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## New airport terminal was topic of town forum Contract was signed for private company to plan new terminal

*By Samantha V. Evans*

Abaco has been poised for development for many years so it is only fitting that the island has a first class airport to accommodate the thousands of persons that visit the island annually. On May 21 the Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Public Works and Aviation, was on Abaco for the final signing of contracts for the completion of the new runway and that evening he along with a delegation from his Ministry held a live town forum at Bahamas Christian Network television station to discuss the plans for the new airport terminal and control tower. The studio was open to accommodate 40 persons to make up the audience. Viewers were able to phone the panelists.

The first presenter was the Minister who gave statistics on the passenger traffic at the airport. He stated that 170,966 persons visited the island in 2006, 177,974 passengers visited in 2007 and in 2008 200,000 passengers landed. It is these figures that justify the need for a new airport terminal to replace the existing one that is only 3200 square feet which makes it grossly inadequate. He further stated that the proposed design when he became minister was for a 14,000 square foot terminal, but he feels that the Abaco community presently needs a 23,800 square foot building.

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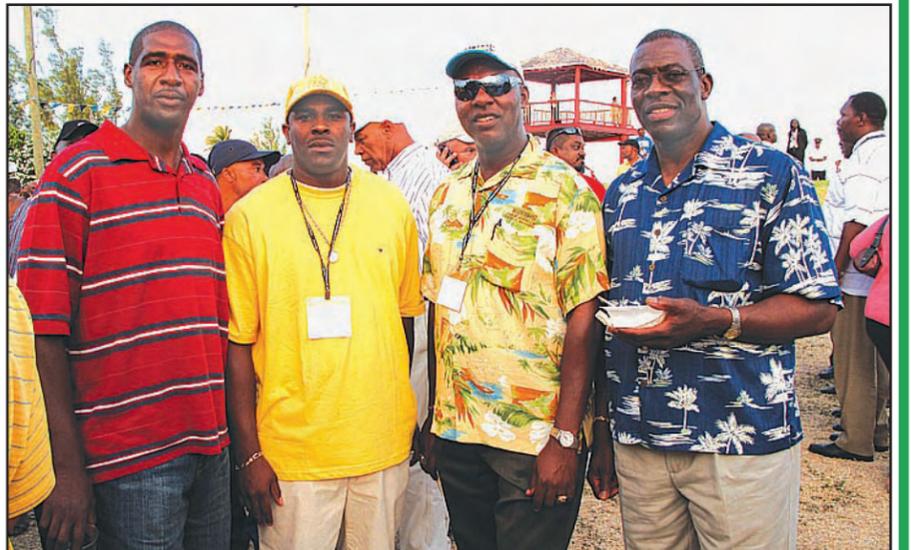
A town forum on a new terminal building and control tower for the Marsh Harbour International Airport was carried live on cable on May 21. The Hon. Neko Grant, second from left, brought representatives from the Vancouver Airport Services company with him as he discussed government's commitment to plan the improvements to the airport. He signed a contract with the company earlier that day for planning the new facilities. The forum took place in the studio of the Bahamas Christian Network located in Dundas Town. Shown here is Bishop Lernis Cornish at the microphone asking a question. With Mr. Grant on the bench are Silbert Mills, left, owner of Bahamas Christian Network, and Craig Richmond, right, CEO and president of Vancouver Airport Services.

## Road and sidewalk contracts were signed for North Abaco



Five contracts totaling \$4 million were signed on May 21 for road and sidewalk work to be done in North Abaco. The Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Public Works and Transport, third from left, met with the contractors at the Court Room in Cooper's Town for the signing ceremony. From left are Odel Cox, Bertram Cooper, Minister Grant, Robert Edgecombe, Calvin Parker and Bahamas Hot Mix managing director Ebbe Saidi. Mr. Edgecombe won the contract for the Cornish Avenue contract while Mr. Cox, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Parker won contracts for sidewalks in Fire Road and Cooper's Town. Bahamas Hot Mix was awarded the contract for paving and repairing 28 miles of road in North Abaco. See story on page 10.

## Abaco attends Commonwealth Local Government Conference



The Commonwealth Local Government Conference was held in Freeport in May. Council members from Bahamian Family Islands attended and gained much knowledge in how local government works in other countries. Shown here are Cubell Davis, Chief Councillor for Central Abaco; Renardo Curry, Chairman of the Murphy Town Committee; Cay Mills, Chairman of the Dundas Town Committee; and Cephass Cooper, Administrator for Central Abaco.

The fifth Commonwealth Local Government Conference 2009 was a four-day event that started on May 11. Hosted by the Government of The Bahamas, the conference highlighted some of the recent thinking and innovations in local government. Participants heard about good practices from many Commonwealth countries and learned about suc-

cessful local government projects in other areas of the world.

The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, Prime Minister of The Bahamas, opened the Conference at the Our Lucaya Hotel on Grand Bahama, welcoming more than 500 delegates to the island and giving his

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# Works Min. Grant holds live television forum

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However, his Ministry proposes to build a 38,000 square foot terminal that will meet the needs of the community for the next 15 years or longer. He further stated that the contract was signed earlier in the day with Vancouver Airport Services for \$150,000 to begin the preliminary work for the planning of the terminal.

Craig Richmond, CEO and president of Vancouver Airport Services, spoke about the terminal development plan for the Lynden Pindling Airport in Nassau and gave a brief overview of the work of Vancouver Airport Services. He stated that his company is prepared to share its project resources

in order to make this project a success. He and his team have been in Nassau long enough to know what Bahamians value and how business works. As a result of his company's many successful projects he feels it can deliver quality service to Abaco. His company is about excellent service and creating a friendly inviting atmosphere that will make passengers feel welcome. He stated that the Lynden Pindling Airport will be a first class airport.

Additionally, he explained that his company's airport management is self-sustaining as it does not receive any assistance from the government. He showed photos of the proposed airport in Nassau to give Abaconians an idea of what their airport

could look like. The photos showed the outside of the terminal building and the landscaping, the inside of the terminals and a picturesque photo of the airport at dusk.

Steward Sleeves, vice president of airport development, heads the project in Nassau and will oversee the project on Abaco as well. He spoke about the terminal design and the steps that must be taken before the construction of the terminal can begin. Some of those considerations are passenger forecast, site planning and selection, facility design time line, terminal design concept, budget and schedule. He stated that his company is now entering phase three as it has already done the evaluation of the present airport and the passenger forecast. Within five years he stated that the estimate of the annual passenger arrivals to be 242,000, in 10 years 309,000 and in 15 years 376,000. The site selection and design is expected to take six weeks. He then discussed general airport design and principles with those present in the studio and the television audience.

