Council and the Moore's Island District Council. He is standing here with Administrator Cephias Cooper, Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting and Lana Russell and Glenn Laing, Councillors. He listened to the problems each of the districts has. He will address some of their concerns and will relay others to the relevant departments or ministries.



Mr. Woodside visited Man-O-War where he inspected the garbage collection area, the school and the cemetery. He was very impressed with the cemetery, the tombstone listing all the names of the early settlers on the cay who were buried in the original cemetery and the care the cemetery is given. All the graves had colourful flowers. The Wall of Heroes in town lists the more recent leaders in the community.

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News of the Cays

Wyannie Malone Historical Museum Hosts Abaco School Administrators

By Candace Key

The Board of Directors of Hope Town's Wyannie Malone Historical Museum invited the Abaco principals to a special tour of their prize-winning museum to better acquaint the educators with information available to their teachers and students for field trips and research. District Superintendent Lenora Black, Senior Education Officer Leslie Rolle and Education Officers Felamease Sawyer and Kenneth Romer along with principals and leaders

all the way from Moore's Island, Cooper's Town, Sandy Point and all settlements enjoyed being shown the many exhibits throughout the museum's two floors in the two buildings. The group was hosted by Board Member Bonnie Hall after being greeted by Museum Curator and Genealogist, Mrs. Linda Cole.

It was like a trip down memory lane for many as they recognized many of the items on display in homes of grandparents or even their own homes. Entertaining the educators from all of Abaco gave the hosts a chance to inform the group that the museum's intent is now to branch out to include people from all over Abaco who

have ties to Hope Town in some way. The museum plans to feature displays of interest to all Abaco people. These displays will change periodically. The data base is expanding daily and even as the tour was going on, calls were coming in to the museum requesting the new edition of Bahamian ancestry.

Six students from Grade 5 and 6, dressed in their Loyalist costumes, acted as junior docents, presenting information on their own special areas. It was an enjoyable morning for all but especially for Mrs. Black, who was pleasantly surprised by the appearance of two of her former teachers,

Glyn and Jacqui Haines, who were here on their annual visit from England.

The museum's annual Heritage Day is scheduled for March 7.

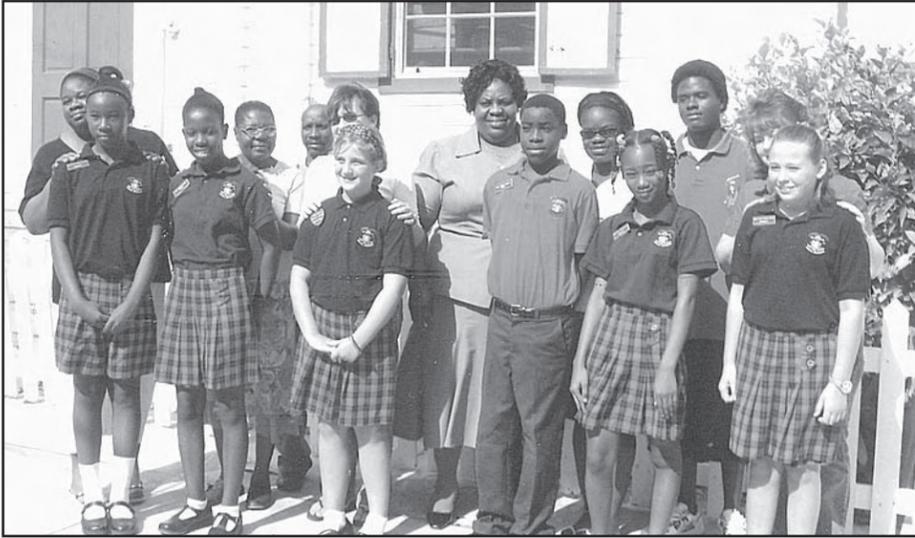
Hope Town School Prefects

By Candace Key

It is an exciting ceremony at Hope Town Primary School when Prefects and Head Boy and Girl are selected. A new addition to the ceremony this year was the signing of contracts by the student, their parent and Abaco's Education Superintendent, Mrs.

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The Hope Town Primary School chose its Prefects and other leaders. These students had family members attend the ceremony to show their support. The student leadership team is as follows: left to right - Ladinamae Durham with mother; Laura; Sheena Etienne with father Louie; Head Girl Natasha Albury with mother Anna; District Superintendent Mrs. Lenora Black; Michael Blanc with sister Elise; Kim Joseph with brother Franson; Netanya Sweeting with aunt Angel.

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Lenora Black. The contract the student signed pledged their continued exemplary



Stafford Patterson, representing the Bahamas Boxcart Association, presented a check to Rhiannon Thomas of the Abaco Junior Sailing Association to support the work of teaching the young people of three communities the techniques of sailing. The funds were raised at the annual Box Cart Derby held on Elbow Cay on November 29, the day after Thanksgiving. Guana Cay, Man-O-War and Hope Town have active programs.

behavior and leadership and agreement to the duties they would perform. The parents signed contracts pledging to support their child in their leadership capacity. The Superintendent's signature on both contracts added an additional air of importance to the document.

Natasha Albury was pinned as Head Girl for the second year in a row - she was a popular choice of students and teachers alike! The first time she attained Head Girl status was in Grade 5 due to her scholarship, leadership and responsibility traits.

Boxcart Association donates to sailing program

The Bahamas Boxcart Association split the proceeds from the 2008 Soap Box Derby between the Abaco Junior Sailing Association and the Hope Town Community Pool Fund.

The Boxcart Derby has traditionally benefitted Abaco's Youth Sports. This year, for the first time, Monica Cook (Sailing) and Sara Knowles (Swimming) took over the reigns of the event. A wonderful success,

support from the derby is making a big difference for these two organizations.

The Abaco Junior Sailing Association is comprised of representatives from Hope Town, Man-O-War and Guana Cay who are all working together to promote youth sailing. Each community has its own boats and a runs a sailing program while the the

parent organization provides an instructor and curriculum and coordinates inter-island regattas that take place throughout the year. Each fall the top youth sailors travel to Nassau to compete in National Regattas.

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The Editor Says . . . Landfill is presenting challenges



The landfill has been open for two and a half months, long enough for several problems to become evident. Responding to Local Government concerns that the area on a hilltop assigned for construction debris was already running out of space, the Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux arrived to nudge the system along. He came on the morning of January 24 with a small team responsible for installing and managing landfills.

A visual inspection of the area chosen for expanding the construction and demolition refuse area, disclosed some awkward elements the site presented related to access. While considering the options, a large area was discovered on low land with relatively easy access. Orders were given to prepare it immediately. During this visit by Dr. Deveaux and his staff, it was acknowledged that no site had been initially prepared for the construction debris

A smaller adjoining area will be cleared for storing junk vehicles and both areas should be ready to use by early February. Dr. Deveaux and others in the higher levels of government want to see this landfill operated successfully, and they are working with those responsible locally to see that issues are resolved as they come to light.

Since the landfill is situated within the Central Abaco District, this Council has been assigned responsibility for overseeing the operation. Councillors have been given one year to show that they are up to the task of managing it.

The Councillors are not landfill experts, but several have taken an interest in seeing that it is operated successfully. During this visit by Dr. Deveaux it became apparent that the facility was handed to the Councillors in an incomplete state to manage and without operating instructions.

The liquids or leachate generated by the decomposing refuse in the cell is drained and collected in a lined pond nearby. The intention is that the leachate is periodically pumped and sprayed over the top of the covered refuse to aid in the decomposition process. In the event that the leachate accumulates faster than recycling keeps it under control, the surplus is to be injected into a deep well for disposal.

Although the Council is responsible for managing this operation, no instructions have been given on exactly how the leachate is handled, how the pumps operate, where the valves are that control the operation, or how often this is done. This may be more relevant during the rainy season when rain increases the leachate. However, if the leachate pond filled to the brim, there is neither a pump in place nor a deep well available to accept the excess leachate. This oversight will be looked into. These safety measures need to be in place before they are needed and not be installed during a crisis. But without some foreknowledge of how the system is intended to work, Council members cannot be expected to manage it properly.

Government through an the international development bank has invested nearly \$3 million in this facility, and it wants to see Abaco manage it as a showcase example for the other islands. We are up to it, but it would be nice to have a better idea of the overall operation of the facility.

Environmental Health has hired an employee to operate the weigh-bridge (scale) at the entrance and record the weight of incoming vehicles and again at their departure. The weight left behind is calculated and monthly bills are sent to the operators using the facility on a regular basis and who have made credit arrangements.

Dumping fees have not been announced but are expected to be similar to the fees used in Nassau which are

- Free up to 299 pounds. Loads in a car or pickup typically come within this category.

- \$5 for 300 - 999 pounds
 - \$10 for 1000 - 1999 pounds
 - \$10 per ton for 2000 pounds and above
- The fee schedule for Abaco is expected to be announced soon.

Many procedures have yet to be determined, mulching for instance; but these will fall into place as experience is gained and problems are solved as they surface. It can easily be a year or two for the various elements to fall into place, mulching, recycling of metals, glass, batteries and other materials.

The two transfer stations, one near Cherokee and the other on Little Abaco, have not been made operational yet. It is a reasonable guess that the one on the Cherokee road may never be used as intended. The town farthest south, Sandy Point, expects to accumulate refuse in a large bin and truck it directly to the landfill which is just a short distance farther than stopping at the transfer site.

Treasure Cay refuse will probably go directly to the landfill as it is about the same distance south as the transfer station is to the north near Cedar Harbour. It is intended that all Abaco refuse will ultimately be taken to the landfill site near Snake Cay.

An increasing problem is with wind blown refuse leaving the trucks and littering the highways. Crews are now regularly cleaning the highway from Marsh Harbour to the landfill. What will Abaco look like as bins come to the site from Sandy Point, 45 miles away, and from Fox Town, about 70 miles to the north. Can we expect to see men walking along 100 or more miles of highway picking up debris?

Methods must be devised and implemented so the roadways remain clean. Bins must be covered so the refuse is retained. Similar methods must apply to pickups and larger trucks taking refuse to the landfill. Just as the police now book drivers for traffic violations, so will they have to book drivers who allow loose items to be blown off trucks or refuse bins.

Another item recently brought to our attention is the uncovered bins carried on barges from Guana Cay, Hope Town and Man-O-War Cay. Loose debris is just as susceptible to be blown off while on a barge on windy days as from a truck at highway speeds. Various civic groups regularly participate in beach clean-ups. However, these are only the beaches that are accessible. There is no reason to let the coastline from Marsh Harbour south to Wilson City begin accumulating windblown refuse from the cays. Just as our highways must remain clean, so should our beaches and remote shorelines stay clean.

A major challenge is getting the refuse from the cays to the landfill at a reasonable cost.

Some feel that the landfill is a waste of money. We are not going to argue that point. However, government has spent approximately \$3 million on this system for Abaco, and we are going to have to make the best of it.

Refuse handling and disposal is a long-term project. Getting the system right initially will pay dividends for our children, their children and the generations to come. The money spent today to get the system right should reap dividends for the future.

Letters to the Editor

Ferry access is difficult for seniors

Dear Mr. Ralph;

My husband and I visit Abaco about twice a year. We visit Green Turtle and Man-O-War.

As I am getting older and having some health difficulties, I find that the ferry dock at Marsh Harbour and Man-O-War are not very user friendly for those of us who have health issues. When it is low tide, it is very difficult to get into the boat or up onto the dock. This last time leaving Man-O-War and arriving in Marsh Harbour, I had a very difficult time at the dock as my knee buckled and gave out on me. If there had been an easier way to get up to the dock, this would not have happened.

Green Turtle has a set of steps going down to the boat making it much easier at low tide.

I have heard many complaints from the locals at MOW as well. Isn't there something that can be done?

I would appreciate you looking into this.

A visitor experiencing problems Wants Snake Cay area protected

Dear Editor:

Re: Snake Cay

I am a regular visitor to Hope Town and have never missed an opportunity to kayak and bonefish in the creeks of Snake Cay.

The drive to turn the area into a national park is commendable and even more so if cultural activities such as bonefishing, conch and boating continue to be permissible.

Although my bonefishing success rate has been less than stellar, I never leave the cay disappointed, as I have on each occasion had the opportunity to observe a wealth of wild life, enjoy the serenity of paddling into secluded back bays as well as experience first hand the magnificence of incoming and outgoing tides.

Any private development of this area would be shameful and would very much diminish my and other visitors' experiences in this wonderful area of the Bahamas.

Brian Whyte
Ottawa, Canada

Response to John Hedden's articles

Dear Editor,

Mr. Hedden's Viewpoint in the December 15th and January 1st editions of The Abaconian talks of representing the view of the Bahamian people. So I am sure he will not mind a Bahamian expressing her view on the matter of his articles to assure that there is no misrepresentation of the true demographics.

While I disagree with Mr. Hedden's stance on whether or not the Angel Cay creek system, etc. should be protected as

a national park (I believe it should be), I take a greater exception to his painted picture of the Friends of the Environment as a non-active and disconnected uniformed choir.

Throughout his article, Mr. Hedden states that the meetings and activities of Friends of the Environment are "still too remote from the rest of us! That disconnect is still there, it seems constant, it won't go away." I would like to know where he lives. The meetings and goings on of the Friends of the Environment are highly publicized both in The Abaconian as well as with flyers placed in businesses around Abaco, not to mention the always reliable word of mouth. More so, I have personally found the people who work for and with Friends highly receptive to new ideas, input and discussion. Mr. Hedden says, "It is a sad situation when public meetings do not truly reflect the demographics of the settlements and towns. Meetings are well attended by the choir, and that group is uniform." Diverse or not, those are people that care enough to attend and participate in their communities' organization. Should others wish their voice to be heard, I suggest they do the same and attend the meeting.

Friends of the Environment has implemented several wonderful activities and programs throughout Abaco. This past summer it did a camp that had Bahamian children out and about on their island learning about the environment and marine life.

I will also mention the International Reef Check program which many people have been trained for and have participated in, myself included.

The question that should be asked is what type of effort has the Abaconian commu-

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More News of the Cays

Cays *From Page 7*

The AJSA would like to thank all who worked hard to make the soap box derby such a success and looks forward to a wonderful year of sailing.

Art Cafe Reopens

The Art Cafe and Bakery in Guana Cay is open once again. It welcomes all to enjoy its freshly baked breads, cookies, cakes, pies and more. The cafe is open every day from 7 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. except Tuesdays. It serves breakfast and lunch (including Bahamian specialties) along with a full liquor license. Its lunch menu includes fresh sandwiches on homemade breads and gourmet wraps. It expects to soon offer pizzas and a light dinner menu until 8 p.m. The cafe is looking for artists who would like to display their work there and they welcome new ideas and recipes. It is under the management of Juliette Deal, who can be contacted at 365-5154.

Heritage Day promises to be education and entertaining

By Raymond Brown

Heritage Day 2009, sponsored by the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum, will be held on March 7 in Hope Town beginning at 9:30 a.m. This year's theme,

amusingly titled *All of We Is One Family*, features both genealogy and archaeology as keys to the cultural heritage of Abaco.

Professor Peter J. Roberts, a Bahamian on the faculty of Georgia State University and the administrator of the Bahamas DNA Project, will be a featured speaker offering an overview of ongoing DNA studies in The Bahamas. Prof. Roberts will also make available affordably priced DNA test kits for those interested in exploring their ancestral backgrounds.

Speaking on the subject of archaeological discovery in The Bahamas, Robert S. Carr, the Executive Director of Archaeological and Historical Conservancy Inc., will highlight discoveries of the Preachers Cove Project in Eleuthera and other insights to the buried heritage of The Bahamas.

Heritage Day 2009 will offer a popular range of activities for all interests including arts and crafts demonstrations and sales, children's games and musical performances. This year features several new additions. Bahamian foods will be featured, a "Town Crier" will inform visitors of program events and costumed young people will act as helpful guides. Also, guests will have the opportunity of being photographed in historical period costumes for a lasting

souvenir of their visit.

The Wyannie Malone Historical Museum welcomes all to this annual event and suggests you mark your calendars now for March 7, 2009.

Hope Town Swimmers Compete in Nassau

By Candace Key

Sisters Albury Higgs (l) and Lilly Higgs (r) returned to Hope Town triumphant after they competed in a weekend swim meet in Nassau. They each won five medals - all first and second places in all four strokes! They were former members of the Swift Swim Team when they lived in Nassau and will now swim with the Hope Town School team, occasionally returning to Nassau to keep those swimmers on their toes. Albury (Grade 5) and Lilly (Grade 3) are children of proud parents Chris and Pleasant Higgs. Hope Town School congratulates these students.



Albury Higgs and Lilly Higgs are showing off their medals that they won at a swimming meet in Nassau recently. All the medals were for first and second place wins. They have recently moved to Hope Town where they hope to continue with their competitive swimming.

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Hope Town Harbour Lodge held an Art Show

By Jennifer Hudson

A group of more than 30 talented artists spent ten days participating in an art workshop in Hope Town which culminated in an art show of their work on January 12. Several locals and people from Marsh Harbour gathered at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge, eager to see the work that had been produced by the artists they had seen painting all around town. Work began some days as early as 5:30 a.m. to catch the moon set, then artists rushed to the other side of the island to catch the sunrise at 7 a.m. and often worked until 11 o'clock at night to catch interesting nightscapes.

Participants in the workshop came from

all over the United States but mainly from the Bethesda, Maryland, area. One Washington doctor flew in from South Africa where she is currently working with AID's patients as she had participated before and definitely did not want to miss this year's workshop. The group consisted of a wide variety of fascinating people with varied and interesting careers including a doctor, physicist, archaeologist, psychiatrist, interior designer, singer, songwriter and a member of the Foreign Service. This year for the first time, some Hope Town residents joined as participants in the workshop. Having seen an art workshop on the island for the past seven years, they had become intrigued and wanted to become a part of it. A recent high school graduate from Marsh Harbour, Kayleigh Sands, was awarded a scholarship to participate this year.



Rick Block, a Hope Town second homeowner who took the art workshop offered by art teacher Walter Bartmen, is shown discussing his paintings at the art show that was the climax of the ten-day class.

The workshop was led by renowned artist Walter Bartman, for whom everyone had the highest praise. Mr. Bartman has taught art in Bethesda for over 30 years and specializes in landscapes and figure painting. He is known as one of Maryland's finest painting teachers and has established the Yellow Barn Gallery and Studio where he teaches students of all ages, levels and backgrounds. In 1976

he began conducting exciting national and international workshops, and this is the seventh year he has conducted one of his workshops in Hope Town. "People come back year after year," said Mr. Bartman, who has thought of trying a different Family Island but cannot find another with all that Hope Town has to offer. So he will most likely be back again next year.

During the ten-day workshop Mr. Bartman gave lectures on how to paint such subjects as foliage, figures on the beach, sea and sky and boats in the harbour. As each artist went off to choose their subject and work on their painting, their teacher went around helping each one individually. Greatly admired and loved by all his students, Mr. Bartman was described as "hardworking, encouraging and honest."

"As we paint "plein air," the setting is

constantly changing and being immersed in these ever changing conditions is exciting," said Mr. Bartman. "I encourage my students to capture the feeling rather than paint a picture, for the idea of what they experience is often closer than if they view the subject as a picture." Paula Rubin-Wexler, one of Mr. Bartman's students for several years who serves on the board of the Yellow Barn Studio summed it up by saying, "He teaches us how to see."

Rick Block is a second homeowner in Hope Town who joined the workshop for the first time this year. Mr. Block, now a grandfather, had not painted since high school but met Mr. Bartman last year and decided that he would like to participate

Please see **Art Show**

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Kayleigh Sands, right, of Marsh Harbour was the first Bahamian scholarship recipient to attend the art classes of Walter Bartman that were offered in Hope Town. She found the classes very stimulating and has been encouraged to continue with her art. She plans to take classes through the computer. Artist Beth Sweeting, left, is admiring her work.

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Art classes drew a diverse group of people

Art Show

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in the workshop this year. He was full of praise for the workshop and his teacher. "It was a great experience, unbelievable and fantastic. I have started noticing so much more now, and I have learnt so much about Hope Town from taking Mr. Bartman's classes," he enthused.

The art show which culminated the week of the workshop was extremely interesting. Not only was it fascinating to talk with all of the very talented artists from so many different walks of life and learn about their backgrounds and why they come year after year to learn from Mr. Bartman, but to see the variety of different painting styles within one group was amazing. It was hard to comprehend that all of the paintings could be so different, but it is because Mr. Bartman encourages each artist's own individual style, and they all saw things through different eyes and portrayed them in different ways. Many different mediums were used including pastel, gouache, oil, acrylic and water colour producing results which ranged from bold, bright colours to pale pastels and from bold, clean lines to

very detailed scenes. The number of paintings on display was quite extraordinary for only ten days of work. But Mr. Bartman explained that people often worked from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. and would usually produce a picture within the space of two hours since the mood changes so quickly and often has to be captured in an instant. When painting a sunrise or sunset, it is gone within a very short time and clouds in the sky can be there one minute and gone the next. So it is necessary to work quickly to catch the moment.

The local people who attended the art show seemed very impressed with the work on display and enjoyed discussing the paintings with the individual artists.

Scholarship Recipient, Kayleigh Sands.

By Jennifer Hudson

Up and coming young artist, Kayleigh Sands of Marsh Harbour, was extremely excited when told that she had been offered a scholarship for Walter Bartman's workshop in Hope Town this year. Seventeen-year-old Kayleigh graduated from Forest Heights Academy in June of last year and

would love to follow art as a career. Since going off to college was not an option, she took a job at Abaco Gold. When she found out that she had been offered a scholarship for this workshop, she gave up her job in order to attend as it meant having to be in Hope Town every day for ten days from morning until night.

