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MOW's Sojer Day was a pilgrimage into the past Man-O-War's first heritage day showcased that town's history

By Mirella Santillo

Man-O-War Cay's first heritage day, Sojer Day, was celebrated on April 4th and was a trip down Memory Lane for the cay's residents and a lesson in the history of the cay for the visitors. Some visitors were descendants of Sojers, some native and former residents of the small island, or just well wishers, who had come by ferry from all over Abaco to witness the festivities.

That first heritage day was indeed meant as a ceremonial tribute to the ancestors and founding fathers, a recognition of the achievements of previous generations, a celebration of the past as a link to the present. The program booklet itself was a history memorandum, a collection of important dates and old photographs that will no doubt become part of the island memorabilia.

Many dignitaries were among the guests invited to take part in the opening ceremony. The Hon. Byran S. Woodside, MP, Minister of State for Lands and Local Government, traveled from Nassau for the occasion. Mrs. Kathy Key, wife of MP Edison Key, who was unable to attend, offered congratulations to the organizers on behalf of her husband, himself a descendant of Man-O-War through his grandmother.

As visitors stepped off the dock on their



The Hon. Byran Woodside, Minister of State for Lands and Local Government, officially opened the day-long celebration of Man-O-War's Sojer Day. He is showing off the model sail boat presented to him by Sojer Day Committee member Ann Pleydell Bouverie. The Man-O-War residents have long been nicknamed Sojers which was a natural name for the heritage celebration. Shown here are Rena Glinton, Undersecretary in the Ministry of Local Government; Administrator Cephias Cooper; Mrs. Pleydell-Bouverie; Mr. Woodside; Mrs. Kathy Key representing Edison Key, MP for South Abaco; Jeremy Sweeting and Arthur Elden, Co-chairmen of the Sojer Day Committee; and Scott Weatherford, master of ceremonies.

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Show featured Abaco artists



Abaco Beach Resort held its annual Art Show on March 28 - 29 with a preview on March 27. A variety of art work was once again displayed, oils, acrylics, watercolours, sculptures, fabric art and more. One booth displayed the art work of students of Abaco Central High School who showed talent in several areas of art. The two wearing tie dyed tops are wearing their own art work. Shown are Brittany Murray, Kadesha Scott, Shakeria Blanc, Cleopatra Johnson and Migulancy Maxime. See story on page 6.

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Sojer Day drew large crowds to celebrate

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way to the volleyball court where the opening ceremony took place, they were met by a group of school children dressed like fairy tales heroes or characters from famous books. King Arthur waived his sword in welcome, a pretty Rapunsel smiled, Nancy Drew looked like she had solved the mystery, Harry Potter must have been hot in his long black cape, Long John Silver walked on one leg while Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer were ready to go fishing, not to forget Maid Mariam and the Indian Chief. They all took the lead as the officials were escorted to the volleyball court.

Min. Woodside was the keynote speaker. After receiving the gift of a boat model presented by one of the Sojer Day Committee members, he began his address stating that when you look at The Bahamas from

space, you see an emerald amidst a sea of turquoise. They must have been looking at Man-O-War, he said, praising the beauty of the cay. He commended the residents on the cleanliness of their island. "I toured the island," he informed the audience, "the ball field, the cemetery and the dump site - it must be the cleanest dump site in the world," he declared. He praised the island for its craftsmanship, especially recognizing Joe Albury for continuing the tradition of boat and dinghy building. Mr. Woodside announced the official opening by stating, "I am honored to declare this event, the first Sojer Day, officially open."

The function was hosted by Master of Ceremony Scott Weatherford, a son of Man-O-War. The program included little preschool children from the Small World Learning Center who captured the audience with their recitals of a hymn, an old British

song and a Loyalist oldie. The Mary E. Albury High School students had everyone laughing at their skits. They included a dramatization of crawfishing marching, Uncle Norman looking for his meat grinder and Captain Sherwin Archer distributing the goods he brought back from Nassau on his mailboat. Jeremy Sweeting reminded the audience that Albury's Ferry, founded by the late Marcell Albury, celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. He also mentioned that a museum would be forthcoming.

The crowd that filled the tent was invited to tour the settlement and visit houses that owners had opened to show visitors the remnants of an earlier life verifying the rich history of the island.

Mr. Weatherford greeted guest at Koinonia Kottage, his birth place, a clapboard house painted blue that had been brought over from Hope Town some 70 years ago. The age of the house is not exactly known but it is extremely well maintained and decorated with original furniture and paraphernalia. It is now used as a Mission House for the New Life Bible Church.

Farther along was the house that Percival and Elizabeth Sweeting purchased in 1946. On one of the walls was a painting of the sloop Rough Waters that won the Georgetown Regatta in 1977. At Elsie and Edwin Albury's house, the site of the

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School children dressed in costumes of their favorite story book characters. They led the official party to the volleyball court where the opening ceremony took place. They also took part in the ceremony.



The old Methodist Church was built on the site of the first church on Man-O-War, an Anglican Church. This present building was constructed in 1912 and was in use until the 1950s. Photo albums were on display for visitors to browse and hopefully identify some of the old timers. Also a video played showing the boat building and sailing aspects of life on the cay.

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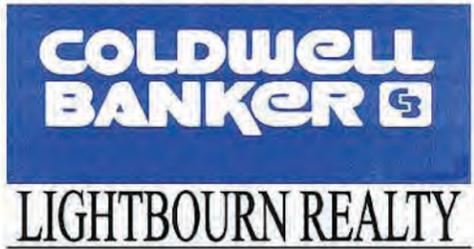
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Many Sojers returned home to celebrate their heritage

Sojer Day

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Museum and Heritage Center, an array of old tools could be seen as well as a collection of old photographs, furniture and memorabilia.

On the main street, several food tents offered chicken and mutton souse, johnny cake, fish cakes and freshly made conch salad, besides other traditional Bahamian dishes and desserts such as guava duff. Artists and craftsmen displayed their creations, paintings by Ms Sonya Albury, the famous boat models of Mr Andy Albury, the Androsia canvass tot-bags and place mats of Mrs Mandy Sands, jewelry and more.

Other events were held during the day

including the unveiling of three more names etched on brass plaques on the Wall of Heroes. John Emerson Albury, builder of the William H Albury tall ship, Marcell Albury, founder of Albury's Ferry, and Edwin Stanley Albury, a boat builder who began Edwin's Boat Yard.

Sisal rope making and "ole" ways of sharpening tools were demonstrated by Joe Albury and Roland Albury as well as the old time way of sculling a boat.

Other activities in the day-long event included a performance by the junior sailors of the cay, an exhibit of the Man-O-War Fire and Rescue and the William H sailboat on display.

The evening was dedicated to the Lifetime

Achievement Award Ceremony to honor the work and dedication of two female residents, Ms. Edith Weatherford and Mrs. Mary Albury. Mrs. Albury allocated one of her properties to the community to be used for education. It is the location of the high school named after her.

The success of the day's events can be attributed to the efforts and hard work of the Sojer Day Committee and to the special contribution of the whole community. It was definitely a historical moment for Man-O-War Cay.



This is a scene from one of the skits put on school children. It represents Capt. Sherwin Archer, captain of the mailboat, who brought food, building supplies, housewares, clothes and shoes from Nassau for the residents of Abaco.



This is the house of William H. Albury and his wife Madeline known as Uncle Will and Aunt Mady. He was a town leader for many years. The old homes in all the communities of Abaco were very small by today's standards. It was in this home that Uncle Will opened the first grocery store on Man-O-War. It is now a mission house for visiting ministers and is meticulously maintained. New Life Pastor Randy Crow, right, is conversing with Robert Sweeting, a Man-O-War native who has lived in Marsh Harbour for many years.



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Abaco Beach Resort held 12th Annual Art Festival

By Jennifer Hudson

The Abaco Beach Resort at Boat Harbour hosted the 12th Annual Art Festival from March 27-29. The first night was an invitation-only event at which guests were able to enjoy a preview of the artists and their work and sample a variety of wines sponsored by Burns House. For the remainder of the weekend the show was open to the public. This year's festival was presented in memory of the famed Bahamian photographer, Colyn Rees. Mr. Rees was a regular exhibitor at the show and was very much missed this year. Admirers always spent a lot of time poring over his amazing photographs of Abaco and the entire Bahamas. The Abaco Beach Resort displayed a few of his photographs in their booth in his honour.

Students of Abaco Central High School, along with their art teacher, Ms. Stacia Pitt, were very excited to be a part of the show. This is Ms. Pitt's first year as an art teacher at the school, and she was pleased for them to be able to be amongst such talent.

"It is good for the students to be exposed to different types of art and to get a feel for what it is like to be a part of something like this. It will stimulate their ideas," she stated. Most of the work displayed by these Grade 11 and 12 students was part of their BGCSE course work and so was not for sale. But they did have some very nice lengths of tie-dyed cloth for sale.

Mr. Perry Petry, sculptor, was a first time exhibitor at the Abaco Beach Show. Although Mr. Petry has been on Abaco for 11 years, he normally sells his work in galleries. People at the show were very impressed with his beautiful wood sculptures. He captures marine and bird life in The Bahamas in his sculptures using Bahamian hardwoods which will endure for hundreds of years. "I give recycled wood new life in art," he says. One of his dolphin sculptures on display, Wave Form VI, he described as a piece of Hope Town history as it was made from a foundation post or ground pin which had supported the Commissioner's residence for well over 100 years.

Atila Feszt, whom we have recognized previously for his pen and ink drawings of Hope Town, branched out into something new for this year's show. He has now become interested in textile design and had a number of varied and attractive original hand screened designs on display. These were on sale as wall hangings but Atila hopes to eventually expand this into a textile business. "I derive the inspiration for my designs from Abaco. I am receiving a lot of encouragement and feel that I am on the edge of huge potential,"



Kim Rody regularly shows her spectacular art work at the Abaco Beach Resort Art Show. She specializes in large paintings of fish. Shown here is a detailed painting of Hope Town harbour. Unfortunately, many of the artists did not sell much work. Ms. Rody spends half the year aboard her boat in Hope Town.



Kim Roberts, another regular at the Art Show, displayed her quilted fabric art work as well as bright paintings. Mrs. Roberts is a resident of Marsh Harbour.

once again surprised potential customers with yet another "string to his bow" in the form of his Dreamscape Collection of colourful contemporary art which is his latest endeavour. His new contemporary paintings are very complex in the symbols and subtle elements incorporated and are very popular with buyers.

Sonia Weatherford has also added a new dimension to her work this year in the form of framed collages each incorporating an inspirational verse. Clark Constant's booth was alive with colour. He hails from Haiti and paints in the vibrant art form of that country using acrylics on canvas. Kimberley Roberts' booth was also full of energy and colour in her Fabric Fritters and mixed media framed collages to which she has added a new series of houses. Her latest

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he stated.

Collette Bootle once again displayed her many talents as an artist, jewelry designer and basketry worker. She had many innovative pieces on display, one of which was an unusual cushion incorporating straw work and cloth. Lillian Cash had incorporated many innovative designs into this year's collection of straw baskets which included some unusual shapes and colours.

It was good to see Beth Sweeting back again this year. She had taken a sabbatical for a while but was back with a variety of seascapes, landscapes and beach scenes in watercolours and acrylic. One of her eye-catching paintings was reminiscent of the style of Van Gogh whom Beth described as her favourite artist. The very versatile Jeep Byers who is both artist and author,



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designs are fun "Junkanoo collages" utilizing fabric and sequins.

Master woodcarver, Andy Albury, had his half boat models and rib models on display; Bridgette Bowyer-Carey, her colorful water colours and acrylics; Jo-Ann Bradley, her oil paintings and painted shell pieces mounted on driftwood; Kim Rody, her large fish art acrylic on canvas wall paintings; Linda Schleif, custom jewelry; Marcella Dean, semi precious stones jewelry; and Amanda Darville, fashion jewelry. Troy Albury from the Snap Shop had a large selection of custom framing samples on display for anyone wishing to have art purchases framed.

There was a notable difference this year in that both the number of exhibitors was smaller as well as the number of attendees at the show. A number of artists stated

that they were very disappointed at the low turnout and complained that they made little or no sales this year. They felt that there had been a lack of marketing and a lot of people did not know about the show while others stated that they were angry that people without tickets were turned away at the door. Some exhibitors, however, expressed how pleased they were at the number of sales they made. The artists selling the lower ticket priced items such as jewelry and straw work were pleased with their sales while most of those selling the higher priced art work expressed great disappointment although one artist did sell several originals. One exhibitor this year decided to display smaller items and prints rather than more pricey originals stating, "One has to know the economy, people are more inclined to be looking for smaller items and prints when on a budget."

Members of the Privy Council Visit Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

The island of Abaco was privileged to host the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Council for a brief respite before a week of duties in Nassau. The five Lords of Appeal, along with the Registrar and Office Manager of the House of Lords, arrived from London on March 27 to spend two days at the Bahama Beach Club in Treasure Cay. They were hosted by the Administrator for North Abaco, Theophilus Cox, and other members of Local Government to a private reception at the Club on March 28.

The British Privy Council is an ancient institution dating back to the earliest days of the Monarchy and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council is the court of final appeal. In his words of introduction Mr. Cox explained the necessity for the assistance of the Privy Council when certain cases have passed through local courts, the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal and still not been settled. Justice is sought from the members of the Privy Council who have the final say and their decisions stand, whatever those may be.

Mr. Cox expressed how proud Abaco is to be one of only three of the Family Islands to have ever hosted the Privy Council. He closed by saying that since they have the final say, they must promise to bring their wives with them next time they come to Abaco. This comment was met with mutual agreement.

Mr. Steve Pedican, Chief Councillor for the North Abaco District Council, after welcoming the visitors to this beautiful island, gave them a little insight into the

makeup of local government. He said how pleased he was to present them all with a copy of A Cruiser's Guide to The Bahamas on behalf of the Local Government Council of North Abaco.

The Rt. Hon., the Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, who is the senior law lord, expressed thanks on behalf of all the Privy Council members for the wonderful accommodations, reception and hospitality afforded them. "We knew we were coming to paradise but had no idea just how wonderful that paradise would turn out to be," he stated. All of the visitors had the highest praise for their entire experience during their short stay and were especially enjoying the warm weather, having left very cold temperatures in London.

They were stunned by the beauty of the Treasure Cay beach and enjoyed as much swimming as they could possibly fit in between a visit to Green Turtle Cay and a trip to Marsh Harbour. Each member was very pleased to receive a People to People bag containing information and souvenirs presented by Ms. Kendi Anderson of the Ministry of Tourism Office.

It was interesting to learn that although the Privy Council is such an ancient institution, the idea of traveling to other countries to hear cases is quite new. Members of the Privy Council had never left London to hear cases until they first came to Nassau in 2006. Since then one other country has followed suit in seeking their assistance in settling appeals cases. This is the third sitting of the Judicial committee in Nassau.

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The Editor Says . . . **Appreciating our heritage**



Man-O-War Cay has now joined Green Turtle Cay, Hope Town and Cherokee Sound in producing a community heritage day. The town's residents assembled a wonderful montage celebrating the founders and events that brought its settlement to its present state.

Without the benefit of a large park area as seen in Green Turtle Cay or an active museum as found in Hope Town, they staged an equally impressive event. It began on the school volleyball court, moved to the waterfront for lunch and vendor stalls, then back to the school for more ceremonies and continuing through the day with historic houses opened for public view. By any measure, it was a great success.

Heritage events have a rich tradition on Abaco with Hope Town and Green Turtle Cay's annual pageantry. Man-O-War's recent entry has the advantage of drawing from these two diverse events while tailoring its own unique history into a day-long event.

The Green Turtle Cay Island Root's Festival is the only heritage event that makes an effort to market itself internationally with its focus on Key West which has Green Turtle Cay connections. All of these events have a homecoming appeal to previous residents and distant relatives, but they are not generally marketed to bring visitors from abroad.

Hope Town and Green Turtle Cay each have supporting civic organizations to record, display and feature their heritage and history. Man-O-War residents had to organize a working committee and assemble the event from scratch. During the Man-O-War presentation a museum was alluded to as a town goal. The settlement's strong boat building tradition would lend itself nicely as a museum theme.

Cherokee Sound resurrected its derelict school building with volunteer labour and fund raisings. It is now a functional community center with photos displayed of the town's history. The residents have staged annual homecomings with themes which have included dolls, shells and antiques.

Many of our settlements have historic buildings that are falling into ruin but which might be restored into functional use

with loving care as witnessed by Cherokee Sound.

Local government in Sandy Point is recognizing the value of the Hole-in-the-Wall lighthouse and is working to make it an appealing South Abaco attraction. The South Abaco District Council is partnering with organizations and individuals to renovate the lighthouse grounds and buildings and to make the access road more friendly. It is sites like this that appeal to our hardy nature lovers and explorers who are looking for something extra to add to their Abaco experience.

Commercially-oriented Marsh Harbour is presently oblivious to its historical past. However, one of Abaco's oldest settlements was Maxwell on Marsh Harbour's east side. There are still ruins and the remnant of the public dock there. Marsh Harbour has the potential to create a visible tribute to its past.

The Wilson City lumber mill ruins of the early 1900s have the potential to draw historical buffs. The seven-mile side road into this area has been improved by BEC

and provides easy access. It remains to be seen how these foundations and other elements from 100 years ago will fare when the BEC bulldozer begins its work. The government corporations are not noted for their sensitivity to history. Neither are they particular adroit at seeking or cooperating with public opinion.

Abaco is littered with the remains of sisal plantations, sawmills, even complete early settlements which have visibly disappeared with time but which will have fascinating stories to tell when they are properly uncovered.

Many historical sites are quite obscure, and it is probably just as well that they remain inconveniently out of bounds for our Sunday afternoon archaeologists.

Beyond our human history is Mother Nature's fascinating story of an earlier and unknown Abaco. For years the blue holes that were easily accessible have been treated as convenient trash disposal sites. They appeared to remain pristine clean as soon as the trash sank and the ripples stopped.

Recent discoveries have cast these sites

in an entirely new light with the recovery of skeletons of extinct crocodiles, tortoises and birds in just one remote blue hole in the pine forest. It makes one wonder what else remains to be discovered. The scientific exploration of these natural wonders is a slow and tedious process but is quietly placing Abaco among impressive scientific circles.

These skeletal remains have caught the attention of university researchers and the National Geographic Society that is funding additional exploratory research.

Abaco's settlements and back country have a wealth of interesting history to promote and expand on. It is all of these historical sites, old houses, museums and discoveries of our past natural environment that collectively add to our appeal.

We are beginning to recognize the value of these historical and natural sites and use them to our advantage. Those persons promoting Abaco now have a larger portfolio which includes history, heritage and natural wonders along with our better known attractions.

Letters to the Editor

Crime will destroy our community

Dear Editor:

I was shocked to see the story in your March 15th edition about an 81-year-old woman who was held up at gunpoint at her home in Marsh Harbour. I was especially sad to discover that I knew the victim, Lily Sands. She is a wonderful and friendly lady who has been known to my extended family for decades. I was even more shocked to read that her car had been stolen, her home broken into three times previously and that her little shop had been burglarized six times.

It appears that for some reason our police force does not have the necessary resources to protect its citizens from crimes such as this. The rise in property crimes is a very important indicator of a community's general health. Property crimes will quickly turn a good neighborhood into a bad neighborhood. Property crimes turn into homicides when unwilling victims confront desperate criminals, as Miss Lily nearly found out.