He explained that the company will ensure that the airport is designed to meet present and future demand, the staff will consider the culture of the community to ensure that it adequately represents what

Abaco is known for. It will be barrier free so that it can accommodate the elderly and disabled, it will use cost efficient materials so that the airport can be maintained effectively and it will have separate holding rooms for domestic and international travelers. The actual construction of the terminal is estimated to take a year and a half. While the new building is being constructed, residents and visitors will continue using the existing terminal. The new terminal will allow for expansion and redundancy services will be put in place.

He explained the potential floor plan which was very technical, showed photos of the potential building exterior, then later opened the floor for comments and discussion. He stated that soon the company will meet with stakeholders to go over plans so that drawings can be fine tuned. Some of the stakeholders will include Tourism, Water and Sewerage, BEC, BTC, Customs and Immigration. The live audience and viewing audience gave suggestions and called in comments. Mr. Sleeves told them that they can also email comments and suggestions to permanent

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About 40 people were in attendance at the television studio to hear the presentation of the Vancouver Airport Services company about a new terminal for the Marsh Harbour International Airport. Tentative plans have been drawn for a 38,000 square foot building that will be revised with input from government agencies and local people. The initial planning will take several weeks. Construction of the terminal building will take about a year and a half but no comments were made about when money would be allocated for its construction. The contracts that were signed earlier in the day with Vancouver Airport Services covered the planning stages only. The control tower will be a completely separate building.



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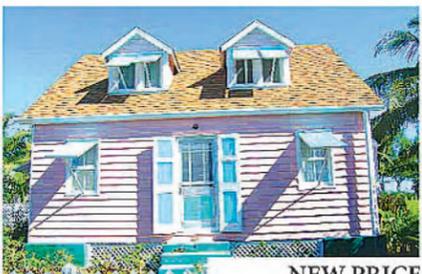
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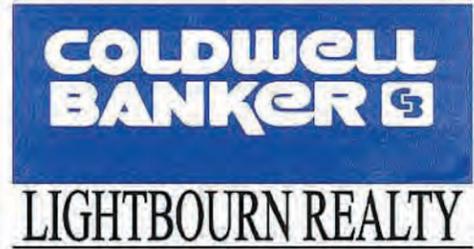
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# Vancouver firm will plan new airport terminal and tower

By Raymond Kongwa

The government has contracted Vancouver Airport Services to design a new terminal and control tower at the Marsh Harbour International Airport. Public Works and Transport Minister, the Hon. Neko Grant, signed a contract for the work with Craig Richmond during a signing ceremony held on May 21 at the Education office in Marsh Harbour. Mr. Richmond is the CEO and president of Nassau Airport Development Company, a subsidiary of Vancouver Airport Services.

Vancouver Airport Services of British Columbia, Canada, was one of three companies that had been contracted to de-

sign a new terminal under the Christie administration. This company specializes in airport planning and management and is currently managing the Lynden Pindling International Airport on New Providence.

Mr. Grant noted that the initial design has been "revised after discussions with the Ministry of Public Works and Transport on the specific needs of a new terminal at Marsh Harbour. This revised design review has now formed the basis for the proposal for the development of a design concept," Mr. Grant explained. He declined to give details about the contract.

The signing ceremony turned turbulent when Dundas Town Chief Councillor Cay

Mills, during a question period, accused Mr. Grant and the Ingraham administration of ignoring local landscape designers by awarding a contract for planting grass along the airport's new runway to a Grand Bahamian landscaper.

Mr. Grant and members of his team who traveled to Abaco for the signing maintained that the hydro-seeding technique being used for planting the grass at the airport was a specialized process that was not being used by local landscapers.

## Minister inspects work on new runway



Min. Neko Grant inspected the progress being made at the Marsh Harbour airport on the work that is required before the new runway can be in service for daylight use. The trees on the left need to be removed. Work continues to prepare the runway for traffic.



The Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Public Works and Transport, visited Abaco on May 21 to sign contracts in Marsh Harbour for the planning and designing of a new terminal building and control tower at the Marsh Harbour International Airport. The contract was with the Vancouver Airport Services represented by Craig Richmond. Shown are Mr. Grant and Mr. Richmond holding the contract surrounded by government officials from Nassau and Abaco.

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# Min. Grant makes inspections on Elbow Cay

Early in the day while Mr. Grant was on Abaco for signing contracts, he visited Hope Town on an invitation by that island's Chief Councillor, Jeremy Sweeting.

Mr. Grant was shown an eroded seawall at Sunshine Park. The park on the waterfront of Hope Town harbour is where freight boats unload their cargo that is then trucked to various parts of the island. The fill behind the wooden plank piling has washed out. Mr. Sweeting and the two Councillors from Elbow Cay, Lana Russell and Harold Malone, discussed the situation with Mr. Grant. The Hope Town District Council is willing to put \$50,000 of its capital budget toward the rebuilding

of the seawall estimated to cost a total of \$148,000. Mr. Grant will discuss the situation with Cabinet but felt that Council's offer will go a long way toward convincing Cabinet to pay the remaining cost.

Mr. Grant and his group also inspected the storm-damaged dune supporting the road at White Sound. The original damage was caused by Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and further damage was caused by Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in 2004. The sand under the road is slowly being eroded away. Mr. Grant will present the situation to Cabinet and recommend that engineers view the situation for recommendations.



The fill behind the sea wall at Sunshine Park in Hope Town is washed out. Minister Grant inspected the situation while it was raining and will discuss a rebuilding of the seawall with Cabinet.



The road on the ocean dune at White Sound, Elbow Cay, has had serious problems for ten years and residents of the area are concerned that another hurricane could wash the road out. This road is the only access by land to the southern part of the cay. Improving the situation will take engineers to study various methods of stopping the erosion, any of which will probably be an expensive repair.

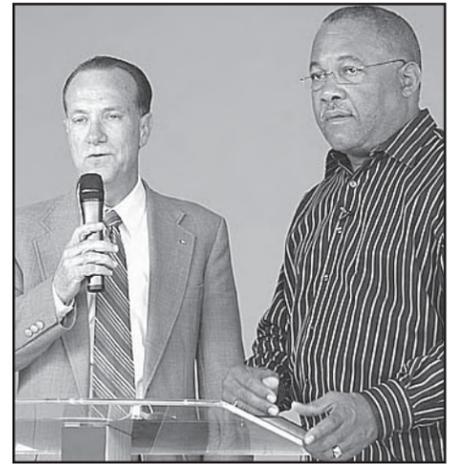
## Forum

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secretary Colin Higgs. At the end of his presentation, the residents were given time for questions which the panel answered.

The questions asked concerned safety of the building for hurricanes, the possibility for its use as a shelter, security of the building against terrorist attacks, adequate parking for passengers (long and short term parking), parking for taxi drivers, use of solar panels and energy efficient cooling devices and sufficient counters for the airlines. The panel answered all questions professionally and assured the residents that they will present them to their team for consideration.