I discovered Kayleigh on the day of the art show sitting quietly painting at East Point in order to finish her last painting in time for the show. She had completed seven or eight during the workshop. Kayleigh was awarded the scholarship as a result of discussions between artist Marlee Mason and Walter Bartman who likes to assist high school students who will really benefit from his workshops. Kayleigh was recommended by her art teacher at Forest Heights Academy who thought that she would be the student most likely to benefit.

When asked how she felt about taking the workshop with all of the adults with more experience, Kayleigh replied that she

was so excited. Although she may have felt a little nervous on the first morning, everybody was really nice which helped her relax. "Mr. Bartman is such a good teacher, very nice and very helpful, and he helped us all individually," said Kayleigh. The medium Kayleigh likes best is oil, and she especially enjoys painting landscapes which she proudly displayed at the art show.

Mr. Bartman was very impressed with Kayleigh's dedication and described her as very talented with a lot of potential as an artist who understands rhythm and shapes of paintings. "She has the confidence to make her work successful and the personality to be really good and has made fabulous progress," said Mr. Bartman. This is high praise indeed from such a renowned artist and teacher.

This experience has caused Kayleigh to become more serious about her career, and she plans to begin correspondence courses immediately and be ready for any upcoming art shows.

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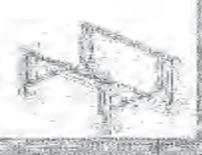
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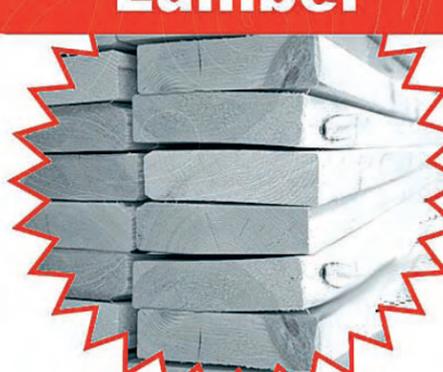
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Community Footprints Program by Winding Bay

By Mirella Santillo

The Community Footprints Program sponsored by The Ritz-Carlton at Winding Bay, while reaching different strata of the community, is mainly geared to help young people, particularly students, who are invited to Winding Bay to enjoy the amenities of the resort and are coached at their schools towards career and life preparation by executives of the company.

Each week ECC students visit the stables to ride horses and familiarize themselves with horse care. Tennis lessons are offered also on a weekly basis to the children of Cherokee Sound. A golf summer camp took place last August during which students from Central Abaco were coached in that sport and will most likely be repeated this Summer.

Environmentally the Club takes part in regular road clean-up on Capt. Earnest Dean Highway and the last beautification project involved the landscaping of the airport round-about. Food donations are made to Sybil's House and gift certificates for use of the resort's amenities are given to Pathfinders Scholarship Fund for its auction.

An on-going youth program is the Personal Development Series which started in October 2008, culminating at the end of the year, by a whole day boosting All Male Youth Conclave, presented by Mr Whitney Bain, the Program Facilitator, in partnership with the Department of Education. The coordinators for the Department of Education were Mrs. Lenora Black and Mr. Kenneth Romer. The function took place at St. Andrews Methodist Church in Dundas Town on November 30th. The boys' interest was awakened by personality and memory tests followed by brain teasers, preparing them for the main topics of self-confidence, grooming, etiquette, conflict resolution, decision making and academic and life preparation.

The latest in the Personal Development Series was a training stage at the resort dur-

ing the Christmas holidays for six students, boys and girls from three schools, Abaco Central High School, Cyber Learning Center and S.C. Bootle High School.

The students were chosen on their teachers' recommendation according to their academic performance and personality. The resort's Managing Director, Mr. Scott Bragg, said, "The training was geared to help students get a well rounded view of what the world is about." He thinks that the chance to work in the resort will give them an insight of the service industry and might direct them to a possible career choice in that field after college or even after high school. While at the resort, the youths were involved in service duties mostly on the beach. They had to anticipate the needs of the guests, help with kayaks, beach towels and sports activities. The "internship" took place from December 19th to January 3rd. Mr. Bragg said they were motivated, well behaved young people whom he would like to have in his work force.

Junior Junkanoo is another area of participation. The resort has been giving local schools monetary help for buying costumes or musical material. Mr. Bragg mentioned that the Club has planned to involve the guests in that cultural event by having them visit some of the schools in February, so they can watch the students create their costumes. The members' support will be rewarded by the students subsequently parading for them at the resort.

The program facilitator, Mr. Bain will

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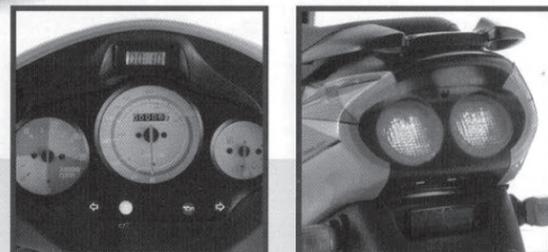


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Students Attended Two Environmental Conferences

Hope Town School was fortunate to have its principal and two students invited to two important Caribbean youth environmental conferences. Principal Mrs. Candace Key and students James Boyce and Natasha Albury traveled to Grenada and then to Barbados for these meetings. The first conference in Grenada was the Caribbean Youth Environmental Network Congress. Hope Town School belongs to this organization, and this was the first time they attended their Congress. This Congress is made up of youth from all over the Caribbean and Guyana that compare ideas and communicate with each other about environmental issues mostly over the internet. Every two years they meet, discuss issues, host speakers, elect officers and become better acquainted with each other. This

year's theme was Climate Change. Educating youth about the possible changes that will occur during climate change is imperative. It is especially important for youth living on low islands such as The Bahamas as we cannot "run for the hills." Speakers from various climate change organizations presented information relative to the Caribbean. Although the Caribbean causes very little in the way of greenhouse gases to add to the global warming, we stand to lose the most from its effects.

Natasha was the youngest to attend this year and quickly became the group favourite. She presented her school's environmental activities before the crowd, then presented the school's donation to the CYEN member from Haiti who is in charge of several youth organizations. The

donation was to be used to aid in repairs to buildings after the hurricane.

James and his mother, Cha Boyce, joined the group a few days later and enjoyed some time river rafting, swimming under waterfalls, visiting nutmeg farms (Grenada is nicknamed the Spice Isle for its production of nutmeg, cinnamon and many other spices) and touring after the Congress was over. The group was surprised when a wild monkey jumped in their van at one stop!

Between the two conferences our group enjoyed touring Barbados. The fantastic Harrison's Cave was unbelievably beautiful. At the Botanical Centre we saw animals none of us had seen anywhere else. Touring the countryside of the beautiful island was a memorable experience for us. The people of Grenada and Barbados are warm and friendly.

The more important of the two conferences was the second one held in Barbados. It was the UNESCO Sandwatch Conference entitled Climate Change—Cool Youth Leading the Way. This conference was made up of students from 10 Caribbean countries that have been participating in the ongoing UNESCO beach study and reclamation project called Sandwatch. During this project students measured tide lines, currents, wave heights, compared types of sand, how the beach is used, types of vegetation and animals found on the beach and conducted beach clean-ups.

The second phase of the program was for the students to design and implement an improvement to their test site beach. The Hope Town School students helped re-plant the dunes after a hurricane, wrote a comic book telling other youth what they could do to help the environment and have produced

two pamphlets about reef stewardship for tourists. Presently, they are awaiting word of the judging of a YouTube video competition they entered sponsored by UNESCO and Sandwatch on their test site reef project. They swam out to the reef to cut off a huge fishing net that washed over and settled on the reef, periodically swim out to do reef health checks, and they conduct interviews with tourists to see how they feel about the reef in front of the Hope Town Harbour Lodge which is their study reef. It was because of these activities that they were invited to take part in the Barbados conference by Dr. Gillian Cambers, Director of the Sandwatch Project and a Nobel Peace Prize winner.

The purpose of the Barbados conference was for the students to learn about climate change and then learn ways and methods of bringing the word back to their islands and educating other youth. Adaptation is the key word in climate change as no matter what the world does, it cannot be stopped now. We must learn methods to adapt and prepare. Students broke into four groups for the conference, each being led by experts in the fields of computer technology, video making, poetry and song, and storytelling and art. They were challenged to produce information in their group as a means of spreading the word about the effects of climate change. Student James Boyce wrote the following:

"I was honored to be included in the trip with Mrs. Key to Barbados last November. We started the trip with a quick overnight in Grenada. We were able to tour the island, visit waterfalls, the nutmeg factory

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The Bahamas' UNESCO Sandwatch Project contingent (Candace Key, James Boyce, Natasha Albury and Cha Boyce) pose with their presentation award along with organizers Nicole Garafano and Dr. Gillian Cambers, the sponsor from the Barbados Environment Centre, a youth official, the Minister of Education of Barbados and a UNESCO official from Paris.

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Conferences were on Barbados and Granada

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and have a wild monkey jump into our car. The tour guide warned us that the monkey liked to steal things, like a man's sunglasses the day before that were lost in the jungle forever. Grenada was amazing because it is all mountains. There is not very much flat land, so you are always driving up and down.

We flew to Barbados and arrived the day before the conference started, so we were able to tour that island as well. We went all over and saw sugar cane fields, cliffs over the ocean, went to a really cool wilderness park and again saw wild mon-

keys, different than the ones in Grenada though. We stopped for lunch on the ocean side of the island, where we watched surfers while eating delicious flying fish burgers and breadfruit fries.

The conference on Climate Change started the next morning. It was called Cool Youth Leading the Way. I met people from lots of different islands in the Caribbean. My roommates were from Jamaica and Trinidad. We learned about different ways to get the message out about the importance of protecting our islands against climate change. We were put into different groups, I was in the video-making group. We all got to use a video cameras and then

download the videos. It was interesting to learn, and we could make videos ourselves to show other people about erosion and the importance of protecting the mangroves and wet land areas. If the water does rise, these areas will help the land be protected. We also got to meet people from Barbados who use video, poetry and music to get the message across."

Natasha Albury really enjoyed all the activities and learned a lot at both meetings. She learned a lot about climate change from our Sandwatch project activities over the years at school and in Grenada and was well prepared to work in her Art and Storytelling group in Barbados to devise ways to get the message of the effects of climate change out. Her project revealed her very artistic nature and was requested that it be kept for display at an environmental centre in Barbados. It was titled Remember Atlantis? Don't let it happen to us. It displayed the fact that we could also become a lost country unless we prepare for changes that will occur during climate change. Students can be very important in this movement by keeping mangroves and beaches clean and healthy as they are our first line of defenses against encroaching waters. One of the activities the students participated in during the Grenada conference was water testing with instruments at several locations to measure the pollution, sedimentation, bacterial level and oxygen level. Natasha excelled at reading the instruments and really enjoyed the work we did testing water at a pristine volcanic lake high in the mountains. She was very proud of herself for gaining confidence with presentation of information to groups and feels it was all a great learning experience. Having roommates from other Caribbean

islands taught the students a lot and fostered great friendships.

At the end of the conference the different groups all presented their information dissemination projects to a group of officials from Barbados and UNESCO officials from Paris, then trophy presentations were made. Three awards were made on the basis of CREATIVITY, PRESENTATION and CONTENT. Hope Town School was proud to win the PRESENTATION award! We traveled home exhausted but feeling more knowledgeable about a very important topic - Climate Change - and ready to spread the word. The trip was made possible by the generosity of the Ministry of Education, UNESCO, Friends of the Environment and Hope Town School PTA We thank you all for the wonderful opportunity!



Natasha Albury of the Hope Town Primary School explained her climate change project "Remember the myth of Atlantis? Don't let it happen to us." The project depicts what could happen to our islands if we do not adapt to changes brought about by global warming during climate change. A Barbados environmental centre asked to keep her project for display.

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visit the schools on a regular basis during February, March and April to make presentations on communication skills such as sentence structure, public speaking or creative writing and later in April and May on critical thinking and execution.

The resort's General Manager, Mr. Floyd Swain, is involved in the program as Community Footprints Director and Mr. Freddie Munning, Director of Human Resources, in the Department of Logistics.

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Artifacts are found in archeological dig

By Mirella Santillo

The Leeward Yacht Club on Green Turtle Cay, a new development of Key West-style homes built along Black Sound, occupies the site of the former pineapple cannery. The developer, Mr. Doug Poland, an aficionado of local history, decided some time ago to organize and fund a dig to see what artifacts could be retrieved to shine more light on what life was like on Green Turtle Cay at the end of the nineteenth century.

After receiving the proper government permission, Mr. Poland invited archeologist Bob Carr to organize the dig. Mr. Carr, who is very well acquainted with Bahamian history, visited Green Turtle Cay at the beginning of December to participate

in the project with two other archeologists, Mr. Joe Mankowski and Mr. Ryan Franklin from the Florida-based Archeological and Historical Conservancy.

The foundations of boilers and two cisterns were reclaimed from the vegetation that had hidden them till now and trenches connecting one boiler to some perfectly round holes were unearthed. The use of these five-foot to six-foot deep holes is still open to speculation.

Many artifacts such as bottles, china shards, buttons and pieces of metal were recovered. They will find a home together with hundreds of other historical artifacts already there in the Albert Lowe Museum where Alton Lowe, owner, artist and historian, will display them.

The pineapple industry supported a healthy population on Green Turtle Cay and North Abaco. Pineapples were grown not only on Green Turtle Cay but mostly in the Cedar Harbour region and brought to Green Turtle Cay to be processed, boiled, canned and subsequently shipped on a regular basis to New York, Baltimore and other parts of the United States from Black Sound where the docks of the Leeward Club's marina now stand.

Mr. Poland, owner of the seven-acre development, was very impressed by the island's rich history, one of the reasons he chose to build there. All of the new homes are designed after the old Bahamian- Key West style. "I have planted pineapples across the property to respect the history of this place and will preserve some of the most interesting historic features so that residents and visitors see some vestige of the island heritage," commented Mr. Poland.

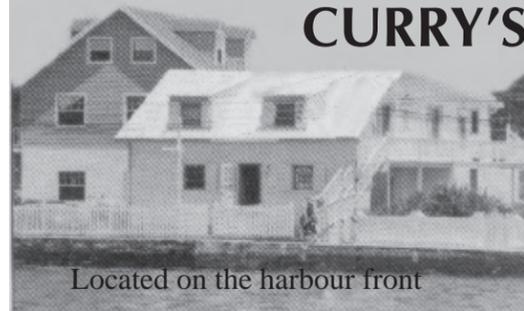


These are some of the artifacts that have been unearthed at Leeward Yacht Club on Green Turtle Cay. These help archeologists determine the way of life of the settlers in the late 1800s.



These men are digging at Black Sound on Green Turtle Cay at the site of a pineapple cannery. Many artifacts have been found including two well formed circular pits about five to six feet deep. The use of these pits is still in doubt. The area is part of the Leeward Yacht Club development now under construction. Mr. Robert Carr is heading up the dig.

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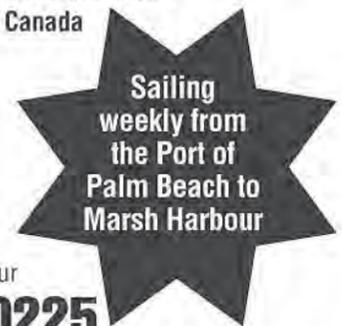


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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Looking Back on 2008

Another year, another Christmas! And we in Cherokee have been very busy. First of all, we erected a new monument by the Long Dock giving a brief history of the dock over the years. This was donated to the community by a second homeowner. Cherokee residents got water piped to their homes in March, thanks to government and the Abaco Club at Winding Bay. A cook-out was held that same month to raise money to assist with medical expenses for the victims of the cannon explosion. Becky and Mitchell got married at the beginning of the year and two new babies, Madison and Alexis, were born; but we lost six of our beloved family members, Benny, Myrtle, Wendy, Theodore, Norma and Stewart.

We had four community litter and trash clean-ups during the year which helped us win the coveted Friends of the Environment's first annual Keep Abaco Beautiful award in September. The residents have agreed to a proposal for Cherokee Sound's surrounding creeks to be designated as a national park by the Bahamas National Trust to protect and possibly reverse our declining marine life. The younger students got a brand new teacher, Ms. Catherine Owens, who quickly settled in. The

school put on a Mexican Dinner Sale and a Mini Fair on two different occasions to help raise much needed funds for general maintenance around the school; both were very successful.

Some of our young people participated in a National Youth Month in October and sang on several different occasions at various events. Our ladies got together to re-activate a Women's Ministry Group in October and meet twice a month for Bible Study and Fellowship. Our Kid's Korner baked and sold cookies to raise money for the children in Inagua who were hit badly by hurricanes this past year. And November was very busy. First, the Methodist Church distributed and donated food in celebration of Harvest to our elderly residents, Kid's Korner kids prepared some very attractive plates of cookies and sweets which were given to the senior citizen for Thanksgiving and the school invited them all to an Afternoon Tea with all the trimmings.

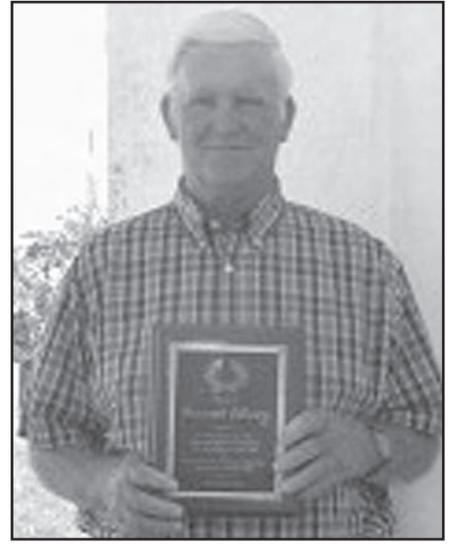
But Christmastime is always the highlight of the year. We start off with street caroling, then a candlelight service in the Methodist Church. The Community Tree is put up and Santa comes by on Christmas Eve followed by a community dinner at the W. W. Sands Community Center, always with a little carol singing afterwards. And, of course, the Foreday Meetings held at 5:30 a.m. in Methodist Church,

Watch Night Service, just before midnight on New Year's Eve usually with a large collection of "Guys" being burnt in effigy beforehand.

Local residents honour one of our own

Cherokee folks came together to honour Kenneth Albury for his many years of community service and for making sure that Cherokee always had a Christmas tree. He was presented with a plaque which was read out to the many people who attended the Christmas Eve festivities held in the center of town at the community Christmas Tree. But, then again, he was honoured by a surprise birthday party for him on January 9th at the W. W. Sands Community Center where approximately 70 persons came out to wish him a happy and healthy 65th birthday. Anyone who knows Kenneth can tell you that all you have to do is ask for his assistance for almost anything, and he is always ready to help out his friends and neighbours.

Kenneth has been married to the former Una Pinder for 40 years and they have one daughter,



Kenneth Albury with his plaque

Cheryl, who now resides in the U.S. and who has given them four grandchildren. Kenneth has been a sea captain, a fisherman and works in construction when he is back on the land. He has served for many years on Local Government helping to make im-

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portant decisions for the betterment of his community. He is an active church member who has served on the Church Board assisting in the management of the local Methodist Church and keeps involved in all different stages of community affairs and has always been a hard worker.

It seems we never appreciate these quiet leaders, but instead take them for granted. It was time that the residents of Cherokee show their appreciation to Kenneth for all that he does for each of us. Thank you, Kenneth. What would we do without you?

Wedding Congratulations

Rachel Duvalier and Larry Albury tied the knot on January 4 in Marsh Harbour. A

small family reception was held at the home of the groom in Cherokee Sound where the couple will be residing. Rachel does not work. Larry is a widower with one grown daughter, Caitlyn, who now resides in the U.S. Larry has was born in Cherokee to Camille and Lebreay Albury and has lived here most of his life. He has been employed with the Caribbean Constructors in Marsh Harbour for many years. We wish the newlyweds every happiness.

Condolences

Stewart Sands, 79 years, passed away in Nassau on December 11 after a short illness. Born in Man-O-War, he was a contractor and construction worker as well as being involved in boat building years ago. He was married 46 years to Corella Mc-

Donald, a Cherokee girl. Together they had one daughter, Vanda Bethel, who gave them two grandchildren and still lives in Cherokee, and one son, Rex, who lives in Marsh Harbour and also has two children.

Stewart took on the task of rebuilding our "Old Schoolhouse" in Cherokee and transformed it into the lovely W. W. Sands Community Center that we all enjoy so much today. Everyone who visits our little settlement remarks on what a beautiful job he and the other local workmen did on transforming a derelict eyesore into a functional facility that we all can use. Stewart and Corella came back to live in Cherokee about 20 years ago and both kept active in community events. We will all miss Mr. Stewart. May he rest in peace.

Annual Audubon Bird Count South Abaco

By Mirella Santillo

A couple of uncommon birds were sighted during the annual South Abaco Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count that took place on January 10th, 2009. A Black-throated Green Warbler and a Black-Throated Blue Warbler were spotted

as well as a flock of 45 Bahama Swallows by Mr. Reg Patterson's group which covered the area north of the Abaco National Park up to Crossing Rocks. One Lincoln Sparrow and one Bahama Mockingbird were seen in the Sandy Point area by Dr. Woody Bracey's team, also unusual sights. Altogether 73 species were recorded, not as many as the previous week's sightings in North Abaco, but still quite an interesting number of species.

A group of 16 people met around 7 a.m. at the "Y" on the Capt Earnest Dean Highway on a cool Saturday morning. They were divided into three teams to cover an area from Crossing Rocks to Sandy Point including the Abaco National Park. Each group was led by a local bird watcher. Mr. John Harold Bethel and five others disappeared into the park. Dr. Bracey, also with five people, took off for Sandy Point, and Mr. Reg Patterson and five other persons went north to Crossing Rocks in hope of finding water birds at the pond preceding the beach where several interesting duck species were found last year.