I do not wonder that the Marsh Harbour police would prefer not to have local crime reported because it reflects poorly on their efforts. Indeed, it is shameful and pathetic that we are not able to protect Miss Lily and the other most vulnerable individuals in our community. She has been a crime victim nine or 10 times! Even in the worst neighborhoods of New York City she could expect to fare better than that!

Nearly every resident of Abaco, native or

second homeowner, will tell you that they live on Abaco because they could not tolerate the crime in Nassau or Florida. There is little point in worrying about the power plant, the dump or the airport as long as the crime problem isn't being properly addressed. If we don't do something to stem the rapid rise of crime in Abaco, our law-abiding residents will eventually vote with their feet. They will choose to live and vacation somewhere else. Our stores will close and the vitality of our community will be lost. Let's not let a few bad individuals kill the goose that laid the golden egg.

Chris Dowd

Rats are major problem

Dear Editor,

I write to you in concern for the health of the residents of Sweeting's Village. The government sees fit to place three very large dumpsters to the entrance of the community across from New Vision Ministries. These dumpsters have large holes near the bottom that I suspect are to allow water to drain from them. However, a huge colony of rats has taken residence in this area using those holes to gain access to the garbage.

Furthermore, since the number of residents has increased in the community, the dumpsters are often overflowing with trash spilling out onto the ground. When the trash collection agency comes to empty the bins, of course, they must feel it isn't their job to clean up the grounds around the bins. Whose job would it really be?

As residents of the community we need to not allow the garbage to overflow the bins in the first place. In daylight hours it is relatively safe to dispose of one's garbage; but from dusk until dawn, be prepared to defend yourself against literally more rats than you can count. In a span of about one minute I was able to count more than 50 rats. The problem is getting so bad that the sighting of rats throughout the neighborhood is on the rise.

I beg for the powers that be to please address this situation as rat infestations can cause many human diseases. Perhaps a differently designed garbage bin or more frequent collections would help to alleviate the problem with a more drastic measure of trapping or poisoning. If we can collectively try to eliminate the food supply, they will go somewhere else.

Looking forward to a solution.
A concerned resident

Electric cable is hazard

Dear Editor,

I have attached two photographs taken at Tilloo Beach on March 22, 2009. These photographs show a "hot" power line that runs the length of the beach - at least a half mile from one end to Mr. Ray Dillman's property at the southern tip of Tilloo Cay. This is a beach that tourists come to on a daily basis as well as locals - a group of families from Hope Town have gone every Sunday (weather permitting) for the past 25 years.

BEC originally laid the power line in the grass near the white bank about 20 feet off the beach approximately 18 months ago - right where the heaviest boat traffic runs. A few months later, we showed up for the weekly Sunday picnic and there was a BEC crew digging a trench on the beach to install a hot line for Mr. Dillman's power - this is a beach our children and grandchildren play on! We did speak to the man who seemed to be in charge that day, but it didn't stop them.

This is probably the most irresponsible act ever! If it's not illegal, it should be! What happens if the line accidentally gets cut? Who do we hold liable for this? Per-

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This conduit on Tilloo carries a live electric wire about a half mile on Tilloo Beach, a very popular beach on the south end of Tilloo. This is a very dangerous situation if the conduit were cut. The families who frequent the beach ask that the situation be remedied.

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haps you could help us out on this. Anything you can do would be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Don and Carrie Cash

Appeal to protect our turtles

Dear Editor:

Many people, both Bahamian and foreign, rejoiced a few months ago when Agriculture and Marine Resources Minister Larry Cartwright announced the Ministry's intent to enact a complete ban on marine turtle fishing in The Bahamas. It was the culmination of many years' effort by various groups concerned about our marine environment and particularly these majestic, gentle sea creatures who are afforded complete protection in most developed and undeveloped countries of the world. Cuba, Mexico and most of our Caribbean neighbors long ago enacted strict bans on the capture, killing and consumption of marine turtles.

The complete ban that was promised may be in jeopardy. The amendment has not yet been passed by Parliament. A few weeks ago the Ministry of Agriculture wanted to hear from more Bahamians on this issue. After hearing from at least several thousand since then in favour of the ban, the amendment has still not been passed. The talk from months ago that it might pass but with an exception to continue to allow the "personal consumption" of turtle meat may still happen.

There are very few fishermen who catch turtles to feed their families. They catch turtles opportunistically, especially if they've had a bad day conching or craw fishing. They catch them to sell. The gas it would cost a fisherman to go out specifically to catch a turtle for his dinner table would cost far more than a chicken from the food store.

This is a ludicrous proposition for many reasons, the most obvious being the issue of enforcement. Will the Ministry position a Fisheries officer at every dock and every boat landing on every island? Will they follow the fisherman home, watch him kill, clean and eat the turtle he has caught? How else to enforce this?

What will be done about the extreme cruelty and torture inflicted on these defenseless animals while they are awaiting slaughter? Ranging from being left on their backs for hours or days in the broiling sun to having their flippers crudely pierced with whatever sharp object is at hand and having rope threaded through them, then hogtied to prevent them from thrashing. Not to mention kids and even grown men cruelly tormenting and abusing them, often in public view - and nothing is done about it despite calls to both Police and Fisheries. Have we become so cold and unfeeling that we think it is normal or even sporting to torture an innocent animal? Because it is to be eaten, its pain and suffering is irrelevant?

Our young people see their elders perpetrating abuses and cruelty on innocent helpless creatures, and they learn from this. What do they learn? Think about it. No wonder our crime rate is escalating. The abuse of animals has proven links as a stepping stone to the abuse of people and violent crime.

In these times of extreme economic instability and hardship, one would think the concept of enticing tourists to visit us instead of repelling them might have some attraction. A live turtle viewed in the wild is worth far more in tourism dollars than a suffering, tormented turtle on a dock which is guaranteed to disgust most people who

see it. Tourists who witness this leave here vowing never to come back, and discourage their friends and family from visiting. The Miss Universe pageant is to be held on Paradise Island in August; what a black eye The Bahamas would receive if the attendant international press happen upon a poor hapless turtle being tortured on the Potter's Cay docks.

The irony is that these are not "Bahamian" turtles. These turtles do not belong to any one nation; they are migratory animals. It is extremely disheartening and frustrating to those other countries trying to protect and save them that simply because their migratory patterns bring them to Bahamian waters, they are subject to being not only killed but tortured and abused in the process. This is one issue where "foreign" opinions should be weighed and considered as these turtles do not "belong" to the Bahamas. Most of them are not born here; and those that are, do not remain here their entire lives.

We participate in the international protection of the many migratory bird species that pass through The Bahamas every year. Why are turtles different? Because they swim rather than fly? Because we have more fishermen than bird hunters?

We urge the public to voice their opinions to Minister Cartwright and also to your local Members of Parliament. Marine turtles are evidently still in extreme jeopardy in The Bahamas; they need your help more than ever and time is of the essence.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Burrows
Executive Director, Humane Society of Grand Bahama, Member, Bahamas Sea Turtle Conservation Group
Chris Johnston
President, Humane Society of Grand Bahama

Message from the Bahamian Association of Fishermen

Dear Mr. Edison Key, MP South Abaco

This letter is to inform you and our fellow Bahamians of the outrageous and moral wrongdoings that are taking place here in our islands. The problem we are referring to is foreign fishing vessels running charter fishing operations locally and offering other services as well. Therefore, they are forcing unemployment for Bahamian fishermen and loss of revenue for other local businesses. Over the past year members from our organization have approached the Ministry of Tourism, the Port Department, the Ministry of Immigration and our Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, with complaints of these operations and haven't received any assistance. Please see attached one member's letter to the Prime Minister dated 19 February 2008.

It was especially disturbing to see photos and read in the local paper that our country's leader had actually gone fishing with one of these foreign owned and operated vessels last spring 2008 after he had received our member's letter as well as a personal phone call from our member pleading for help. It is sad to see this industry being destroyed, but sadder still to know that the people we elected into office supporting activities that put Bahamians out of work and simply don't care about their own people.

Our understanding of the law states that foreign owned and operated charter boats are not allowed to solicit business locally. However, the present laws are outdated and need to be eliminated because today's advanced technology allows them to do so. These foreign charter boat operations use tools like the internet and long distance phone services such as Vonage which al-

A letter to our valued boaters

To Our Valued Visitors

I hope not too many of our visitors who live on boats have left our shores already to return to their homes before the onslaught of the summer heat. Those who have, I hope you will read this letter online.

I would like to apologise to anyone who was offended by a statement written by me in an article in the February 15 edition of this newspaper. I understand from the letters written by Robert Wilson and John Jensen that many people were angry. It was not my intention to upset anyone, and I would like to give an explanation for the offending statement.

My mistake was in not putting that statement in quotation marks. I was asked by the editor to do some research into the state of the economy here on Abaco at Christmas because, as everyone knows, the economy is taking a hit worldwide. In order to ascertain the information, I was required to speak to a cross-section of hotel and shop owners and managers. All of the information contained in that article was directly quoted from the sources I questioned; none of it was my own opinion. I now realise my big error in not making this obvious.

Some of my dearest friends live on a boat, and I am fully aware of the major contribution they make to the community of Abaco in many ways both financially and in community service. I would never

put them down. I do not think of these persons as boaters. I think of them as second homeowners. Their second home just happens to be a boat. All of these second homeowners who live on their boats are here for a long time each year and, of course, make a valuable contribution to our economy.

When the person contacted made the statement which has caused so much concern, it did not occur to me that they were referring to those I consider second homeowners who live on boats. The persons I thought were being referred to were the transient boaters who come for a very short stay of a few days or maybe a couple of weeks.

I hope you will understand and forgive my honest and misleading mistake.

By the way, Mr. Jensen, I do not know to which article you are referring in which you state that I called for more entertainment to attract more tourism on the cays. I do not know of writing such an article. If you knew how much I loathe and detest loud music and love peace and quiet, you would know that I would never want to see our peaceful cays, which are such a treasure, spoiled in any way. If you can find the article you are referring to, I would appreciate if you would inform the editors who can then inform me as I must really be losing my mind.

Yours truly,
Jennifer Hudson

lows foreign vessels to station themselves in The Bahamas and receive phone calls here with the cover of U.S. area codes. They also drum up business at local bars and marinas and use Bahamian cell phones as well to skirt the regulations.

It is most unfortunate that some marinas are not only harbouring but also encouraging these operations at their facilities. Some of these charter boats are so bold and brazen that they even advertise locally in print. What the people of this country need to be aware of is the presence and business operations these foreign charter boats are not only negatively affecting the Bahamian fisherman, but other professions as well. One particular foreign charter company offers many services on its website including deep sea fishing, bone fishing,

island hopping, snorkeling and scuba diving, ferry service to neighboring islands and discounted hotel accommodations or any of these activities for an "all inclusive package." Now anyone with any common sense knows that whatever "so called" licenses they have or shortcuts they have found around the law doesn't allow for all of these services to be offered by a foreign owner/operator in one lump sum. This particular operation has a fleet of boats to meet all of the services they advertise. They have the financial means to out-equip and out-advertise the local Bahamian, thus the Bahamian fisherman's boat sits at the dock as he struggles to pay the bills while the foreign charter business is operating

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News of the Cays

Concerned Citizens Watch of Elbow Cay

By Wanda Sweeting

The Concerned Citizens Watch for Elbow Cay was formed in November 2007 after a town meeting with the Superintendent of Police for Abaco, Mr. Miller, who suggested that we help ourselves by policing our community. Supt. Miller suggested we offer positive activities for the youth and the entire community. We all are the EYES AND EARS for the police. We all have a role to play, and we all need to work together to better our community.

In November of 2008 we were blessed with Mr. Bruce Arnett, a new ASP. We would like at this time to say a big thank you to Supt. Noville-Smith for allowing Mr. Arnett to spend time with the Hope Town community.

ASP Arnett and Sgt. Ferguson have met with the committee on a monthly basis, and the members are grateful for their guidance and aid in forming the Concerned Citizens Watch Committee. The purpose of the committee is to make Elbow Cay a safe and enjoyable place to live for residents and visitors.

Not only have ASP Arnett and Sgt. Ferguson given us guidance, but other representatives have given their time in meeting with us. They have answered our questions and instructed our membership on procedures for observing and reporting unusual activity in our area.

Ms. Gibson, representing the Ministry of Immigration, and Ms. Sally Chisholm and Ms. Neilly, representing the Ministry of Environmental Health, have all attended

our meetings. Our Hope Town District Council members, representing Elbow Cay and Man-O-War, have attended and given us useful suggestions. They have been very helpful in describing to us how we might aid them.

Our duty is to report any activity observed to the appropriate ministries and departments. It is neither the purpose nor the power of the Concerned Citizens Watch to apprehend or arrest anyone unless they are committing a felony.

CCW has carried out clean-ups of the island and the beach. They have organized and sponsored family cookouts and old-fashioned game nights at Quackenbush Park. Just recently a pig roast fund raiser was held at the Hope Town library. Over 120 people were served and fellowship was enjoyed by all of the citizens and boat owners. The proceeds from this fund raiser will initially be used to provide lighting on our public docks and improvements to our playgrounds. We have just finished providing a new sand base to Taylor Park.

Our thanks go to all ministries who have helped us organize and especially to ASP Arnett and Sgt. Ferguson who supported us from the very beginning.

CCW is compiling a manual for citizens who would like to organize a watch group on their island or in their community.

Anyone who has information they would like to pass to various departments, please call 366-0574, 366-2560, or 919.

The CCW committee of Elbow Cay submits this report. Please watch The Abaconian for future reports of our progress and projects. You may contact us by going to ccwhopetown@gmail.com.

Lionfish Derby and Tasting

By Bobbie Lindsay

The first annual Lionfish Derby and Tasting will be held on Green Turtle Cay on June 5th and 6th. The invasive Indo Pacific Lionfish is proliferating explosively in the Atlantic and Caribbean waters. These dazzling beauties are actually voracious predators, consuming juvenile fish on our reefs at an alarming rate. Scientists dissecting the stomach of small lionfish in The Bahamas have regularly found multiple different species of juvenile fish in their bellies including baby grouper, grunt and snapper!

There is no known predator of lionfish in the Atlantic and Caribbean, and the ecological disaster that is currently unfolding in

Bermuda and the Caribbean is headed our way. On Abaco and Nassau the problem is already very serious. To make matters worse, the lionfish protects itself by venomous spines that can inflict a serious and painful sting. However, the lionfish is excellent and safe to eat, tasting a lot like hogfish.

Help reduce the numbers, raise awareness and get this fish on our menus by participating in the upcoming event headquartered on Green Turtle on June 5th and 6th. A presentation by a scientist and kick-off cocktails at 4:30 p.m. at Green Turtle Club, one of the co-sponsors will open this tournament. The Derby and tasting will be on June 6th.

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This picture shows how beautiful the lionfish is. However, it is an invasive predator species living on our reefs that has a voracious appetite, eating many of our favorite fish. Besides cleaning out of reefs, it has poisonous spines. A Derby, or tournament, to be held on Green Turtle Cay on June 5 and 6 will bring more awareness of its threat to our reefs and will show how to clean it for cooking. Photo by Rich

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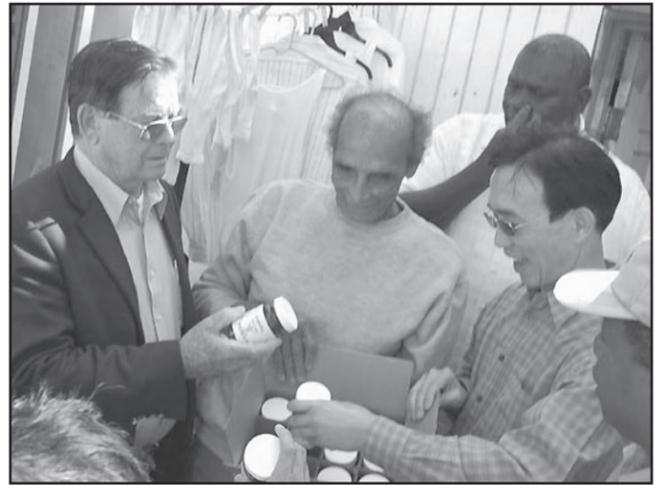
The Chinese Ambassador to The Bahamas, His Excellency Hu Dingxian, came to Abaco on March 24 for a one day tour with Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco and Chairman of BAIC. The primary focus of the trip was to see the agricultural and fisheries operations. His tour included farms and Marsh Harbour Exporter and Importers that processes crawfish and fish. He and his first secretary, Tan Jian, were very impressed with Abaco's farming operations and the potential that Abaco shows for greatly increasing farm output. While on Abaco he visited the site of BAIC's Farmers' Market and Craft Center in Marsh Harbour, the newly constructed low cost houses in Spring City being built by

government and several farms in the old cane fields. He was taken to the square mile of farm land being divided into five and 10 acre plots which is southwest of Spring City. Another area in North Abaco is being prepared into plots and will be made available for farmers to lease. All of these plots will be available farming for \$25 per acre per year.

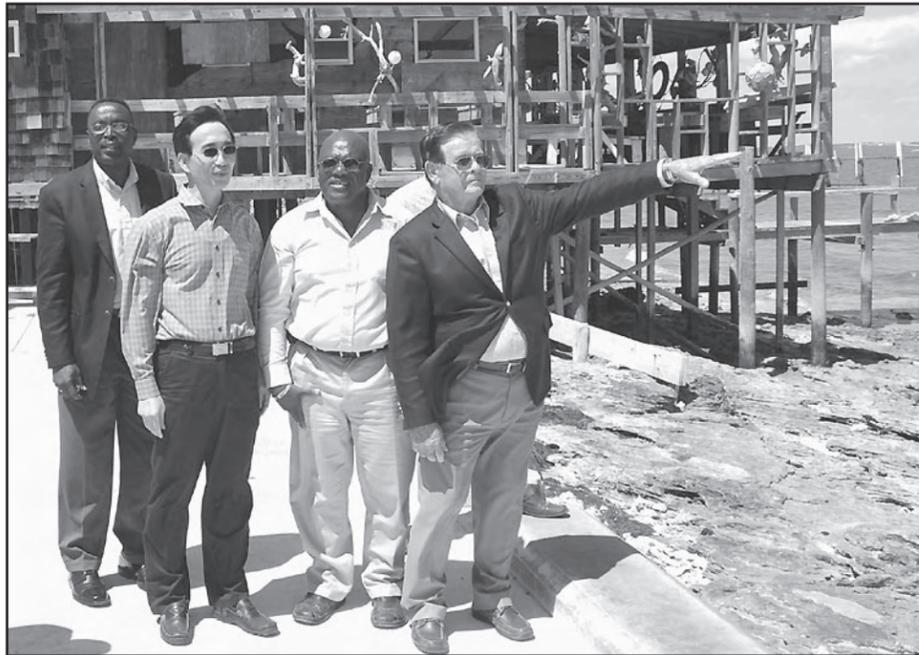
The Ambassador commented that Chinese techniques in agriculture are suitable for The Bahamas and that cooperation between the two countries can be mutually beneficial. He continued, "You have everything here - lovely weather and natural conditions. After this study tour, we will discuss with officials of the Ministry of

Agriculture and BAIC and see what specific fields we can cooperate on. We are looking forward to that."

Mr. Key said, "Mr. Hu has expressed great interest in assisting us, helping us to get some of our agricultural projects under way. We requested some tractors and maybe this trip will be the means of obtaining some assistance. They have the technology. We can benefit tremendously from what they might have to offer on the technical side.



During the Chinese Ambassador's visit, the group visited the Peppercorn Farm belonging to Mr. Mel Wells. Mr. Hu Dingxian was presented with a jar of honey produced on the farm. Mr. Wells grows a wide variety of vegetables also. Shown are Mr. Edison Key, Mr. Wells and Mr. Dingxian.