Minister Grant stated that an informal town meeting will be held within the coming weeks to allow residents who did not want to call in to express their concerns and/or make suggestions before any plans are finalized.



Minister of Works Neko Grant, right, and Permanent Secretary Colin Higgs spoke at the televised forum held to inform Abaco residents about plans for the Marsh Harbour terminal.

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# Conference gave many ideas to be used locally

Conference *From Page 1*

backing to improving local government in The Bahamas. His keynote address was on making decentralization work in small states. Speakers included Bahamas' Minister of State for Local Government, the Hon. Byran Woodside.

High-level politicians, policy-makers and practitioners from national and local governments from around the world attended the event including many from The Bahamas as well as the Caribbean, Asia, Africa, Europe and the Pacific.

The Commonwealth Local Government Conference is a major international event for local government decision-makers. They meet to learn about new ideas, approaches and technology that can support their councils in the delivery of better services. The conference is held every two

years, but this is the first time it has been held in the Caribbean.

In addition to speeches, the conference included discussions and working group sessions ranging in topic from "resourcing" local government for improvement to working with civil society, volunteering and social enterprise. Delegates were allowed to choose from seven study visits of local government capacity building projects in Freeport or opt to participate in a workshop on improving local government through the use of technology.

Each council in the Family Island was allowed to send three delegates. At least eight elected local government officials represented Abaco at the conference as well as Abaco's three appointed administrators.

## Jamaican speech gave specific goals

By Raymond Kongwa

Hope Town's Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting and North Abaco's Chief Councillor Steven Pedican agreed that one of the most dynamic and thought-provoking presentations made at the Commonwealth Local Government Conference was that of Jamaican Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government Robert Montague.

Mr. Pedican said Mr. Montague's presentation crystallized for him how crucial keeping open lines of communication between local and central government officials is to effective local governance. "There is a big breakdown in communication between local and central government

tem. "It's very demeaning that you have to go through so much just to get information on certain ministries or departments."

While making his presentation to the conference, Mr. Montague, who served as a mayor (equivalent to chief councillor) prior to entering parliamentary politics, said, "In Jamaica we have embraced the common vision and are undergoing a local government reform process in which these principles form the basis on which all local authorities aspire to operate the Commonwealth vision.

Citizen participation - town hall meeting, mayors' forums, open budgeting consultations

- Autonomy - central government returning function to local authorities so they become less dependent on central government
- Local authorities increasing revenue sources
- Accountability - local accounts committees
- Transparency - financial management system in place
- Capacity building - training for councillors and administrative staff, revenue enhancements workshops
- Legal framework - entrenchment of local government in the Jamaican constitution advanced.



Hope Town Council member Harold Malone and Chief Councillor of the Hope Town Council Jeremy Sweeting felt that they benefitted from the experience of being with international local government officials.

## Administrator will push for use of technology

By Raymond Kongwa

Central Abaco District Administrator Cephas Cooper has vowed to encourage better use of information technology to deliver service and enhance communication in his jurisdiction. Mr. Cooper was speaking during an interview with The Abaconian on his impression of the Commonwealth Local Government Conference which he recently attended in Freeport.

"One of things I will emphasize within the Central Abaco District after the conference is the need to utilize technology to communicate with the people and offer services to the people," he told The Abaconian. He left the conference appreciat-

ing the need for wider consultation in the decision-making processes with local government. He said the conference helped him better understand that "officials do not own the system, but the system is owned by the people." Mr. Cooper added that the conference had given him a chance to "sit shoulder to shoulder with local government officials from throughout

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# The Editor Says . . . Short changed again



Dave  
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We view this newspaper as a window to Abaco which is a very active island. Coupled with its diverse activity is its extensive size, over 110 miles long. Then we must consider that four towns are reached by ferry boat only while two others are a plane ride away. Keeping up with all of the activity is a challenge.

Our job is to summarize this activity in words and pictures to bring it to the public's attention. The information includes church, social, school, crime and news items appealing to our residents and visitors. Then there are various government projects and resorts under construction to report on. Now and then we tuck in a bit of Abaco history. Mixed in are the activities of various organizations that know their activities are more important than anything else and therefore need extensive exposure. We do our best to condense, sort and present this information.

As Abaco grows and government facilities expand to meet their obligations to keep pace with Abaco's growth, we feel obligated to keep our readers informed.

Opportunities for Abaco people are presented in many forms, scholarship information for students, civic and environmental involvement for those inclined, employment opportunities and government tenders for a variety of work. One opportunity for our Abaco residents is bidding on the occasional government tender.

Government tenders range from minor requests by local government to multi-million dollar jobs such as airport paving. However, the public notice for central government jobs on Family Islands is usually posted only in Nassau and not on the island where the work is to be done. This presents a major challenge for interested parties to obtain information. We are not entirely conversant with the tender and bid process but believe that bids under \$50,000 can be accepted locally while projects in excess of this amount must be submitted to Nassau for consideration.

Government issues a public tender notice that gives a very brief description of the job. Interested persons must get the package of tender documents which gives the scope of work, qualifications required,

insurance needed, detailed plans and other information. The document package for large projects typically costs \$100 and is available only in Nassau. This payment helps to ensure that only serious and qualified persons or companies get involved.

Persons or companies bidding are often required to show that they have the financial capability to do the work and that they have the required equipment and technical expertise to accomplish the job competently. Work is not always awarded to the lowest bidder as many factors come into play in awarding the bid. Expertise and past performance often count heavily in the final decision.

On the surface it seems to be a fairly straight-forward process: tenders are posted, interested parties decide if it is worth investing \$100 to learn more, those interested prepare and submit their bid and wait for the public opening of the sealed bids.

Although the bids are opened in public, the various components of each bid must be analyzed, compared and weighed against the others with consideration to the anticipated final outcome of the completed job. The winning bid might be the lowest bid submitted, the highest or something in-between.

At the local government level tenders are often requested for the mundane jobs of maintaining the towns. Mowing the road verges and collecting residential refuse are two common jobs that are tendered each year and decided locally.

The local government process in Marsh Harbour for publicly posting the notice is rather vague. Often it consists of a single notice in a second floor window over the Post Office. The notice may also be given on the local Radio Abaco FM station one or more times.

The larger projects are advertised in the Nassau papers that are not widely read on Abaco. Rarely will a notice for these Abaco jobs be posted anywhere locally. Examples of missed opportunities for government work follow.

• Several years ago a contract for land preparation for two refuse transfer sites was awarded by the Ministry of Environmental Health. A contractor from Andros was given the work. One site is off the Cherokee Road and the other is west of the causeway connecting Little Abaco with

the main island. Abaco first became aware of this work when it was noticed that the woods were being cleared. Apparently, it was determined that Abaco did not have the capability to clear the woods or otherwise prepare these sites.

• On January 26, 2009, BEC issued a tender notice in the Nassau papers for work to a fire pump located at the Marsh Harbour power station. No known notice was given on Abaco and the outcome is not known.