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The South Abaco Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count took place on January 10 with 16 people participating. Three groups fanned out to cover various habitats, and they sighted a total of 73 species. The data from this count went to the Audubon Society to be analyzed and combines with world-wide statistics to be made public. Bird populations are important indicators of the health of their environments.

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Toys were distributed to the needy children on Abaco from Sandy Point to Crown Haven, including Moores Island and Grand Cay. Town elders, local civic organizations and churches were selected to make the local distribution and ensure that the toys got to those who needed them most.

We have made every effort to recognize the many individuals and organizations who have helped us by supporting this endeavor. However, if we have inadvertently omitted a name, we sincerely apologize.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 2009

Tough Call - Abaco Planning

By Larry Smith

"Would you tell me which way I ought to go from here?" asked Alice.

"That depends a good deal on where you want to get," said the Cat.

"I really don't care where," replied Alice.

"Then it doesn't much matter which way you go," said the Cat.

- Lewis Carroll, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Over the holidays I drove into Marsh Harbour from Treasure Cay and was confronted by an obnoxious sight - acres of rusting machinery and thousands of derelict vehicles distributed along both sides of the Great Abaco Highway.

This was not casual littering. For the most part, the dumps are scrap metal and auto parts businesses - it's called 'urban sprawl.'

Abaco probably represents the best the Bahamas has to offer these days. A large island with significant natural assets, fresh water reserves, successful farming and fishing traditions, a thriving second home and yachting market and a pool of relatively cheap (mostly Haitian) labour. As a result, it has achieved a certain critical mass.

But with a total population of about 15,000 Abaco has reached a crossroads. It is at the point where it has to deal with all the difficult quality of life choices that confront a rapidly developing society.

Explosive Growth

According to Abaconian publisher Dave Ralph (who has lived on the island for half a century), Abaco's explosive growth has been a problem: "Our diverse boards, committees and councils are generally looking at satisfying immediate issues and not considering the effect as the area continues to grow," he wrote recently. "Many issues which relate to growth are not rigidly defined and must be resolved by common sense and a view to present and future community values. This is not an easy task."

No kidding. When I was a youngster, people often remarked that Marsh Harbour, which was originally laid out in 1784 by British officials relocating Loyalists following American independence, was the ugliest settlement in the country. Well, it still is - and getting uglier and more chaotic by the day.

Marsh Harbour is mostly urban sprawl - strip shopping centers, warehouses, storage yards and automobile-dominated streets with no particular plan. Only a handful of residences can be found and the few remaining historic buildings are in disrepair. Clearly, the township has adopted the growth patterns of Nassau, although its smaller scale currently masks this fact.

What Marsh Harbour lacks is a sense of place - the blended natural, physical and

cultural identity that is most clearly represented by historic Bahamian communities like Hope Town on Elbow Cay and Dunmore Town on Harbour Island.

A Sense of Place

It's difficult to define that term 'place' without getting all googly-eyed, but some have tried to explain it by saying, "You can't know who you are until you know where you are." Sense of place involves the human experience in a landscape. It is place which gives us our identity. Place represents 'we tings.'

But while it may be difficult to define, it is relatively easy to say what it isn't - if you know what I mean. For example, strip malls have little sense of place because they all look alike and people don't want to spend any time in them or write anything about them. Whereas an area that has a strong sense of place projects an identity and character that is valued by residents and recognized immediately by visitors.

And then there is the Mud, an illegal Haitian shantytown right in the middle of Marsh Harbour. This community - and other informal settlements nearby - lacks proper waste disposal, water and electrical distribution is illegal and unsafe, and buildings are not built to code so they are prone to fires and hurricane destruction.

In fact, informal settlements like the Mud gave rise to modern urban planning in the first place. Planning was a response to Victorian era industrialisation, which produced slums, deadly epidemics, and a generally unpleasant environment until conditions became intolerable. This account from the BBC website could easily apply to the Mud today:

"In 1854, the commissioners appointed to enquire into the cholera outbreak in Newcastle-upon-Tyne found that about 50 per cent of families had only a single room. Most houses did not have an independent water supply or privy, and what was shared was often the responsibility of no one...The warren of streets posed a threat to public order."

Development Pressures

Although the historic communities like New Plymouth and Hope Town on Abaco's outlying cays have faced - and to an extent successfully absorbed - enormous development pressure in recent years (Hope Town is so full of affluent partygoers that it is known as 'Hollywood'), the main island has remained largely undeveloped - although it has been logged twice by American lumber companies.

But that picture is changing. A relatively continuous belt of shoreline development is being projected all the way from Hole-in-the-Wall to Casuarina Point and unless checked, conventional strip development is

likely to sprawl along the entire highway.

The Abaco Club at Winding Bay opened in 2005 and other investors are eyeing similar resort developments in relatively pristine South Abaco, where the Abaco National Park is located. One of those is Schooner Bay - about 26 miles south of Marsh Harbour.

Schooner Bay is the pet project of legendary developer Orjan Lindroth, whose father was Axel Wenner-Gren's business manager in the Bahamas. The elder Lindroth was responsible for developing the Andros Lighthouse Club and Andros Yacht Club for Wenner-Gren as well as Paradise Beach and the Ocean Club for Huntington Hartford.

After the younger Lindroth graduated from the London School of Economics, he too became a top Bahamas-based developer, closely linked to the New Providence Development Company founded by Canadian E. P. Taylor, the man who created Lyford Cay.

A Model for the Region

A few years ago Lindroth hired famed Miami architectural firm, Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company (DPZ), to master plan Schooner Bay as an open Bahamian village based on the principles of the 'new urbanism.' New urban planning calls for walkability and connectivity, mixed-use neighbourhoods with lively town centres and eco-friendly technologies that support a light development footprint. Schooner Bay is being crafted as a settlement model for the entire region, Lindroth says.

The project's land use plan retains 60 per cent of the 220-acre site as protected green space (no Crown land is involved). And building design will be based entire-

ly on tried and true Bahamian vernacular architecture. The settlement will feature a harbor, a mixed-use village centre, a school, various small resort amenities and a broad range of housing types.

Schooner Bay's design team recently published a 298-page book (A Living Tradition - Architecture of the Bahamas), that outlines many of the principles that will be applied. Bahamian architect, Jackson Burnside, told Tough Call that "these principles document the common sense of the ancestral legacy of Bahamian communities and are, therefore, appropriate lessons to guide our communities going forward."

It turns out that DPZ is a world leader in neo-traditional community design. One of its early projects was Seaside on Florida's Gulf Coast, which was hailed as the first authentic new town to be built successfully in the United States in over 50 years. In 1989 Time Magazine selected Seaside as one of the 10 "Best of the Decade" achievements in the field of design.

The firm also developed the SmartCode (<http://smartcodecentral.com/>), which folds zoning, subdivision regulations, urban design, public works standards and basic architectural controls into one compact open source document whose goal is to discourage sprawl, keep towns compact and retain as much open space as possible.

Implications for Abaco

Lindroth's association with DPZ has wider implications for Abaco's future. Among those who took part in a planning workshop for the Schooner Bay project in 2006 was a professor from Michigan's Andrews University named Andrew von Maur. Each

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A model is underway

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year the Urban Design Studio at the university undertakes a field project to help real communities address planning issues.

"I approached Lindroth in part because I had an interest in tackling the planning problems of the Mud," von Maur told Tough Call. "I had recently been inspired by Jaime Correa of Coral Gables to help advance work in shanty towns. Orjan suggested that the Abaco community could benefit from a much larger planning scope."

The result was a 10-day town and regional planning workshop held on Abaco last September (www.abacoplanning.org). The Andrews University team brought together key stakeholders - government officials, landowners, concerned citizens, activist groups, and the business community - to collaborate on a vision and a set of guiding principles for the future development of Marsh Harbour and South Abaco.

"Schooner Bay gave some financial support for travel, but left us a free hand in developing the proposals. We had the official sanction of (the Ministry of the Environment), but Andrews University conducted the charrette and developed the entire set of proposals as a free, independent academic institution, in collaboration with the participating public, professional consultants and local officials."

The document they produced (a Proposal to Restore a Sustainable Settlement Tradition on Abaco) includes specific planning guidelines and proposals for Marsh Harbour, the Mud, Sandy Point and the South Abaco region as a whole. Also included are illustrations, codes and ordinances which can be adopted by local authorities

to advance the proposals. It is a stunning piece of work.

A Useful Initiative

According to environmental consultant Keith Bishop, who has played a large role in the Schooner Bay development, the Andrews University document is "a useful planning initiative that can and should be duplicated over our entire country. Hopefully, we will learn from these principles before our kids are forced to live in urban sprawl. That is, if there is anything left to sprawl on."

The proposal seeks to avoid strip development along the Great Abaco Highway corridor and promote the long-term sustainability of the South Abaco region. Conventional automobile-dominated development patterns are discouraged in favour of mixed-use Bahamian settlement types with a variety of transportation options.

"Conventional resort development typically features large hotels, a closed environment, golf courses, and a utility infrastructure that demands high water use and distant power transmission," the proposal says. "This model typically relies on a cheap labor force, high numbers of visitors, and intense access to amenities such as beaches, marinas and nearby transportation (airports).

"When systems fail over time, projects can become difficult to maintain because the Bahamas does not provide a sophisticated maintenance industry to sustain such a scale of development. This can mean further reliance on imported labor or the gradual transformation of the project into an obsolete and unmanageable relic. (Such projects are sometimes abandoned with devastating affects on the local job market and economy (eg: the Four Seasons Resort

on Exuma) and irrevocable harm to natural ecosystems."

The Andrews proposal seeks to define which communities are permitted in what sectors of the island based on the best Bahamian settlement traditions, improved for the 21st century. Special requirements such as green corridors for wildlife are also stipulated, while conventional resort development is discouraged.

Transportation options include an improved bus service linking the entire island, an expanded airstrip near Sandy Point, new and enhanced ferry ports at both Sandy Point and Marsh Harbour, and bike path networks.

The proposals for Marsh Harbour call for channeling growth into a network of compact mixed-use centres with interconnected streets, each comprising a walkable neighborhood. Ferry docks would be enhanced with appropriate commercial development and a public park and market would be provided.

Tackling the Mud

But the most interesting suggestions focus on the Haitian shantytown known as the Mud - an amazing concentration of poverty and decay built on spoil dredged from the harbour that all agree is a major disincentive to investment in the island's capital. The planning challenges it creates can only be addressed by tackling difficult issues of political status, ownership and social justice.

The Andrews document argues that a pathway to legal land ownership (through lease to purchase contracts) must be provided for the Haitian community. The proposals - which include proper waste treatment, water and electrical services, vegetable

gardens, better roads and housing, and public parks - are intended to show how conditions in the Mud might improve if we allowed such a transition to take place.

"Building densities in the Mud are 12 per acre, about the same as the densest historic settlements in the Bahamas (Dunmore Town, New Plymouth and Hope Town)," the proposal says. "The true challenges of the Mud do not lie in its building density, but rather in its poor safety standards and overcrowded dwellings."

The ultimate hope is that Marsh Harbour can transform itself into a community that is in keeping with the best of Bahamian settlement traditions, with a vibrant and livable mixed-use environment that can be sustained for generations.

It should be noted that the most successful Bahamian destinations invariably feature Bahamian vernacular architecture of high quality. These places include Hope Town, Dunmore Town, New Plymouth and Spanish Wells. In this sense, Bahamian settlement patterns ought to be regarded by everyone as a worthy investment.

"The biggest planning challenge," according to Nassau architect Mike Alexiou, "is how to grow and not lose the things we love. Our job as custodians of the Bahamian built environment is to provide an antidote for one-size-fits-all development."

The alternative is, as Abaco resident John Hedden put it recently, to devalue ourselves. "Our history is thrown away. Our culture is discarded. Our architecture is allowed to rot. Our intellect is on a flight to Miami. Our resourcefulness is all about scheming to bring it in cost-free."

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Tourism will host a Get-Together

By Michelle Mikula

On the evening of February 25th the Ministry of Tourism will host its annual People to People/Winter Residents' Reception at the Coco Beach Bar in Treasure Cay. The reception, which is staged annually for visitors and winter residents of Abaco, will experience *Tings Bahamian* through the various forms of entertainment and cultural expressions that will be presented. The Ministry of Tourism uses this reception to say thanks to the winter residents whose presence and contributions have been very beneficial to Abaco.

During the reception local volunteers from the People to People program will be on hand to participate in open commu-

nication and information sharing between themselves and the visitors. The program was introduced by the Ministry of Tourism so that visitors could have the opportunity to experience Bahamian hospitality and culture in an unscripted setting.

The local Ministry of Tourism Office in Marsh Harbour currently has applications available for Bahamians who wish to participate in this program. The program matches visitors and host volunteers according to their ages, hobbies, interests and occupations in an encounter that is usually described as the highlight of their vacation experience. Persons wishing to participate in the program can contact Doranell Swain at the Abaco Tourist Office at 367-3067.

Woodside

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and Administrator for South Abaco, Mr. Benjamin Pinder. Following breakfast at the Administrator's office, the party toured of the island to look at various local government projects. This fulfilled a promise made by Minister Woodside to the people of Moore's Island that he would visit their district to get first hand knowledge of the island. "He was the first minister to visit the island since our present government came into power," stated Administrator Pinder.

Firstly, they visited the government dock at The Bight to observe construction by local government; then they traveled to the settlement of Hard Bargain where they spent the remainder of their visit. Here, they inspected another government dock and sea wall before moving on to the garbage site, school and government clinic.

At 12 noon they met for a Council meeting where they discussed issues arising

from what they had observed. It was noted that a lot of work needs to be done at the dump site; and track and field facilities are needed for the school. The nurse from the government clinic gave a long list to the Minister of requirements needed there. It was reported that details of all the needs discussed will be forwarded to the appropriate ministries in Nassau. The Council was encouraged not to overspend because of the present state of the economy.

Following lunch the official party went for a walkabout through the community before leaving on Abaco Air at 4:00 p.m.

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nity willing to put in to help Friends of the Environment succeed. Friends is constantly trying to recruit people across Abaco to come to their meetings and participate in a wide range of events both of education

and conservation. But as they say, you may lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink. As much as Friends of the Environment strives to lure people into participating, it is ultimately up to that single person who finally makes the decision to get up, get out of the house and make a difference. Mr. Hedden, going by his article, obviously has a strong belief in the altruistic side of human nature. Unfortunately, I don't share all of his enthusiasm. To say, "Just about everybody native to Abaco is concerned about the future of the wildlife and the wilderness areas of Abaco" may be true, but I fear Mr. Hedden has overestimated how much one is willing to do about the problem. To think is quite different from taking action, and being concerned about a problem is not enough. If just about every native Abaconian was so "concerned" with our environment, then why are our streets littered with garbage, why are we just now starting to get serious about recycling our aluminum cans?

It is not Friends of the Environment that is so "disconnected" from the community. Alternatively, I say that the majority of this community has not learned how to work together to achieve a similar goal.

Ashley Sands

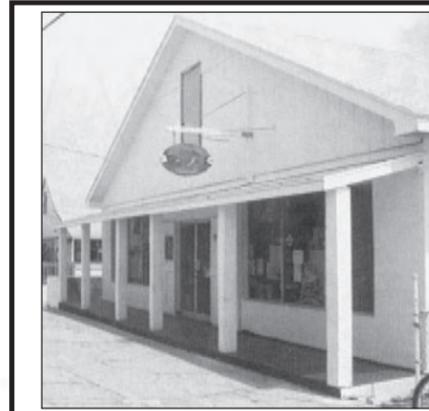
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They met again in the early afternoon to give their records to Dr. Bracey, who will send the data to the Audubon Society and share reports of their sightings.

The number of species was not the highest ever recorded, a reason could be that all the ponds included in the area were dry so no ducks or water birds were spotted, a definite let-down. The Abaco National Park seemed to be quieter than usual. Parrots were heard squawking, but only two were sighted. Large areas of the park were dry, a possible consequence of the earlier forest fires or storms resulting in less berries and moisture for the birds. Still, quite a few different warblers were seen as well as a few flycatchers such as a Loggerhead Kingbird and Crescent-eyed Pewees. A couple of colorful Striped-headed Tanager, pretty Yellow Throated and Bahama Yellow Throated Warblers stood in front of the binoculars and a Red Tail Hawk and a Peregrine Falcon were exciting sights for the raptor lovers.

Still, the bird watchers were pleased with the count; the excitement provided by the unusual sightings outdid the disappointment of not finding a greater number of species.



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Crown Haven	\$75 + \$5
Marsh Harbour Airport	\$75 + \$10
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$65 + \$10
T C Hotel to G Turtle Ferry (Blue Hole \$24)	\$18 + \$ 5
T C Hotel to Bonefish Marles	\$22 + \$5
T C Hotel to Joe's Creek	\$35 + \$5
T C Hotel to Moxy	\$16 + \$5
T C Hotel to Banyan Bch Club XX	\$6 + \$3
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$75 + \$10

Airlines Serving Abaco	
Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
Southern Air - Nassau	367-2498
Twin Air Calypso - Fort Lauderdale	367-0140
Yellow Air Taxi - Ft Lauderdale	367-0032
Local air charters serving Bahamas & S.Florida	
Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-3450

Dive Shops	
Abaco Dive Adventures, Marsh Harbour	367-2963
Above & Below, Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Froggies, Hope Town	366-0431
Treasure Divers, Treasure Cay	365-8571
Brendal's Dive, Green T. Cay	365-4411
Dive Guana	365-5178
Man-O-War Dive Shop	365-6013

Items of interest	
Man-O-War boat yards • Blackwood blue hole & sisal mill • Cedar Harbour plantation ruins - need guide • Hole-in- Wall lighthouse - last mile very rough road • Abaco wild horses by appointment 367-4805 • Bird watching - ask tourism 367-3067	

Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted	
Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes, Guana Cay - 40 minutes	
Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch	
Marsh Harbour > Hope Town 7:15 am 9 10:30 12:15 pm* 2 4 5:45	
Return 8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm* 3 4 5 6:30	
Marsh Harbour > White Sound Contractor's special - Mon - Fri 7 am Return 5 pm	
Marsh Harbour > Man-O-War 10:30 am 12:15 pm 2:30* 4 5:45	
Return 8 am 11:30 1:30 pm 3:15* 5	
Marsh H. > Guana Cay (& Scotland Cay with advance notice) from Conch Inn	
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock) 10:30 1:30 pm 3:30 5:45*	
Return 8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45 5:45	
Fare • Adult prepaid oneway \$15 / open return \$25, • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free	

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride	
Green T Cay to Treasure Cay Airport 8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30	
T Cay Airport to Green T Cay 8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5	
New Plymouth one way adult \$10 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$15 • Extra to some G T Cay docks	
Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16	
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday Lv 12 & returns 4:45 p.m. \$25 RT	
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm \$35 RT	
T Cay to Guana Cay Sunset Cruise - Fr \$25 , call for time	

Pinder's Ferry Service Between Abaco & Grand Bahama -	
Crown Haven, Abaco to McLean's Town, Grand Bah. -Daily 7:00 am & 2:30 pm	
McLean's Town to Crown Haven - return Daily 8:30 am & 4:30 pm	
Fare \$45 OW / \$90 RT • Children half fare • Call Abaco 365-2356 for information	
Bus between Freeport and McLean's Town • Rental automobiles at both terminals.	