Mr. Edison Key hosted the Chinese Ambassador on March 24. They are seen here on the waterfront in Cooper's Town. Mr. Key is pointing toward Green Turtle Cay. Shown are Administrator Theophilus Cox, Mr. Hu Dingxian, Mr. Einar Cornish and Mr. Key.



The Chinese Ambassador, His Excellency, Hu Dingxian, was impressed with systems in place at Marsh Harbour Exporters and Importers where crawfish are processed. He and Mr. Edison Key, Chairman of BAIC, are pictured in the center.

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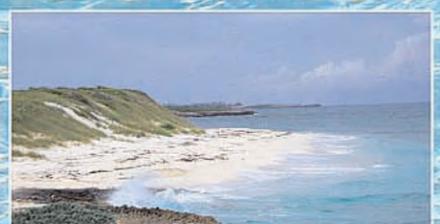
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School News

Abaco Central High School

Students Conduct Traffic Survey

By Mirella Santillo

On February 11th and 13th a group of Abaco Central High School students in Mr. Nigel London's geography class conducted a traffic survey on Don MacKay Boulevard.

A field project was required for the BGCSE national examination and the group of students chose to address what they saw as a problem in our community. According to one of the students, Kenward Bethel, the scope of the project was to demonstrate the hypothesis that more cars than trucks drove on the boulevard. But as the results were compiled and charted, they proved that the reverse was true, more trucks were driven on Don MacKay Boulevard. Confronted with the high number of vehicles using the

road, the students used their findings to make recommendations that they thought would help the flow of traffic.

For two hours on these two days they divided into three groups to study the traffic on Don MacKay. Some students stood at the S.C. Bootle Highway intersection, some stood on the Crockett Drive corner and the third group had a check point across the Marsh Harbour Auto Parts. When they tallied their results, they had counted 1826 vehicles passing by on the Wednesday and 3,586 on the Friday, and it was not even school traffic rush hour! They noticed that vehicles had difficulties entering the boulevard from these intersections.

Their recommendation was that traffic lights be installed at the three locations surveyed. Their report will be sent to Nassau to be filed as credit towards their examinations. But after conferring with their teach-

er, they decided to also send the report to the Road Traffic Department.

It is to be noted that a traffic light is in the process of being installed at the corner of Crockett Drive and Don MacKay. However, the problems encountered at the other two locations remain to be addressed. A three-way stop sign might be sufficient for the time being.

Athletes compete in National Track & Field Competition

By Mirella Santillo

Twenty-three students from Abaco Central High School traveled to Nassau to take part in the Field and Track National

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This team of students of Abaco Central High School studied the traffic problems on Don MacKay Boulevard as part of the BGCSE course work. They concluded that traffic lights should be placed at several intersections in the busy areas of this street.

Primary School Mathematics Competition



The Primary School Mathematics Competition was held on March 6 at St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall. The first place winners, students of Central Abaco Primary School, are in the back row. The second place winners, students of Agape Christian School, are in the middle row while the third place winners, front row, were from Cyber Learning Center. Seven schools participated in the competition: Amy Roberts Primary, Cherokee Primary, Central Abaco Primary, Crossing Rocks Primary, Cyber Learning Center, Agape Christian and St. Francis de Sales.

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By Robert Wilson

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For the past eight years we have been cruising with Maggie in tow. She loves being aboard the boat, or at



Maggie

the very least having our full attention 24/7. For a stray pup found in downtown Atlanta, she's done pretty well. While home she has very little contact with other animals and enjoys that. But here, she shares the territory with other dogs. Most are domesticated, enjoying a similar lifestyle, while others are seemingly homeless "potcakes" that wander the streets. On occasion, a cat will pique her interest.

Sea Island Girl is docked about midway down the dock at Boat Harbour Marina. After several years of being on the same dock, Maggie remembers which boats have cats and which have dogs. As we stroll down the dock she will pause, look intently and perk her ears or wag her tail to attract their attention. It is amazing how she can remember the various spots where feral cats sometimes gather to fetch food that has dropped beneath the deck of the outside dining area.

Maggie continues to be a trusted companion aboard the boat. She has been with us on each of our cruises and never complains, unlike some of the humans we have

had aboard. She enjoys her daily jaunts along the shore, or lying around the boat as if she were on watch. Her smiling face always attracts a crowd.

If you have contemplated bringing a pet onboard, you want to consider their daily routines, size and exercise requirements of

any pet being considered. Cats tend to be somewhat more self-sufficient and require little maintenance. Dogs require more attention, but most adapt very quickly to their owners' lifestyle.

There are a host of websites available to help you gain an insight into cruising pets;

just Google "cruising pets." Pets certainly add to the enjoyment of being aboard. We have also discovered that a nuzzle from a cold nose in the dead of night or those direct looks in your eyes is just your pet's way of saying they are glad to be with you and sharing in the experience.

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Competition that was held March 19th to March 21st. Although they are good and well trained athletes, the competition was tough. At least 29 schools from all over The Bahamas participated. The Abaco Central students entered many of the competitions.

The Marlins did well in relays. The team of boys under 17 placed second in the 4x100m. They were Shane Jones, Cordero Albury, Cordero Fynes and Dario Hall. Shane Jones placed fourth the long jump, intermediate boys.

In the girls relay under 17 category, 4x100m, Sasha Davis, Janae Stuart, Carlissa Nessbit and Yontala Roker finished in third position. Yevens Pierre in the un-

der seventeen category, received a bronze medal for placing third in the 800m in a time that could have qualified him for the World Youth Games. Yevens also placed third in the 4x400m relay.

Other competitions that the athletes entered were two relay races, the 4x400m and 4x100m. Boys and girls raced in the 100m and the 400m. Sasha Davis entered the 200m and two other girls, Vinedgy Michel in the under 15 category and Sastrie Adderley in the under 17 category raced the 3000m; Sastrie also ran the 1500m.

Two boys entered the 1500m, in the under 17 and under 20 categories. Other events that the Abaco Central students participated in were long jump, triple jump and shot put.

The Abaco Central High School's stu-

dents were sponsored by Junior Williams who assisted with the purchase the uniforms and by the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations that provided the air fare for the trip to Nassau.

Abaco is definitely holding its place in sports competition.

Basketball Playoff

By Mirella Santillo

On March 23 five schools competed

in a series of playoff games for qualification in finals of the high school basketball league. The games took place at the Agape Christian School gymnasium, a place that has become the venue for many basketball competitions. The large room accommodates easily many athletes and spectators, teachers and parents who come to watch and encourage their students or perform.

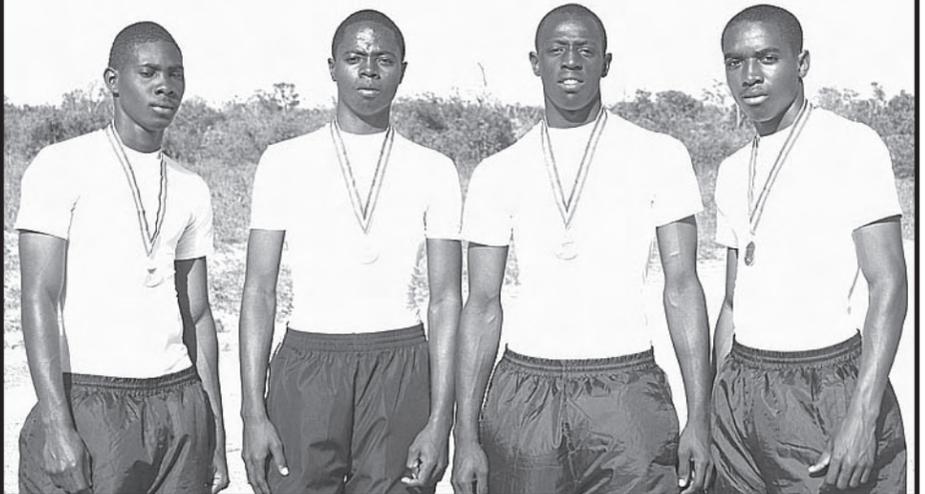
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These Abaco Central High School athletes competed in the National Track and Field Competition in Nassau on March 19-21. They brought back many awards as evidenced by the medals they are wearing.

Moore's Island boys won gold in Nassau



This relay team from Moore's Island came home with the gold after competing in the National Track and Field Competition in Nassau, competing against 26 other schools. They are Cordero McBride, Peron Davis, Laron Hield, Trevon Green. Mr. Patrice Charles, one of the Abaco Central's coaches, praised the Moore's Island relay team, particularly Ron Hield, who, according to Mr. Charles, is an excellent sprinter. He said that if the exchange had been a little more precise, the team could have broken the national record.

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As usual coaches got excited and shouted various encouragements or admonishments as they saw fit while their teams played.

The first game, the only girls' game that day, took place between Agape Christian School and Forest Heights Academy teams with Agape winning 20 to 10.

In the second game Every Child Counts defeated Agape Christian School 38 to

5. The third game went to St. Francis de Sales School team, the Tornadoes, with a 36 to 18 victory. The fourth game, a very long one, with many interruptions to replace tired players or the ones from each team who committed fouls, finally went to Forest Heights Academy with 56 to 27. It is to be noted that the youngest and shortest player, seven grader Godfrey Rolle, did extremely well, being responsible for many baskets in that game. The last game

took place between the ECC All Stars and Long Bay School, ending with a victory for ECC 38 to 27.

Many players performed particularly well, running fast from one end of the court to the other delivering a few long shots or baskets in the process, a very enjoyable spectacle.

The finals will take place in the afternoon of April 3rd.

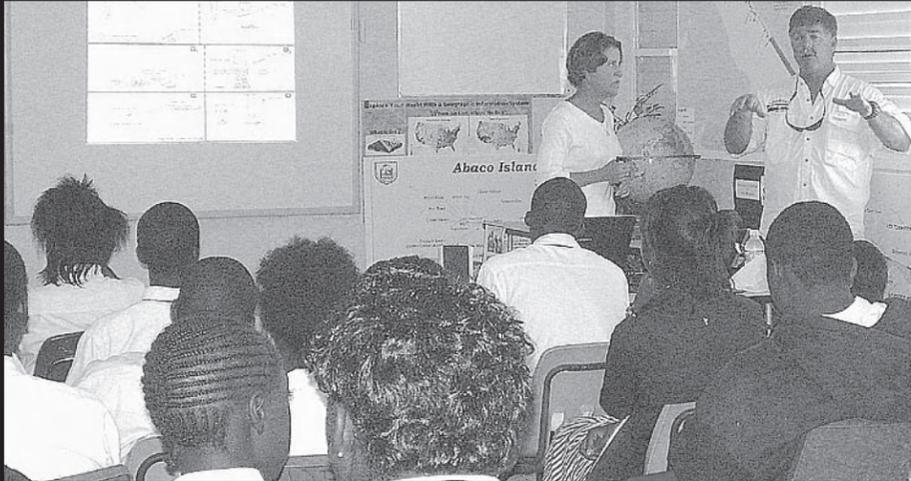
Central Abaco Primary won General Knowledge competition

By Mirella Santillo

At a special assembly on March 23rd, six Central Abaco Primary School students were recognized for winning the General Knowledge Competition for their age

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S.C. Bootle students hear about Sawmill Sink



Nancy Albury, Abaco representative for the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation of The Bahamas, and Mr. Brian Kakuk, professional diver, made a special visit to S.C. Bootle High School recently to update students on the research going on at the Sawmill Sink in South Abaco. Several years ago dozens of crocodile and tortoise skeletons were found along with the fossils of many birds and other species that lived here on Abaco thousands of years ago. All specimens collected were very well preserved, even a tortoise shell with crocodile bite marks on it! A documentary film was shown and actual bones of these prehistoric animals were brought in and observed by the students and teachers, followed by a very lively discussion. Several students expressed interest in studying paleontology and other environmental sciences because of the presentation.



During an assembly at Central Abaco Primary School 21 children were recognized as students of the month for February. They were praised for their academic performance, their attendance, appearance and conduct as well as for the way they behaved among their schoolmates and their punctuality.

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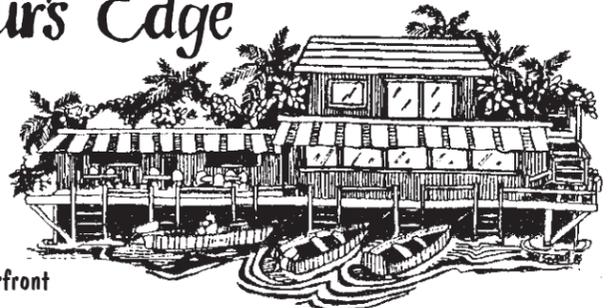


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group. The competition which was organized by the Ministry of Education took place on March 20th at St Andrews Methodist Church Hall.

Questions concerning science, social studies, language arts and religious education were asked by Education Administrator Kenneth Romer.

Grade 2 Spelling Bee

By Jennifer Hudson

The Ministry of Education held its Grade 2 Spelling Bee on March 27 at the St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall in Dundas Town with 19 children participating. The 10 schools represented were Agape Christian School, Central Abaco Primary; Long Bay; St. Francis de Sales; Cooper's Town Primary, Crossing Rocks Primary, Hope Town Primary, Man-O-War Primary,

Moore's Island All Age School and Amy Roberts in Green Turtle Cay.

Mrs. Leonora Black, Superintendent of Education for Abaco, presented the trophies to the winners. Education Officer Felamease Sawyer is Spelling Bee Coordinator.

The Spelling Bee ran for 25 rounds during which all of the participants remained very composed. The first 10 rounds consisted of "seen" words taken from lists which each of the children had previously studied. Very few children were caught out, showing just how much effort each had put into learning these spellings. The next 15 rounds went much more quickly as the students were asked to spell "unseen" words. The standard of spelling from these young students was amazing especially when the

contest drew near to a close. By the time the final few contestants were left, all of the grade 2 words had been used up so words were selected from the grades 3, 4 and 5 levels. The final three contestants handled these more advanced words, some of which were quite tricky, very impressively.

The winner was Alyssa Bethel of the Amy Roberts School who showed amazing poise and confidence throughout the entire competition. In second place was Madisyn Cole of Hope Town School and in third place was Christina Heild of Long Bay School. Each was presented with a trophy and Ms. Donell Major, coach of Alyssa Bethel, received a trophy on behalf of the Amy Roberts School.

Girls Reading Challenge Awards Ceremony

By Mirella Santillo

Over 100 girls from grades four to six of Central Abaco Primary School took on the Reading Challenge, reading as many books as possible during the period of February 2nd to February 27th. The winner, Gabrielle Deal, managed to read 193 books during that time!

On March 27th these girls were honoured at a special assembly. The ceremony

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Winners of the Grade Two Spelling Bee competition were Alyssa Bethel, Amy Roberts School, in first place; Madisyn Cole, Hope Town School, in second place; and Christina Heild, Long Bay School, in third place.



Sujith Swarna received a trophy for being the only Grade 6 student in Abaco to have achieved a GPA of 4.0. He is shown here with Abaco's Superintendent of Education Lenora Black.



The winners of the General Knowledge competition were students of Central Abaco Primary School. They are Lauren Octavien, Ethanique Bain, Vinesha Larose, Isaiah Seymour, Desmondo Bootle and Kenston Gedeon.

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More School News

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included readings, a dramatized poem, singing and a skit. Particularly entertaining was the skit of "Ma Laura" acted by Ginelle Longley and a rendition of Kookabura, a song about the Kookabura bird's misfortune, sung and mimed by a group of children.

Each girl in the Challenge received a prize according to her category of achievement: The category was determined by the number of books read. The top ten students read over 90 books. Gabrielle Deal was the overall winner, reading 193 books. Gabrielle was presented with a new bicycle by Senior Master Leroy Thompson. Briante Kelly came second reading 192 books while Kadisha Canton came in third reading 157 books.

The top ten students were awarded books and games.

The winner, Gabrielle Deal, is in Mrs. Robertha Lindsey's grade 5 class. That teacher was recognized with a present from John Bull. Mrs. Rochelle Russell, a grade 6 teacher, was mentioned for having the most students in the reading program.

Part of the requirement for credit was to write a short report on what lesson was learnt from each book read.

The boys had been acknowledged in November; it was the girls' turn to receive prizes for their prowess.

Ms. Samantha Evans was responsible for initiating the program. In her absence, the guidance counselor, Ms Kayla Hamilton, spearheaded the committee.

"La Notte Italiana" at Forest Heights Academy

By Leslie Kennedy

Soft lighting and balmy Bahamian breezes created the ambiance at Forest Heights Academy on February 13. The event "LA Notte Italiana" was sponsored by the Forest Heights Academy PTA. This fund raiser transformed the school into an Italian restaurant, and all who attended experienced a romantic evening of Italian food, games and music.

Members of the PTA from all over Abaco prepared a variety of lasagna and spaghetti sauces and homemade baked goods. But the service topped the evening better than Parmesan cheese as students took their guests' orders and served them with poise and efficiency.

During the evening diners were entertained by games, and sparklers brought a special glow to the evening. Many thanks go to all of the PTA members who graciously supported this event. This reporter highly recommends this lovely bistro.

Unfortunately, reservations are necessary - one year in advance. So put it on your calendars for next year. Ciao!

Correction

In the March 15 issue we mistakenly printed that Daisha Rolle was a students at St. Frances de Sales School. She is actually a student at Cyber Learning Center. We regret the error.



Forest Heights Academy celebrated "La Notte Italiana," a fund raising Italian experience hosted by the PTA. The romantic evening was enhanced by good food and great service by the students.



The top ten in the Reading Challenge of Central Abaco Primary School are shown here holding their prizes. They were awarded books and games. Gabrielle Deal, center, was the winner and received a bicycle. The students are shown with staff members.

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

Felia (Fe) LeBoutillier died in her home in Perrysburg, Ohio, on March 1. A long time second homeowner in Hope Town, Fe first came to Hope Town in 1959. Over the years she touched many with her kindness, gentle wit and generosity.

Fe was preceded in death by her husband, Philip LeBoutillier, Jr. She is survived by her children, Boot, George and Ford, as well as grandchildren, their spouses and great-grandchildren.

Those wishing to make a tribute in Fe's name should consider Every Child Counts in Marsh Harbour.

The funeral service for **Paul Daniel Cox**, 48, affectionately called "Pablo" of Cooper's Town, was held on March 28 at Revival Time Pentecostal Church in Cooper's Town. Bishop Cedric Bullard officiated, assisted by Bishop Burnell Parker. Interment followed in South Side Cemetery in Cooper's Town.