• In mid-May 2009 the Ministry of Housing published a tender request in the Nassau papers for various engineering plans for utilities in Spring City as follow:

a) Engineering services for the design of Roads and Drainage systems

b) Design an Electrical Distribution System

c) Design Potable Water and Sewerage Distribution Systems

The bid deadline was May 26, 2009. We are unaware of any notice posted on Abaco. We are aware of a qualified engineer on Abaco who would have bid on the electrical aspect had he known about it.

• In early March we were notified in a public meeting that a contract approaching \$400,000 was issued to a Freeport landscape company for "hydro seeding" the verges of the new runway at the Marsh Harbour airport. Initial government inquiries by those responsible determined that no one on Abaco had the expertise or equipment for this work. We have not seen the specifications but believe that the job involves the seeding of grass for 25 - 30 acres on both sides and ends of the new runway.

Hydro seeding is the process of mixing mulch and seed into a water-based slurry in a large tank and spraying it onto the area to be seeded. The subsequent spongy mat keeps the seed in place and provides moisture, nourishment and a growth medium while the roots become established.

• On March 25, 2009, BEC advertised in Nassau for tenders for the Engineering and Design of Transmission Circuits related to the new power station at Wilson City. We inquired of BEC why no notice was given on Abaco and were told that no one on Abaco was qualified to do this work. Perhaps they are correct. However, there

is an electrical engineer here who would have liked the opportunity to submit a bid and then let BEC decide if he was qualified or not.

Our complaint to BEC brought the response that future work would be posted here when local capability existed.

• In mid-May, 2009, BEC issued a tender notice related to the new Wilson City power plant for road grading and easement clearing for transmission lines. No public notice was known to be made on Abaco although one heavy equipment operator was personally notified of this work. We contacted a second operator who was quite interested and immediately went for more information.

It would appear that BEC was satisfied that none of the Abaco heavy equipment operators knew how to clear a right-of-way or grade a road. Why can't government corporations post their notices on Abaco as well as New Providence? If our contractors feel qualified, let them bid. If their bid is competitive, BEC can then examine their past performance, qualifications, equipment and other factors and move forward.

No doubt there are other examples of government projects for Abaco which have not been advertised locally. Government's obscure tender process is quite efficient at maintaining anonymity.

The intention of seeking bids from multiple sources is to ensure that choices are available and that government gets value for the money spent. When local contractors are chosen, an element of local pride is involved as the contractor must live with his work and his neighbors. A shoddy job would not sit well with his peers.

It is interesting that government often compliments Abaco on its ability to accomplish and move forward. Abaco has very competent people in a variety of businesses that could fulfill any contract they sign. They should be given the opportunity to compete.

Posting tender notices locally requesting bids for jobs should not be such an obscure process.

We can remember that 50 years ago it was an Abaco company that built airports and roads throughout the Family Islands. We still have capable people. Government needs to broaden its outlook.

## Letters to the Editor

### Shocked at attitude of doctors

To the Editor:

I would like to write of my experience with the emergency medical care in Abaco. I am a Bahamian living on Abaco for a number of years. Upon my initial arrival, I had the need to see a doctor. I ended up

at one of the local private practices here on the island. To my shock and surprise during my consultation with the doctor, I was told that if I was living here, I needed to introduce my entire family to the office and ensure that ALL of my medical needs were taken care of by his office. Otherwise, if I had an emergency after hours, he would NOT respond to my emergency. His exact words were, "I am not prepared to be your night and weekend doctor." Having left the office in complete fear that something would happen to one of my children, I immediately started going to the office for all of our needs.

After many years of attending his office, I had the unfortunate situation of needing emergency care for my three-year-old daughter. It was about 5:30 p.m., (not late at all). I tried calling the doctor's office and got no response. I then called the doctor's residence and got the doctor's wife, who informed me that he was not home. I told her that I needed help for my daughter. To my surprise, there was no care or concern in her voice; she simply stated that I should try to call the office number again and listen to the answering machine. She did not ask if it was a life or death situation or any other questions, for that matter.

Left with nothing else to do, I called the office back and got instructions to dial an emergency number. I got the ambulance service on the phone and the operator told me to go the government clinic for treatment. My initial response was - NO WAY - my daughter was not going to be seen by the government clinic. I realize now, to my extreme embarrassment, that this was a very prejudiced way of looking at the situation.

Even though I was hesitant, I had no other alternative than to take my daughter to the clinic. We were greeted at the clinic after a short wait by a pleasant nurse. This nurse DID NOT say she couldn't treat us because we had never been there before; she DID NOT say she couldn't treat us because it was after hours; she gently and gracefully attended to my scared daughter. The service we got was equal to or better than the private care we had previously received.

And now the best part - after treatment was completed, I asked for my bill. "There is no bill," the nurse replied. "The services for your child (including antibiotics) are all FREE!"

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# More Letters to the Editor

## A letter from our former MP

Dear Editor,

As a former Member of Parliament for South Abaco for 15 years, I beg your indulgence to make a few comments in response to the many comments and letters to the editor from the Bahamas Sea Turtle Conservation Group.

I believe my record is clear on my concern with regards to the protection and conservation of our marine resources. House records will reflect that I was the first M.P. for government or opposition to support the ban on longline fishing.

I also grew up in a Family Island community in the 40s and 50s to proud and honest parents, my father being a farmer/fisherman; my mother a very godly homemaker. Together they raised 12 children. Needless to say, I enjoyed many a meal of stewed turtle, turtle steak, etc. at their table. In those days, I also ate many turtle eggs, which brings me to my first point.

If the government puts a total ban on sea turtles, how do we police it? Let me pause here to congratulate and thank the Friends of the Environment leadership here on Abaco for their many educational programs in protecting our environment.

Now here are a few suggestions. Ban the sale of turtle meat in our restaurants and when we are doing that, we should also ban the sale of crawfish in restaurants during the months of May, June and July, leaving April so that the restaurants can dispose of any extra they may have purchased during the open season.

I have had the opportunity to visit the Cayman Island turtle farm on two occasions. The last just last month with a family group of 13 which included five of my darling grandchildren. This was the highlight of their cruise. I ask why not a similar farm in The Bahamas, in particular Abaco, where we have many creeks and blue holes. This could be a major attraction for our tourists as well as thousands of our children who may never have the opportunity to visit the Caymans. I know there would be those who would be opposed to turtles in cap-

tivity. Yet there would be some of those same protesters who have a parrot, parakeet or some other bird stuck in cages, or dogs that are taken hundreds of miles by air or car in cages to compete at dog shows. What about the millions of chickens which have their throats slit every day so that we may not go hungry.

Last point, I think that environmentalists would do well to get input from some of our fishermen who share many of their views regarding the protection of our marine resources rather than slam-dunking them, accusing them of catching turtles to sell to environmentalists.