Bahamas Ferries Sandy Point to Nassau under 4 Hr. Call Sandy Point 366-4119	
or Marsh Harbour 367-5250 for sailing dates • Adults \$95 RT, \$55 OW • Cars & trucks	

The Great Abaco Express Marsh Harbour charter bus to N Abaco • Call 367-2165, Group tours	
Abaco Marinas - Slips Fuel Phone	
Walker's Cay	
Walker's Cay	Closed
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	45..... F..... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32..... F..... 365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15..... 365-4531
Other Shore Club	12..... F..... 365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10..... F..... 365-4033
Treasure Cay	
Treasure Cay Marina	150..... F..... 365-8250
Man-O-War	
Man-O-War Marina	26..... F..... 365-6008
Marsh Harbour	
Boat Harbour Marina	183..... F..... 367-2736
Conch Inn	75..... F..... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36..... F..... 367-2182
Marsh Harbour Marina	52 F 367 2700
Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	16..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6..... F..... 366-0154
Sea Spray	50..... F..... 366-0065
Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina	75..... F..... 365-0083
Guana Cay	
Orchid Bay	64..... F..... 365-5175
Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

Tours & Excursions	
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
Above & Below • Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0024
Hope Town historic walking tour	458-4670

Points of Interest	
Albert Lowe Museum	Green Turtle Cay
Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits	Green Turtle Cay
Memorial Sculpture Garden	Green Turtle Cay
Wyannie Malone Historical Museum	Hope Town
Elbow Cay Light Station	Hope Town
Walk to & swim on Mermaid Reef off M Harb. ..Pelican Shore	
Drive to & swim in Blue Hole	Treasure Cay farm road
Art studio & working foundry-	Little Harbour
Working boatyards	Man-O-War cay
Pocket beaches • Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour	
• Witches Point - 3 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
• Little Harbour - 20 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
• Cherokee - 23 miles S of Marsh Harbour	
Miles of beach are generally on ocean exposures	
• Treasure Cay • Green Turtle Cay • Guana Cay • Elbow Cay	
• Man-O-War Cay • Casuarina Point • Bahama Palm Shore	
• Sandy Point & more	

Bonefish Guides	
Sandy Point	
Patrick Roberts	366-4286
Nicholas Roberts	
Derrick Gaitor	
Ferdinand Burrows	366-4133
Vernal Burrows	
Kendall White	
Anthony Bain	366-4107
Floyd Burrows	366-4175
Links Adderly	366-4335
Valentino Lightbourne	
Ricky Burrows	366-4233
Marsh Harbour	
Jody Albury	375-8068
Terrance Davis	367-4464
Buddy Pinder	366-2163
Justin Sands	367-3526
Danny Sawyer	367-3577
Jay Sawyer	367-3941
Man-O-War	
David Albury	365-6059
Crossing Rocks	
Tony Russell	366-3259
Cherokee	
Theodore Sawyer	366-2111
Will Sawyer	366-2177
Marty Sawyer	366-2115
Noel Lowe	366-2107
Randy Sawyer	366-2284
Casuarina Point	
Junior Albury	366-3058
Hope Town	
Maitland Lowe	366-0234
North Abaco	
O'Donald McIntosh	477-5037
Pope McKenzie	477-5894
Orthnell Russell	365-0125
Alexander Rolle	365-0120
Edward Rolle	365-0024
Green Turtle Cay	
Rick Sawyer	365-4261
Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070
Jeff Survance	365-4040

To Abaco by land and sea from Florida • Take Discovery Cruise Line (954-971-7347) from Ft. Lauderdale or CloudX ferry (866-473-3779) from West Palm Beach to Freeport • Bus to McLeans Town • Ferry to Crown Haven • Bus to Green Turtle Ferry or Marsh Harbour • Taxi to Marsh Harbour ferry dock • Ferry to Hope Town, Man-O-War or Guana Cay • Its an adventure



Restaurant Guide	
Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper (Based on dinner entree range)	
+ Picnic tables & restroom only ‡ Provides ride from town	
Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
Curly Tails	\$\$\$ 367-4444
Gino's	\$ 367-2002
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Island Cafe	\$ 367-6444
Jamie's Place	\$ 367-2880
Jib Room	\$\$ 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Pop's Place	\$ + 367-3796
Sea Shells	\$ 367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ + 367-4005
Snappas	\$ 367-2278
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074
Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$ 366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$\$ 366-0087
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$ 366-0095
Munchies	\$ + 366-0423
Sea Spray	\$\$ ‡ 366-0065
Little Harbour	
Pete's Pub	
Lubber's Quarter	
Cracker P's	366-3139
Man-O-War	
Hibiscus	365-6380
Island Treats Snack Bar	365-6501
Guana Cay	
Docksiders	\$\$\$ 365-5230
Grabbers	\$\$\$ 365-5133
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Orchid Bay	\$\$\$ 265-5175
Treasure Cay	
Florence's Cafe	\$
Coconuts	
Harbour Cafe	\$ 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	\$ 365-8648
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$ 365-8195
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$ 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$ 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	\$\$ 365-4389
Laura's Kitchen	\$\$ 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$\$ 365-4625
Plymouth Rock Cafe	365-4234
Rooster's Rest	\$\$ 365-4066
Sundowners	365-4060
Wrecking Tree Restaurant	
Sandy Point	
Nancy's	
Pete & Gays	\$ ‡ H Cafe Open Nights Only
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge	366-4477

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Bikes & Scooters • Boats • Cars & Carts	
Rentals * Marsh Harbour	
A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
B & B Boat Rentals	367-7368
Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Power Cat Boat Rentals	
Quality Star Car Rentals (Texaco)	367-2979
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887
Green Turtle Cay	
Bay Street Rentals +	477-5300 365-4070
Brendals Dive Bikes & Kayak rental	365-4411
C & D Cart Rental	365-4084
D & P Cart Rental	365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
New Plymouth Cart Rentals	365-4188 or 4149
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts & Bikes	365-4147
T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055
Guana Cay	
Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Dive Guana Boats & Bikes	365-5178
Orchid Bay Cart rentals	354-5175
Man-O-War	
Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6502
Island Treasures Cart Rentals	365-6072
Ria-Mar Golf Cart Rentals	365-6024
Waterways Boat Rental	357-6540 & 365-6143
Hope Town	
Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
J R's Cart Rental	366-0361
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069
Treasure Cay	
Alison Car Rent	365-8193
Cash's Carts	365-8771
Claridge's Cart Rentals	365-8248
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals	365-8465
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749

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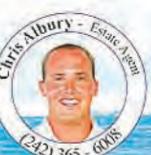
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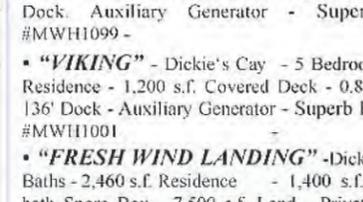


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 <p>"Beach House" #GHI1108 - \$699,000.</p>	 <p>"Prince's Trust" #GGH1096 - \$4,950,000.</p>	 <p>"Entre Deux Mers" #MWH1116 - \$3,750,000.</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath. - 768 s.f. Residence - 336 s.f. Open Deck. - Central Air - Beachfront - Central, Convenient Location - Fabulous Ocean Views - Fully Furnished</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - 12.5 Acre Estate - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bath - 1,760 s.f. Residence - Covered & Open Decks - 593' of Ocean Beach - 664' on Sea of Abaco - Fabulous Ocean Views - Private Boat Basin</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. - 2,664 s.f. Residence. - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath. - 838 s.f. Guest House - Land - Sea-to-Sea ± 43,800 s.f. - 1.1 Acres - 98' Ocean Beach Front - Private Dock On Creek - Fabulous Views</p>
<p>ELBOW CAY • "SUBLIME" - 4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Bath - 2,200 s.f. Residence - 1,000 s.f. Porches & Decks - Boat House & Private Dock on the Harbour - Great Harbour Views - Good Rental History #HTH1104 - \$1,150,000. GREAT GUANA CAY • "SEA-TO-BAY" - 11.5 Acres - 1,198' of Waterfrontage - Over 500' of Protected Boat Basin Frontage - Superb Building Sites - Good elevation - Fabulous Views - Perfect for development or Elegant Private Estate. #GGV1008 \$9,995,000. • "SANDCASTLE" - 2 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths. - 960 s.f. Residence - Covered Porch - Land - 5,000 s.f. - Dock Access - Furnished. #GGH1011 \$375,000.</p>	 <p>"Art Café" #GHI1109 - \$867,500.</p>	 <p>"Coconut Grove Cottage" #MWH1076 - \$1,550,000.</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - - 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths. - 2,212 s.f. Residence - 848 s.f. Covered Decks. - Land - 9,700 s.f. - 2 Central A/C Units - Storage, Generator Shed - 12 KW Aux. Generator - Income Producing - Ocean View #GGH1105 - \$491,000.</p>	<p>Green Turtle Cay - 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 2,170 s.f. Residence - 285 s.f. Covered Porches - Land - 3,480 s.f. - Near Public Dock in Harbour. - Historic - Gingerbread - Harbour Views</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,560 s.f. Residence - 1,040 s.f. Verandahs - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Guest house - 1.824 Acres - Entire S.E. - Point of Dickie's Cay - Private Dock, Auxiliary Generator - Superb Views - Furnished. #MWH1099 - \$2,200,000.</p>
 <p>"Garden Walk" #GGH1105 - \$491,000.</p>	 <p>"John Lowe House - circa 1866" #GTH1119 - \$450,000.</p>	<p>GREAT GUANA CAY • "JUNKANOO SPLASH" - Dolphin Beach Estates - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. - 1,150 s.f. Residence - 760 s.f. Covered Porch - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 490 s.f. Apartment - Workshop - Great Views - Near Settlement #GGH1015 - \$550,000.</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - 5 Bedrooms, 4 Baths - 4,977 s.f. Residence - 3.5 Acres - Sea-to-Sea - 130' Ocean Beachfront - 200' on Coco Bay - Private Dock on Coco Bay - 15KW Aux Gen. - 600 GPD - Watermaker #GTH1097 - Four Possible Sale Options - From: \$848,000 - for 1 acre w/dock lic. on Coco Bay. to \$3,490,000 for entire Estate</p>	<p>Green Turtle Cay - Commercial - Upper level Apartment Residence - 2,158 s.f. Building - 1,000 s.f. Porches & Decks - Land 2,462 s.f. - Near Public Dock in Harbour. - Harbour Views - Rental History - Income #GTH1120 - \$400,000.</p>	<p>MAN-O-WAR CAY • "HARBOUR LIGHT" - Dickie's Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,560 s.f. Residence - 1,040 s.f. Verandahs - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Guest house - 1.824 Acres - Entire S.E. - Point of Dickie's Cay - Private Dock, Auxiliary Generator - Superb Views - Furnished. #MWH1099 - \$2,200,000. • "VIKING" - Dickie's Cay - 5 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths. - 3,360 s.f. Residence - 1,200 s.f. Covered Deck - 0.84 Acres Sea-to-Sea - Private 136' Dock - Auxiliary Generator - Superb Harbour Views - Furnished. #MWH1001 - \$1,995,000. • "FRESH WIND LANDING" - Dickie's Cay - 3 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths - 2,460 s.f. Residence - 1,400 s.f. Porches-Decks - 1 Bed, 1 bath Snore Box - 7,500 s.f. Land - Private 93' Dock. - 40 KW Aux. Generator - Superb Harbour Views - #MWH1107 - \$1,200,000.</p>
 <p>"Sonn Light" #GTH1097 - Four Possible Sale Options - From: \$848,000 - for 1 acre w/dock lic. on Coco Bay. to \$3,490,000 for entire Estate</p>	 <p>"Cotton House" #GTH1120 - \$400,000.</p>	 <p>"Sunsplash" #MWH1019 - \$1,165,000.</p>	<p>Green Turtle Cay - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath - 1,455 sq.ft. Luxury Villa - Covered Screened Porches - Land - 7,554 sq.ft. - Deeded Dock - Boat Lift - Golf Cart Garage - Complete Renovation 2007 - Tastefully Decorated - Auxiliary Generator - No Expense Spared</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath. - 660 s.f. Residence. - 240 s.f. Studio - Dock House - Land - Sea-to-Sea 36,775 s.f. - 8442 Acre - 100' Ocean Beach Front - Private Dock On Creek - Fabulous Views #MWH1018 - \$1,250,000.</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. - 1,921 s.f. Residence. - 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath - 400 s.f. Guest Cabin - 172' Ocean Beach Front - 1,189 Acres - Beautifully Landscaped - Semi-Private Dock - Fabulous Views #MWH1019 - \$1,165,000.</p>
 <p>"Marina Villa # 4" #GTH1098 - \$995,000.</p>	 <p>"Bonnie Dune" #MWH1018 - \$1,250,000.</p>	 <p>"Birdsacre" #MWH1114 - \$340,500</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - Settlement - 4 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths. - 1,240 s.f. Residence. - 0.3213 Acre - 14,000 s.f. - Hillside for great Ocean Views. - Beautifully Landscaped - Fully Furnished & Equipped.</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - - 3 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths. - 1,200 s.f. Residence. - 192 s.f. Studio Snore Box - Sleeps 4. - 0.23 Acre - 10,056 s.f. - 17 KW Aux. Generator - Beautifully Landscaped - Furnished #MWH1024 - \$499,000.</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - Settlement - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath - Sleeping Loft - 410 s.f. Cottage - 0.217 Acre - 9,452 s.f. - 160 s.f. Shed - Workshop - Beautifully Landscaped - Fully Furnished & Equipped. #MWH1114 - \$340,500</p>
 <p>"Buttonwood" #MWH1020 - \$592,500.</p>	 <p>"Paw-Paw Patch" #MWH1024 - \$499,000.</p>	 <p>"Bountifully Blessed" #TLH1086 \$1,350,000.</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - - 4 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths. - 1,240 s.f. Residence. - 0.3213 Acre - 14,000 s.f. - Hillside for great Ocean Views. - Beautifully Landscaped - Fully Furnished & Equipped. #MWH1020 - \$592,500.</p>	<p>Scotland Cay - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath - 1600 s.f. of residence - 785 s.f. wrap around porch - 23,938 s.f. - .549 Acre land - 180 degree views - 250' to the Atlantic Beach - 240 s.f. garage - 28,000 gallon cistern - Fully furnished - Runway & Dock access #SCH1093 \$799,000.</p>	<p>Tilloo Cay - 2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath - 800 s.f. residence - 3.75 Acre, sea to sea - 109' of frontage - on Sea of Abaco - 106' on Atlantic - Boat basin with lift - 170' of dock - Swimming Pool - Approved plans for 3/2 New England Style cottage #TLH1086 \$1,350,000.</p>
 <p>"St. Charles Place" #MHH1084 - \$2,700,000.</p>	 <p>"Blessing House" #SCH1093 \$799,000.</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - Settlement - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath - Sleeping Loft - 410 s.f. Cottage - 0.217 Acre - 9,452 s.f. - 160 s.f. Shed - Workshop - Beautifully Landscaped - Fully Furnished & Equipped. #MWH1114 - \$340,500</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - - 3 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths. - 1,200 s.f. Residence. - 192 s.f. Studio Snore Box - Sleeps 4. - 0.23 Acre - 10,056 s.f. - 17 KW Aux. Generator - Beautifully Landscaped - Furnished #MWH1024 - \$499,000.</p>	<p>Scotland Cay - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath - 1600 s.f. of residence - 785 s.f. wrap around porch - 23,938 s.f. - .549 Acre land - 180 degree views - 250' to the Atlantic Beach - 240 s.f. garage - 28,000 gallon cistern - Fully furnished - Runway & Dock access #SCH1093 \$799,000.</p>	<p>Tilloo Cay - 2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath - 800 s.f. residence - 3.75 Acre, sea to sea - 109' of frontage - on Sea of Abaco - 106' on Atlantic - Boat basin with lift - 170' of dock - Swimming Pool - Approved plans for 3/2 New England Style cottage #TLH1086 \$1,350,000.</p>

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<p>GREAT GUANA CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "BLUE LAGOON" - Parcel # 45 - Orchid Bay - 43,480 s.f. - 0.9982 Acre - 190.88' on Sea of Abaco frontage - prime building site - 1/-15' elevations - Orchid Bay amenities - Allows for private deeded dock - mature trees. #GGV1087 \$940,000. • "WIND N' SEA" - Fabulous waterfront building site - Two parcels containing a total of 69,197 s.f. - 1.588 Acres - 241' of Sea of Abaco Frontage - great elevations to 42' above sea level - GGV1112 NEW LISTING - \$850,000. • "AERIE" - Parcel # 58 - Orchid Bay - 174,775 s.f. - 4.012 Acres - Orchid Bay amenities. - One of the Highest Points in Orchid Bay - Fabulous Panoramic Views. #GGV1077 - \$850,000. • "CLAIRE'S BEACH" - Beachfront Building Site - 31,243 s.f. - 0.717 Acre - 117' Beach Frontage - Dock Access - Good Elevation - Superb Ocean Views - Lush Vegetation. #GGV1006 - \$790,000. • "SEAVIEW" - Dolphin Beach Estates - 136' prime waterfront - 0.557 Acres Containing 24,292 s.f. - Shared dock access Superb elevation - Fabulous Views of Delia's Cay and the Sea of Abaco. 8' depth at MLW at shoreline. A private dock can be built on the property. GGV1118 - NEW LISTING \$624,500. • "CAPTAIN'S COVE" - 6,653 s.f. - 0.152 Acre - 45.47' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Prime building site - can carry a private dock - 180 degree views - underground electric and paved road. #GGV1091 \$375,000. 	<p>GREEN TURTLE CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "CONCHED OUT" - offered in 1 to 4 prime sites - 100' - 460' of water frontage - Atlantic Beach and Sea of Abaco frontage available - 10' - 32' elevations - 360' views - Very private Area #GTV1008 - \$546,000. - \$3,000,000. • "PLAYING HOOKY" - 15,948 s.f. - 0.3661 Acre - Prime Building Site - Unobstructed views of Coco Bay - Public Dock Access - Beach Access - 50' from Coco Bay Beach. #GTV1080 \$625,000. • "COCO BAY VIEW" - 32,690 s.f. - 0.7567 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access - Good Elevation. #GTV1009 \$291,000. • "COCO BAY BREEZE" - 19,558 s.f. - 0.4490 Acre - Prime Building Site - Dock Access - Beach Access. #GTV1007 \$167,500. • "CASUARINA" - 8,126 s.f. - 0.1865 Acre - Corner lot - Prime building site - Central location - Short walk to Bita Bay Beach - Snorkel right off shore #GTV1074 \$112,500. <p>LYNYARD CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "LYNYARD PALMS" - 42,906 s.f. - 0.985 Acre - 1/-134' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Prime Building Site - Build private dock - Well established Coconut trees - Views of Sea of Abaco and Atlantic Ocean. #LCV1090 - \$274,000. <p>MAN-O-WAR CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "GRAND BOIS" - Rare Prime Ocean-front building site - 0.51 Acre - 125' Atlantic Ocean frontage - Central Location - Fabulous Ocean Views - Lush Native Foliage. #MWH1081 - \$695,000. 	<p>MAN-O-WAR CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "SUMMERPLACE" - Prime Building Site - 10,719 s.f. - 0.246 Acre - Over 150' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Concrete Seward on Sea of Abaco - 103' x 6' private dock on Man-O-War harbour - Fabulous Sea of Abaco views. #MWH1082 \$395,000. <p>MARSH HARBOUR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GREAT ABACO CLUB - Parcels # 6A and # 7A - # 6A - 9,243 sq. ft. - # 7A - 13,845 sq. ft. - Private Dockage - Great Sea of Abaco Views. # 6A - #MWH1102 \$970,000. # 7A - #MWH1103 \$1,455,000. #6A & #7A - \$2,182,000. • GREAT ABACO CLUB - Parcels # 48 and # 49 - # 48 - 7,548 sq. ft. - # 49 - 7,117 sq. ft. - 50' of Boat Basin Frontage. - Semi-Private Docks - Ridge Parcels - Good Elevation. # 48 - #MWH1100 \$667,000. - # 49 - #MWH1101 \$667,000. <p>SAND BANKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Sand Banks Creek - # 2" - 47,524 s.f. - 1.091 Acres. 108' of frontage on Sand Banks Creek. 540' in Depth. 80' on S.C. Boole Highway - #ACV1113 - NEW LISTING - \$108,000 <p>SCOTLAND CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "141 Hillside Developer Parcels" - Over 1/2 Acre with beach access. Aircraft Landing Rights and Boat Slips available NEW LISTING - Priced from: \$170,000 - \$438,000 • "Block Q - Parcel # 1" - Fabulous one-half acre building site - 25,658 sq. ft. - 0.5890 Acre - 172.61' on Sea of Abaco - Hillside - great elevations and superb views of the Sea of Abaco - Shoreline protected by small cay. #SCV1117 - NEW LISTING - \$485,000.
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Dr. Deveaux and group inspected landfill

Landfill challenges require modifications to plan



The Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux, Environmental Minister, visited Central Abaco on January 24 mainly to review the operation at the recently opened sanitary landfill near Snake Cay. He walked the area and made some changes to improve the system. A new area has been designated for construction debris and another area for junk vehicles. He was made aware of other deficiencies. Shown here are Sally Chisholm, Abaco's new director of Environment Health; Administrator for Central Abaco, Cephas Cooper; Dr. Deveaux; Ms. Thomasina Wilson, Deputy Director of Environment Health; and Chief Councillor Cubell Davis.

Environmental Minister, the Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux, arrived on January 24 to meet with those responsible for Abaco's sanitary landfill operation and to discuss their concerns on site. Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco., accompanied the minister.

On arrival, a working breakfast let Dr. Deveaux interact with those involved. Moving to the landfill site, suggestions and problems were discussed while walking around and viewing the different collection areas and operating elements.

The main cell where household and restaurant refuse is deposited appears to be working as planned although incoming refuse is not always being separated at the pick-up point as intended.

Whether this first cell will last the intended five years remains to be seen. However, it was brought out that a cell in the Nassau landfill had a similar anticipated life span but has now gone eight years and is still being used. Maximum compaction of the refuse by the D-8 tractor is obtained when the refuse is spread in shallow lifts or courses.

Appliances, pallets, tires, batteries and

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The Nassau Grouper is threatened with extinction

By Jennifer Hudson

Dr. Yvonne Sadovy of the University of Hong Kong and the Caribbean Fisheries Management Council sounded a dire warning about the decline of the Nassau Grouper during her visit to The Bahamas. She was in the country recently to assist with a study on the Nassau Grouper. Dr. Sandovy appeared, along with Mr. Michael Braynen, Director of Marine Resources with the Department of Marine

Resources, on the television programme, Bahamas at Sunrise on January 23. She stated that she has been involved in very extensive research on aggregating species, which includes the Nassau Grouper, and that there is a great sense of urgency for its protection.

This is a worldwide concern. "Since 2000 fisheries around the world have

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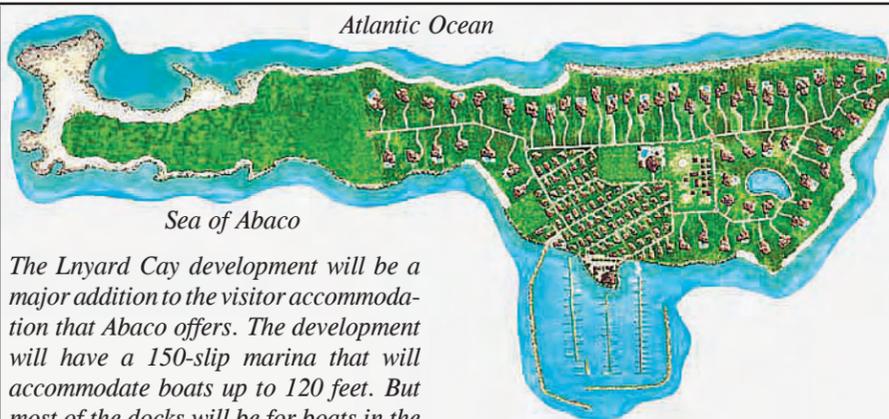
By Jennifer Hudson

• At the beginning of January the Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux, Minister of Public Works and Transportation, visited several sites on Abaco; namely, the new runway at the Marsh Harbour International Airport,

the quarry site near the eastern end of the runway, the coastal area between Dundas Town and Murphy Town which was looked

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Lynyrd Cay will have a marina and second homes



The Lnyrd Cay development will be a major addition to the visitor accommodation that Abaco offers. The development will have a 150-slip marina that will accommodate boats up to 120 feet. But most of the docks will be for boats in the

35-foot to 55-foot range. No dredging will be necessary, but a breakwater will protect the boats from the heavy seas that come around the island from the Atlantic. Docks will be available for purchase for \$4,000 to \$10,000 per foot. Prices for the 80 lots in the Village near the marina suitable for cottages will start from \$495,000. The 57 larger one-acre estate lots will cost from \$1.7 million and up. The developers expect the first phase of the marina will be completed by mid-2010. The green area on the left is said to be Crown land that will always remain a natural preserve. More information about this development can be found at the website lynyrdcay.com.