He is survived by his life long companion, Florina Cornish; children Kevelyn Cox, Reserve Police Constable Pauline Cox, Paul Jr., and Shandeka Cox; grandchildren Kefron Wright, Trevon Heild and Peejay Jervon Cox; sisters Brenetta Bullard, Victoria and Shirlean Rolle, Rosetta Murray, Delphine Russell, Iona Knowles, Engret Curry, Patrice Cox, Barbaddella McKinney and Greta McKenzie; brothers Furnley and Odell Cox; aunts Miriam Roker, Estelle, Annie, Kathleen, Florence, Delphine, Betty and Ruth McIntosh and Dorcas Cox; uncles Ronald, Calvin and Eddie McIntosh; nieces and nephews Catherina Thompson, Yvette McIntosh, Troy and Sabrina Russell, Cedric and Gertrude Ambrose, Alma and Shawn Bullard, Marold, Rustin, Quintin and Seanica Rolle, Erica, Remeca, Mandell, Torrian-

no, Neja, Rickell, Rickera and Rick Jr., Demetrius, Odell Cox Jr., Kinglsey Jr., and Kishna Murray, Vernique, Taron, and Tarik Russell, Nevin, Ritchie and Dorena Curry, Paulette Forbes, Sinovia McIntosh, Jewayna, Wayne McKenzie Jr., Rolanda Simpson Jr., and Nathaniel McKinney, Niketo Edgecombe, Marinique, Maronicia and Moriah Knowles; sister-in-law Chantell Cox; brothers-in-law James Bullard, Kingsley Murray, Veron Russell, Livingstone Rolle, Mark Knowles, Beltrum Curry, Rick Cox, Rudolph McKinney and Wayne McKenzie; godparents Orthnell and Mildred Russell; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Henry "Herbie" Pritchard**, 75, of McLean's Town, Grand Bahama, and formerly of Cooper's Town was held on March 28th at Full Gospel Assembly of God in Treasure Cay. Pastor Eulin McIntosh officiated assisted by Bishop J. Rodney Roberts and other ministers of the Gospel. Interment followed in the South Side Cemetery in Cooper's Town.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Inez McIntosh-Pritchard; daughters Nelrose Parker, Curlene Roberts, Valarie Brathwaite, Joycelyn Saunders, Karen Lightbourne and Andrea Joseph; sons Tyrone, Felton and Kevin Pritchard, Berkley Wright and Barry Pritchard; sons-in-law Fred Parker, J. Rodney Roberts, Charles Lightbourne and Benson Joseph; daughters-in-law Bonnie, Jennifer and Marinda Pritchard; granddaughters Rosanna Parker, Genea Roberts, Iana, Marissa, Amelia, Alexandria, Nathalie, Katelyn and Patrica Pritchard, Bertranique Saunders, Jada Williams, Keandra and Whitney Lightbourne, Maliyah Forbes and Shantea Wright; grandsons Javaughn and Vonrico Toote, Doran

and Jakim Roberts, Aliandro Braithwaite, Jaquon Murray, Brandon Pritchard, Kenson and Jabez Lightbourne, Bertram Saunders Jr., Keshawn Parker and Tyria Rahmsey; great-granddaughters Keanna and Kearra Lightbourne; brother Rufus Pritchard Sr; sisters Iona Gardiner and Erma Laing; sisters-in-law Hettie and Adelina McIntosh, Alvera Pritchard-Rolle and Donna Russell; brothers-in-law Eulin McIntosh, Shelton Gardner and James Dames; aunt Virginia Carey; Uncle David Pinder; nieces Marsha Bastian, Rose Pritchard, Ina Sturup, Dorlene Poirier, Vernell Swain, Tishka Pritchard, Brenda Woodside, Patricia Ambriester, Tawana Davis, Jackie and Cinder McIntosh, Edris Curry, Shanalie Sands, Janet and Kay Cooper, Iona and Marilyn Laing, Nicole Colebrooke, Patrilee Deleveaux, Joycelyn and Debbie McIntosh and Issie Cooper; nephews Fritz and Rufus Pritchard Jr., Joseph, Zyndall, Michael, Marvin and Ernie Pritchard, Ronnie, Pete and Lenroy Laing, Ken, Willard, Keshawn and Hanson Gardiner, Leo, Nobath, Deolie and Earle McIntosh, Nelson, Jerome and Dario McIntosh and Eulin Dames; adopted daughters Marsha Roberts, Myrtis Russell and Jennifer Des Auguste; adopted sons Edwin Curry, Josamer Brave and Esias Cornish; god children Viola Edgecombe, Jollian McIntosh, Groveener Delancy and Pete Williams; and many other relatives and best friends.

The funeral service for **Robert Nathaniel "Bob" Ferguson**, 93, of Spring City was held at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour on March 28. Rev. Fr. Earl Hepburn officiated assisted by Archdeacon Cornell Moss. Interment followed in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his daughters Lula Tyskiewicz, Myrtis Russell, Agatha, Donnalee, Ronnalee, Wynsome, Nicola and Geraldine Ferguson; adopted daughters Margie Balliou, Michelle Pickstock and

Alfreda Sears; sons John, Eugene, Cedric and Fritz Ferguson; adopted son, Gary Bethel; grandchildren Maxine, Johnelle, Juanita, John Jr., Sanae, Darren and Johnneisha Ferguson, Shonelle King, Jessica Golden, Eugene Ferguson, Jr., Raymond, Vito, Dametris, Brenda, Kristie, Dentley, Lilliando, Silvio and Athena Russell, Halson Deveaux, Lydell Ferguson, Vashti, Colon, Colby, Colleen and Agatha Curry, Taka and Topedo Davis, Phillipa and Quincy Penn, Velma Strachan, Patricia, Emory, Kenley and Patrick Curry, Crystal Ferguson, Kiko, Gerrad and Condell Delaney, Chaqua, Sebastian and Roberto Ferguson, Dwayne and Denika Lewis, Patrece Rolle, Keva Bastian, Maryanne and Flood Pearce; great-grandchildren, Brandon Williams, Christian Adderley, Armad and Rashad Abraham, Lovely Lewis, Italia, Allisa, Arjah, Nardo and Kalin Bastian, Shonelle and Jontae Clarke, Destinee and Saniya Ferguson, Rojae and Malachi Russell, Malik, Donneisha and Wynsome Penn, Destiny and Vonzell Strachan, Christopher Curry, Rolano Dames and Mackenlee Ferguson and Mia Sawyer, Lyric Williams, Tyrell and Ronnalee Delaney; nieces Arabelle Black, Doramae Charlton, Chrissie Verville, Mallory Lightbourne, Roselyn and Eartha Collie, Francita Carey, Ena Rolle, Karina Darling, Betty Dixon, Suzett Searcy, Louvella Geratt, Barbara Jones, Nita Hooks, Rosa Osborne, Arva Chipman, Edwa Dollar, Ethelle Anderson, Kim Heard, Karen Jackson, Judy Rolle and Sharrea Coley; nephews Halon Nottage, James Moss, Hansel, Alfred and Washington Collie, Christopher, Gary, Mark and Dr. Lorenzo Ferguson, Manley Stevens, Leon and Derrick Lewis, Steven and Vohne Rolle and Darren Ferguson; sons-in-law Ray Tyskiewicz, Chris Russell, Co-

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lon Curry and Oman Forbes; sisters-in-law Leona Ferguson, Alfrancis East, Alicia Dollar, Inez Rolle and Shirley Lewis; and many other relatives and friends.

A grave side service for **James Rufus Fox**, 74, formerly of Fox Town was held on March 28 in Nassau. He is survived by his father Robert Fox; children Brinton, Gary, Terry, Michaelia and Melissa Fox; stepchildren Nelson Cartwright, Diane Bowe, Deborah Rahming, Michael Hopkins, Melissa Munroe and Antoinette Hopkins; sisters Althea McBride and Ethel Fox; brother Gilbert Fox; aunt Jestina Russell; grandchildren Garyio, Garrison, Anthonique, Indera, Gary Jr., Giovanni, Brintina, Ricardo, Bjay, Shanell, Kasandra Fox, Tinesha Gibson, Brendi and Brenae Butler, Janaz and Jamal Ranger, Chantique Brown, Valentino Ash, Keonte Wholeness, Lisa Rahming-Pratt, Shantel Rahming, Crystal Cartwright, Nelson Cartwright Jr., Talitha Cartwright, Craig Peterson, Shamek Ewing; great-grandchildren Theotis Johnson Jr., Adriel Pratt, Craig Peterson Jr., Terrance Jr., Tyrese and Teandra Ewing and Kaylen Butler; daughters-in-law Sharon Fox, Kayadera Clarke and Erma Cartwright; and many

other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Clarence Henry Russell**, 82, who died on March 27, formerly of Green Turtle Cay was held in Nassau with Rev. Carla Culmer officiating. Interment was also in Nassau.

He is survived by his wife Janet Russell; sons Noel, Clarence Jr., Everette and Cy Russell; daughters Yvette Pinder and Denice Major; adopted daughters Lucille Kemp and Gracelyn Pinder; grandchildren Shaneka, Monique, Destiny, Lavade, Everette, O'neil, Chevette, Mitizi, Kristina, Tenaj, Clarence III, Nashon, Journee, Demi, Neil Jr., Yokito, Antonio, Kimawana, Christovia and Kimostovia; great-grandchildren Toni, Alysha, Shaniyah, Chet, Marc, Milton Jr.; sons-in-law Philip Major Jr. and Neil Pinder Sr.; daughters-in-law Nichola Russell, Beryle Russell, Vernetta Russell and Janet Russell; nieces Andre, Sherry, Nadine, Aretha, Tremmie and Dessire; nephews Derek, Tony, Peter, Ricardo and Ralph; sisters-in-law Cynthia, Muriel, Shammie, Delarie and Jennamae; brother-in-law Harold "Spooner" Grant; god daughter Emily Williams and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral services for **Virginia Beatrice Moncur**, 91, who died on March 25, formerly of Green Turtle Cay was held in Nassau on April 3. Interment was also in

Nassau.

She is survived by her grandchildren Renee and Felipe Major; adopted daughter Sandra Major; adopted grandchildren Tyrone, Reno and Lavado Major, Samantha Moxey, Elvin Mackey and Dexavier Knowles; great-grandchild Felipe Major Jr.; sisters Gwendolyn Clarke and Mable King; nieces Cynthia Curtis, Heather Armbrister, Wendy Smith, Patricia Reckley, Nadine Moncur, Faye Major, Dr. Zorene Curry, Mary Curry, Angela Bullard, Eugene Thompson, Edwina Smith, Stephanie Storr, Jenny Humes, Rose Rolle and Shirley Green; nephews Charlie, William, Pedro, Calvin and John Curry, Woody Lowe, Ricardo and Galyn Moncur; grandnieces; grandnephews and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Merkelene Dames Lightbourne**, 79, who died on March 25, formerly of Sandy Point, was held in Nassau. Interment was also in Nassau.

She is survived by sons Christopher, Ronald and Johnny Miller; adopted son Marcus Pratt; daughter Wilhelmina Bethel; adopted daughters Villamae Rolle and Geneva Dames; grandchildren Xenia Greene, Felecia Bethel, Marcia Beckford, Simson McKinney, Latoya Bethel, Khadijah, Merkelene, Johnisha Miller, Ronnell Pratt, Ronisha Miller, John Miller, Ronald Mill-

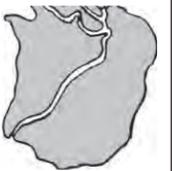
er Jr., Vance Miller and Mae Sargeant; great-grandchildren Justin Bethel, Jade and James Beckford, Bria Greene, Kes-hawn Richardson, Colissa McKinney and Williesha Thompson; son-in-law Bartlette Bethel; daughters-in-law Donnamae and Jacqueline Miller; grandson-in-law Brian Greene; grand-daughter-in-law Antonia Miller; nephews Eric, Oswald, John, Harry and Ronald Darville, Nelson Davis and James Johnson Jr.; nieces Dimple, Rose, Candy, Joan and Rhonda Davis, Francena Cleare, Orenthia Newman, Vernetta Walker and Andrea Carrol; nieces-in-law; nephews-in-law; grandnieces; grandnephews; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Robert Fox**, 90, who died on March 29, formerly of Fox Town, was held in Nassau on March 4. Interment was also in Nassau.

He is survived by daughters Ethel Fox and Althea McBride; son Gilbert Fox; grandchildren Desree Fox, Alexandra, Nicola and Sebastian Lewis, Princess and Kent Fox, Fefica Dean, Fertina Turnquest, Charmine Bootle, Deshon Fox, Brian, Gayland, Englebert and Jason McBride, Terry, Gary, Brent, Melissa and Michaela Fox and Natasha West; great-grandchildren; daughters-in-law Rowena Fox and Monica Fox; son-in-law Solomon McBride; cousins; and many other relatives and friends.



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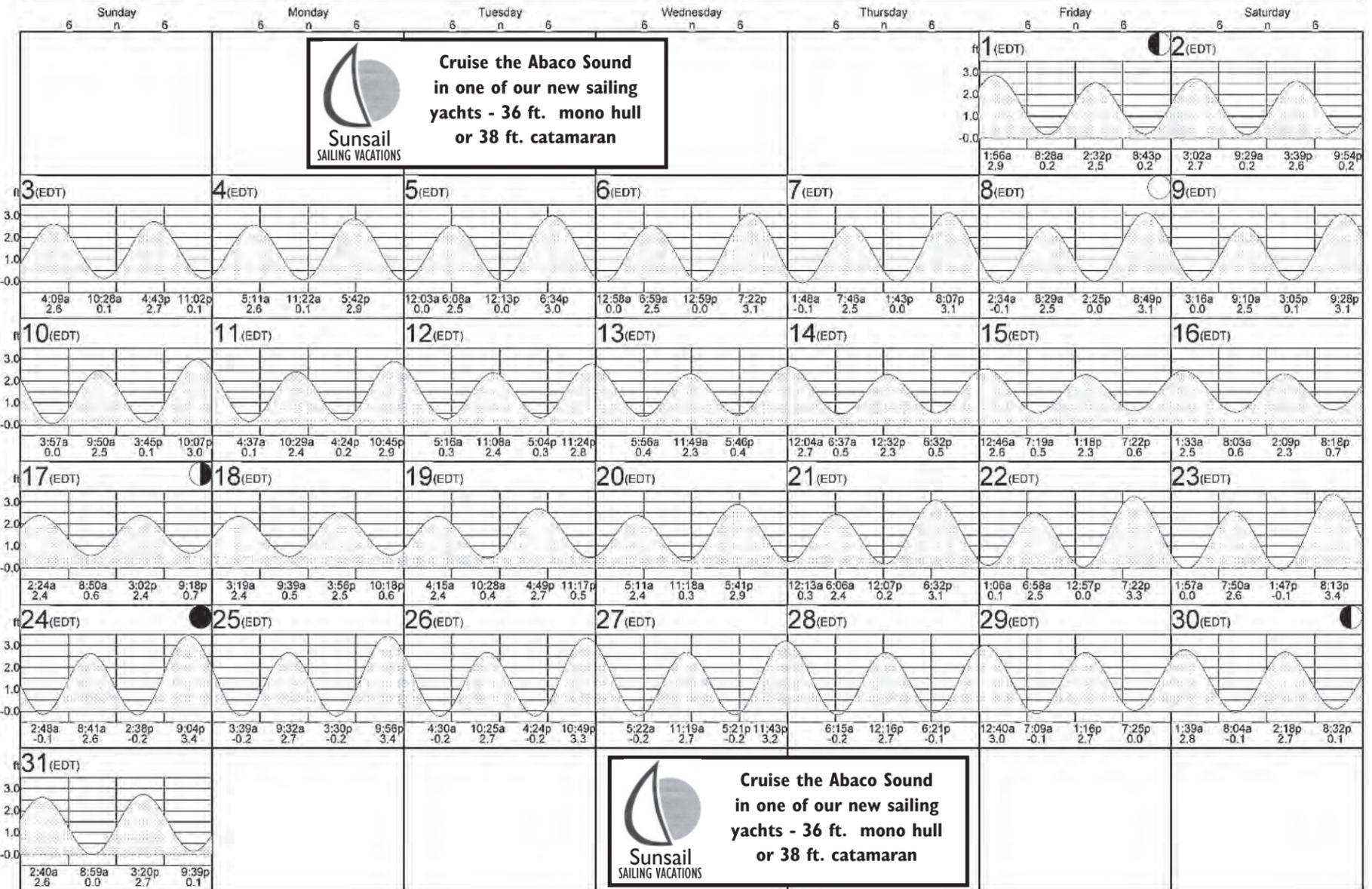


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regularly.

It is clear that Bahamian fishermen's livelihoods aren't the only ones threatened. Other Bahamian professions are losing business as well. Two of our members saw a particular foreign fleet bringing passengers over to Hope Town to sightsee. Therefore, local tour and transportation companies such as Froggies Out Island Adventures, Dive Guana, Alburys' Ferry Service and other local charter boats all lost potential income.

To all Bahamians throughout the islands, don't think this is a problem only on Abaco. If you delve further on this particular website we researched, they ask their customers if they would like to fish with them on other Bahamian islands including San Salvador, Cat Island, Rum Cay, Long Island and Harbour Island. If your income hasn't been harmed thus far, it will eventually unless changes are made. Bottom line, these foreign charter boat companies should not be allowed to operate and compete with Bahamian fishermen and businesses here in The Bahamas, just as we are not allowed to compete with them in their country.

Unfortunately, it isn't just foreign charter boats sitting at marinas that are doing all the damage. There are some foreign homeowners here that run similar operations. We simply do not understand how this is allowed. Please tell us why it is that a young college kid can't come and get a minimum wage type job for the summer without immigration exporting them, but yet these charter boat captains can come here and take away livelihoods from Bahamians who solely support their families based on these jobs? Every other Bahamian profession we know of is protected. So why not one of the main industries that has sup-

ported the Bahamian people for hundreds of years? If not for saving Bahamian fishermen, their families and their livelihoods, this history in itself needs to be preserved.

Therefore, we are asking our local government constituents to see to it that parliament makes some immediate changes to the regulations to stop this blatant abuse of outdated legislation. These practices need to be eliminated immediately and the foreign charter boat operator licenses revoked!

Sincerely,
Bahamian Association of Fishermen
cc: The Abaconian
The Nassau Guardian
The Tribune

Letter to the Prime Minister

To a fellow Bahamian that likes to fish as much as I do, Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham

Dear Mr. Ingraham,
Where have you gone?

Why aren't you looking out for the Bahamian fisherman? Soon after you took office, the fishing regulations were changed yet again. I wouldn't fuss about the recent bag limit changes for foreign fishermen if the laws were enforced. For years it has been promised that enforcement would be increased, so where is it? Constantly, the Dominicans are fishing the Southern Banks and foreigners come over to commercially fish on Abaco consistently and still enforcement has not increased.

On a regular basis, local restaurants that are affiliated with a marina receive fish from foreign fishing vessels in exchange for dockage. Local marinas that are owned and operated by foreigners are harbouring and encouraging foreign charter fishing boats to operate. One of the charter fish-

ing boats is so confident you won't address the issue that they are actually advertising locally. His ad appears in the "free" entertainment tourist guide available locally and called Destination Abaco.

This is wrong!

Furthermore, even if these foreign fishing vessels and captains that have homes here on Abaco solicit their charters strictly from the United States, they are still taking our jobs from Bahamian fishermen and killing our livelihoods. If these foreign fishing guides weren't allowed to operate, the tourists would hire the local Bahamian guides to take them fishing. There are more tourists visiting our islands than ever before and yet each year, the local Bahamian guides get fewer and fewer charters. The Bahamian fishermen have been struggling to continue in their professions for years. I know of several who have already shut down and the rest of us keep going further and further in debt just trying to stay afloat.

The local fishermen feel betrayed!

It seems to us the government doesn't care about the Bahamian fisherman or the fishing industry. The government protects all other professions, but will not protect the Bahamian fishermen.

Why is that?

Are we not your people, too? Why does the employment law not apply to these foreign fishing guides? They are receiving an income and taking away from a Bahamian's income. Therefore, they should be reprimanded and stopped from accepting any future charters. I don't have a problem with foreigners coming in to run a business or offer a service in a field or profession that isn't offered or available from a Bahamian.

That is not what is happening with the fishing industry. There are plenty of Bahamian fishermen here willing to do the work. It seems to me that this country is becoming a place where only the very wealthy are welcome, and there is no room for the hard working middle class Bahamian.