I have slaughtered a few turtles in my day (it was a part of our culture) and slaughtering a 200 pound turtle is no easy task. So I'm sure any fisherman would be happy to collect \$500 rather than butcher that turtle.

Finally, to the Minister, in my humble opinion, it is not my view that under these difficult times when many of our Family Islanders are struggling to put food on the table, with no pork chops, steak or chicken in the freezer, these people should be denied the right to take a turtle for their consumption.

Sincerely,  
Robert P. Sweeting

P.S. In response to the letter written to the Editor in the May 18 Tribune, comments about April Fool's Day. It's wonderful that we have a government where our letter writers feel free to make comments and this brings me to another point. I had the responsibility of Shadow Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries from 2002 to 2007 when we had to deal with the Korean Fishing scandal. I don't remember any support in that affair from the Bahamas Sea Turtle Conservation group. At least, no one contacted me on the matter. Just think what would have happened to our turtles if the PLP would have gotten away with that deal. Just imagine our turtle flippers being shipped to Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, etc. Yum! Yum!

## Letters

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ceived anything for free, much less good medical care! Thank you to the Bahamian government for being there for my daughter, when the doctor that I have paid so much money to over the years could have cared less about her well being! I wonder what happened to the statement. "you must attend my office regularly to expect emergency care." I guess he forgot!

I have lived in both Nassau, and Florida before coming to Abaco and never have I experienced calling or paging my private doctor or my kids' pediatricians and not received a phone call back giving me advice on what I should do. In my opinion, that's what a doctor is supposed to do. If you are not interested in being bothered by your patients after hours, then you should seek an alternative career choice. Doctors are supposed to be caring and compassionate.

A concerned mother

## Visitor is concerned about boat thefts

To whom it may concern:

Having had my fishing boat stolen Wednesday, literally 10 feet from my motor yacht, I am wondering what happens when the criminals stop stealing boats. On the day my boat was stolen, I heard from locals that five boats had been stolen from Marsh Harbor just last week. When they stop stealing boats to smuggle drugs and people, do the criminals start robbing from the luxury boats around The Bahamas? If so, the days of your tourism and fishing are surely numbered. Your government must do something or word will quickly

spread to the states. Then when people crimes start, no one will want to come to the Bahamas. What a shame that will be for everyone.

A concerned boating visitor

I love the Bahamas, Please do something to stop the crime.

## Fisherman resents foreign fishing charters

Dear Editor,

This past winter here on Abaco the winds blew steadily out of the north to northeast, to east to southeast, gusting 20 to 25 knots, making it difficult to get out on the open ocean with any vessel less than 35 feet and even larger vessels found it rough. Hence fishing was sometimes limited to bottom fishing in the shallow semi-protected areas on the lee side of the islands.

On several occasions during this time I noticed the same fairly large (50 foot) vessel anchoring on my starboard quarter on or near the same area I was bottom fishing with my clients.

Only after reading past publications of The Abaconian and seeing a North Abaco fishing tournament publication did I scientifically deduce or realize about these two boats were operating business out of a central location on Abaco, American registered, non-duty paid vessels publicly advertising, fishing, deep sea fishing, island hopping and bottom fishing.

I realize my boat is only 30 feet, and I don't know if I will be able to ever afford a half million dollar 50-footer. Definitely, if the government allows this or even encour-

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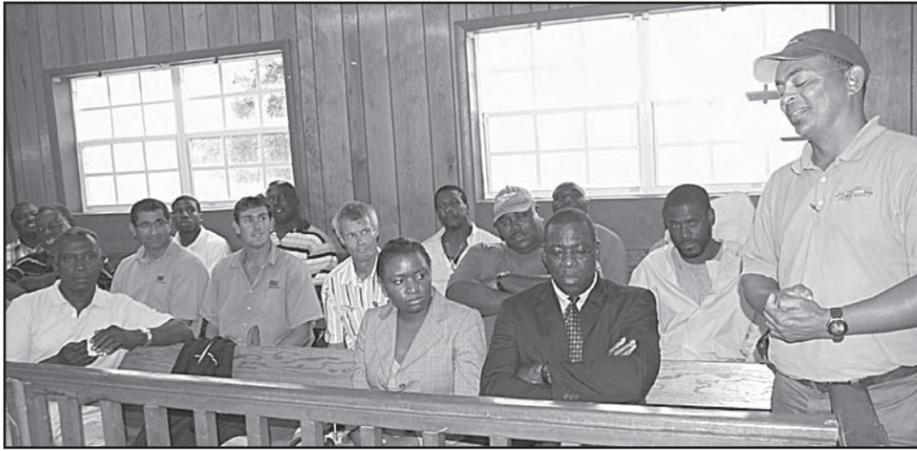


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## North Abaco residents appreciative of road work



Steve Pedican, Chief Councillor for North Abaco, spoke at the signing of the contracts for road work in North Abaco. He thanked the Minister for having the work done as North Abaconians have been wanting the repairs to be done for some time.

### Road Work

From Page 1

By Raymond Kongwa

Public Works and Transport Minister Neko Grant signed contracts for more than \$4 million worth of road and sidewalk construction and reconstruction in North Abaco. The contracts were signed during a ceremony held at the Court Room in Cooper's Town on May 21.

The works to be completed include reconstruction of Cornish Avenue in Cooper's Town, reconstruction or resurfacing of more than 28 miles of road in the northern Abaco settlements between the Treasure Cay airport and Crown Haven and construction of sidewalks between Fire Road and the Cooper's Town Primary School.

The contract for rebuilding the roadway was awarded to Bahamas Hot Mix in the amount of \$3,667,040. Robert Edge-

combe, a local contractor, was awarded the Cornish Avenue project in the amount of \$81,600 while Odel Cox, Calvin Parker and Bertram Cooper, also local contractors, were awarded contracts for a total of \$330,930 for sidewalk construction.

"I want to congratulate all of the contractors who were successful in their bids to execute the projects as outlined," Mr. Grant said during the signing. While noting Bahamas Hot Mix and the local contractors are well known for doing high quality work, Mr. Grant called on them to complete the North Abaco works with the same level of quality they are known for and to do so in a timely fashion. All of the contractors vowed to do so.

His team included Permanent Secretary Colin Higgs, Acting Director of Works Gordon Major, Chief Engineer Robert Garraway and Undersecretary Nicole Campbell.