Sandy Point ramp is gone



The ramp in Sandy Point used by the Bahamas Fast Ferry has been removed. The ramp, constructed in the spring of 2003 for docking the ferry boat serving Sandy Point from Nassau. The solid-filled landing ramp was built out into the sea to give enough depth for the boat to dock. However, it changed the currents along the shore. Over time the sand shifted so that south of the ramp the sand accumulated while north of the ramp the sand receded. The beach erosion was so severe that the water was lapping under the porch of Nancy's Restaurant. Shown here is the government dock built on pilings that allows water currents to circulate freely. The backhoe is shown removing the last of the fill. The Bahamas Fast Ferry anticipates docking at a rock outcropping along the coast south of the Sandy Point airport. The deep water there comes in very close to shore and there will be more land for storage and parking.

Dr. Deveaux discussed landfill

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other similar items must be brought to the site and deposited separately. The contractor's staff is not responsible for separating this material from the household refuse cell, although they occasionally remove an obvious item.

Very little information on the intended operation of this facility has been given to the public or those responsible for the landfill operation, and some effort will be made to educate households and businesses on their role in this operation. This relates to the proper separation at the residential collection point or the proper separation required of business establishments.

The contractor's staff does direct incoming traffic at the landfill to the proper refuse area.

The initial construction and demolition area, referred to as C & D, was very lim-

ited in size and needs immediate expansion. Two months of operation suggest that this material is being generated in larger quantities than originally planned. Furthermore, the initial site for this debris was on a hill-top, inconveniently accessed by a steep drive.

A low area was chosen to be cleared immediately for receiving junk vehicles with an adjoining low area to be cleared for the C & D material. This new area may be functional during the first week of February.

Dr. Deveaux noted that government has received an application for land somewhere between Mash Harbour and Treasure Cay to be used as a collection yard for junked vehicles. The vehicles would be stripped, cleaned of hazardous materials and compressed for export. Further details were not given.

Instructions for managing the leachate holding pond and other aspects of the land-

fill have not been given to local persons. Managing the leachate will be important when the rainy season begins. The liquid leachate is generated by the decomposing refuse, collected in drains and diverted to the leachate pond.

Ms. Thomasina Wilson, Deputy Director of Environmental Health, said that a deep disposal well may be needed if leachate is generated in the rainy season faster than it can be recycled in the main cell. The leachate must not overflow into the neighboring forest from the holding pond.

Apparently, the leachate is periodically pumped over the refuse. This speeds the decomposition process, making the cell bio-reactive. As the refuse in the cell gets deeper, six vents allow the generated methane to escape harmlessly.

A person has been hired to operate the weigh-bridge (scale) at the entrance and

is now receiving training in Nassau. This person will be an employee of either Environmental Health or the Central Abaco Council. A schedule of tipping fees should be announced soon.

Disappointment by the group was evident over the chipping machine. It was said to be capable of chipping a nine-inch log. Those using the machine say it has problems with material larger than a 2 x 4. The intention is that garden, yard and land clearing debris will be converted into useful mulch, keeping this material out of the refuse cell.

The mulching operation will bear additional attention, but this is not a critical item of the landfill operation at this time. Resolving a location for junk vehicles and

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The Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux, Environmental Minister, and Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, visited Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour to see the breakwater recently constructed off the shore of The Crossing condominium development. The dredging that created the breakwater dug out a trench that extends to a natural shallow bar.



Dr. Deveaux was pleased that the dump in Dundas Town that served Central Abaco is closed. He is wanting the Central Abaco District Council to clean it up and beautify the area. Shown are Administrator Cephias Cooper, Dr. Deveaux, Ms. Sally Chisholm, Councillor Cubell Davis, Ms. Thomasina Wilson and Michael Russell with Finance.



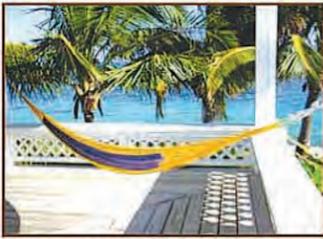
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#4641 TREASURE CAY - OCEAN BLVD. 140ft beachfront. **\$1,750,000.** Stan Sawyer

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The Year In Review - Some of the more notable events of 2008

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at as a possible harbour and marina and Wilson City as a potential site for the new Bahamas Electricity Corporation plant.

- Abaco bade farewell to Police Chief, Supt. Wayne Miller, on January 11 at a reception at Government House attended by police officers, government department heads, fellow Rotarians and many friends. His stay on Abaco was notable for the way in which he became involved in the community not only as Chief of Police but also as a concerned human being. He handed over the baton to Supt. Theophilus Cunningham.

- The grand opening of Standard Hardware took place between January 17 - 19 after two years of expansion after Hurricane Jeanne ruined all of the store's inventory. The store was not only cleaned up but enlarged to 60,000 square feet.

- Telemedicine came on stream on Abaco. Abaco was the first Family Island to benefit from the Telemedicine Pilot Programme which now operates between the Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau and the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic. The telemedicine project was commissioned in an official ceremony at the Princess Margaret Hospital by Dr. Hubert Minnis, Minister of Health, who came to Abaco to observe the system first hand.

- Baker's Bay ruling was upheld by the court. The Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean club won another victory in its legal battle with opponents of the development.

- A whale became stranded on the beach at Old Kerr on the southern end of Bahama Palm Shores on February 17. Unfortunately, despite efforts by Diane Claridge of the Bahamas Marine Mammal Research

Organisation and more than 40 volunteers, the whale did not survive.

- The Bahamas Electricity Corporation made history by being the first on a Family Island to host a consumer fair in an effort to reach out to the community and become more customer friendly. It offered money saving tips and advice on safety and device protection.

- A young Abaco girl was the winner of the National Spelling Bee. On March 16 Octavia Dean McIntosh, an eighth grade student at St. Francis de Sales School, made history for Abaco when she won the 11th Annual Bahamas National Spelling Bee in Nassau against 18 other spellers from across The Bahamas.

- Twenty-five Special Olympic athletes from Abaco competed in the Bahamas Special Olympics in Nassau. These athletes, who were all from the Every Child Counts School, came home with a total of 42 medals, 11 of which were gold.

- Eleven-year-old James Boyce, a Grade 6 student at the Hope Town School, won the title of Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year. He was chosen from a field of a hundred of the best and brightest from schools throughout the Bahamas and was presented with his awards during a ceremony in Nassau on May 17.

- The famous Hope Town lighthouse was painted. The paint had been badly cracked and peeling since several hurricanes had sand blasted it with beach sand. The painting was completed in two weeks by Doug Shepard who specializes in servicing lighthouses.

- A piece of government land in Marsh Harbour opposite the BEC office was granted for the development of a craft and straw market combined with a farmers'

market. BAIC will develop a multi-use park for Central Abaco.

- The Queen's Birthday Honours list included five Abaconians. Jack Albury and Frankie Russell received MBE's while Mrs. Melvern Bootle Cornish, Mrs. Dolly Mills and Ms. Felamease Sawyer received the British Empire Medal (Civil Division).

- Races attracted a large number of boats to Abaco. The 33rd Annual Regatta Time in Abaco brought a record number of boats. This is a premier sailing event of The Bahamas and 63 entries from the United States and The Bahamas arrived to race in six classes. The third annual Treasure Cay Powerboat Race was bigger and better than ever this year attracting 14 racing boats and large crowds of people.

- Mr. Robert Sweeting was honored for long service to the people of Abaco. Mr. Sweeting served as Member of Parliament for Central and South Abaco for 15 years. Many people gathered to honour him at a banquet at the Abaco Beach Resort which was attended by the Prime Minister and many other Members of Parliament.

- The new office of the Ministry of Education in the Josh-Hann Plaza was opened by the Hon. Carl Bethel, Minister of Education, on September 12. Two outstanding educators, Patrick Bethel and Sybil Ferguson, cut the ribbon of the new office which was described as "setting a new standard of excellence in the way the Department of Education presents itself to the community."

- The Government began construction of 45 homes in Spring City, 35 of which were scheduled to be completed by Christmas. Several contractors were working seven days a week to complete these homes for low income families.

- Abaco lost two outstanding aviators.

Capt. Leonard Maurice Thompson, OBE, was laid to rest on October 26 in the Hope Town's Upper Cemetery following a state funeral at St. Francis de Sales Church. Capt. Thompson was an outstanding community leader, businessman, family man, World War II pilot and statesman. Mr. Colyn Rees passed away the preceding month. As a pioneer pilot and great photographer, he chronicled the development of the entire Bahamas for nearly 60 years.

- Abaco surfer won U.S. Championship. Guana Cay resident Blake Sands won a gold medal in an amateur surfing championship in Coco Beach, Florida. Following his victory he plans to turn professional.

- Twenty-five-year old Deon Brendon Strachan tragically lost his life on November 27 when armed men entered his father's store, M & R Food Store on Crockett Drive intending to rob it. Deon was tending the store when he was shot multiple times by the armed men.

- The United States Ambassador, Mr. Neil Siegel, visited Central Abaco Primary School where he spoke about the importance of reading and encouraged the students to read more. He also visited The Abaco Club, Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club and the new development at Schooner Bay.

- North Abaco celebrated One Bahamas. North Abaconians gathered at the S.C. Bootle High School on November 27 and welcomed Sir Durward Knowles, Olympic Gold Medalist, and Sir Orville Turnquest, past Governor General, among other dignitaries to their celebration.

- The new sanitary landfill opened in November at Snake Cay. The former dump

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Fantastic Opportunity...



**For Sale by Sealed Bid
BEACHFRONT ESTATE LOT
at The Abaco Club Ritz Carlton on Winding Bay**



STUNNING PRIME BEACHFRONT LOT AT THE ABACO CLUB RITZ CARLTON ON WINDING BAY. Enjoy the amenities of a 5-star golf and beach resort. This 1.73 acre beachfront lot offers privacy and seclusion. Superbly located in the center of the beach with close proximity to the Club's amenities. This unique offering has 200 feet of pink sand beach with gorgeous views of the secluded and protected Winding Bay.

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CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENTS

1. CARLETON LANDING

Prestigious Canal Front Development offering Carriage House units in blocks of four plus individual cottages. Both offer docks/ boat slips as well as golf cart or car garages.

Prices start at \$680,000 + 14%

2. NEW LUXURY WATERFRONT CONDOS WITH DOCKS!

"PINEAPPLE POINT RESORT" - Luxury gated community - Treasure Cay's newest waterfront development. 2 bed/ 2 bath and 3 bed/ 3 bath condos with availability of private boat slips. Pre-construction price starting at \$529,000 net (plus closing costs). MUST SEE! Great investment opportunity and a great location in Treasure Cay!

3. THE COTTAGES

Now the newest oceanfront development on Treasure Cay beach comprising 10 individual luxury units

Starting at \$900,000 + 12% closing

4. BAHAMA BEACH CLUB

Luxury condominium project on Treasure Cay Beach. 3 bed / 3 bath / Den / Lanai / on-site pool and many other features

Starting at \$907,500 Plus 14% closing

5. ROYAL POINCIANA TOWNHOUSES

On-site pool and tennis, newly completed luxury townhouse units directly on Treasure Cay each totalling 3 bed/ 4 1/2 baths plus loft bedroom/ den

Ground floor - garage, 2 bed/ 2 bath with ocean front patio

First floor - open concept living / dining/ kitchen plus master bedroom suite, all ocean views with patio/ balcony

Loft - bedroom/ den with ocean view

MLS \$2,075,000 + 7.5% Closing

6. PALM BAY DEVELOPMENT Unit #3

4 bed/ 3 1/2 bath fully furnished Town House with garage and boat slip with 20' beam. Located at Palm Bay Development 2,000 +/- sq. ft. \$907,500 EXC

Anchorage Estates Multi-family Lots 128' water front, 22,448 sq. ft. Good investment Price \$474,000 EXC

MARINER'S COVE

Townhouse condos with on-site tennis, heated pool, office, laundry
 Marina view, 2 bed/ 1 1/2 bath, fully furnished, never rented, extra features.

MUST SEE FGS \$295,000

Marina view, 1 bed / 1 bath upstairs - good rental potential \$220,150 FGS

Marina view, 2 bed/ 2 bath and unit - fully furnished- storm shutters- good rental potential \$271,500 + 7.5% closing

MARINA VIEW VILLA

Recently completed delightful villa with great marina view and access. Modern 2 bed/ 2 bath CBS fully furnished home, 1020 sq. ft. plus porches and garden area. Must see to appreciate. FGS \$499,000 EXC

TEASURE LANDING

Unit #4 Upstairs 3 bed/2bath fully furnished, direct beach access. Good rental investment EXC. \$514,250 FGS

ROYAL PALM

Canal front condos with on site tennis and pool 2 bed / 2 bath lower unit marina view. Good rental income EXC \$526,350

2 bed/ 2 bath lower unit with marina view. 12 ft. boat slip with 12,000 lb. lift. Never rented. EXC \$655,950 FGS

TREASURE HOUSE

Ocean front luxury octagonal units with lagoon/ pool/waterfall. Good rental potential.

Unit #7 Two storey 2 bed/ 2 bath home. MLS \$545,000 + 7.5% closing

BAHAMA BEACH CLUB

Resale condos available in first completed project. Ready to go. Both units never rented but definite potential. MUST SEE PROPERTIES.

Downstairs unit 3 bed / 2 bath with den/ optional 4th bed. Completely and tastefully furnished with many extra features including garage and Ford Taurus \$1,002,000 FGS

ATLANTIS

Canal Front Condos with on-site Pool Bldg 4 Downstairs 2 bed / 2 bath, totally redone, boat slip **SOLD** EXC. \$468,000 FGS

SAND DOLLAR

Unit #3 Ocean front, downstairs 2 bed/2 bath, fully furnished. \$640,000 FGS

ROYAL POINCIANA

Ocean Front Condos with on site pool and tennis 3 bed / 3 bath upper unit, fully furnished, beach front, with good rental potential. Priced to sell. \$865,000 + 7.5%

SANDPIPER BEACH

"Lacey Daze" Spectacular 4 bed/ 3 1/2 bath, fully furnished, CBS home with panoramic ocean views and direct beach access from every room but one via decks and patios. The main house has living/ dining/ kitchen/ master bedroom suite, two guest bedrooms with bath, powder room, double garage and utility/workshop area. Included with its own entrance is a private king size 1 bedroom/ 1 bath apartment with an open living/ dining/ kitchen with its own deck. Many features. MUST SEE. MLS \$1,990,000 + 7.5% Closing

OCEAN VILLA SUBDIVISION

Second row beach with direct ocean access. Great view. 2 bed / 2 bath, many special features. MUST SEE EXC. \$485,500 FGS

GALLEON BAY ESTATES

"Gramling House" newly built, 2 storey home located on Galleon Bay canal with a 45' dock. Upper level has 4 bed/ 2 bath. Open living/ dining/ kitchen. Lower level has 2 bed/ 1 bath, laundry room plus covered open boat/ car storage MUST SELL VERY MOTIVATED SELLER EXC \$790,000

"Fish Tales" unique canal front 3 bed / 3 bath home on 2 full lots, 180' waterfront with 118' serviced dock, deep water, great for larger boat. MUST SEE! MLS \$1,725,000 + 7.5%

LEEWARD BEACH ESTATES

"Trident"/"Turquoise Seas" You cannot be more "on the beach" than in this special home. Offering 3 bed / 3 1/2 bath in the main house with detached garage / bed / bath / attic plus storage. Vast deck oceanside with widow's walk. WOW!

MLS \$2,200,000 + 7.5% closing

"Cross Winds" Split level CBS home extra large lot across from 2 beach greenways. Private. Master bed/ bath suite upstairs. Lower level 2 bed / 2 bath, cozy living room/ kitchen/ dining/ utility. Apartment annex 1bed/ 1 bed, living kitchen, enclosed patio. Plus! Plus! Plus! MLS \$755,000 + 7.5% closing

"Surf Shack" This CBS totally renovated two-storey luxury modern home is located on a large corner lot in the prestigious area of Leeward Beach and Sunrise Point. Both levels include 4 bed / 3 1/2 bath plus above ground pool with wrap around deck. many, many more features, i.e. hurricane shutters and generator. "A definite must see!" \$1,403,600 EXC

WINDWARD BEACH ESTATES

"Dream Point" Special CBS split level home located on a corner lot near "The Point" with two choices of direct beach access. Upper level has master bedroom with ensuite bath plus two guest bedrooms and bath. On the split level there is the main entry into a large open living/dining area, modern well equipped kitchen. All rooms open onto a wrap-around partially covered deck overlooking the garden. Ground level has an extra large garage/ workshop with lots of storage. EXC. \$996,300 FGS

ROCK POINT

"Pilot House" special unique location with a commanding, enviable view of the Sea of Abaco. Water front home, 2 storey, CBS/ frame. Upstairs master and guest bed, 2 baths, large living/ dining/ open kitchen; lower level 1bed / 1 bath, 2 car garage plus 1 car/boat garage. MLS \$1,160,000 + 7.5% closing

Apartment four-plex, 2 storey CBS building, each level has 2 bedrooms with 2 bed, 1 bath, living/ dining/ kitchen. Great rental investment. MUST SEE! EXC. \$400,000 FGS **SOLD**

VACANT LOTS AVAILABLE

- Ocean front properties Casuarina Beach/Ocean Blvd. Sand Piper Beach Sunrise Point Beginning at \$1,250,000 FGS
- Canal Front Beginning at \$350,000 FGS
- Rock Point Waterfront, bulkheaded Beginning at \$430,000 FGS
- Golf Course / Interior Beginning at \$60,000 FGS

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ABBREVIATION CODE

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Central Abaco News

Local Realtors share Office Space

By Mirella Santillo

As of the first week in January, two well known Marsh Harbour real estate companies, Aisle of Palm Realty and Bahamas Realty are operating in the same office on the second floor of the Hull Building.

Chris Roberts, broker for Bahamas Realty, and Brent Cartwright, broker for Aisle of Palm Realty, said that the two companies always enjoyed a great working relationship and that the sharing of an office space will help alleviate some of the fixed operating expenses. The real es-

tate market has declined over the last few months and the state of the global economy has made for an uncertain 2009.

The brokers for the two companies believe that their initiative will not only benefit them but also their staff and their clients. Both companies remain completely independent of the other. Each has kept its previous telephone numbers, separate MLS access and systems are in place to make sure that business is handled fairly, for example, the attribution of walk-in customers. Should people enter the premises without any previous contact with either company, Bahamas Realty or Aisle of Palm Realty will take turns handling their requests. Mr. Cartwright explained that it was "a creative solution to an uncertain 2009."

Molly Roberts, Bahamas Realty Abaco Sales Associate, notes, "We're thinking outside the box in order to meet the challenges ahead and are optimistic about our future."

Abaco Humane Society Fun Day

By Jennifer Hudson

Members of the Abaco Humane Society were very pleased with the turnout for their first Fun Day and have

vowed to make it a monthly event. The goal of the event was not just to provide a good family fun day but to raise funds for the work of the Society and to get the news out about what the Abaco Humane Society is doing.

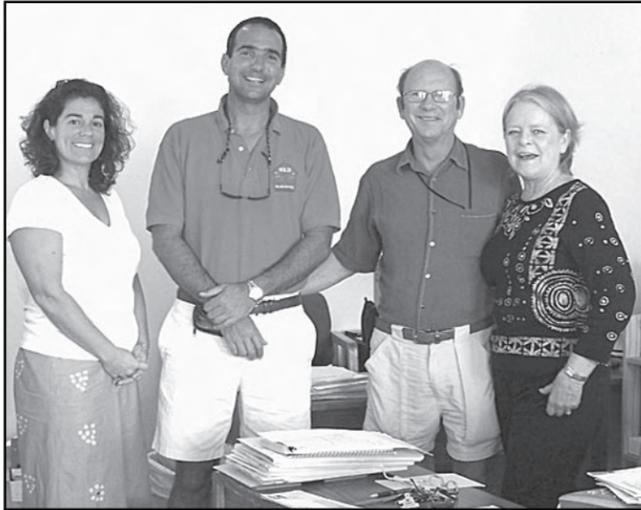
All proceeds from the event went to the Society's Spay and Neuter programme. Members are tackling a huge problem in trying to deal with the enormous number of stray animals. They are doing a great job spending much time and energy picking up strays, nursing them back to health, getting them spayed and neutered and then finding happy homes for them. They even ship puppies to Orlando to be adopted.

The first Fun Day especially delighted the children as there were many activities for them to enjoy. Pony rides were very popular on Janeen Wong's pony, Doodles, and on Skip, who was brought from the Abaco Club on Winding Bay by Donna Albury, Stable Supervisor there. The youngsters were each fitted with a riding helmet and assisted in staying on the horse by Donna and Janeen and her husband.