Bahamian fishermen are willing to do whatever it takes to support their families. However, we are constantly hit with roadblocks from the government. For years, we have watched each facet of our industry get hit harder and deteriorate, including the crawfish, conch, and grouper. Our income keeps dropping and the government keeps asking more from us. Government requirements you impose on us, including all the licenses, fees, and insurance requirements, not to mention the continually rising fuel cost, cause our overhead to soar and make it more difficult to make ends meet. But you turn your eyes away when we ask you to protect our professions and natural resources in the same manner you protect others and their professions in this country. Each year, the Bahamian fishermen work harder to make enough to cover increasing expenses and yet each year we have more and more foreigners to compete against as well.

Enough is enough!

Please help us by stopping these foreigner charter boat captains from destroying what is left of our livelihoods. Please come to our aid!

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The following services are provided by volunteers	
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Fire - Dundas Town	367-2935 or 4935
Fire - Hope Town	VHF Ch 16
Fire - Green Turtle Cay	365-4133
Fire - Man-O-War	365-6911
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc - all areas	Marine VHF 16
Hope Town 366-0500	Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay 365-5178	Treasure Cay 365-8749

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Abaco Family Medicine Marsh Harbour	367-2295
Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic	367-0020
Marsh Harbour Medical Centre	367-0049
Government Clinic Marsh Harbour	367-2510
Corbett Clinic Treasure Cay	365-8288
Government Clinic Cooper's Town	365-0300
Government Clinic Green Turtle Cay	365-4028
Government Clinic Hope Town	366-0108
Government Clinic Sandy Point	366-4010
Government Clinic Fox Town	

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
Sky Bahamas - Nassau	367-0446
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

Taxi Cab Fares for one or two passengers	
Plus extra for each passengers above two	
• Marsh Harbour Airport to: (effective 22 Dec 08)	
Clinic, Downtown, Regattas,	\$10
Ab Bch Resort, Eastern Shore, Pelican shore	\$15
Spring City	\$15
Dundas Town, Nat Ins bldg, C Abaco Primary Sch	\$15
Murphy Town & Great. Cistern	\$20
Snake Cay	\$35
Casuarina Point	\$60
Cherokee, Winding Bay, Little Harbour	\$80
Bahama Palm Shore	\$90
Crossing Rocks	\$105
Sandy Point	\$150
Leisure Lee	\$50
Treasure Cay Airport, G Turtle ferry	\$80
Treasure Cay Resort	\$85
Fox Town	\$185
• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:	
Clinic, downtown, Ab Beach Hotel	\$ 5
Nat. Ins. Bldg, Murphy Town, Gr. Cistern	\$10
Waiting time X\$20 per hour, X\$10 per half hour	
Children under three - free • Caged pets - as people	
Luggage X\$1.00 each over four, Surf boards X\$4.00 ea.	
• Treasure Cay Airport to: Effective 22 Dec 085	
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$10
Madeira Park	\$20
Sand Banks	\$25
Treasure Cay Resort	\$30
Leisure Lee	\$45
Black Wood	\$20
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$40
Cedar Harbour	\$60
Wood Cay	\$70
Mount Hope	\$80
Fox Town	\$70
Crown Haven	\$90
Marsh Harbour airport	\$85
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$80
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	X\$65 + \$10
T C Hotel to G Turtle Ferry (Blue Hole \$24)	X\$18 + \$ 5
T C Hotel to Bonefish Marles	X\$22 + \$5
T C Hotel to Joe's Creek	X\$35 + \$5
T C Hotel to Moxey	X\$16 + \$5

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	
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Abaco Attractions	
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	
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	

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 Marina150 F..... 365-8250
Man-O-War	
Man-O-War Marina	26..... F..... 365-6008
Marsh Harbour	
Boat Harbour Marina183 F..... 367-2736
Conch Inn	75..... F..... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36..... F..... 367-2182
Mangoes Marina	29..... 367-2366
Marsh Harbour Marina52	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
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Orchid Bay	64..... F..... 365-5175
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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

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	
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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

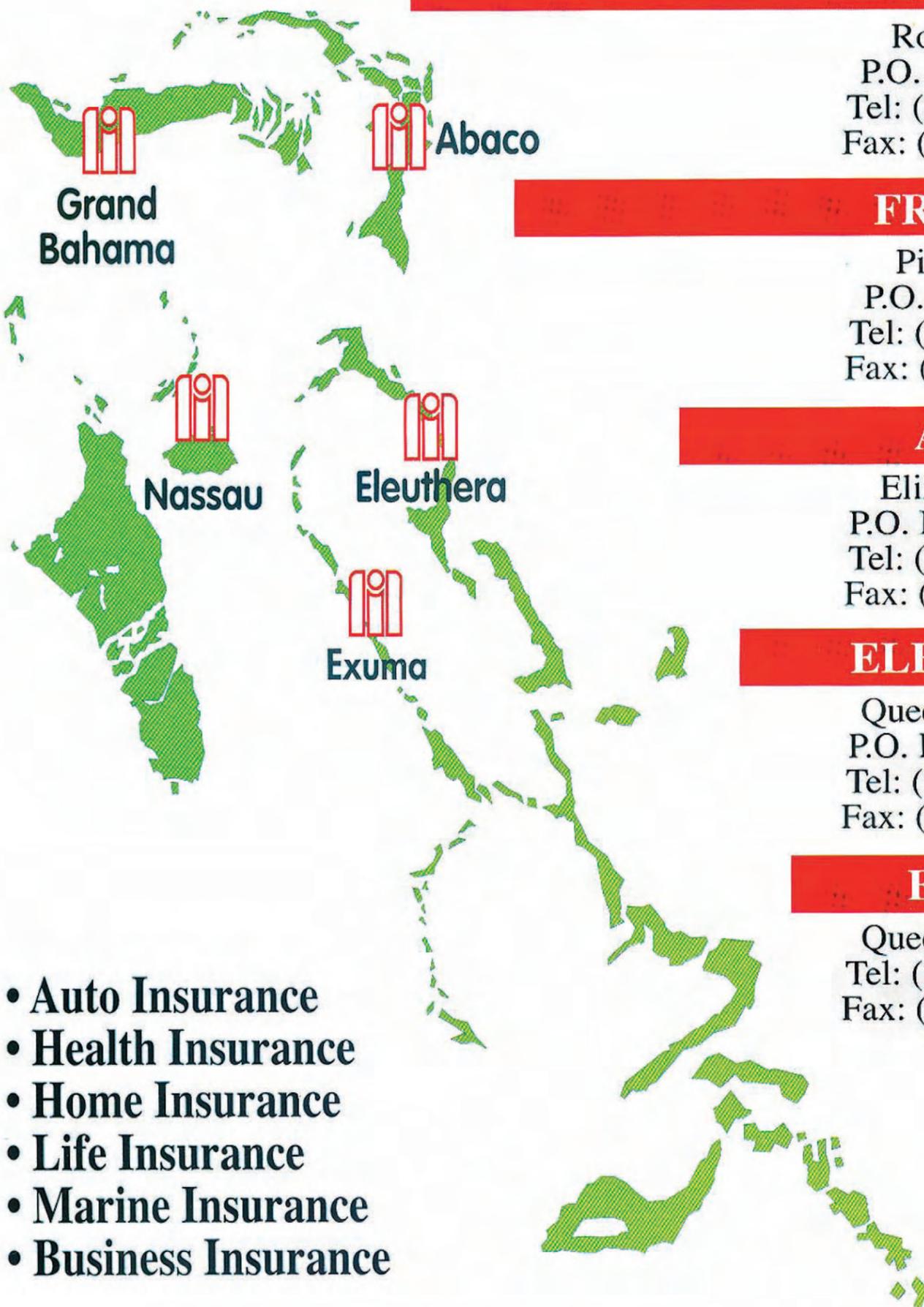
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Sandy Point	
Patrick Roberts	366-4286
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Man-O-War	
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Restaurant Guide	
Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper	
(Based on dinner entree range)	
+ Picnic tables & restroom only ‡ Provides ride from town	
Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
Blue Marlin	\$ 367-2002
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Gino's	\$ 367-7272
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Hibiscus 367-.....
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	\$ 366-0423
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
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Green Turtle Club \$\$\$ 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill \$\$ 365-4389
Laura's Kitchen \$\$ 365-4287
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Plymouth Rock Cafe 365-4234
Rooster's Rest \$\$ 365-4066
Sundowners 365-4060
Wrecking Tree Restaurant	
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Nancy's
Pete & Gays \$\$\$ 366-4119
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Dance School programme was very successful

Cinderella and Sound of Music came to life on stage



The Marsh Harbour Dance School put on a spectacular show on March 20 and 21 at New Visions Ministries. This is the third major production of the fledging dance school. Adults along with students produced two stage plays that kept audiences enthralled. This is a scene from *Sound of Music* showing Baroness Elsa played by April Higgs, Capt. Von Trapp played by Bryan Thompson, his seven children and Marie, their governess, played by Sarah Stapley.

By Jennifer Hudson

The Marsh Harbour Dance and Gymnastics School presented a very successful double programme on March 20 and 21 at New Vision Ministries. A condensed version of two major musicals of all time, *Cinderella* and *The Sound of Music*, drew large audiences which was rewarding for the performers and director after their many months of practice and hard work. The principal actors and supporting cast all did a tremendous job and played their parts extremely well.

The *Cinderella* segment provided a showcase for even the youngest members of the dance school and the twelve little Fairy Godmother's Helpers, who were so excited to be on stage, performed their dance very sweetly and gracefully. The students who are slightly older were very poised fairies and absolutely adorable mice.

Once again the children shone in *The Sound of Music*; this is not to detract from the excellent performances of all of the adults who so generously gave of their time

Please see **Show**

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Green Turtle Cay is Celebrating t'ings Bahamian

By Michelle Mikula

The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Marching and Pop Bands, KB and Therez Hepburn are some of the special guests who will be hopping the ferry to Green Turtle Cay to perform at the 6th Annual Island Roots Heritage Festival that is set for May 1-3.

The organizers for this year's festival have planned a celebratory weekend for those traveling to these shores, where the dynamics of the Bahamian culture as well

as the country's rich history will be unfolded. Although the festival is built on the historical ties shared between New Plymouth, Green Turtle Cay, and Key West, Florida, the festival committee has decided to honour its home country this year with the theme of *Celebrating Tings Bahamian*.

Some of the weekend highlights will include Bahamian entertainment through rake n scrape, junkanoo, story telling and

Please see **Island Roots** Page 15

Price Right will lease Abaco Markets Building

Abaco Markets Limited announces the lease agreement for the building that housed its former Cost Right Abaco store as well as the sale of the equipment used by that business. Abaco Markets Limited has signed a three-year lease with Price Right Ltd. for the building used by its former Cost Right Abaco store. The lease includes an option to purchase the building at the end of the lease for \$2.8m. Additionally, an agreement was reached with Price Right Ltd. to purchase the

equipment of the former business.

"We are pleased that a transaction could be agreed so quickly after our closing of the store in early March," says Mr. Gavin Watchorn, President, Abaco Markets Limited. "This will allow us to turn a previous loss-making store into a profitable rental center. We will use the sales proceeds, along with the proceeds from the liquidation of the inventory, to make additional repayments on our Royal Bank outstanding bank debt," he adds.

Baker's Bay Marina is open



This is the new marina at Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club on Guana Cay. The marina is now open and has 150 slips. The dredged channel at the top of the picture accommodates boats drawing up to 12 feet at low water. The channel on the lower left is a flushing channel that is keeping the harbour water clean. The two islands in the center will be residential and will be accessed by bridges across the flushing channel. The island in the center left contains the Joe's Creek preservation area. The cleared area at the bottom is part of the utility area. The developers are concentrating on building the Marina Village to have it functional. It will be the hub of the development. It is on the center right. Additional photos are on page 21. Photo thanks to Anyes Adams

Boaters cleaned shoreline



On April 4th a mix of boaters and community volunteers took to the shoreline in Marsh Harbour for the Annual Marsh Harbour Boaters' Clean-up. The exercise, which is a part of the activities planned for Coastal Awareness Month on Abaco, successfully collected 30 bags of trash that cleaned from the Port Department to Snappers Restaurant. Partnering with the Abaco Tourist Office and Friends of the Environment were Local Government, Tropical Shipping and North Rock Water. The next activity planned for Coastal Awareness Month is a Community Clean-up scheduled for April 18th in Treasure Cay and Central Pines Estates. Other activities include a Small Hotel Environmental Workshop on April 22, the Earth Day Science Fair on April 24 and another community clean-up trash-a-ton on April 25.

Musical show featured local talent

Show *From Page 1*

and talents to perform in both shows giving their support to the young people. But it is a well known fact that children have a habit of always stealing a show! As the old adage goes, "Never perform with animals or children!"

Elaine Pilon, as Artistic Director, once again pulled off a hat trick in bringing together so much talent and melding it into such a wonderful combination of drama, dance and song. She is to be congratulated on the results of all her hard work. Another person deserving of the highest praise is Elaine's husband, Andre, who spent months working on the sets and props, building and painting, and dealing with a thousand and one other things necessary to pull the show off. Elaine and Andre would like to thank the many people who assisted

in any way, whether it be with set design, painting, sound, donations or organization.

These performances were certainly a family affair for several families. Philip and Nancy Hall's daughter, Ashley, joined her thespian parents on stage for the first time as a little dancer; Rebekah Higgs, who is already a seasoned actress, joined her mother April on stage while her father Tim organized the sound. Kate Sims followed in the footsteps of her mother who had performed in The Sound of Music as a child in Nassau and who was a great help in organizing all the costume changes of the children during the performances. Kate's younger sister, Emily, was also a little dancer while Kenedee Romer joined her mother, Courtney, on stage in Cinderella.

Please see **Show** *Page 4*



The littlest dancers of the Marsh Harbour Dance School were delightful in their interpretation of the Fairy Godmother's Helpers in the performance of Cinderella.



The little girls who were Fairies enjoyed dressing in ballet dresses to dance their part in Cinderella under the direction of Mrs. Elaine Pelon. The beautifully choreographed version of two musicals was greatly appreciated by crowds attending the performances.



Maria, a misfit in a convent, won the hearts of Capt. Von Trapp's children as she brought music and fun into their lives. Here they are enjoying singing with her.

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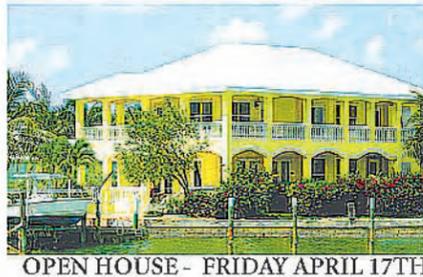
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TREASURE CAY #4841
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LOTS & ACREAGE

- LUBBERS QUARTERS**
- #2286 TWO SEA TO SEA LOTS deep water; 4.527 acres. **\$975,000.** Laurie Schreiner
 - #4577 MILDRED KEY LOT I-2 close to beach. **\$62,500.** Laurie Schreiner
 - #4579 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 11 **\$88,000.** Laurie Schreiner
 - #4578 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 17 Gorgeous Water View. **\$225,000.** Laurie Schreiner
 - #4433 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 46 Large waterfront lot. **NEW PRICE \$303,000.**
 - #4193 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 8 7 Interior lot with high elevation. **\$125,000.** Laurie Schreiner
 - #4580 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 107 Community dockage available. **\$79,000.** Laurie Schreiner
 - #3947 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 143 approximately 11,450 sq. ft. **\$150,000.** Bill Albury
 - #4606 ABACO OCEAN CLUB Lot 152 Sea views, dockage available. **\$145,000.** Laurie Schreiner
 - #4713 North End LOTS 2 & 4 - **NEW LISTING - Beachfront. \$180,000 each.** Laurie Schreiner
 - #4714 INTERIOR LOTS - **NEW LISTING - 14,295 sq.ft \$59,500 - 62,000 each.** Laurie Schreiner



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- #4071 BAHAMA PALM SHORES Lot 43 Good residential area. **\$30,000.** Bill Albury
- #4493 GREEN TURTLE CAY LEEWARD YACHT CLUB Lots & house packages. From **\$275,000.** Stan Sawyer
- #4533 GUANA CAY - **NEW PRICE - Dolphin Beach Estates.** Lot 68 Hilltop View. **\$180,000.** Bill Albury
- #4572 LITTLE HARBOUR - **NEW PRICE - .97 acre, 150 ft. harbourfront. \$250,000.** Laurie Schreiner
- #4689 CEDAR HARBOUR - 2 acre eco-friendly site with deeded water access. **\$59,950.** Lydia Bodamer
- #4632 MARSH HARBOUR - High Rocks Waterfront Lot. High elevation & views. **\$599,000.** Bill Albury
- #4203 TREASURE CAY - SANDS BANKS Waterfront to hwy lots. **\$95,000 each.** Stan Sawyer
- #4641 TREASURE CAY - OCEAN BLVD. 140ft beachfront. **\$1,750,000.** Stan Sawyer
- #4803 TREASURE CAY - **NEW LISTING - CHOICE CANALFRONT LOT. \$320,000.** Stan Sawyer

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Dance offers creative outlet for youth

Show

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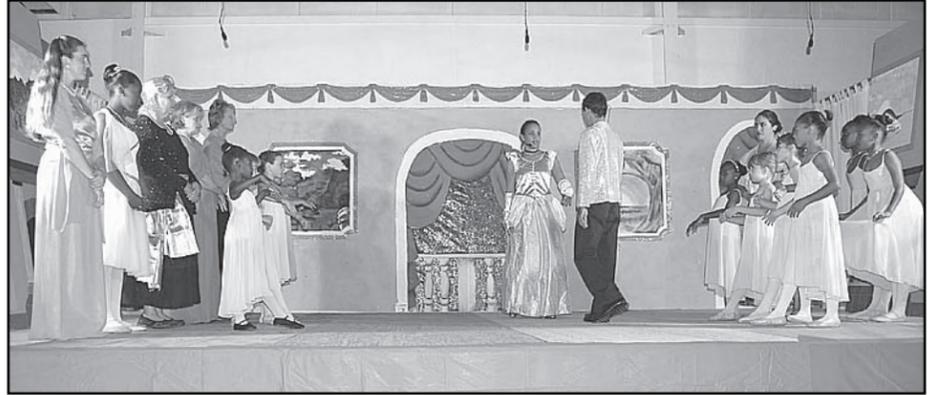
The Marsh Harbour Dance School came into being in 2005 as part of the Urban Renewal Outreach Programme. Mrs. Elaine Pilon, who is a professional dancer and had recently arrived on Abaco, volunteered her services to teach dance and drama in the preschools. The programme has come a long way since then and expanded to include some of the cays. In 2006 Miss Elaine, as she is known to her students, put on her first show in Marsh Harbour. Anyone who

saw the wonderful presentation of The Nutcracker involving 70 plus young people

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Courtney Romer played the part of Cinderella very ably. Here she is riding in a coach to the Prince's Ball. Much artistry was needed to produce delightful props and back drops..



Cinderella played by Courtney Romer and the Prince played by Philip Hall both were excellent playing their parts. This is the third program that Elaine Pelon has produced in conjunction with Urban Renewal.



The audience at the three performances of the Marsh Harbour Dance School enjoyed the rapport between Maria played by Sarah Stapley and the Captain played by Bryan Thompson. The production required hundreds of hours to paint all the backdrops and organize the stage with curtains, microphones, lighting and dressing areas at New Visions Ministries where the plays were performed.