## Inspired by conference, chief councillor calls for autonomy

By Raymond Kongwa

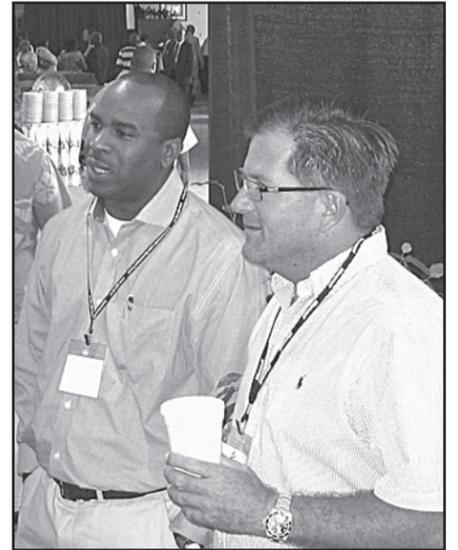
The Hope Town District Chief Councillor has called on Central Government to consider granting local government districts authority to collect revenue within their administrative jurisdictions. "It's definitely something to think about," said Mr. Jeremy Sweeting. "The debate should start."

Mr. Sweeting's remarks were made during an interview he gave The Abaconian on his impression of the Commonwealth Local Government Conference which he attended in Freeport last month. "I found it interesting to learn that in Jamaica and in a lot of Commonwealth countries for that matter, they are allowed to collect a lot of the taxes," Mr. Sweeting said. "In The Bahamas, unfortunately, local government cannot collect taxes or generate any revenue. We are strictly under funded from central government and sometimes that handcuffs our ability to properly bring service to our towns," he continued.

He recommended the government consider real property tax as a levy that local government districts might collect. "If we were given the autonomy to collect just the real property tax in our districts," he said, "even if the government didn't want to give us the authority to keep all of the revenue" both arms of government would still derive more revenue than they currently do.

Foreign property owners in the Family Islands pay real property tax but Bahamians are exempt. Mr. Sweeting said, "I think the local government districts would be on top of it and make sure that real market value is adhered to." He said that if as little as 30 percent of real property taxes

that would be collected by local government districts were used by the districts for capital development, the collection of that levy and local governments ability to support important capital works could be greatly improved.



Chairman of the Murphy Town Committee Renardo Curry and Chairman of the Marsh Harbour Committee Ross Thompson enjoyed conversation with fellow delegates.

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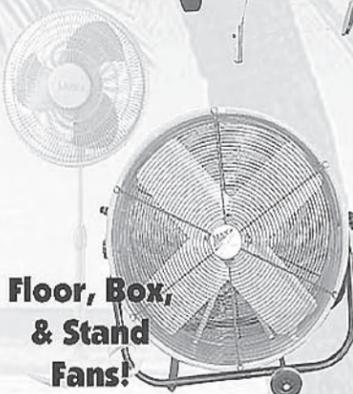


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# Local attendees came back with new ideas



Cubell Davis, Chief Councillor for Central Abaco, and Renardo Curry, Chairman of the Murphy Town Committee, were exposed to many new, practical ideas that local government practitioners have found to be successful in other countries.

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the Commonwealth and to learn about some of their challenges."

Meanwhile, South Abaco District Administrator Benjamin Pinder said the conference allowed him to compare the administration of local government in The Bahamas to that of other countries. He said making the comparisons gave him insight into some of the limits of the Bahamians system. He gave the difference in the local government funding mechanisms between The Bahamas and some other countries as an example. "Here we are funded 100 percent by Central Government," he said.

"In some other countries as little as ten percent of their local government funding comes from Central Government." He believed the conference would "help us understand our horizons as far as local government is concerned."

North Abaco District Administrator Theophilus Cox said he learned at the conference that in many countries the caliber of people that offer themselves for local government is very high. "I learned that in some countries you have lawyers and other highly skilled and trained people in local government." He felt the conference was well organized and was proud that The Bahamas had played host.

By having had the conference in The

Bahamas, he said that it was likely that more Bahamians working in local government would make use of the information and resources that are provided by the Commonwealth Local Government Forum which put on the conference.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham opened the conference which was held at the Lucaya Conference Center.

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# Central Abaco News

## Fidelity Financial holds seminar

By Julian Lockhart

A number of speakers of Fidelity Bank from New Providence as well as from Abaco spoke about how to save money, the kind of investments to look at purchasing for the long haul and what an individual should do in each stage of his life to prepare for "building their ark" for retirement. The seminar was held at New Vision Ministries on May 15 and provided a number of self help options.

Fidelity Bank president Gregory Bethel said there are five key points in life when

it comes to money, earning ability and building up a nest egg to live as comfortably as possible when one's earning ability is diminished. It starts with how much money one can make and keep, how much knowledge one garners, who one has relationships with, how healthy one is and how much wisdom one has. He said all of these factors play a role in whether a person lives a comfortable life or whether they are continuously struggling from paycheck to paycheck. Investing money is even more important at this time, especially for young people just starting out, as it gives them an opportunity to build up a portfolio and gives them something to fall back on in hard times.

Mr. Bethel said everyone should be investing and what he means by that is taking a little bit of money every time an individual gets paid, putting it in a savings account, letting that accumulate and then using that money to buy an asset that will increase in value and then be sold.

Abaco's Fidelity Financial manager Victoria Albury has a number of investment plans for any individual from saving a couple of dollars a week to buying property or stocks in a company. She said this is a perfect time for young people who have been employed for three or more years with a reputable and stable company to buy property as prices are dropping, and they can finally get a good deal on Abaco. She added that if anyone has the down payment for a property loan and can make the monthly payments, then jump on the opportunity now because land always appreciates.



Fidelity Financial held a seminar on financial planning. The main speaker was Fidelity Bank president Gregory Bethel, right, from Nassau who gave very practical advice suitable for any age person. Mrs. Victoria Albury is the manager of Fidelity Financial in Marsh Harbour.

Mr. Bethel said, "Quick returns are not what young people should be looking for. They should be looking for small amounts invested for long periods of time. Quick returns are for people who need to go on a very serious investment program because they only have 10 to 15 years left to invest and save. Young people need to start with a regular savings account and after 18

months to two years they can build up to a term deposit. After a term deposit they can look at buying land or investing shares in a company. There are different stages of credit and I am not going to lend you money until you go through the stages to get there. If someone comes to me to buy a

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Abaco has been receiving record amounts of rain for the past several weeks. The corner between Marsh Harbour and Dundas Town is an area where the road gets flooded. A drain was installed to drain the water off. But unfortunately, it was installed too high to be effective so the corner still floods.

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house, but they have never taken out a loan to buy a car or something, I will recommend something else," he concluded.

One has to wonder if Abaconians are in denial about the far reaching effects of the global recession as the turn-out for the free seminar on how to wade through this recession by Fidelity Bank and the Money Centre was barely attended.

Mrs. Albury said "I think we got some quality attendees, but we definitely expected more. For a free self-help seminar we would have expected a better turnout for people to learn how to prepare for the recession and to improve their financial

position. I don't think the recession has really touched Abaco quite enough yet for people to be scrambling or panicking about a recession. I don't even know they are in denial and I think when it is going to hit here is in November in the fourth quarter when everyone is expecting the numbers to go back up at that time. I don't think there will be a season," she added.