Despite the icy cold water in the tub on that cool day, children were not put off bobbing for apples and seemed to greatly enjoy the fun. Other children, on the other

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Two real estate companies have combined offices. Aisle of Palm Realty with Maria Silvester and owner Brent Cartwright on the left share an office with Bahamas Realty represented by Chris and Molly Roberts on the right. Their office is on the second floor of the Hull Building in Marsh Harbour.



The Abaco Humane Society held a fun day on January 17. It featured two horses along with many games and fun activities. It was held to raise funds for the Society's programs that include a spay and neuter program.

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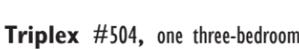
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Endless Summer #508, Eastern Shores, 2 story, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. 210' water frontage, 80' dock, 6' low water, 9,000 lb. boat lift. Cypress ceiling and interior walls, laundry room, single car garage, carport, 15 KW back-up generator. \$1.695 million



Triplex #504, one three-bedroom two-bathroom that is 1950 sq ft on the top floor and 2 Two-bedroom one-bath apartments on the bottom floor, property is 90 x 100 Appraised at \$440,000 This month sales price \$434,600



Green House, Turtle Rocks #525 beautifully built 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath on over 27,000 sq. ft of property
REDUCED \$199,360



Great Business Opportunity #506 A restaurant that is ready to go with all the necessary equipment needed to operate this lovely building, has sea views, is on 100'x120' lot.
REDUCED \$424,000.



Agape Villa Murphy Town #503 Two free standing structures containing four one-bedroom, one bathroom apartment units that are fully furnished with central air conditioning. Sits on 15,000 sq. ft. Landscaped.
All units are rented. REDUCED \$227,900 Person purchasing this will have an instant business.



Three bedroom, two bathroom home, #500 fully furnished, central air conditioning, on 9,000 sq. ft. Landscaped with beautiful trees and lawn. Rented. REDUCED \$148,400



Sandy Point #510 waterfront 3 bedroom 3 bathroom 2,000 sq. ft. home with sunken living room, TV room, dining room and large kitchen on a lot over 26,000 sq. ft. of land. \$265,000



Royal Harbour Village three unit townhouse #502 near John Bull in Marsh Harbour, each unit is 1500 sq ft and fully furnished. Located behind John Bull in Marsh Harbour. Great rental income. Sale price \$650,000



Duplex #0713 & 0715 2 bedroom, 1 bath and 1 bedroom, 1 bath house in Dundas Town \$260,000



Three Town House #0711 2 bedroom, 1 bath with water view \$320,000



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TREASURE CAY

- "Camelot" # 1234 - Beachfront Estate. New custom designed 3 bed, 4 bath Ocean Blvd home, plus 2 bed, 1 bath guest house. Total 7,793 s/f under roof on 1.5 acre grounds. Beachside pool, numerous enhancements. **\$8,049,000.**
- "Argyll House" # 483 - Elegantly furnished, elegant 4 bed, 5.5 bath, 6,900 s/f Ocean Blvd. estate on 1.6 landscaped acres with 153' beachfront. Includes vehicles & 2 additional residential lots - **REDUCED TO \$3,995,000.**
- "Final Approach" # 601 - Recently renovated, furnished canal front 2 storey, 5,500 s/f 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath private home on large property, 100' private dock, 4 car garage **\$2,625,000.**
- "Another World" # 1007 - Ocean Blvd. 4 bed, 4.5 bath, 3,500 s/f furnished beachfront home, pool, patio & garage on 1.2 landscaped acres. Excellent rental income history. **\$2,500,000.**
- "Sandpiper" # 1265 - Ocean Blvd. 3,000 s/f bi-level furnished home on 1.87 acres with 180' sandy beach frontage. Adjacent lot also available. **\$2,357,000.**
- "Trident House" # 317 - Superb 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath fully furnished, 3,500 s/f beach front home. **NOW \$1,999,000.**
- "Fish Tales" # 808 - Elegant 3 bed, 3 bath furnished canal front home, 3,430 s/f under roof on 15,493 s/f landscaped parcel. 90' deep water frontage & dock. **\$1,725,000.**
- "Flip Inn" - Windward Beach # 1008 - 2 bed, 2 bath beach home, plus garage on 2 parcels. Recently refurbished, tastefully furnished. 180' sandy beachfront **\$1,725,000.**
- "Porter Place" - Brigantine Bay # 868 - Newly constructed, furnished 3 bed, 3 bath canal front home, 3,040 s/f under roof, double garage, 165' of dockage, new boat lift. **\$1,495,000.**
- Windward Beach-Beachfront Home # 1191 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,550 s/f furnished beach home. 200' sandy beachfront. 32,724 s/f landscaped property, separate garage. **\$1,425,000.**
- Palm Bay Harbourfront Home # 2 # 1071 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath new, 2,077 s/f, unfurnished waterfront home. Private garage, private boat slip with 20' beam. Fantastic panoramic water views **FINANCING AVAILABLE! REDUCED \$995,000.**
- "Laguna" Galleon Bay # 745 - 3 bed, 2 bath single storey, 1,550 s/f canal front home, furnished, elevated landscaped lot, carport & garage, deep water dock with boat lift. **\$985,000.**
- "Sea Cliff" # 733 - Exquisite Design, Fabulous Location, Water Views, 3 bed, 3 bath, 2 level home, 2 car garage on 1 acre elevated property. Elegantly furnished, 150 steps from beach. Excellent rental income history. **\$799,000.**
- "Just Off The Beach" # 1210 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,244 s/f furnished home on 11,280 s/f parcel. Recently upgraded, well maintained, enclosed yard, close to beach. **\$295,000.**
- "Home, Sweet Home" # 784 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,240 s/f furnished home on 13,500 s/f lot, close to beach. Adjoining lot of 14,000 s/f also available **REDUCED TO \$185,000.**
- Royal Poinciana Beachfront Condominiums - Phase 4 # 716) Premier 3 level, 3 bed, 4.5 bath, plus loft newly built condos on Treasure Cay Beach. 2,860 s/f under roof, attached garage. 644 s/f covered/open balconies/porches. **\$2,075,000.**
- Bahama Beach Club 2046 - # 1009 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 2nd level Phase 5 condo, closest to beach, tasteful contemporary furnishings, unparalleled sea & beach views. **\$1,150,000.**
- Bahama Beach Club 2020 - # 1139 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f 2nd level beachfront condo, Stunningly furnished, elegantly decorated. Superior beach & ocean views. **\$1,035,000.**
- Bahama Beach Club 2083 - # 1079 - 4 bed, 3 bath ground level Phase 5 tastefully decorated & furnished condo. 1,645 s/f living space, screened lanai overlooking beach & pool. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE! NOW \$1,029,000.**
- "Cottages" # 8 - # 535 - New 3 bed, 2 bath unfurnished (appliances only) 2,900 s/f bi-level home under roof, 1,300 s/f under air, community pool, sea views **\$899,000.**
- Atlantis Condo 2112 - # 929 - 4 bed, 4 bath 2,000 s/f 2 level furnished waterfront condo on Brigantine canal, great water views, includes 2 large boat slips. Beach nearby. **\$865,000.**
- Royal Poinciana # 2612 - # 972 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 2nd level, furnished beachfront condo, fully renovated & re-furnished in 2000. Golf cart garage, Great sea & beach views. **\$865,000.**
- Atlantis Condo # 2201 - # 1175 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f, 2nd level furnished waterfront condo. Recently renovated, well maintained. Includes storage garage & private boat slip/dock. Near beach. **\$460,000.**

TREASURE CAY

- Atlantis Condo # 2202 - # 987 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level furnished waterfront unit, includes boat slip & golf cart garage. "Turn-Key", Near Treasure Cay Beach **\$465,000.**
- Atlantis Condo # 2203 - # 1000 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level furnished waterfront unit, includes boat slip & golf cart garage. Overlooks Brigantine Bay, Near beach **\$465,000.**
- Beach Villa 507 # 782 - Newly renovated, 2 bed, 2 bath 1,150 s/f villa, plus 592 s/f patios. Tastefully furnished. Many extras. Close to beach, marina, golf course. **\$490,000.**
- Beach Villa 685 - # 958 - Attractive 885 s/f 2 bed, 2 bath furnished villa, Community pool, near marina & golf course, 2 minute walk to Treasure Cay Beach **\$399,000.**
- Brigantine Beach Condo # 369 - 2 bed, 2.5 bath furnished townhouse, ocean views, close to beach, furnished, excellent rental history. **REDUCED TO \$398,000.**
- Beach Villa 703 # 1209 - 2 bed, 2 bath 885 s/f furnished villa close to beach, marina, restaurants & shopping area. Great rental income potential. **\$349,000.**
- Mariner's Cove Condominiums
1181 - 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 level, 1,650 s/f furnished harbour front condo, tastefully refurbished. **\$649,000.**
959 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level furnished condo, overlooks marina, includes full size garage. **REDUCED TO \$279,000.**
454 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level, poolside condo **\$295,000.**
928 - 2 bed, 1 bath 2 level unit, overlooks harbour **\$267,000.**
985 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level "turn-key" harbour front end unit, Refurbished in 2000 **REDUCED TO \$271,500.**
655 - 2 bed, 1 bath condo with marina view **\$274,000.**
455 - 1 bed, 1 bath, ground level, poolside **\$185,900.**
- Beachfront Parcel - Ocean Blvd. # 876 - 1.5 acres with 100' of beach frontage, on spectacular Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. Gorgeous beach & sea views. **\$1,510,000.**
- Beach & Canal Lot Package # 941 - Windward Beach lot with 100' of beach frontage on Sea of Abaco, PLUS Galleon Bay lot with approx. 76' of sea-walled canal frontage **\$1,446,000.**
- Ocean Blvd. Jumbo Sized Beachfront Parcel # 1266 - Approx. 52,575 s/f parcel (1.20 acres) with 115' sandy beach frontage & 460' depth. Superior building lot. All utilities available. Fantastic sea views. **\$1,386,000.**
- Ocean Blvd. Beachfront Parcel # 1260 - Splendid 44,600 s/f parcel on Treasure Cay Beach, 75' beach frontage, all utilities available. Spectacular sea & beach views. **\$1,350,000.**
- Windward Beach # 999 - 12,750 s/f Beachfront parcel with 85' of frontage on Sea of Abaco. All utilities available, great building site. **\$599,950.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1200 - 13,664 s/f canal front parcel with 106' of bulkheaded deep water frontage. Includes dock & dolphin pilings, all utilities available. Superb water views. **\$525,000.**
- Brigantine Bay # 841 - 11,220 s/f cleared canal lot with 80' protected deep water frontage on quiet street. New 40' dock & 16,000 lb boat lift. All utilities available. **\$485,500.**
- Windward Beach # 817 - Half acre waterfront parcel directly on Sea of Abaco, 124' beach frontage. Newly installed sea wall. All utilities available. **\$482,000.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1173 & 1174 - 2 adjacent deep water canal parcels, each 11,200 s/f with 80' bulk head. Cleared, all utilities available. **Purchase both & SAVE! EACH \$422,000.**
- Galleon Bay # 422 - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot. 88' + protected canal frontage, all utilities available. **\$350,000.**
- Brigantine Bay # 1193 - Choice canal lot of 13,200 s/f with 100' of bulkheaded sea wall. All utilities available. Great water views. Ready to build. **\$347,000.**
- Galleon Bay # 1208 - Large 20,970 s/f canal parcel with 90'+ deep water dock & dolphin pilings. All utilities available. Fantastic building lot, great water views. **\$299,950.**
- Rock Point Waterfront Parcel # 783 - 12,200 s/f lot near entrance to Treasure Cay Marina. 90' newly installed sea wall. Cleared, all utilities available. **\$289,000.**

MARSH HARBOUR

- "Sea View" - Great Abaco Club # 1203 - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,880 s/f furnished sea view home on 4,918 s/f parcel. Well maintained, great rental income potential. Includes private deep water dock. **\$769,000.**

GREAT CISTERN CAY

- "Paradise Point" # 659 - Furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2,400 s/f waterfront home with porches & balconies on 1/2 acre. 193' elevated Sea of Abaco frontage. Fantastic views. **\$656,000.**
- Beachfront Lot # 7 # 1197 - 24,710 s/f private & serene beach parcel with 126' frontage on Sea of Abaco. Utilities available. Spectacular sea views. **\$239,000.**

TURTLE ROCKS

- "seaGlas Cottage" # 1237 - Charming 2 bed, 2.5 bath, 3 level furnished beachfront home on private 1.20 acre parcel. 1,800 s/f under roof, plus 900 s/f decks/patios. 100' sandy & iron rock shoreline. Panoramic sea views. **\$949,500.**
- "Turtle's Rock" # 1062 - 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath furnished home on 1.18 acre parcel with 102' sandy beach frontage. Built in 2000. Very private area. **\$795,000.**

LEISURE LEE

- "Double Eagle" # 757 - Recently renovated 3 bed, 3 bath, plus loft, 2,500 s/f furnished home on canal front parcel. 95' sea wall, 68' dock. Underground utilities. Near beach **\$776,000.**

Residential Parcels

- # 1258 - 9,000 s/f canal lot with 87' of water frontage, 160' of lay-along docks & shared recessed boat basin **\$362,000.**
- # 823 - 10,708 s/f canal lot w/130' frontage & 105' deep water dock w/ water & electricity, Fantastic beach nearby **\$345,000.**
- # 886 - 12,828 s/f canal lot, 100' sea wall, 50' dock **\$329,000.**
- # 602 - 15,334 s/f canal corner lot w/197' seawall **\$299,500.**
- # 704 - 10,400 s/f elevated canal lot w/104' frontage **\$265,000.**
- # 1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed **\$249,500.**
- # 811 - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot, near beach **\$107,000.**
- # 998 - 13,459 s/f canal view corner lot, near beach **\$96,500.**
- # 567 - 2.139 acres on highway near Leisure Lee **\$149,700.**

GUANA CAY

- "Ridge Runner" # 1185 - 6 bed, 4 bath, 3,100 sq. ft. furnished home includes main house, separate master suite, guest cottage, pool & dock situated on 1.74 elevated acres with 330' of shoreline. Superb panoramic water views. **\$2,599,000.**
- Atlantic Oceanfront Parcel # 746 - Approx. 1 acre residential parcel, 154' elevated shoreline near Orchid Bay community, great ocean views. **\$395,000.**
- "Secret Beach" Ocean Front Elevated Parcels 9A (19,190 s/f) & 9B (16,144 s/f) lots, each with 100' +/- of Atlantic Ocean rocky shoreline & sand beach frontage. **EACH \$299,000.**

NORTH ABACO

- Boiling Hole Parcel # 1022 - Total 11 acres sea-to-sea from Sea of Abaco to bay side. 153' high rocky shoreline on Sea of Abaco. (Also available in smaller parcels.) **\$299,500.**
- Sunset Ridge Community Lots # 570 - 14 spacious residential lots from 14,792 s/f to 18,488 s/f. High elevation, close to Treasure Cay. All utilities available. **Starting at \$47,500.**
- Boiling Hole Lots # 1030 - 2 Sea of Abaco waterfront parcels on Great Abaco Highway. Choice of 73' or 80' rocky shoreline, utilities available, great sea views. **Each \$95,000.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

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hand, may not have wanted to put their faces near any water for several days after Kayla Gates adorned them so beautifully with her face painting as butterflies, lions or other characters or creatures of choice. Sack races, three-legged races, lime and spoon races and lollipop lotto all added to the day's fun. Very attractive Abaco Humane Society T shirts were on sale as well as goodies to eat and drink and hot dogs barbecued by members of the Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club.

Volunteers were getting the message of the Abaco Humane Society across and encouraging people to become members of the Society. "We need more volunteers to foster puppies and to assist at functions such as this," stated Abaco Humane Society member Bernadette Hall. Meetings are held once a month in the Ministry of Tourism Office. Ms. Hall spoke of some of the

problems the Society is dealing with and programmes they are trying to put in place. "Not only are we trying to get puppies adopted but we are trying to organize training for the parents of children who adopt the puppies. We are also trying to get into the schools to educate the children on how to care for and treat animals. We need to change the mind set of children," said Ms. Hall. "We need to get them to understand that a dog is a friend and that you can enjoy doing activities with your dog. Dogs should become a member of the family. Changing the mind set is so important because it has been proved that child animal abusers grow up to be espousal abusers and even serial killers," explained Ms. Hall.

The Abaco Humane Society is looking for donations towards a shelter and an adoption centre. Stray dogs are a problem all over. A visitor was recently bitten by a dog in Murphy Town, Sandy Point is presently experiencing an especially terrible problem and there has been a bad influx of dogs into Central Pines since the closure of the public dump. "It is not a dog problem; it is a people problem," stated Ms. Hall.

The Abaco Humane Society is always looking for ways to raise funds and is planning several events for the year. Watch for news of next month's Fun Day.



The public toilet at the Murphy Town park has become very shabby. It is not kept clean and maintained. Those using the sporting facility are upset that there is not adequate upkeep. Some feel that it is too disgusting to use.

Café La Florance has held special evnts

By Mirella Santillo

On December 22nd Mrs. Tara Moss, owner of Café La Florance, organized a luncheon for approximately 100 senior citizens and families invited at the suggestion of the office of Social Services. It was a way to give back to the community and help those who are less fortunate, explained Mrs. Moss. To celebrate Christmas, a time for giving, there were toys and bicycles for the children who attended. The project called Beverly Outreach was funded by business owners in town and private residents.

Mrs. Moss is the founder of the Esther Network, an organization aimed at encouraging women to live their lives with faith and grace, the meaning of the Biblical name of Esther. The Beverly Outreach program was named to honor a homeless woman that Mrs. Moss helped when she was living in Georgia. A group of local women belong to the organization which was founded at the end of 2007 and held its first conference at the Faith Convention Center in September of 2008. Mrs. Moss is planning to organize several workshops and seminars for women during the year

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Café La Florance in conjunction with Social Services entertained a group of senior citizens and needy children. After a luncheon, gifts were distributed including toys and bicycles. The gifts were funded by local businesses.



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and a second annual conference again in September.

The Mosses held another party on January 9th to announce the opening of the restaurant for dinner and to invite people to meet their new chef, Mr. Trevor Alleyn, who will be introducing a new menu. The guests enjoyed appetizers and wine sitting on the porch watching the sunset or at the bar inside chatting.

Café La Florance is open for breakfast and will now stay opened straight through until 10 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. Mr. Alleyn, who used to work at Atlantis, specializes in gourmet food. While keeping the usual Bahamian fare including boiled fish on Saturdays, he wants to introduce some gourmet recipes in the evening which will be offered as daily specials.

The restaurant offers an all-day take-out menu with popular Bahamian dishes including stone crab, conch salad, lobster salad, conch chowder and lobster bouillabaisse on its lunch menu. Sandwiches and fruit platters are also available.

If you are not taking-out, you may enjoy your food inside an air-conditioned room decorated with the art work or local artists or sit on the porch watching the boats come in and out of the harbour.

Third Abaco Neem Weight Loss Challenge will begin

By Jennifer Hudson

The third Abaco Neem Weight Loss Challenge will take place from March 1 to May 31. More information will be forthcoming but the organizers would like to encourage people to start signing up now for this important life-changing event. Registration will begin on February 1st and par-

ticipants will be able to register at either the Auskell Clinic or their local community clinic. It is hoped to get a group organized at Sandy Point this year. Irrespective of the date on which they sign up, all entrants will be weighed and measured during the last week in February so that all will start the competition at the same time.

The organizers would like to encourage members of the Civil Service and businesses to become involved and organize competitions within their departments and foster team efforts. They also want to especially encourage men to sign up and take part. There will be two prizes to be won: one for the biggest weight loss and one for the greatest loss of body mass. Since men have less body fat but greater body mass than women, this second category will enable the men to also have a chance at winning a prize.

Those persons who sign up will receive folders of important information pertaining to weight loss and life style changes and benefits and will also receive schedules of interesting meetings and events to be held during the duration of the Weight Loss Challenge.

Native plants were extolled

By Mirella Santillo

Friends of the Environment held the first Plant Fair of 2009 on January 17th at its center with an indoor presentation by Ms. Tanya Ferguson and an outdoor demonstration on propagating plants by Mr. Michael Parotti. Both presenters held captive an audience of approximately 40 people with interesting information and techniques.

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Before introducing Ms. Ferguson, Mr. David Knowles, Abaco's Warden of the Bahamas National Trust, explained that the plant fairs were begun to help government with the control of invasive species. Ms. Ferguson owns Design Elements Ornamental Consulting, a landscaping company in Nassau and utilizes native trees and plants in her landscaping creations as often as possible. The Bahamas National Trust is one of her clients. She explained the reasons why "natives" should be used: they require less water, are pest resistance and because of their smaller heights, present less possibility of damage to structures during hurricanes.

Ms. Ferguson went on destroying the image people usually have of natives being scrubby, lacking of flowers and colors by enumerating the various species that belied this notion. Trees such as jacaranda, lignum vitae, frangipani, guava, golden dew drop can be displayed individually, their beautiful flowers an enhancement to any garden. Others such as the paradise tree, horseflesh or the saffron tree offer attractive leaves and can be a canape for smaller decorative shrubs or flowering plants. The versatile silver buttonwood can be used as a tree or in hedges. Some natives such as the sapodilla produce edible fruits and others such as the mahogany are perfect for shade. An array of palms can also become decorative feature, planted singly or

in rows. The buccaneer palm, silver top palm and Sabal palm are attractive natives that will add a tropical atmosphere to any surroundings. For a display of colors and shapes, Ms. Ferguson recommended creating planting smaller shrubs under tall trees, mixing leaf shapes and colors. Finish with a ground cover or flowering annuals.