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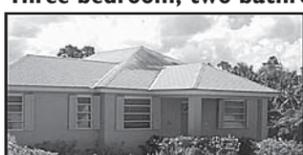
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Three bedroom, two bathroom home, #500 fully furnished, central air conditioning, on 9,000 sq. ft. Landscaped with beautiful trees and lawn. Rented. REDUCED \$148,400



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



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



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



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



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.



Three Town House
0711 3 two bedroom one bath all with beautiful ocean view from upstairs balcony. Property 13,690 sq ft. \$320,000



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.



One oceanfront lot on Tilloo Cay with beach access and shared do ck. Lot size sq ft 0.73 acres 103ft on water and 315 ft asking price \$278,400 gross

Hillside lot in Yellow Wood with view of Winding Bay Beach and ocean view, lot size 120 x 90. Gross price \$145,000

Great Cistern Estates - Nine lots for sale in new gated community in Great Cistern, Abaco. Residential only

Lot A 8,491 sf \$30,000 gross	Lot F 11,741 sf \$46,964 gross
Lot B 11,759 sf \$47,036 gross	Lot G 10,868 sf \$43,472 gross
Lot C 8,800 sf \$35,200 gross	Lot H 12,514 sf \$50,056 gross
Lot D 8,676 sf \$34,700 gross	Lot I 10,474 sf \$41,896 gross
Lot E 12,010 sf \$48,040 gross	

For sale three lots located on South Lubbers Quarters in the Abaco Ocean Club Estate. Lots number 11, 44, 112. These lots are priced individually. 11,022 sf. \$88,000 gross
Lot #44 13,307 sf \$98,000 gross Lot # 112 20,485 sf. \$175,000 gross

For sale 15 acres of land at Baker's Heights near Leisure Lee off the Treasure Cay Highway. Priced at \$450,000, this property will go fast. Call today.

Two lots 84 ft. x 100 ft. near Treasure Cay, one mile northwest of Treasure Cay School. \$49,5 00 each

Two lots for sale located on hillside in Yellowwood Property adjacent to The Abaco Club on Winding Bay
Lot# 7 G3 size 12,600 s.f. \$63,000 gross
Lot # 7 G4 size 12,600 s.f. \$63,000 gross

Triplex for sale Murphy Town 2 one-bedroom, one-bath and 1 two-bedroom, one-bath. \$145,000

6 lots in Marsh Harbour off Don MacKay Blvd.
4 lots 10,286.1 sq. ft. \$59,659 each
2 lots 12,086.1 sq. ft. \$70,099 each

4 lots in Murphy Town, water view, across from Abaco Block and Concrete, commercial.
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1. CARLETON LANDING

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Prices start at \$680,000 + 14%

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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 \$479,000 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

Unit #9 two storey 2 bed/ 2 bath home EXC \$450,000 FGS

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 \$785,000 + 14%

ATLANTIS

Canal front condo with on-site pool. Bldg 4. downstairs, 2 bed, 2 bath, totally redone, 12' wide slip. \$459,675.00 + 7.5% closing EXC

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 \$1,999,000 + 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 Lee ward 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

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

ABBREVIATION CODE

EXC - Exclusive listing
 FGS - Full gross or all-inclusive price
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Central Abaco News

Farmer's Market will be well planned

Mr. Edison Key, Member of Parliament for South Abaco and Chairman of The Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation, wishes to negate comments made in a recent issue of The Abaconian regarding the planned transferral of the colourful



Edison Key

booths from the area of Gombay Park to the land opposite BEC which has been cleared by BAIC for future use as

a Farmers' Market. He took exception to statements reportedly told to a reporter that the booths were to be moved to that site. Mr. Key states, "I want the public to know that that is not going to happen, and I have no idea where the people concerned got the authority to say that. These shacks have not been factored into the Farmer's Market and Craft Centre on the land across from BEC. I suggest that they be given to farmers to be used as tool sheds on the newly provided plots near Spring City or at the old Bahama Star site.

"The site across from BEC will be managed by BAIC and plans have already been made to lay out the site with

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Junk car yards are proliferating in the Mud settlement. The vehicles at one of them are removed regularly at a cost of \$50 per vehicle, paid by the Marsh Harbour Town Committee. It is on the Charles Sawyer road leading from the port. Committee member Danny Sawyer is assessing the situation.



The road between Queen Elizabeth Drive and Front Street in Marsh Harbour has been torn up for several months with no further work being done. It is difficult for visitors to access their boats at the Union Jack dock as it is difficult getting freight to the ferry or other boats that use that dock. The contractor was told to rip the paving up and prepare it to be a concrete road. However, he has not been given the go ahead to complete the job. In the meantime many people are being inconvenienced.

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Bahama Palm Shores! Turnkey home on double fenced lot. Newly tiled, pool, workshop, storm shutters. Close to Eight Mile Bay. Great buy! Ref. #563340. \$295,000

Bahama Palm Shores! MOTIVATED SELLER! Nicely secluded home site, close to power and beach. Invest in your future, buy now! Ref#: 563013. \$30,000

Bahama Palm Shores! REDUCED! Beachfront with 100' of frontage on Eight Mile Bay. Nicely elevated and forested .85 acres. Ref#: 10202. \$335,500

Guana Cay! NEW PRICES! Select oversize home sites starting at only \$150,000! Hill top and beach front lots. Ref#'s: 563267, 563268, 563269. Call for more information.

Lubber's Quarters! Jack's Jungle. Great price! Lovely 1+ acre home site, power, lush vegetation. Deeded dock slip! Ref. #563604. \$105,000.

Scotland Cay! Lovely residences and select homes sites with Sea of Abaco frontage. Private airstrip, beaches, marina, secluded island living at its best! Call for info.

Tilloo Cay! Two gorgeous, select residences in Lower Harbour area, deep water docks, sea-to-sea! Ref#'s: 563522 and 563376. Call for info.

Treasure Cay! REDUCED! Best price on the beach! 3 bed/2 bath, fully furnished home with good rental record. Ref. #563121. \$1,200,000

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<p>The Love Shack - 3 Bed, 3.5 Bath ocean front estate situated on 2 - 100-foot wide lots. Stunning views from every room. \$1,600,000 NEW PRICE</p> <p>Seascape, 3 Bed, 3 Bath ocean front home on extra wide Windward Beach home site. Garage and new furniture. \$1,620,000</p> <p>Mariner's Cove 1509, Town House, 2 Bed, 1.5 Bath, direct harbour view in desirable 1500 building. Fully furnished, includes garage. \$289,000 NEW PRICE</p> <p>Royal Palm 2311, 2 Bed, 2 Bath Marina front condo, fully furnished with boat slip. Tropical decor. \$425,000 NEW PRICE</p> <p>Helen's Point, Galleon Bay Waterfront 4 Bed, 3 Bath Home, Sea of Abaco views. \$1,560,000</p> <p>Mariner's Cove 1510, Town House, 2 Bed, 1.5 Bath, professionally decorated on beautiful marina view. \$315,000</p> <p>Royal Palm 2338, 2 Bed, 2 Bath Condo with boat slip on Treasure Cay World Class Marina. \$575,000</p> <p>Shelly House, lovely fully furnished 3 Bed, 3 Bath home on private area of Brigantine Bay canal with dock and boat lift. \$950,000</p> <p>Mariner's Cove 1106, Townhouse, 2 Bed, 1 Bath, end unit with marina views. \$267,000</p> <p>NEW LISTING</p>	<p>Large canal front home site already cleared on Galleon Bay Rd with dock and power. Excellent views across Treasure Cay Marina. \$450,000 NEW PRICE.</p> <p>Sunny Side, 2 Bed, 2 Bath modern home across from our world famous Treasure Cay beach, next to green way access. \$799,000</p> <p>Royal Palm 2301, 2 Bed, 2 Bath newly renovated condo with boat slip and storage locker. \$579,000</p> <p>Beach Villa 648 Recently renovated 2 Bed, 2 Bath with newly enlarged living/dining area. \$475,000 NEW PRICE</p> <p>Royal Palm 2317 Downstairs 2 Bed, 2 Bath Marina condo with boatslip. Good rental history. \$540,000</p> <p>Treasure House 11, Oceanfront 2 Bed, 2 Bath Villa overlooking lagoon style pool. Great rental. \$635,000 NEW LISTING</p> <p>Lot 21, Block 200 Waterfront homesite on Galleon Bay Rd. in Treasure Cay. Panoramic views of Sea of Abaco. Already cleared with newly installed sea wall. \$490,000 NEW LISTING</p> <p>Royal Palm 2380, 2 Bed, 2 Bath lower unit on Brigantine canal with large 16 ft. boatslip. \$465,000 NEW LISTING</p>
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More Central Abaco News



Boaters were diligent at cleaning up the trash along Marsh Harbour's waterfront on April 4 as their contribution to Coastal Awareness Month.

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stalls for farmers to sell their produce and a craft centre. Negotiations have been carried out with Bahamas Hot Mix to pave 30 feet along the main road for parking for the site."

Mr. Key would like the public to understand, "This BAIC site is not another open public park and it will be managed and controlled properly."

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TREASURE CAY

"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.**

"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.**

"Tranquility" # 1307 - 4 bed, 5 bath, furnished bi-level Brigantine Canal home on 2 lots. 3,580 s/f under roof, plus decks & balconies. 90' canal frontage, dock, boat lift, plus sea views from virtually every room. Tastefully decorated, excellent condition. **\$2,200,000.**

"Flip Inn" - Windward Beach # 1008 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,620 s/f under air beach home, plus garage on 2 lots totaling 28,252 s/f. Recently refurbished, tastefully furnished. 180' sandy beachfront. **\$1,725,000.**

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. A sea view from every room! Separate garage. **\$1,425,000.**

"Seclusion" - # 1348 - 4 bed, 3 bath furnished home, including efficiency apartment on 15,200 s/f parcel on Windward Beach. 1,810 s/f under roof. 95' sandy beach frontage. Exceptional sea views. **\$999,999.**

"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. **REDUCED TO \$799,000.**

"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.**

Bahama Beach Club 2046 - # 1009 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 2nd level Phase 5, 2nd level, 1,750 s/f living space condo, closest to beach, tasteful contemporary furnishings, unparalleled sea & beach views. **\$1,150,000.**

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North Abaco News

A Treasure Cay town father wed

By Betsy Bracey

The Community Church in Treasure Cay was festooned with flags and flowers when folks arrived to celebrate the most attended wedding event in our 50-year history on the morning of March 21, 2009. Jerry Roberts wed Elizabeth Ferguson!

Elizabeth was radiant when she serenaded her groom with a love song that had the ladies in tears and the gentleman appreciative. Rev. Stiansen and Rev. Stafford Symonette performed the ceremony with great sensitivity.

Wedding documents signed, the happy couple were whisked off to celebrate with the entire congregation on the lawns of Sally and Larry Rayner's stunning beachfront home where Paige Hammond and her la-

dies had created a beautiful setting replete with Mimosas and luscious goodies.

Elizabeth, who hails from Australia, is a registered nurse by profession. She is also a musician who has graced our Sunday morning services with her clear contralto voice. With her skill on the guitar Elizabeth measurably raises the entertainment bar in Treasure Cay.

Another reception followed on the terrace of Sylvia and Noel Lister's home on the Treasure Cay beach where guests enjoyed a dinner, danced to the music of Estin Sawyer and raised glasses in toast to the newlyweds.

Well wishers were very aware of the amazing contribution Jerry has made in over 20 years to our community.

As Director of the Rosemary Roberts Library, Jerry realized his vision to have the finest library on Abaco. As Trustee and



Jerry Roberts and Elizabeth Ferguson were married on March 21 at the Treasure Cay Community Church. Jerry has been a second homowner in Treasure Cay for many years.

Chairman of the Community Center, Jerry organized cultural events and other community-wide functions. He served as Commodore of the Sand Banks Yacht Club, served on the Amenities Board and single handedly ran a stray animal sanctuary from his garage for over 15 years!

As Trustee of Emergency Services, Jerry supervised the construction of another Treasure Cay finest: our station that houses our ambulances, rescue vehicles, fire pumper, tanker and,

at long last, a proper animal clinic.

Jerry's dedication to this community, his energetic initiatives, his unfailing optimism and steady encouragement energized his neighbors to help him create a community which now offers a state-of-the-art medical facility, top drawer safety services and a level of culture rarely found on an off shore island.

Imagine coming all the way from Australia to find true love on Abaco and making Jerry's life perfect once again! What a story and it's only just begun.

Health Fairs in North Abaco

By Jenn Hudson

The Auskell Medical Clinic presented two more in its series of community Health Fairs. One was held on March 18th in

Cooper's Town and the other in Fox Town on March 19. Both were well attended with the turn out in Fox Town so great that the team of health care professionals were kept busy for an additional hour.

Staff from the Auskell Clinic was assisted by nurses from the Cooper's Town and Fox Town Clinics. Blood pressure readings were taken, and glucose, cholesterol and iron levels checked. Weight and Body Mass Index were also recorded. Dr. Charite, physician at the Auskell Medical Clinic, gave a presentation on Healthy Living, advising the audience how to keep their blood pressure and cholesterol levels regulated and how to make healthy food choices.

The participants at both Health Fairs

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The buildings at Banyan Beach Club in Treasure Cay are being demolished and the trash trucked away. They were in a dilapidated state that was very dangerous.

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were very appreciative for the assistance shown them and information given and asked a lot of questions regarding their health concerns, especially diabetes.

North Abaco

By Vernique Russell

Fair and Fun Day Beach Party

The North Abaco Summer Festival and Power Boat Race will launch their series of holiday beach parties. The first one will be held on April 13th, Easter Monday at the Treasure Cay Public Beach beginning at noon. There will be lots of food, music, entertainment and fun. The atmosphere is wholesome for the family and all are invited to attend. The beach parties are held to defray cost of hosting the annual summer festival and power boat race. Since the committee began hosting these events, the beach parties have become very popular and have been successful every time one is held. The committee is looking forward to having you join them for a fun filled day of entertainment and family fun.

The committee hosts fish fries on Sunday evenings at the Ferry Landing in Treasure Cay to raise money 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 accommodate their supporters.

Yearbook is available

The initial copy of the Treasure Cay First Yearbook is available throughout the community of Treasure Cay. The book is a beautifully compiled source of information and advertisements and acts as a complete visitors guide with information pertaining to transportation, the tide schedule, restaurant information and local attractions. The book highlights many community leaders and even features those who have already passed away. One of the most interesting pieces in the book is a conversation with the late Capt. Leonard Thompson on the history of Treasure Cay. The yearbook has a directory with property owners in Treasure Cay and a full North Abaco phone directory. It is an excellent source of information.

Clean Up Campaign

In an effort to clean up the community and beautify their surroundings, Mrs. Arlene Cornish organized a clean up campaign that took place on March 21st. The message she is promoting is cleanliness and she aimed to instill environmental concerns in the youth. She along with concerned residents who encouraged their children to participate began cleaning at 9 a.m. The weather, however, was not on their side. Within minutes bags began to fill up as there was much trash along side the road. Their effort was stopped by the rain. Mrs. Cornish is calling on the resident of that community to take pride in their surroundings and keep their community clean and is encouraging other communities in North Abaco to follow this initiative. She declared that we can't sit and wait on the government to do everything; we must take charge and be responsible for our communities. After all, we are the ones who live here. She is encouraging Abaconians everywhere to keep the island clean, green and pristine.

Annual Yard Sale

The Annual Yard Sale that aids the Rosemary Roberts Library in Treasure Cay took place on March 14th. People came from all over Abaco to attend the yard sale. The organizers use the yard sale to allow other persons to benefit. Persons can set up tables at no cost to sell goods. This year the tables featured clothing and shoes, house

items and furniture, craft goods, sweet treat and food. The sale began at 8:30 a.m. and soon the park was filled with persons who were in search of good buys. Many tables were set up for worthy causes and fared well, selling off many items and in some cases selling completely out. In addition to the yard sale there was a book sale at the library with many books on sale at good prices. This yard sale was very successful.

Financial Consultant Visited PTA

Cleola Pinder, Financial Consultant and President of B & P Consultant Agency, was the guest speaker at the March monthly PTA meeting. She addressed the parents and teachers on surviving financially dur-

ing tough economic times. In her address, she gave five Godly Principals for Success:

1. Work hard and earn it legally
2. Honor God by paying your tithes
3. Save
4. Always provide for your family
5. Give to the needy

Her focus was on planning (budgeting) and saving. Mrs. Pinder, an experienced banker for many years, gave many scenarios for reducing expenses and supplementing income. She advised those present to stay away from credit cards and that they must always be reminded of our purpose - that is, living to bring honor and glory to God. It was sad that more parents did not take advantage of this opportunity because it was a most informative evening.

School News

Treasure Cay Sporting Club

It is time again when the boys under 10 of the Treasure Cay Sporting Club travel to Grand Bahama to participate in the primary school level basketball tournament. Coach Godfrey and his team will participate in games with 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.

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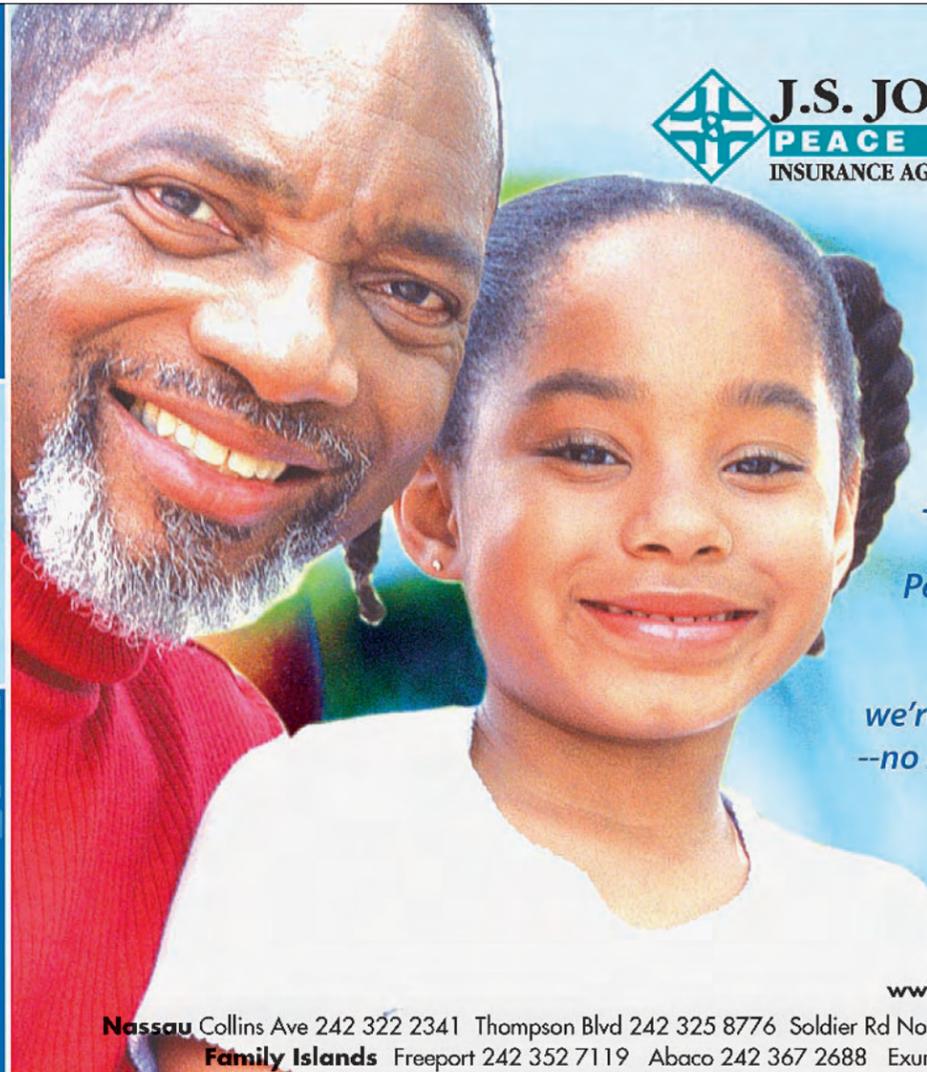


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Softball is alive in North Abaco

Softball games are hosted weekly at the 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. Games begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. The games are a continuation of the softball league and they will continue 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 take part in and keep them out of trouble. The

public is invited to come out to these softball games.