## Cycling Association visited Marsh Harbour again

By Mirella Santillo

On May 9th the New Providence Cycling Association visited to Marsh Harbour not for a bicycle race this time but for a friendly visit "to give back to the commu-

nity of Marsh Harbour," explained one of the members, Sylvia Russell. Five adults, Barron Musgrove, Larry Russell and his wife, Amanda Graham and Marlene Monuk, accompanied by some young members of the cycling association junior development program met at the Neem shop in Marsh Harbour.

After a briefing on Neem trees and the benefits of the Neem products by Daphne de Gregory, the cycling association made a presentation of two neem trees to students representing Every Child Counts and Agape Christian School.

The group then drove to the Neem Farm for a day of fun and bonding. The owner of the Neem Farm, Nick Miaoulis, gave them a tour. There were food and drinks and places to enjoy them in the shade. Some

visitors brought their bicycles for a ride on the farm.

Perhaps the next visit from the cycling association will be for another cycle competition in Marsh Harbour.

## Businesses News Live Wire

By Samantha V. Evans

Abaco now has its first game club located in the B & L Plaza upstairs. The store opened in late February and proprietor, Michelle Thurston, explained that they specialize in all games and accessories. They sell a variety of used and new games, board games, PC games and card games. They also carry video game ac-

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Members of the New Providence Cycling Association of Nassau visited Abaco on May 9 to make donations of one neem tree each to Agape Christian School and Every Child Counts. They hope to return for a cycling competition. The trees were presented by Barron Musgrove, president of the association.



The railings at Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour had become badly damaged over time. The Marsh Harbour Town Committee has placed them farther back so that vehicles cannot bang into them. The work was done under the supervision of Mrs. Yvonne Kay.

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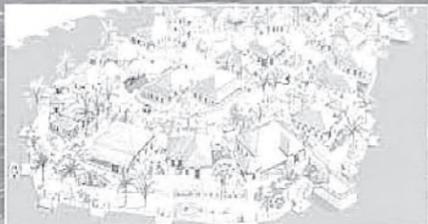
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cessories, comic books for girls and boys, animated movies, martial arts DVDs and many more popular games. All games are sold reasonably and are comparable to US prices. Children can also sell used electronic games to Live Wire and receive a discount of their purchase. They also have a gaming club that persons can join where they can receive bonuses and discounts of video game rentals and benefit from other in store promotions. Gamers can also come in and special order games which will take

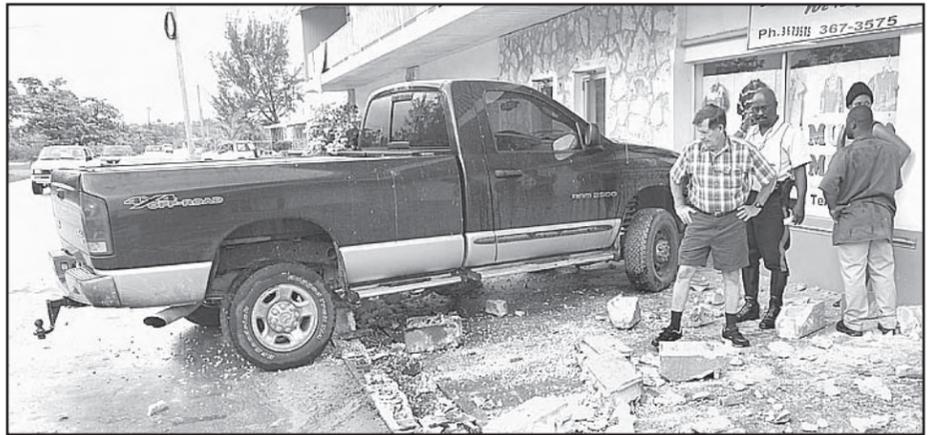
approximately one week to arrive. Persons looking for electronic game consoles for Wii, PSP-2-3, XBOX and XBOX 360 can purchase them here as well. For more information call 454-8752 or visit the store: Monday through Saturdays 9am-6pm.

**Information Technology Center**  
By Samantha V. Evans

This center re-located in the Loyalist Plaza next to BAIC in December of last year due to the need for additional space. Information Technology Center specializes

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## Truck crashes through wall



A truck, out of control, smashed through the wall of the Western Auto Building early on the morning of May 27. The truck stopped just inches from the building. The building is owned by Johnnie Pinder, who is looking over the damage.

## Airlift into Abaco was topic of meeting



On May 16 a meeting was held at Abaco Beach Resort to discuss airlift into Abaco. David Johnson, Deputy Director General, Business Development, from the Tourism office in Nassau met with industry partners on Abaco in a fact-finding session to discuss the challenges of increasing airlift while reducing the cost of air travel. The group presented different strategies. The Tourism officials asked hoteliers and resort persons to assemble packages including room charges, meals and auxiliary activities into a single price as an incentive to bring in more visitors. The Nassau persons asked for more local statistics to be amalgamated with information from other Family Islands for a more complete picture of the current economic situation. Shown are Michael Albury of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce; Bernadette Hall of Abaco's Tourism office; Jeritizan Outten, Director of Tourism for the Northern Bahamas; Mannie Alexiou, owner of Abaco Beach Resort; Mr. Johnson; and Tyrone Sawyer, Director for Airlift.



A new gazebo has been constructed at the Union Jack dock in Marsh Harbour. This dock is used extensively by our boating community as a convenient access to town and the gazebo will add to boaters' comfort. Eventually it will have a bulletin board with maps and other information to further serve our visitors.

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# Viewpoint . . . Cable Bahama gives very poor service

By Julian Lockhart

Cable Bahamas' monopoly in providing cable services in The Bahamas is about to expire at the end of this year and it couldn't come at a better time. Hopefully, this will force the company to provide better service not only here on Abaco but on the other Family Islands in The Bahamas.

The company stated that it is too expensive to keep an office on Abaco on a consistent basis because of rent. So to receive service a consumer needs to call the New Providence or Grand Bahama office and wait for a technician to come by to do the necessary repairs.

The hard part about that is they give you a weekday appointment when people are usually at work and state that the technician will show up between either 9 a.m. and 12 noon or 1 to 5 p.m. So you have to stay home to wait for a technician to call to say they are on the way.

Sometimes these technicians get caught up on other jobs and thus cannot make their appointment that day and the consumer is left with a wasted day waiting for someone

to fix a service they pay for each month.

You could be calling for months for one problem to be repaired before it is finally fixed, and the entire time Cable Bahamas is continuing to charge you each month for the service you are currently not getting or if you are, not properly.