The audience was then invited to move outside where Mr. Parotti demonstrated various methods of propagating. People were shown how to clone plants by clipping cuttings, dipping them in hormone powder and planting them in a moist media. He explained how small seedlings could be transplanted by carefully removing them, tap root intact and potted in a media as close to possible to the one they were removed from. He advised to soak coconut in water for two days before planting them. He told the audience to choose the nuts still on the palm and to make sure the coconuts had water in them, otherwise they would not grow. He also said that they

could be planted upright contrary to the former notion that they had to be sideways. He recommended the dwarf variety or the Jamaican one that do well near salt.

Mr. Parotti demonstrated how to create a small greenhouse by using a green damper wrapped up in clear plastic wrap, the perfect housing for growing cuttings or seedlings.

Several plants, mostly natives, were given to happy gardeners who left with crotons, coco-plums, sea ox eye or auto-graph trees in their hands.

Sky Bahamas Began Flights to Nassau

By Samantha V. Evans

On January 23rd Sky Bahamas officially began two daily flights into Marsh Harbour from Nassau. Sky Bahamas, with the motto Where Safety Is Our Culture and Service Is Our Passion, was started with flights to

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Michael Parotti demonstrated several ways to propagate plants at a Plant Fair held at the Friends of the Environment center in Marsh Harbour. The Plant Fairs emphasize the benefits of landscaping native plants and give information on a variety of plant topics.



Sky Bahamas now offers twice daily flights to Nassau. It is flying SAAB 340A aircraft with a passenger capacity of 33. It offers complimentary drinks and other amenities.

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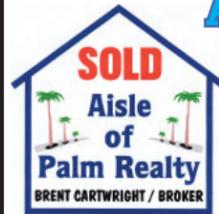
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and from Exuma. Since then it has expanded with flights to Bimini, Freeport and now Abaco. The airline has earned a reputation for offering exceptional customer service. It operates SAAB 340A, a 33-seat plane and pays close attention to ensure the safety of its passengers. Morning and evening flights between Nassau and Marsh Harbour will include a drink service, complimentary juice/water and a special Bahamian-made treat on each flight. Additionally, it offer charter service for companies, organizations, special groups and schools. The cost of the round trip flight is \$170.

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New Businesses

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By Samantha V. Evans

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sories. The services provided include car wash, car stereo installation, window tinting, waxing, interior shampooing, engine cleaning, and leather conditioning. These services all require an appointment. The store hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday. The phone number is 367-0400. The owner of the store is Randy Pinder and the manager is Mark Hall.

Online Ordering

By Samantha V. Evans

Abaconians can enjoy the convenience of shopping from their own home or shopping online at the store in the Abaco Shopping Center to purchase those items they want. With the cost of traveling increasing regularly, this service is picking up rapidly. The business is located in the same suite as Auto Care Corner and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For persons who order items from their own computers, they can take the invoice to the store so that the agent will be aware that an order was placed. Shipping information can be obtained from the store or by calling 367-0400. Persons can order from any web sites but the most common sites ordered from by walk-ins

are Amazon, Jessica London, J.C. Penney, Victoria's Secrets, Toys R Us, Ebay, Northern Tool and Equipment, Oriental Trading and Fredericks. The store also has catalogs. All orders take one week to arrive after they arrive at the U.S. address. Many persons prefer this service because it is convenient and cheaper than traveling. They have brought in items as small as toys and books and as big as generators.

Gopher You Pick Up and Delivery Service

By Samantha V. Evans

This business started out in the Abaco Shopping Center but is now an on-the-road service for persons desiring pick up and delivery service. It also provides distribution, advertising and messenger services. It provides services to and from grocery stores, liquor stores, airports, the ferry docks, freight dock, pharmacies, businesses and restaurants. Gopher You covers the entire island including Treasure Cay and Green Turtle Cay (on Mondays) and all immediate areas in Central Abaco. For service inquiries call Eric Russell at 475-5480.

Legal firm opened office

By Samantha V. Evans

As the community of Abaco continues to undergo major development, the need for legal advice and council seems to also be growing. In August of last year, attorney Bernadette Bain opened an office in the Abaco Shopping Center along with B & L Consultants. Mrs. Bain has an office in Nassau but after visiting her daughter on Abaco several times, she loved it so much that the idea for this office was born. She acquired some clients from her trips as well. Bain specializes in civil matters, conveyances, mortgages, matrimonial adoptions, breaches of contract, legal advice, medical suits and health matters. Since her background is in nursing, Bain has a good understanding of how to handle medical and health related law suits. She visits the island every Tuesday and stays for two days. She can be contacted for an appointment by calling her Vibe line at 225-1704, in Marsh Harbour 367-3508 or via email bernadettelaw@batelnet.bs.

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Dundas Town Committee Jan 13, 09

By Samantha V. Evans

The Dundas Town Township Committee held its first meeting of the new year on January 13th at the Council office in Marsh Harbour. In attendance at this meeting was Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper, who discussed the budget for the remainder of this fiscal year with the members. He informed them that they have about \$90,000 left in their budget. Mr. Cooper encouraged them to have a budget planning meeting for the next meeting so that they can prepare for the next fiscal year which begins in July.

This committee had a very productive 2008 as it worked hard to meet the needs of the community and has plans to have another productive year. According to Chairman Cay Mills, it has a lot of special projects on the horizon but cannot mention those until it has been informed how much capital funds it will receive. However, the committee does plan to complete projects begun including improvements to Brown's Bay.

Mr. Cooper told them that the Self Starter program under the Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Culture is offering \$500-\$1000 start up money for those persons who are looking to start a business or expand their small business. He explained that the funds will not be given to persons directly but rather to vendors or suppliers from whom they will purchase their materials. He gave the committee members a few application forms. Interested persons can receive forms

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from the administrator's office in Marsh Harbour and return them to him as well. When all of the forms have been collected, Cooper explained that they will be turned into the Nassau office for processing.

Dundas Town Committee members upset with housing

By Samantha V. Evans

The Ministry of Housing has stated that lots are being prepared for sale in Central Pines Phase II, but members of the Dundas Town Committee are upset and disappointed that they are unable to receive any information from the Housing officer on when these lots will actually be available, how they will select the persons to sell them to and how much they will be sold for. They are concerned especially since they do not believe that sufficient Dundas Town residents have been considered for such lots in the past. They believe that the secrecy being exercised is disturbing especially since they have made numerous attempts to obtain such information for the residents. An appeal is being made to the Ministry of Housing to provide this information which they feel should be made available to the public. The committee will continue to advocate for the residents of Dundas Town so that they can be given first pick at lots in Central Pines Phase II. They believe that this is the right thing to do especially since this is a part of the community they serve.

Murphy Town Committee Jan 16, 09

By Mirella Santillo

The Murphy Town Committee held its first meeting since November 2008 on January 16th. Since it was a lunch time meeting, it took place at the Council office in

Marsh Harbour. Five members were present including the Chairman, Mr. Renardo Curry. Many issues arose from the minutes of the previous meeting, especially regarding the contracts that were issued for the pushing of the verges and the garbage pick-up. They were addressed at length with the resolution that Mr. Paul Mills would be contacted to assess the exact extend of his contract and Mr. Paul Simms, who was hired to flatten the verges and remove the derelict vehicles, would be asked to bring the job he had started to completion.

Apparently the wrong equipment was used to do the verges resulting in water pipes being broken that had to be repaired. It was suggested that the Ministry of Works should be contacted before starting other road work. The suggestion was opposed by Mr. Glenn McDonald.

Mr. Sonnith Lockhart insisted that the entire scope of work be put in writing to avoid subsequent misunderstandings with the contract holders regarding performance and equipment used. Mr. Cooper supported his suggestion by insisting that proposed work and bids agreed upon become part of the minutes. "Follow the procedures," he reminded the committee members.

In a proposal Mr. Mills offered the Committee the possibility to rent ten additional garbage bins from him at an increase in pick-up charges of \$2,500 per month. It was submitted to the members for approval. Several members opposed the number of bins and the amount of extra money. The Chairman agreed to meet with Mr. Mills to discuss a better deal. However, it was agreed to put larger bins at Bahama Coral Island and on the Great Cistern Road, two of the locations where the

garbage situation had gotten out of hand by the end of the year.

Tenders were again covered in details. Extra jobs will include a person to oversee the Homework Center and one for the Administration Center. Mr. Cooper calculated that the present employment situation required a budget of \$7100 per month.

The Chairman proposed the installation of sidewalks on Forest Drive and on four-way corners in the community to further the completion of beautification on Forest Drive, at corners in town and at Coconut Tree Bay, to repair the restroom at Coconut Tree Bay, the boat ramp, the basket ball court fencing and the grave yard sign, to begin the development of the cultural park on Bayside and to begin the construction of the community center as part of the capital expenditure. The proposal did not meet with the approval of all the members and will be discussed further before being submitted.

Mr. Lockart was promised a faucet near the playground in order to water the trees that were planted on Forest Drive. He was asked to oversee the planting of more trees that had already been purchased. The Beautification Committee is to continue overseeing the town's beautification program such as the planting and landscaping of street corners.

Marsh Harbour Town Comm. Jan 14, 09

By Mirella Santillo

Chaired by Mr. Roscoe Thompson III, the first Marsh Harbour Town Committee meeting of the year took place on January

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Kerry Sullivan

Damianos Sotheby's International Realty also congratulates Kerry for successfully earning her broker's license with BREA, the

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Kerry started her real estate career in 2001. She serves the real estate needs of buyers and sellers on Elbow Cay and surrounding cays specializing in the luxury, vacation home and second home market. She is a full-time real estate professional and makes her home in Hope Town where she lives with her husband, Todd Cash, and 16-month-old son Blake. Active within the community, she is a member of the Abaco Chapter of the Bahamas Real Estate Association (BREA), Friends of Hope Town, Friends of the Environment, Friends of the Animals, Hope Town Playgroup and the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum.

Kerry can be reached at the Damianos Sotheby's International Realty office in

Hope Town, 242.366.0163, or by e-mail at Kerry.Sullivan@SothebysRealty.com

A RARE Adventure!

Friends of the Environment in partnership with RARE Conservation, an international NGO, is about to launch a 24-month intense social marketing campaign that will focus on sustaining the country's largest commercial export, crawfish. The RARE Pride campaign will focus on discouraging illegal fishing practices while encouraging sustainable alternatives and creating support for Marine Protected Areas throughout Abaco with the goal of having five marine parks declared by October 2010.

By signing on to the campaign, RARE will bring \$125,000 to the project providing training, mentorship and promotional materials.

As a full time campaign manager is required, d'Shan Maycock, FRIENDS' education officer, will be executing the campaign. Over the next 24 months Mrs. Maycock will spend 17 weeks in Washington, DC, for the university phase of the program. There she will learn how to properly implement a successful campaign. Afterwards she will spend a minimum of 84 weeks on the campaign in the field. Upon



d'Shan Maycock

completion of the program Mrs. Maycock will receive a Master's degree in Communication that will be awarded by the University of Texas El Paso.

The crawfish is an important economic commodity in The Bahamas. This proactive campaign will help to combat two of the species' biggest threats: habitat destruction and illegal fishing practices.

As crawfish inhabit mangroves, coral reefs and deeper waters throughout their life cycle, the campaign will focus on the importance of each aspect of the marine environment and the need for public support of marine protected areas to ensure the continued survival of crawfish and other

marine life. With three marine parks already existing on Abaco, Abaco is on track to have at least five marine parks declared by 2010.

A Pride Campaign will have a permanent effect on the Abaco community and will take a great stride in ensuring a sustainable future for generations of Bahamians to come.

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Deveaux

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expanding the C & D area need immediate attention.

While on Abaco, Dr. Deveaux looked briefly at the Spring City housing project underway by the Ministry of Housing. He went into the old dump area and was pleased that it has finally been shut down. He expects the Central Abaco District Council to make an effort at reclaiming this site with grass and native trees.

Just before lunch at 1:30 pm, Dr. Deveaux and Mr. Key went to see the Crossing Beach situation. Low tide exposed the recently constructed breakwater made by the Crossing Beach Condominium project. Dr. Deveaux did not comment but seemed disappointed by what he saw.

The Minister was accompanied by Mr. Michael Russell, Finance Officer; Ms. Thomasina Wilson, Deputy Director of Environmental Health; Ms. Anthea Karaginias, Project Engineer with the Department of Works; Ms. Sally Chisholm, Abaco's new Environmental Health Director; Chief

Councillor Cubell Davis and Councillor Ross Thompson.

Review

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on the S.C. Bootle Highway was closed much to the delight of Central Pines residents.

- The Annual Christmas Festival was held on a new site this year. The fair almost did not happen as the land formerly used was unavailable, but the BAIC site was offered and the committee organized the fair in record time. A very successful fair was held on December 13 to close out the year in grand style.

- A Christmas Festival was also held on December 22 in Treasure Cay for the residents of North Abaco. For the first time three national bands entertained at one event. The Bahamas Police Force Band, the Bahamas Defence Force Band and the Bahamas Prison Guard Band all performed to the delight of the crowd.

Grouper

From Page 1

been supporting research aggregating species such as the Nassau Grouper, and it has been found that 60 percent of aggregations are undergoing decline. A collaborative study with fisheries departments and other organizations has shown a decline here in The Bahamas similar to other islands of the Caribbean. Fish are being landed in lower numbers and smaller sizes. In Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Dominican Republic and Cuba the decline has already reached the state of collapse." Dr. Sadovy asked for input from fishermen and the fishing community to assist with this research.

Mr. Braynen spoke on what has been done towards management of the Nassau Grouper. "The Marine Resource Department encouraged the establishment of an annual closed season between December 1 and March 1 which is the peak period of spawning. It also set a minimum legal size limit of three pounds. However, this is really inadequate, and we should maybe look

at making this larger. We should maybe establish a maximum size since the largest groupers are the best breeders and so are the most needed. We are looking at possible fishing gear controls," he stated.

Dr. Sadovy explained that further studies are needed and that more time is needed to be able to see the results. She issued the warning that if the grouper is not protected, there could be sudden collapse, and it may be too late. She warned that when resources are protected, then poaching could become even more of a problem. "Many countries which are looking after their resources will have to protect from poaching," she declared. Already the World Conservation Union has classified the Nassau grouper as endangered.

"Of all the aggregating species, the Nassau Grouper appears to be the most vulnerable. Because Nassau Grouper are long lived and take years to reach sexual maturity, it is very difficult for the population to recover from over fishing. Based on projections, if nothing is done, there will be a complete collapse in eight years," she stated.

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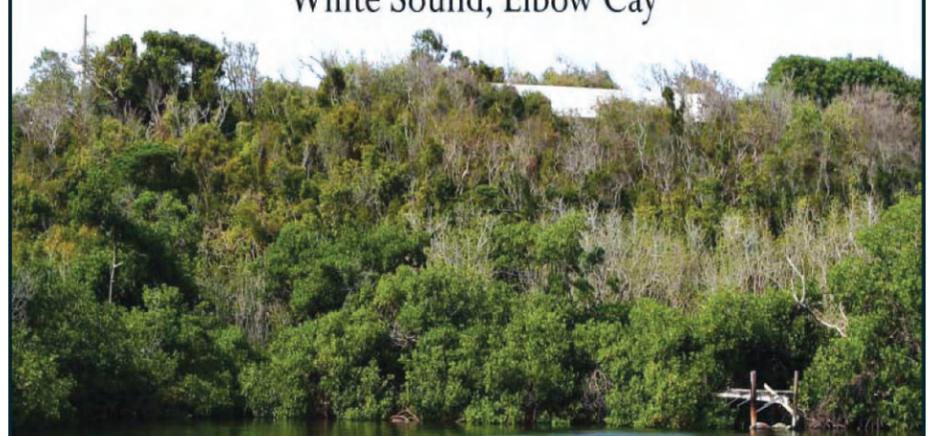
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Viewpoint . . . The New Landfill - Bane or Blessing?

By Jennifer Hudson

A dictionary definition of 'bane' is "something that causes problems or misery" and it seems that the new landfill at Snake Cay already fits that description. People are continually expressing their concerns to me about the various troublesome situations now apparent which certainly echo my own. The closure of the old public dump in Central Abaco and opening of the new landfill at Snake Cay would, everyone hoped, improve matters as far as garbage disposal was concerned. However, many people were skeptical and could foresee potential problems. It has not, unfortunately, taken long for many serious problems to rear their ugly heads.

I am sure that the residents of Central Pines are delighted now that the old garbage dump is closed so that they are no longer choked in their homes by acrid smoke, but they are not so pleased about the number of stray dogs which have appeared on their doorsteps begging for food. These dogs lived at the dump and survived by scavenging. But now that their source of livelihood has been cut off, they have infiltrated the community of Central Pines so that now the residents are faced with a

stray dog problem which will only grow bigger if these animals are not caught and spayed or neutered.

It is very easy to tell that one is approaching the new landfill by the amount of garbage which has already appeared strewn all along the roadsides along the Capt. Earnest Dean Highway between the Garnet Archer Circle (airport roundabout) and Snake Cay and, to some extent, along the Don MacKay Boulevard. I find it very distressing and I know that others do, too. Daily we drive past cardboard boxes, broken pallets, plastic bottles, sheets of plastic and cardboard, multi-coloured sacks and all kinds of other debris lining the road.

The Capt. Earnest Dean Highway is the route which guests of the exclusive Abaco Club on Winding Bay have to travel en route from the airport. They arrive on Abaco in their immaculate private jets at the first class FBO centre looking forward to a vacation at the exclusive Club on the stunningly beautiful Winding Bay beach. How their spirits must sink when they pass all that disgusting garbage lining the route; they must wonder what on earth they have paid all that money to come to.

We all know that the economy is now bad and that people are thinking twice about spending money on vacations. The people who can afford to stay at Winding Bay may still be able to afford to take vacations. But are they going to continue wanting to come here if they have to travel along garbage strewn roads? Is this how we thank them for spending their money here; the money which helps Abaco going?

Residents of Abaco

who use the landfill need to be more aware of keeping their island clean, but many seem to close their eyes to this disgusting situation and just don't seem to care. I live in the south and have just returned from a trip into town, once again getting very annoyed at the mess. On the way I passed a truck laden with cardboard refuse, obviously on its way to the landfill. As it made its way along the highway, sheets of cardboard were flying off the back of the truck at regular intervals. I presume the driver was oblivious to this fact. But would he have stopped and picked it all up had he known?

In Freeport, Grand Bahama, all trucks are covered so that all garbage being transported is secured and any persons disobeying this law is fined. Thus Freeport is litter free. Why cannot this law be upheld here?

I believe trucks are supposed to be covered here but no one upholds this rule and no one is penalized. If this law could be put into force and a motorcycle police officer posted along the road or at the airport roundabout from time to time to catch offenders and extract a hefty fine, then maybe these roads would be a lot cleaner.

I sometimes see black garbage bags by the side of the highway full of garbage waiting to be picked up by a garbage truck, so obviously someone is making

an effort to clean up. But as soon as these bags have been filled, more garbage is piling up. What seems to be needed is a crew of roadside cleaners on duty EVERY day picking up the garbage which is continually being dropped.

Trouble spots are cropping up in various locations because many people are not wanting to pay for the gas or take the time and trouble to drive all the way from the other side of town to Snake Cay. Therefore, they are just recklessly dumping. In an effort to provide a place for persons to deposit garbage instead of having to drive all the way down south, a container has been placed on the Great Cistern Road which is at the far end of Murphy Town. I expect some people do use this correctly and take

Please see **Garbage**

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This is a garbage container at the Union Jack Dock in Marsh Harbour. With the Central Abaco dump closed, people are finding other places to leave their garbage. Bins are filling up faster but not being collected any oftener. Others are throwing their trash in convenient bush.



The container at the entrance to Great Cistern overflows but is not emptied. Also many people just toss the garbage from their vehicles without trying to get it in the dumpster.

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Negative effects of the landfill

Garbage

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the trouble to place their garbage bags inside. But people have reported seeing many lazy persons driving by in their car and just throwing their garbage bags in the general direction of the container. These bags land on the side of the road and stray dogs then go and tear open the bags to sift through the rubbish, scattering it far and wide.

I was told last week by a person of integrity that they had made a trip to the landfill only to be met with conditions so sickening that they almost could not get out of their truck. The whole area was so abuzz with flies that the truck immediately became covered. This is not only nasty and will put people off going but is also, of course, a serious health hazard. I have also been told by someone that when they went to the landfill during what was advertised as open hours, they found the place closed. Perhaps these two facts are responsible for the huge amounts of trash and garbage bags lining the area of Snake Cay OUTSIDE the gate to the landfill.

"Are the persons responsible for the contract for the landfill sufficiently knowledgeable about how to operate a landfill?" is the question many people are asking. Would it not be a good idea for the Minister of the Environment and the Minister of Health to be invited to visit Abaco and be taken on a tour of Murphy Town, Dundas-Town, Marsh Harbour and Spring City and possibly other areas ending at the landfill so that they can see first hand the serious

problems which have already arisen and which will only get worse.

To add insult to injury there is now a car graveyard springing up near the entrance to the Capt. Earnest Dean Highway which visitors to Winding Bay as well as locals have to look at every time they pass. This situation needs nipping in the bud before it gets any bigger.

There are, of course, many people who are very concerned about keeping their environment clean, and they are a blessing. The others who have no concern for the state of their surroundings need to wake up before it is too late. We all know that the economy is suffering, and soon everyone is going to feel it even if they have not done so already. Visitors bring money to the island which helps us all survive, but visitors are becoming fewer and will become more choosy where they spend their money if they can afford to save up for a vacation at all. If all they see on Abaco is garbage and stray dogs, they are going to choose some place else to go. We have had it lucky as we are so close to the United States. But when Cuba opens its doors before long, we are going to feel it even worse. Everyone needs to do what he can to provide the cleanest, nicest surroundings to attract visitors and provide the best and friendliest possible service to those who may still come. Let's clean up the mess so that people can enjoy all the wonderful natural beauty of mainland Abaco as well as all our cays.