Commonwealth Day is celebrated

Throughout North Abaco schools took time to celebrate Commonwealth Day. Students and teachers represented the various countries of the commonwealth. Presentations were made on the cultures, food, history and beliefs of the various countries. Each school celebration was different but the message was the same and that is although each country maybe different, we are all connected through the Queen who is the head of our government structure. Everyone who attended these special assemblies were overwhelmed by the facts

presented and the overall presentations. Many teachers employed at the schools are from other Commonwealth countries and contributed to the rich historical effect of the celebrations.

Basketball Camp

The Treasure Cay Sporting Club is back on track with basketball. The yearly basketball camp is now ready to begin once again. Coach Godfrey Rolle is calling all young boys and teenagers in the Treasure Cay area to be a part of the club. The club meets weekly on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. and Sunday evenings at 3 p.m. The club also has a girls' team who practices on

Saturday evenings at 4 p.m.

The club is an excellent way for children to interact and social but more importantly build character skills. The club 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 afford the opportunity to excel both academically and athletically.

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Mrs. Cleola Pinder gave a very informative talk to the PTA meeting at S.C. Bootle High School on Five Godly Principles for Success. She gave advice on how to cope in difficult economic times. She is shown on the right.

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Treasure Cay Primary School Art Show

The Treasure Cay Primary School hosted its annual Art Show on March 13th and 14th. The art show was held at the Treasure Cay Community Center and was open to the public for viewing with the art on sale. The art was created by the students at the school under the direction and assistance by Mrs. Anne Smith, who has assisted that school for the past few years. Many people came to view the students work and bid on them. They were sold to the highest bidder. Buyers were able to meet students

who painted or drew pieces from the various classes. The art show was very successful, and the organizers are very grateful to all those who supported the event.

Track Students Participate in Nationals

A 22 member team traveled to Nassau to participate in the Annual National Track and Field Championships. This event showcases the best of high school track and field athletes in the country. The Dynamic Dolphins of S. C. Bootle certainly made their presence felt. Grovenor Delancy made it to the semi-finals in the 800m and placed 5th in the 400m finals. Yontilia Sands placed 7th in the 400m finals. Charo Williams made it to the finals in the Triple Jump and

won a Bronze Medal by coming 3rd in the Long Jump. Terrannise Taylor placed 2nd, winning a silver medal in the discus. Timmesha Russell finished 5th in the 100m and also 5th in the Triple Jump. She placed 2nd and won a silver medal in the long jump and was named Best Jumper at the event. Congratulations to the Physical Education Department for a job well done.

S.C. Bootle competed

On March 18th the Educational District of Abaco held a Junior and Senior Math/Science Competition, putting the best academic minds on the island against each

other. When the dust settled, S. C. Bootle High School emerged the winner in both the Junior and Senior Divisions. In fact, the Juniors did not get a single question wrong! Way to go. Dynamic Dolphins, you have made North Abaco proud. Thanks also to the hard working teachers and coaches.

Student wins third place in Young Chef Competition

Fredricka McIntosh, a grade 11 student at Sherlin C. Bootle High School, along with her teacher, Ms. Chavonne Reid,

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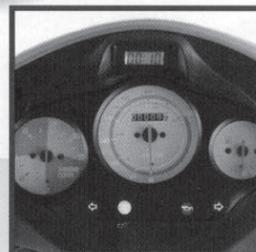


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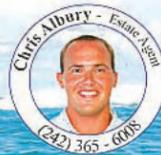
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- "SANDCASTLE" - 2 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths. - 960 s.f. Residence - Covered Porch - Land - 5,000 s.f. - Dock Access - Furnished. #GGH1011 - **\$375,000.**



"Beach House"

Great Guana Cay

- 2 Bedrooms, 1 Baths.
- 768 s.f. Residence
- 336 s.f. Open Deck
- Central Air
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- Central, Convenient Location
- Fabulous Ocean Views
- Fully Furnished

#GHH1108 - **\$699,000.**



"Coconut Grove Cottage"

Man-O-War Cay Eastern Harbour

- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- 1,030 s.f. Residence -
- 1,290 s.f. Covered Deck
- 0.877 Acres
- 82' Ocean Frontage
- Semi-Private Dock.,
- Superb Ocean Views

#MWH11076 - **\$1,550,000.**



"Garden Walk"

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.**



"John Lowe House - circa 1866"

Green Turtle Cay New Plymouth

- 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

#GTH1119 - **\$450,000.**

GREAT GUANA CAY

- "Art Café & Bakery" - Settlement - Commercial - at Main Public Dock - Best Location in town. - 1,900 s.f. Colonial Bldg. - 400 s.f. Cov. Veranda - Commercial Grade Kitchen - Land- 96'x84' - 8,064 s.f. - Great Restaurant or Retail #GHH11109 - **\$867,500.**
- "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.**



"Sonn Light"

Green Turtle 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



"Cotton House"

Green Turtle Cay New Plymouth

- 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.**

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. #MWH11001 - **\$1,995,000.**
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- "BONNIE DUNE" - 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 - **UNDER CONTRACT**

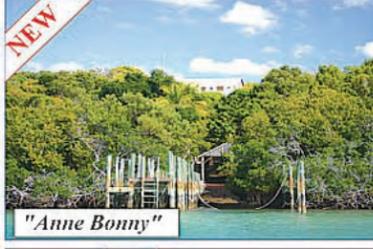


"Marina Villa # 4"

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

GTH1098 - **\$995,000.**



"Anne Bonny"

Man-O-War Cay

- 3 Bedrooms, 1 1/2 Baths
- 1,536 s.f. Residence.
- 500 s.f. Porches & Decks
- Land - ± 53,740 s.f.
- ± 1.23 Hillside Acres
- 180' Harbour Frontage
- Private Dock on harbour
- Great elevation
- Fabulous Views

#MWH1115 - **\$1,600,000.**

TILLOO CAY

- "BOUNTIFULLY BLESSED" - 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 cottage #TLH1086 - **NEW PRICE - \$1,350,000.**



"Buttonwood"

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.

#MWH1020 - **\$549,500.**



"Sunsplash"

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.**



"Summer Camp"

Scotland Cay

- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.
- Bunkroom
- 1,300 s.f. Residence.
- 1 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.
- 224 s.f. Guest Cottage
- "Playhouse" with bar
- 1.82 Acres - 300' of Ocean Beach Front
- Fabulous Views

#SCH1094 - **\$1,950,000.**



"St. Charles Place"

Marsh Harbour - Sunrise Bay

- 4 Bedrooms, 4 Baths
- 4,468 s.f. New Residence
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- 0.3394 Acre - 14,787 s.f.
- Swimming Pool
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- Boat Slip.

#MHH1084 - **\$2,700,000.**



"Birdsacre"

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**



"Blessing House"

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.**

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GREAT GUANA CAY

- "BLUE LAGOON" - Parcel # 45 - Orchid Bay - 43,480 s.f. - 0.9982 Acre - 190.88' on Sea of Abaco frontage - prime building site - +/- 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. - .0152 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.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

- "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.**

LYNYARD CAY

- "LYNYARD PALMS" - 42,906 s.f. - 0.985 Acre - +/- 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.**

MAN-O-WAR CAY

- "GRAND BOIS" - Rare Prime Ocean-front building site - 0.51 Acre - 125' Atlantic Ocean frontage - Central Location - Fabulous Ocean Views - Lush Native Foliage. #MWV1081 - **NEW PRICE - \$595,000.**

MAN-O-WAR CAY

- "SUMMERPLACE" - Prime Building Site - 10,719 s.f. - 0.246 Acre - Over 150' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Concrete Seawall on Sea of Abaco - 103' x 6' private dock on Man-O-War harbour - Fabulous Sea of Abaco views. #MWV1082 - **NEW PRICE - \$325,000.**

MARSH HARBOUR

- **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-#MHV1102 **\$970,000.** # 7A - #MHV1103 **\$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-#MHV1100 **\$667,000.** - #49-#MHV1101 **\$667,000.**

SCOTLAND CAY

- "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.**

More North Abaco News

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traveled to Nassau to take part in the Senior Division of Annual Young Chefs Competition. The best student cooks from all over the country took part. All students had to prepare two special dishes using rice and flour. It was not the first time that she has taken part in this competition, but she has never placed. However, this year was different as she placed third in her Division. She has also been invited to visit the campus of Johnson and Wales University in Florida, one of the top culinary schools in the United States. The trip will be in June. Congratulations, Fredricka!

Church News Revival services held

The Revival Time Pentecostal Church in Cooper's Town hosted a week of revival services during the week of March 9th to the 13th. The speakers delivered sermons that uplifted and challenged the hearts of the audience. The services were declared to be a true revival that forced people to want to be revived in their spiritual lives. This was the first revival at the church for the year. The power of God has once again proven that despite the times we are living in that He is still there for His people.

Prayer Conference

The Esther Network held a prayer conference on February 20th and 21st at the Faith Convention Center. People came from all over the island to the conference that encouraged them to return to fasting and praying. Guest speakers First Lady Brenda Archer, Lady Antonise Collie and Dr. Jennifer Deveaux. All delivered sermons that inspired, challenged, restored and rejuvenated believers. The key message throughout the conference was to return to prayer because prayer changes things.

Young adult social meeting

Min. Chuck Sawyer and his team will be at Full Gospel Assembly of God every Friday at 7:30 p.m. to discuss and analyze everyday issues that young Christians are faced with. The

sessions provide an intimate worship experience with God. Bible study is also held during the session allowing attendees to search the scriptures and educate each other.

Church is at new location

Cities of Refuge Non-Denominational and Restoration Ministries has moved and is now temporarily located at the Treasure Cay Primary school grounds. Services are held weekly on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. For further information please contact 466-0465 or for a ride to attend a worship service.

Youth explosion

On March 13th and 14th the place to be was Mount Hope where a youth explosion

took place. On Friday a special service was held that featured guest speaker Pastor Trevor Wilson and Min. Mandell Curry of Nassau. The special service was very powerful as God moved to bring hope and ease the burden of His people in the times of testing and trials. On Saturday, it was all about talent! A night of talent was hosted which allowed young people from throughout the island to use the talents that God has blessed them with. There were many dance groups, choirs, and solo selections. Leading up to the talent showcase was an all day fun day where the youth socialized and had fun together.

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This senior team of S.C. Bootle High School won first place in the Math/Science Competition held by the Abaco Education office. They are Brittany Nairn, Anya Mills and Elaine Fenelus.



The junior team of S.C. Bootle High School also won first place in the Abaco-wide Math/Science Competition organized by Abaco's Education office. They won the competition with a perfect score. They are shown with their teacher Mr. Rudolph Kawalram. The students are Shavado Smith, Oriseia Clarke and Devano Simms.

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BOOTHS

Bahamian Arts & Craft,
Bahamian Cuisine,
Family Tree, Conch Salad

ACTIVITIES

Junkanoo,
Conch Cracking Contest,
Abaco Dinghy Contest,
Plaiting of the Maypole,
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Fredricka McIntosh, a student at S.C. Boote, came in third in the Young Chefs Competition in Nassau. She will be visiting the culinary department of Wales and Johnson University in Florida as part of her honours for doing so well in the competition.

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12th Annual Youth Convention

The End Time Harvest Ministries Youth Department celebrated its 12th Annual Youth Convention under the theme Young Generation Unleash Your Spiritual Gifts. The convention was held at the church in Crown Haven on March 23rd to 29th. This year's convention was like no other. The presence of God was evident. This year's guest speakers were Pastor Carlos Reid of Nassau and Prophetess Erma Colby of Turks and Caicos.

People came from all around the island to celebrate with the youth department. Praise dancers from several churches including Full Gospel Assembly, Change Ministries and St. Andrews Methodist Church ministered in dance throughout the week and the New Direction made a special appearance. A special service was held on March 29th to climax the convention. The convention was officially closed by the general overseer and presiding bishop, Bishop Tyrone Mills.

People in the news Thanks for support

The McIntosh family wishes to say thank all who supported their recent fair. Ms. Joycelyn McIntosh of Fox Town hosted a fair to defray the medical expenses that her family has encountered while getting medical treatment for her grandson who has been under doctor's watch since his birth. The fair was a grand success and the family is appreciated to all those who out and supported this venture.

Death strikes North Abaco

Two residents of Cooper's Town recently passed away. Community mechanic Paul Cox became ill on March 16th and visited the clinic where he was treated and released. However, the pain grew worse and he returned to the clinic. He was then airlifted to the Princess Margaret Hospital where he died that evening.

On March 17 taxi driver Henry Pritchard, who had suffered from cancer, lost the fight of life and passed away. The community of North Abaco expresses sympathy to the Pritchard and Cox families.

Island Roots

From Page 1

plaiting of the maypole; Bahamian craftsmanship through straw, wood and shell wares; and Bahamian customs through demonstrations of skulling, conch cracking, dress and dancing.

In addition to the wide variety of arts and crafts on display and entertainment, there will be a team of genealogists on site to trace the family tree of some Bahamian names as far back as the 18 century. There will be informative talks available to persons interested in becoming familiar with Bahamian history, archeology, bush medicine, flora and fauna.

For further information on the 6th Annual Island Roots Heritage Festival, please contact the Abaco Tourist Office at 242-367-3067.

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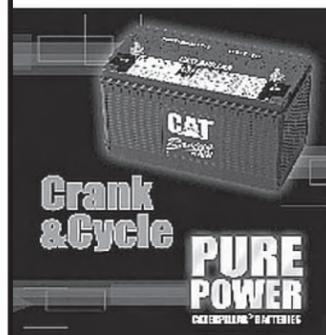


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Moore's Island church held a Gospel Explosion



A Gospel Explosion was presented by Soul Seeking Evangelistic Churches located in Hard Bargain, Moore's Island. The competition lasted from February 1st to February 22. The judges were Evan. Cedric Gaitor, Rev. Carl Johnson, Kimberly Gibson and Garnique Thompson. Glacie Gaitor was the score keeper. Pastor Anthony Williams is the senior pastor.



First place winner of the Gospel Explosion was Santrice Hield

Recycle Aluminum Cans
Bin located next to Every Child Counts

Every Child Counts thanked its supporters

By Robert Wilson



This is one of the groups of students who entertained the volunteers and supporters of Every Child Counts, a school that works with children with problems who cannot be in a normal classroom.

Lost Without You was the theme given to the Every Child Counts assembly March 27th to thank the volunteers for their assistance during the school year. The program consisted of a variety of performances by the students, and Ms. Pam addressed those gathered with remarks of appreciation on behalf of Mrs. Lyn Major, the school Director.

In all, five classes participated offering original poetry and dance numbers while the ECC Signing Crew performed to the music *From a Distance* and *The World's Greatest Love*. The younger students enjoyed presenting their rendition of *I'm a Little Teapot*, and the older students of Mr. Mars' class had prepared a recitation entitled *Who We Are*.

Following the program, volunteers and family members remained to enjoy a luncheon with the students, organized and prepared by the students of Ms. Pam's class.

The volunteer program at ECC affords the students a specialized curriculum, supported by many experienced and dedicated volunteers. It is readily apparent that many of the volunteers continue to give of their talents as they continue to witness the student's progress year after year.



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Friday & Saturday Schedule

Friday Time	Kids Games Field	Stage Schedule	Other Activities Throughout the settlement	Informative Talks at the Administration Building	Saturday Time	Kids Games Field	Stage Schedule	Other Activities throughout the settlement	Informative Talks at the Administration Building
12:00		Welcome and Opening Prayer	Family Tree Research at Gospel Chapel Education Building 12 to 5pm	Bob Carr: Archeology Finds in Abaco	12:00		Welcome and Opening Prayer	Family Tree Research at the Gospel Chapel Education Building 12 to 5pm	Jay Lowe Jossi "A Green Turtle Family" Come get excited about your roots!
12:30		Gathering of Children to Parade with Historical Characters and Play Games	Vertrum Lowe's Ship Shop Tour	Sandra Riley Early History of the Bahamas from Matt Lowe (time to Miss Ruby's time (1600-1800) 2-15	12:30		Tiny Turtles Preschool Performance	Vertrum Lowe's Ship Shop Tour Discover model boat building talent passed down thru the generations	Kendal Butler: The Economic Impact of Abaco Boat Builders
1:00		Old Time Games: Musical Chairs, Tug of War, Treasure Hunt and more	Lassido Boys Rake and Scrape Band	2:30 Joe Albury's Abaco Dinghy Demo and Race	1:00		Maypole Dance with Crowd Participation	Environmental Contest Richard Jones: Bush Medicine and how it can help you and the world	Darius Williams: Rail Systems of the Bahamas
2:00					1:30		Gathering of Children to Parade with Historical Characters to Play Games	2:30: Joe Albury's Abaco Dinghy demo and Races	Ricky's Nature Adventure: An inside look at flora and fauna of Abaco followed by a brief identification tour
2:30					2:00		Treasure Cay's New Direction Band And other local gospel entertainers		
3:00		Old Time Games: Thread the Needle, Lime in Spoon and more	Conch Cracking Contest	Nancy Albury: Paleontology discoveries in Abaco	3:00				
3:30					3:30		Conch Cracking Contest		
4:00					4:00		Scavenger Hunt for young and old	Albert Lowe Museum: Green Turtle Style Antique time to Miss Ruby's time (1600-1800s) Reading from the play "Matt Lowe"	Sandra Riley: Early Bahamas History from Matt Lowe's time to Miss Ruby's time (1600-1800s) Reading from the play "Matt Lowe"
4:30				4:30 Darius Williams: Rail Systems in the Bahamas	4:30		Local Entertainment		
5:00		Amy Roberts Primary School Performance			5:00		Local Entertainment		
5:30		Maypole Dance			5:30		Royal Bahamas Defence Force Marching Band		
6:00		Opening Program with The Prime Minister of the Bahamas			6:30				
7:00					7:00		6:45 Raffle Drawing: Junkanoo Parades and Costume Auction		
7:30				Alton Lowe Gallery "Miss Ruby" Theatrical Production	8:00		Lassido Boys Rake and Scrape Band		
8:00		FIRE and the Goat Peppers			9:00		Royal Bahamas Defence Force Dance Band		
8:45		Lassido Boys Rake and Scrape Band			10:00 to 11:30		Kirkland 'K.B.' Bodie and Therez Hepburn		
10:00		The Gully Roosters #1 Band in the Nation			12:00				
11:30		Festival Site is now closed. We invite everyone to join us for "A Walk for Hope" to begin at the Festival Site early Saturday morning (time to be announced) with all proceeds to be given to the Abaco Cancer Society.							