Local Gov.

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14th. On the agenda were the financial report, the beautification of Front Street, garbage collection in Marsh Harbour and the Mud and the installation of the street signs in Marsh Harbour and Spring City.

The opposition to the proposed traffic light at K&S Auto Service by Mr. Percy Albury was discussed, and it was agreed to approach Mr. Albury again since most of the members thought the light was urgently needed. Another road matter was also agreed upon during the meeting: the installation of a flashing light to remind motorists to respect the speed limit in the school zone on Don MacKay Boulevard during the hours when school was opening and closing.

Administrator Cephas Cooper informed the committee that he had met with the Superintendent of Police to address the debris falling from trucks taking trash to the Snake Cay landfill. More than 120 bags of trash were collected along the road to Snake Cay during the holiday season and another 50 since then. The police has agreed to check that people utilizing that road will have their vehicles properly covered. It was suggested to fine people who did not abide by that regulation after February 1st.

Mr. Colon Curry requested financial aid from Council to assist with increasing the road clean-up from monthly to weekly contracts. It was brought out that Council takes care of the road from the airport roundabout to Snake Cay. The decision was made to ask Council to include S.C.

Bootle Highway as well starting at South Side Road. The proposition will be submitted to Council.

The street cleaning contracts in Marsh Harbour were mentioned with the members agreeing to approach the workers to make sure they did the job thoroughly.

The lack of garbage collection in certain areas was resolved by asking that a letter be sent to the contract holder reminding him that every street in Marsh Harbour needed to have garbage pick-up. Mr. Cooper suggested to assign a garbage portfolio to one of the members since it was such an involved problem.

Mr. Cooper then reviewed the budget with the members and asked them to prepare a budget for recurrent and capital expenditure which is due in February. Members agreed to get together before the next Committee meeting to discuss various possible projects.

Mr. Thompson will organize equipment and materials and suggested that members of Spring City and Marsh Harbour get together to start installing 51 signs in Marsh Harbour and 17 signs in Spring City.

Mr. Curry requested financial assistance for the Spring City Rockers Junkanoo group which is to parade on February 21st. He was allocated \$500.

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North Abaco News

North Abaco

By Vernique Russell

Pinder's Ferry must improve

Passenger who were travelling on the Pinder's Ferry Service that provides service between McLean's Town on Grand Bahama and Crown Haven on Little Abaco were given a scare when their boat began to experience technical problems in the middle of nowhere. This situation left passengers stranded, devastated and frustrated as the boat began. The passengers on the boat got stuck in the creek moments after departing the dock in McLean's Town. After transferring to another boat, the next boat got stuck in the channel due to low tide. Passengers left Grand Bahama at 5 p.m. and didn't dock on Abaco until 11 p.m.

Passengers voiced their opinion once more about the ferry service. Some concerns that the passengers have are that the boats have no lights, no visible life jackets and that their safety is not top priority to the company. Passengers want to see improvement. The rates continue to increase, but the service is getting worse. Over and over stories of break-downs and boat difficulties are happening. Passengers are often left stranded on the banks.

How long must this situation continue? How do we get help? Who do we seek to correct this situation? Who is in charge to supervise these public transportation vessels? Will it take a disaster or fatality for change to come? The questions are yet to be answered and the answers are desperately needed. Clearly the government and responsible officials must ensure that this

ferry service delivers better service to their customers and travels their route safely for the best interest of their customers. For too long some passengers feel they have had to put up with conditions that they claim are ridiculous and unsafe and they feel the time has arisen for change to come. Passengers are calling on someone to intervene before something more serious happens.

Abundant Living-Walk Aerobics

The Abundant Living Walk Aerobics Club is back in operation. The public is invited to join the club on Monday to Saturday except Wednesday to walk away the pounds. The club meets on Monday to Friday at 7 p.m. nightly and on Saturday mornings at 6 a.m. This year a healthy lifestyle is being promoted as the key to enjoying a long and happier life. Group leader, Mrs. Glendina Mills, is excited to once again be working with persons in the club. After successfully losing weight and keeping it off, she wants to help others get in shape by making a lifestyle change for a longer life. The venue for the meetings is at the Full Gospel Assembly Church.

Martha Stewart visited Treasure Cay

The renowned talk show host and designer of many home and household products paid a courtesy visit to the community of Treasure Cay. She arrived here on the island in the late part of December and spent a few days on the island visiting friends. The visit was a private one; however, she was spotted a few times in public places. Residents who had the opportunity to speak with her were happy for the opportunity

Sports

Golf tournaments

It's that time again for golfers to get ready for the big tee off at the Treasure Cay golf course. Two major tournaments will be held at the course on January 31st and February 7th. The Annual Rotary Club Golf Tournament will be held on January 31. Each year for the past five years Rotarians and invited guests have participated in the event that has been very successful. The Abaco Insurance Agency has been hosting its annual golf tournament at the Treasure Cay golf course for many years. Golfers are invited to be a part of the exciting event. The grand prize for the tournament in past years has been a vehicle. This year's tournament will be held on February 7th. A special lunch reception is held each year at the Spinnaker Restaurant for the participants.

North Abaco Festival fund raisings

The North Abaco Summer Festival and Power Boat Race Committee once again thanks the public for supporting them as they raise funds to host another exciting Summer Festival and Power Boat Race. The Committee hosts fish fries on every Sunday evening at the Treasure Cay ferry dock to defray expenses that the committee will face to host its 4th Annual Summer Festival and Power Boat Race. Each year the committee works tirelessly to bring new ideas and add new activities to accom-

modate the supporters of the festival.

Treasure Cay Sporting Club

It's time again when the under 10 boys of the Treasure Cay Sporting Club travel to Grand Bahama to participate in the Primary School basketball tournament. Coach Godfrey Rolle and his team will participate in games on the island among boys from private and public institutions. Last year the boys were very successful in the tournament and finished as the first runner-up. This year the team is hoping to win the tournament and bring the trophy home. The community of North Abaco wishes the group the best as they strive for the goal.

Softball is alive in North Abaco

Softball games are hosted weekly at the softball stadium by Sherlin Bootle High School. Young men from the age of 12 gather at the field to play. The junior league is supervised by Mr. Nigel Bootle and games begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. The games are a continuation to the softball league that played all through the summer. The kids are very enthusiastic about the league and look forward to the games. The games provide positive activities for the children to keep them out of trouble.

Basketball Camp is back

The yearly Treasure Cay Sporting Club is ready to go once again with basketball. Coach Godfrey Rolle is calling all young

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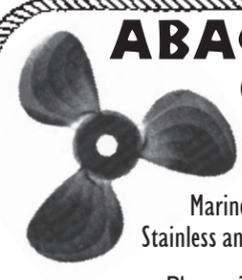


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boys and teenagers in the Treasure Cay area to be a part of the club. This is an excellent way for children to interact socially but more importantly build character skills. The club also provides scholarship for the boys, giving them the opportunity to attend school off the island and further their basketball skills and education skills. Quite a few young men in the area have already got scholarships and were able to excel academically and athletically. The club meets weekly on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. and Sunday evenings at 3 p.m. The club also has a girls' teams who practices on Saturday evenings at 4 p.m. An invitation is also extended to the young ladies of the community to come.

School News

S.C. Bootle Congratulates Students

The principal and staff of S. C. Bootle High School congratulate 27 students who made the honor roll during the 2008 Christmas Term. Those students include Grade 7: Jasmine Taylor, Aimee Cooper, Kristen

Moss and Keivaugn Lakeman; Grade 8: Terranise Taylor, Sherrie Romer, Rosemika Charles, Precious Rolle, Andquone Burrows, Ashley Murray, Wilner Chery, Brittney Sands and Savannah Coope; Grade 9: Oriscia Clarke, Terry Hilaire, Tamarah Rolle and Rokia Russell; Grade 10: Kyvonne Lopez, Darian Lightbourne and Charo Williams; Grade 11: Anya Mills and Jaquel McIntosh; Grade 12: Julianna Doute, Elaine Fenenlus, Ivnisha Russell, Inderia Culmer and Trenair Delancy.

Scholarship student is excelling

Kettlyne Dorsca, who is studying pre-medicine as a major and nursing as a minor in Puerto Rico on a scholarship, is doing well. She is presently getting some hands-on practice this semester and is getting the opportunity to put into action what she has been studying. She had a very successful last semester and continues to work hard to maintain her scholarship by up keeping a GPA of 3.0 or higher. She graduated from the Sherlin Bootle High School in 2007 as Valedictorian and has since then been studying abroad on a full scholarship where she has worked hard. She is grate-

ful for the opportunity to be studying in another country that gives her a chance to perfect her Spanish. She hope to return to the Bahamas upon completion of her studies.

Sherlin Bootle 1st Term in Review

The family of the Sherlin Bootle High School had a semester filled with excitement. The school has a number of outstanding accomplishments

- The outstanding performances in the BJC and BGCSE examination
- The honor roll achievers have been doubled
- Students achieving 2.0 GPA has increased by 50 percent.
- The leasing of the Tuck Shop has proven to be a fruitful venture
- Improvement to the school website, which allows parents and students to be informed of happenings at the school
- A Thanksgiving Service allowed the school to be a blessing to many of the churches and elderly in the community.
- The success of the Miss Sherlin Bootle Pageant and Talent Show hosted by the

graduating class of 2009.

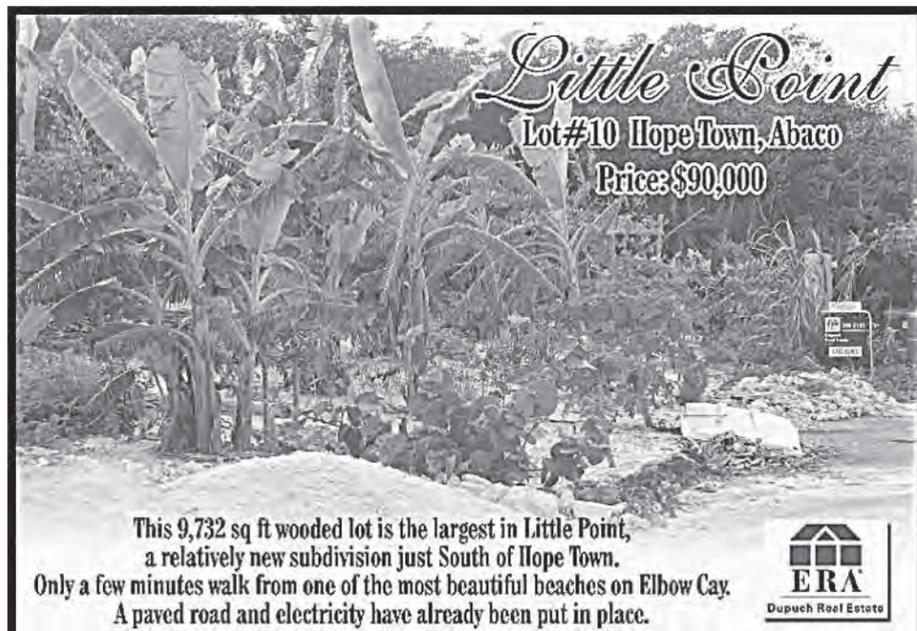
• The annual award ceremony sponsored by Treasure Cay Limited
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Special thanks are extended to the Treasure Cay Resort & Marina Limited and all other organization and business, concerned residents and parents who contributed to the success of the school year thus far. We couldn't accomplish what we did without your support and assistance.

El Shaddai Christian Academy

El Shaddai Christian Academy in Treasure Cay will host its first Pasta and Pizza Day for 2009 on January 30th. We will be selling a variety of pizza, lasagna, and a variety of fettuccine dishes. Lunch will begin serving at 11 a.m. We are inviting the public to come down. For further information please drop by the school or contact

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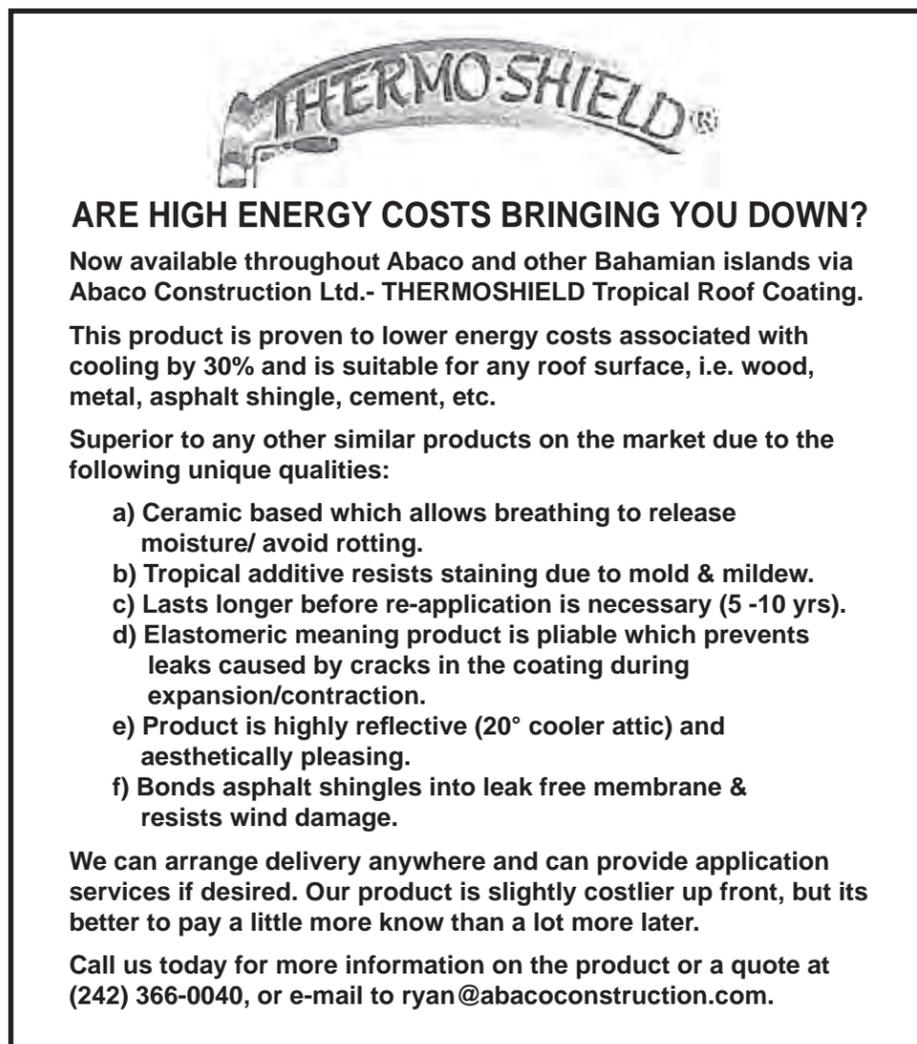


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The public is also invited to purchase a pre-valentine luncheon at the El Shaddai Christian Academy on February 13th. On the menu is stuffed Cornish hens or prime rib. A complimentary slice of cheesecake will be served with every meal and a hidden surprise. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost of tickets is \$15 and can be purchased from the school or from members of the PTA board.

Business News

Diamond's Boutique & Convenience Store

If you're looking for a sexy, classy or sophisticated yet affordable outfit to wear to your next event, look no more as Diamond's Boutique has heard your cries. It caters to sexy, elegant, classy and sophisticated women and providing the latest kicks and wears for men of style. Diamond's Boutique is now open in the community of Fire Road and is offering men's and women's clothing, shoes, beauty products and accessories. Diamond's caters to the whole woman and man providing accessories such as bags and belts and jewelry to match the lovely outfits. It also carries a wide variety of weaves and other beauty products including make-up and hair care products. Adjacent to the boutique is a convenient store that carries a large variety of household items, grocery and cleaning products. Stop by Diamond's Boutique and convenience store.

Cooper's Town

Marine Service Center

The Cooper's Town Marine Service Center is now open, located on the sea-side of Cooper's Town at the southern end of the front street. The center provides fuel and other essential items for cars and boats. Adjacent to the service is a sweets and treats center that serves ice cream, candies, soft drinks and other treats. The service station has been providing service to the Cooper's Town area for a number of years but has recently undergone renovations after being closed for a few years. Its operating hours are 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. on Fridays and on Sundays from 7 a.m. until 11 and 3 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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Church News

Annual Week of Fasting and Prayer

The Full Gospel Assembly family hosted its annual week of prayer and fasting on January 5th through the 9th. Members and followers gathered nightly for prayer and praise. On January 9th the week climaxed with an all night prayer meeting

from dusk to dawn that featured mini-sermons and exhortations. The church has hosted this week dedicated to prayer for the past decade and this year has seen much growth. The church's watch word for 2009 is to evangelize and reach out to the lost souls in the community. Senior Pastor Stafford Symonette has declared that already they are seeing a reaping of the harvest.

United Outreach Services

The church families of End Time Harvest, Revival Time Pentecostal, Crown Haven, and New Hope Baptist Church teamed up to host their annual united outreach services. The services were held in the park in Mount Hope. People came together to praise and worship the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The Word was proclaimed and souls were set free during the services.

Sound the Alarm Conference 2009

Cities of Refuge Non-Denomination and Restoration Ministries invites the public to join the members on February 9th to 13th for the Sound the Alarm Conference 2009. Guest speakers for this event include Dr. Shauna Wooten of Real Life Ministries in Tennessee and Prophet Remington Rolle of Faith, Hope and Charity Ministry International in Nassau, who is known throughout The Bahamas as the youngest preacher, beginning his ministry at the age of three. The venue for this event will be at the Treasure Cay Primary Park and the Treasure Cay Community Center. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 p.m. The year 2009 has been declared the year of birth. You are invited to join host Pastor Bridgette Mills

and the guest speakers in these services.

Outreach Service

The Outreach Committee of Full Gospel Assembly and their affiliate will host an outreach service on February 1 on the Don Corbett Court in Treasure Cay. The service is a continuation of a ministry that was begun after the death of Wensil LaRoda and is headed by his father. The goal of the ministry is to take the message of salvation to the lost and hurting in our community and to give them hope. The services will be held the first Sunday of each month and location and speakers will vary. The committee also conducts walk-about and a door-to-door prayer ministry. They are inviting the public to join them on February 1st for a hand-clapping and foot-stomping Holy Ghost time.

Young Adult Social Meetings

Min. Chuck Sawyer and his team are holding weekly meetings at Full Gospel Assembly for young people who are struggling with issues. Every Friday at 7:30 p.m. Min. Sawyer and his team discuss and analyze everyday issues that young Christians are faced with. The sessions provide an intimate worship experience with God. Bible study is held during the session allowing attendees to search the Scriptures.

People

Wedding Congratulation

December 20th, 2007, was a day for wedding in Treasure Cay as one couple changed vows. Mr. Fetty Arnestine and Ms. Dulcie Vilsaint were wedded at the

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Full Gospel Assembly of God Church. A beautiful reception followed at the couple's residence in Sand Banks.

Congratulations

The community of North Abaco congratulates Mrs. Terece Bootle Bethel, who has successfully completed her training and is now qualified to fill the post of an Island Administrator. A former teacher at the Sherlin Bootle High School and a daughter of our own Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bootle, she began her studies in the summer of last year and was sworn in on January 7th in Nassau. The communities of North Abaco her on her accomplishment.

Accident Victim is grateful for life

Mr. Mark Russell was traveling north on the Sherlin Bootle Highway near Treasure Cay when his car hit a utility pole and literally wrapped around it. The accident, however, brought no serious injuries to him but the victims were airlifted to New Providence for further medical care at the

Princess Margaret Hospital.

Mr. Russell is most grateful to be alive and is thankful that God saw it fit to spare his life. He sees the circumstances of the accident as a blessing and a leaning experience where he proved the faithfulness of God. His testimony is a touching one and he is sharing it with all whom he comes into contact with. We are also thankful to the Master that you are still here. We are praying for you. Mr. Russell and his wife Andrea are the owners of Russell's Family Fashion located on Don MacKay Boulevard in the B & L Plaza.

Baby Christening

Mr. and Mrs. John McIntosh were overjoyed by the birth of their baby boy Prince Judah. On January 18th family and friends joined the couple at the Full Gospel Assembly Church in Treasure Cay for the christening ceremony. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the couple's residence. Congratulations to the McIntosh family on the birth of Prince.

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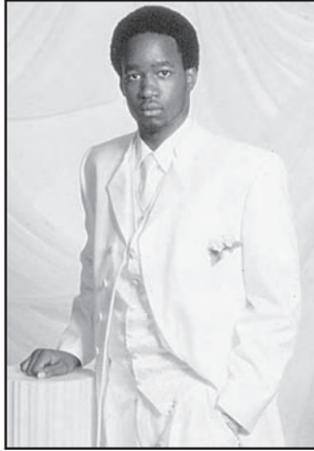


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bour's Magistrates Court.

Vincent Zilma was fatally shot on December 22 when he was near his house. Mr. Jackson Joseph, also of the Mud, was arraigned in connection with his murder on December 24. The victim's house was set on fire after Zilma was shot.

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The answer is on page 21.

Every Sudoku game begins with a number of squares already filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

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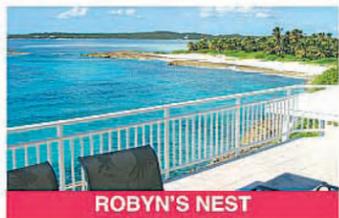


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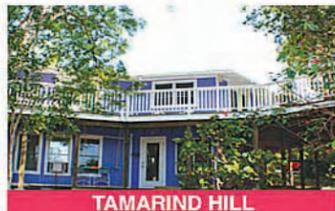


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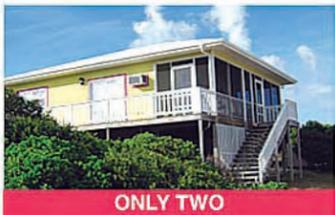


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