ACTIVITIES

Junkanoo, Conch Cracking Contest, Abaco Dinghy Contest, Plaiting of the Maypole, Games, Informative Talks



BOOTHS

Bahamian Arts & Craft, Bahamian Cuisine, Family Tree, Conch Salad



The Carnival's time on Abaco has ended

By Mirella Santillo

On April 4th the Carnival closed in Dundas Town and by April 5th it was packed up and left Marsh Harbour, the last stop of its winter tour in The Bahamas. Gone are the 16 rides, thrills for the local children, gone are all the games and the excitement of having somewhere to go evenings and weekends, a fun place to socialize.

But the attractions were not the only things that left with the Carnival. During its stay on the island, RCA Amusement Ltd, the company that owns the carnival,

provided jobs for approximately 60 Bahamians - two-thirds of the total staff - who, during its three week stay, sold tickets at the entrance, ran the rides, the games and the food trailers and worked as security officers. Some people even come from Nassau to help.

The company contributed a boost in the local economy through renting cars and accommodations, buying food and gasoline, patronizing some of the local restaurants, flying local airlines to and from Nassau or Florida, also leaving a donation to the primary school for the use of the grounds.

Mrs. Becky Hitchcock, owner/ manager of RCA Amusement Ltd, mentioned that 2009 marks the 21st anniversary of the carnival's first visit to The Bahamas. Every year since then, the festival has visited Nassau in December and January, Freeport for one month in February and every other year goes to Abaco or another Family Island in March.

The carnival, which is based in Indian Head, Florida, is a year-round working company visiting several places in the United States all the way to New Jersey in the remaining months of the year, explained Mrs. Hitchcock, a fact that helps weather

slow times such as the one she encountered this year on Abaco. "I am contracted five years in advance," she explained. "So we will be back in Marsh Harbour again in 2011.

Walking through the rides on my way to Mrs. Hitchcock's trailer where she keeps office with the help of Secretary, Cindy Kramer, I thought about the safety of these gravity-defying rides and asked about safety measures. I was assured that the carnival follows the rigorous safety laws of the State of Florida and that a daily inspection is conducted by Mrs. Hitchcock and her husband as well as three other people who are all certified engineers for ride inspection. She added that, in anticipation, they bring with them some of the parts most likely to create a problem not be found in The Bahamas.

What is life as a carnival person, always

on the go? Being a third generation descendent of the founder, her grandfather, Mrs. Hitchcock says it is a way of life that one gets used to and that offers a comfortable living money wise. She explained that her children were raised on the carnival grounds until old enough for college, sometimes helping as they got older, frequenting the local schools or being home schooled on occasions. This year three children aged eight to 12 years accompanied the festival attending Central Abaco Primary School during their stay.

That last Saturday in operation, after closing time at midnight, all the attractions and rides were dismantled during the night to be ready for the boat to take them back to Florida. Sunday afternoon the people flew back to the States. However, the same popular figures will be back to our shores in two years.

Show *From Page 4*

will never forget it. In 2007 she produced the double programme of Fiddler on the Roof and Annie which, again was a tremendous success.

The newly expanded Marsh Harbour Dance and Gymnastics School, under the auspices of Angels Academy, is set to begin classes in boys' and girls' gymnastics and drama, adult yoga, Middle Eastern Dance and ballet in the room behind ERA Dupuch Real Estate at the traffic light. For information call Elaine Pilon at 367-0883 or 551-5883.

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Viewpoint . . . Of Food and Oil

By J F Hedden

For the last month or so I have had the good fortune to participate in a series of agricultural meetings and sessions set up to give exposure to individuals interested in farming, and vice versa. Jack Hardy of the Tribune gardening column fame opened a series of seminars with a valuable introduction to home food production especially oriented to the backyard gardener. Later in the series Mike Parotti of Rocky Farms Nursery gave a practical demonstration of plant propagation including cuttings, mossing and division. He pointed out to us all that most methods of increasing planting stock involve the use of cloning, which of course in today's world has become a controversial topic. My thanks to both of them.

Browsing through the national press yesterday, I came across an invitation for bids to tender BEC for the Wilson City power station transmission circuits. Guess what? The inevitable has come to pass as we all knew it would. I do not think there has been any public reaction to the initial proposal and land clearing with road access done by the Corporation almost a year ago now. Many people have indicated their concerns, especially when it comes to the perceived loss of access to a traditional area. Very many others have indicated concerns with the fuel source of bunker C both in terms of exhaust wastes and handling of the fuel itself.

However, there has been absolutely no organised action to prevent, divert, rationalise or otherwise convince the Bahamian government that the Snake Cay area would be a much better location due to already existing facilities and the location of the

sparkling new landfill facility which, by the way the Minister for the Environment complimented on having no accidental burning to date. So we get what we deserve. We all expect someone else to take up the banner of prevention and protection while we go off and make money, and 'try' to earn a wage.

However, I in my usual "problem with understanding" way find it difficult to "comprehend" where those privately-funded regional and national organisations who actually employ staff for environmental reasons have managed to secrete themselves over this looming reality. Perhaps they have been in conference with the players "behind closed doors" working out ways of mitigation and mopping up procedures after the catastrophe has happened. But no word to us the general public on activities, progress, problems and requests for assistance with these ongoing concerns.

Then again perhaps we are all too busy with making the whole of Abaco a national park where all the fishermen will be "Park Wardens" and the hunters will become "Park Rangers." Then again perhaps with perfect logic they are unprepared to "bite the hand that feeds them." No matter this because whether we want it or not, the Wilson City power generating and distribution facility is to become a reality.

Again, on the other hand where is all the noise and kerfuffle that took place recently over the need for proper planning for development. This, if I remember correctly, became what turned out to be nothing more than a publicity campaign for the brand new "spit and polish" Ministry for the Environment administered by a very charismatic and likeable elected politician. Then

nothing. It seems that only with public vocalisation does a response and initiations of activity take place, but the momentum fails and the ball soon stops rolling. Again it would seem to me that we the public are still unprepared to take the responsibility for action on our own shoulders. It is always so much easier to do nothing and pretend it will eventually go away. Case in point, the proposed relocation of Bahamas Fast Ferry "landing" on the southern coastline from Sandy Point. Quite rightly the move is to rectify the erosion along the beach in the settlement caused by the present ramp interfering with normal water flow. Initially I was very concerned by the threat to Duck Pond, but now feel more comfortable with the move because of sourcing local knowledge that this pond is not permanent and is in fact a seasonal fixture. In other words I learned something that I did not know, (but it is common local knowledge). Thank you all.

In fact, I have learned a lot of stuff recently, which makes me feel I can't be getting old, just wiser (maybe).

Again, within the last few days I have heard and have seen in the media that the geographic Bahamas archipelago is at the top of the list for land loss due to sea level rise due to global warming along with the Maldives. What are we doing about it? For example one of the other island nation chains is already looking to purchase private land in another country to provide for its citizens when this eventuality comes to pass. Crazy? Maybe not. Here we haven't even recognised that there is a problem; but no matter, those of us who live on higher land may get to own our own island one day. What a thought, living in absolute isolation.

But back to BEC, planning for development, and some questions. Almost every person living on Abaco should be aware of the unreliable electrical power supply from the local utility, as they must also be aware that the rapid development of Abaco's economic sector has resulted in a poor electrical supply to the consuming public. Is this a result of poor planning?

The Snake Cay area dedicated to port and waste facilities is rapidly becoming the industrialised region of a growing Abaco,

the basic infrastructure and transshipment facilities being already in place. Snake Cay is also close to the population centre and easily accessible by land and sea. Snake Cay is a public area and should remain so. As Marsh Harbour grows and absorbs the settlements of Dundas Town and Murphy Towns, room for expansion in its immediate vicinity is limited to the hilly land between the well fields near Spring City and the coast to the East. Further expansion to the south will have to hop over Snake Cay because of the new dump and continue to the South along the sides of the highway.

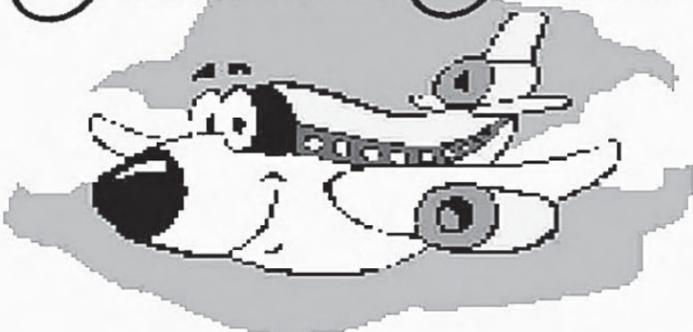
This of course leads up to the inevitable question. How are the public, the local councils, town committees, and local agencies of central government planning for this expansion? Where are we going to put all this new stuff? Even more local within the confines of Marsh Harbour itself, is any consideration being made to relocate the ferry terminal to the area of Calcutta and road improvements and access to the road along the coast that services the region? And of course as we travel south we come to the new BEC generating and distribution centre well out of sight and mind near Wilson City. Three or four miles south of Snake Cay we will have another industrialised area. I understand that BEC is considering franchising the electrical distribution on Abaco to a private contractor intent on developing alternate power generation systems. Where is the logic of remotely locating this facility away from an already existing industrial facility? What is our opinion on alternate power generation? Do we even know what it is?

I look around the neighbourhood and see blatant examples of poor planning and implementation. The one pole traffic light opposite Percy's gas station flashing red and often just solid red. What is its purpose? It is annoying and possibly dangerous. Also we have the continued movement of uncovered garbage to the new dump at Snake Cay. At least this is positive because the more garbage ends upon the side of the road it provides employment as well as reducing the fill loading on the cells at the dump.

Please see Hedden

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RMHYC has final Beach Party

By Rita Reis Wiczorek
Rear Commodore

Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club members gathered on the beach at the Abaco Beach Resort for a party catered by the resort with drinks provided by our faithful club bar tenders Paul Graham, Steve O'Brien and Steve Brandt. They have been wonderful all season tending bar for our thirsty members and their guests.

Recreation include several games. First – we had limbo contest-men and women competed against each other in the sand to limbo tunes provided by our DJ Ray Valerrie. It was a lot of fun to see if tall, short,

thin and not so thin members could get down under the limbo bar and risk getting dirty with sand in their pants! The Queen of the contest was Carolyn Wilson from the m/v Sea Island Girl. For all of you members who think the contest was rigged since Carolyn is the wife of the former Commodore, Carolyn wore a long dress to Limbo in. That is not easy to accomplish.

Another game was a Sand Skiing Contest for teams of four to five persons on skis. I have never done Sand Skiing before, but it was a lot of fun. The teams competed in three heats before one team won the contest. The winning team was lead by Karla

Allen along with Pat Halperin, Rita Wiczorek and Ashley Harmon.

Other games included guessing the name of person standing behind a screen with only his and her legs showing and a conch horn blowing contest. Men and women lined up to vie for a title. Roberta Brandt and Paul Graham won the title of longest blowers while Rick Brenneman and Gail Thomassen were named the loudest conch horn blowers.

Everyone enjoyed a dinner of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings. Many members are leaving to return to their home ports so this was one last chance for all to celebrate a wonderful winter season at the Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour.



Sand skiing was one of the games that the members of the Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club played at their last party of the season. Teams of four competed. The sport requires coordination among the members of each team.

New Arrival

Jonathan Black was born on March 3rd to proud parents Julian and Novina Black. Congratulations to the family including Grand-



Jonathan Black

mother, District Superintendent of Education, Mrs. Lenora Black.

AA and Al Anon Meetings

The AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) group of Marsh Harbour meets Mondays, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Marsh Harbour Community Library.

Al-Anon in Marsh Harbour meets by request. Call 357-6511.

The AA group in Hope Town meets Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at the Hope Town Library.

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Alton Lowe's Gallery Stage Welcomes Back Miss Ruby

Spring is in the air, the cumulous clouds are forming and the garden is re-joining. The Alton Lowe Garden Theatre, the theatre of renowned artist Alton Lowe, welcomes back to his Gallery Stage Sandra Riley's solo drama, Miss Ruby, starring Luisa Black. Its presentation will coincide with this year's Island Roots Heritage Festival.

It was back in May of 2001 that on this stage in New Plymouth this play made its world premiere much to the delight of its audience. Mr. Jack Hardy of Nassau's Tribune reported to his readers, "How pleasant to live on an island as beautiful as Abaco and yet be able to enjoy professional drama." Mr. Hardy went on to describe Ms. Black's performance as "a masterly performance that will long be remembered by those present."

Ms. Riley drew inspiration from decades of historical research thus providing history in a most entertaining drama under her direction with music by Ms. Peggy Hall and lighting design by Mr. Travis Neff.

The play introduces one to Miss Ruby Curry, a teacher on Green Turtle Cay in 1927. From her porch she reminisces and tells her story of her early upbringing in New Plymouth reliving school days and nights of story telling.

The play goes on to describe her life in Key West as the niece of Florida's richest man and native Bahamian, William Curry, at the latter end of the 19th century. It is in Key West that Miss Ruby falls in love with Assistant Engineer Darwin Merritt of the U.S. Battleship Maine discovering love on the eve of Cuban independence and the Spanish-American War. Ms. Black's artful performance delivers a story full of humor, island wisdom and everlasting love.

Performances will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on April 30th and at 7:30 p.m. on May 1 at Lowe's Gallery Stage, Black Sound, Green Turtle Cay. For tickets please contact Mr. Lowe at (242) 365-4264 or the Albert Lowe Museum at (242) 365-4094. Admission is \$20.

Police Crime Report

Break in - During the night of March 17 the library and tuck shop at the Fox Town Primary School were broken into. Snack food and drinks were taken and fingerprints were left behind. A suspect is being sought.

Vessel Tampered With - About sundown on March 25 police were alerted to the Prime Minister's boat being tampered with at its mooring in Green Turtle Cay.

Shop breaking - The lounge and snack bar at Albury's Ferry at Crossing Beach was broken into during the night of March 17. The cash register was taken and fingerprints were found by the police.

Magistrate's Court

Causing Grievous Harm - Berthany Mathurin of Pigeon Peas pleaded not guilty when arraigned on March 31 for chopping a man on the head with a cutlas. Since he had no status in The Bahamas, he was denied bail and was remanded to prison until his trial scheduled on April 29 in Marsh Harbour.

Possession of Firearm with Intent to Endanger Life - Samuel Jolly of Dundas Town was arraigned in the Marsh Harbour Magistrate's court on March 31 for endangering the life of a man with a flare gun. He was granted bail of \$3,000 with one surety for a court appearance on June 3.

Housebreaking - Suiluke Innocent was arraigned on April 3 for breaking into a house on the S.C. Bootle Highway during the day of March 27 and stealing electronic items. He pleaded not guilty and was granted bail of \$1,500 for a court appearance on May 29.

Breach of The Fisheries Act - Barry Albury, Felix Albury, Calvin Albury, Bruce Brown, Delvin Cephas and Craig Cephas of Grand Cay were arraigned in Cooper's Town on April 3 for being found on March 9 in possession of undersized crawfish while near Walker's Cay. They all pleaded guilty and were each fined \$500.

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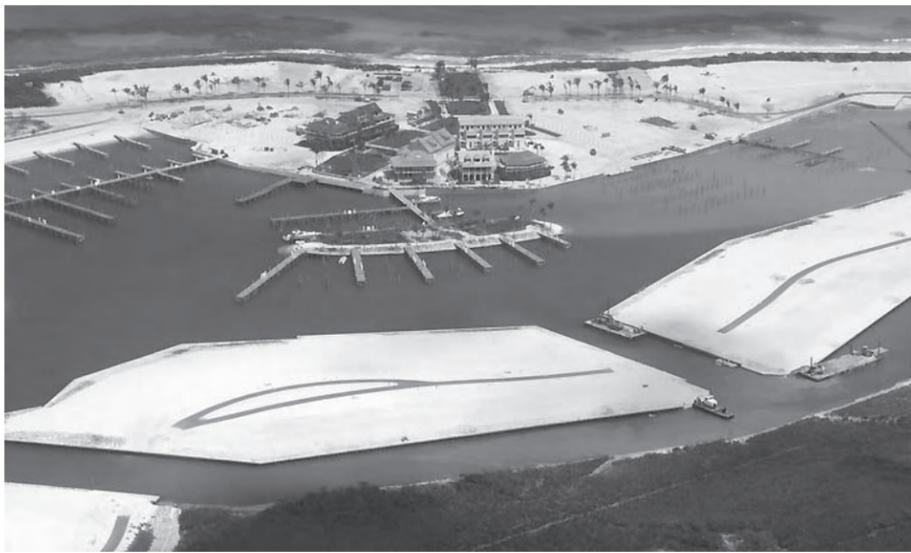
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Baker's Bay continues with its to development plans



This is the new marina at Baker's Bay Ocean and Golf Club. The top center is the Marina Village, the heart of the resort. Work continues with several large homes and other buildings under construction. In the lower part of the pictures are two man-made islands that will be residential and will be accessed by bridges. The marina has 150 slips and has recently opened.



The far northwest part of Great Guana Cay is the site of Baker's Bay golf course that is well underway. Residential lots will be available all along the shoreline - a shoreline that is one of the most beautiful beaches on Abaco. Both photo thanks to Anyes Adams

Research began on Bahama Swallow in South Abaco

By Michael Harvey

The Bahama Swallow is a small, green and white bird found only in the pine forests of the northern Bahamas. They are most often seen sitting on telephone wires, racing past overhead or perhaps visiting nests in the eaves of buildings. While it is considered vulnerable to extinction in part because of destruction and development of forest, the Bahama Swallow is still poorly known. A new project aims to gather new data on Bahama Swallows by studying their behavior, breeding biology and diet in South Abaco. This project is being conducted by a team of swallow researchers from across the Americas called "Golondrinas de las Americas," in partnership with the Friends of the Environment and the Bahamas National Trust.

Bahama Swallows nest in holes in pine trees made by woodpeckers, but they will also use man-made bird houses or other appropriate spots. In order to easily study the birds, biologist Michael Harvey from Cornell University recently put up 50 wooden bird houses specially designed for swallows. The houses are located on posts or high on pine trees near Sandy Point and Crossing Rocks. If all goes well, the swallows will start nesting in these houses either this or next Spring.



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A Bahama Swallow

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If you want to see Bahama Swallows, keep an eye on telephone wires through pine forest anywhere on Abaco. Otherwise, the swallows are easy to see sitting on wires or visiting their nests right in the town of Sandy Point during the nesting season. Also, if you happen to spot swallows visiting a bird house near Sandy Point or Crossing Rocks, please let us know! You can visit the Golondrinas de las Americas web page at golondrinas.cornell.edu for more information and for contact details

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Marsh Harbour signs contract for road repairs



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Hedden

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Finally, the question always arises over who to blame and who to hold accountable for this shortfall in dedication and commitment to proper planning and development. But then I refer to our excellent exercise in democracy, when, once every five years we actually give our opinion at the polls.

That's it; we then turn the welfare of our country exclusively over to the politicians. The public servants, secure in their tenure, say and do nothing, and the rest of us go back to the everyday chore of our own tiny little universe. The reality of course then reflects on all of us.

What me worry?

Sudoku puzzle - No math required

The numerals 1-9 must appear only once in:

- each 9-block square
- each row
- each column

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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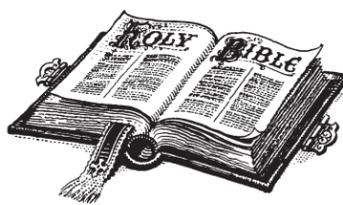
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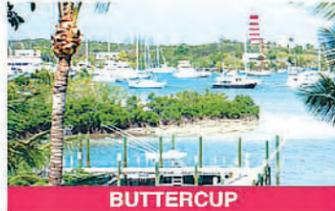


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