Another problem when dealing with Cable Bahamas is in terms of bill payment. Your bill usually arrives late, and there is no office located on Abaco where you can pay your bill. Instead you have to go to a bank to pay your cable bill. This takes days before it is processed and Cable Bahamas realizes your bill has been paid. However, if your bill is late, you have to fax in a copy of the payment to the bank just so the company does not suspend your account or

to have it turn it back on.

This is from a company that is supposed to be providing flawless service to the Family Islands according to its agreement with the government of The Bahamas. So far Cable Bahamas has not lived up to all of its promises when signing this exclusive agreement to provide cable and Internet service in The Bahamas.

It is still a slap in the face to Abaconians, the third largest consumer market for Cable Bahamas, that it does not have a permanent office on Abaco and refuses to maintain one on the island. There are thousands of consumers for cable television and internet service on the island and yet Abaconians have to wait on service and have to call another island just to get help

or questions answered.

It will not change unless locals continue to voice their anger to the parent company, letting them know how unsatisfactory the current set-up is for them. Or until another provider comes on stream and Cable Bahamas realizes it now has competition, which is always healthy for product improvement and development. Then it will have to step up its service level to its consumers.

We have all seen what the lack of competition in the market place has done to the service level of Batelco and the Bahamas Electrical Corporation and hopefully with some healthy competition Cable Bahamas will start taking the consumer demands of Abaconians serious.

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in Point of Sale-retail and commercial, networking, computer sales and services, and computer accessories and games. Now that they have relocated, owner Mr. Jermaine Davis offers personal computer sales and products which they did not offer before. Davis also special orders computer based products which usually takes three days to arrive. Additionally, he sells computer system packages that can be customized with a printer and provides wireless equipment. Finally, they offer full laptop repairs inclusive of the screen. Mr. Davis is a trained information systems consultant having been in this line of business for over five years. The store hours are Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. The telephone contact is 367-0660.

## Foot Fetish

By Samantha V. Evans

The name speaks to the high style and fashionable shoes that this store offers. Shoe Fetish opened the beginning of March and specializes in all shoe styles, heel heights and shoe widths. It sells casual and name brand handbags and designer accessories from Guess, Tiffany and Co., and Chanel. Ladies can find scarves, belts, sandals and Victoria Secret lotions, body sprays and mists. All prices are comparable with US prices. The shop will soon be offering full apparel for men and children. Foot Fetish is owned by Raquel Thurston and is located in the B & L Plaza. It is open Monday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The phone contact is 475-1226.

## Community raised funds for Mike Malone

By Julian Lockhart

Hundreds of concerned Abaconians came out in force to support the Mike Malone Medical Fund Raiser and Steak-out on May 22 at the BAIC Park in Marsh Harbour. The Rotary Club of Abaco joined forces with other groups to raise funds for Mr. Malone, who has been hospitalized since January to help pay the hundreds of thousands of dollars his family still has to pay. They sold 1,000 steak tickets at \$15 a ticket, and because of the high demand throughout the day, had to buy more steaks for the number of walk-up customers.

Brian Thompson of Rotary said, "Mike is our sitting president and we know that the bills for Mike have been in the excess of a million dollars. Yes, he has medical insurance; however, the family still needs to come up with about 20 percent co-payment. They owe over \$250,000, so we thought we put something on so we could help alleviate some of that bill for his medical expenses. Although Rotary has taken the lead on this, we do have some partners who have helped and other organizations that Mike is passionate about. His employer, Abaco Hardware, the Masonic Lodge and the Scurvy Few, and it is just amazing how everybody loves Mike," he added.

Besides the steak dinners sold, there were hotdogs and hamburgers, drinks, conch fritters and bouncy cas-

tle and games for the children.

As long time member and president of Rotary, Mr. Malone was usually the person on the other end of the spectrum helping local Abaconians who were in dire need through fund raisers and giving back with time and money.

The event was also blessed as it rained the majority of the week and it looked as if the skies would open throughout the day, but the rain stayed away and allowed the organizers to have a smooth day of dry weather.

Mr. Thompson said, "I am very impressed with the turnout. Yesterday (Friday) it was a little dicey because of the rain, and we are so happy that everybody prayed hard for the rain to go away. The turnout has been excellent and we will even have more people out later in the afternoon. It definitely seems as if the community does really love Mike. This proves that the Ab-

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Member of Parliament Edison Key and his wife are shown at the fund raising held on May 16 to raise money for the building fund of Kirk of the Pines, the Presbyterian Church in Marsh Harbour. The building is under construction and is located near the Marsh Harbour airport round-about.



Chairman of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee, Roscoe Thompson III, left, is presenting a donation to Bryon Thompson, acting president of the Rotary Club, for the Mike Malone fund. Mr. Malone was very active in local government from its inception in 1996.

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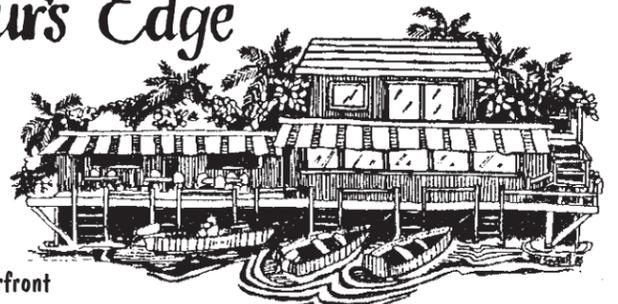
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Abaco community can come together and support one of its own," he concluded.

## Fidelity extends pension plan to Abaco

By Raymond Kongwa

A pension plan launched in New Providence in January as a joint partnership between the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Royal Fidelity investment bank has been extended to Abaco Chamber of Commerce members. Representatives of Fidelity and the Abaco Chamber officially introduced the plan in Marsh Harbour on May 22 during a seminar held at the New Vision Ministries conference center.

The plan, which is administered by Royal Fidelity, allows employees to make

monthly savings into a customized pension fund. The money can then be matched by an equal amount placed into the fund by the employer on the employee's behalf.

Representing the Abaco Chamber, Mrs. Simone Bowe said the organization was happy to be a part of a plan that was geared toward "helping employees to be better financially secured."

Fidelity President Michael Anderson explained that the plan was flexible, offering five different investment funds from which participants could choose to invest their pension contributions. He stressed that the sooner a person began saving toward retirement the greater return they could receive on their investment. "You will be surprised at how investing even small amounts over a long period of time will accumulate to a large amount. The longer you are able to have your money and your

employer's money earning more money, which is typically referred to as the 'Power of Compounding,' the more you are going to have," Mr. Anderson said.

He continued, "For example, if you start investing \$100 per month at age 20 and your employer matches with a \$100 per month and you generate an annual return on your investment of eight percent, by the time you retire at age 65, you will

have saved \$927,000. If you wait 15 years to start investing the same \$200 per month at age 35 and generate the same eight percent return, the amount you will have saved reduces to only \$272,000.

For companies that may be interested in the plan for its employees but are not currently members of the Abaco Chamber, a special membership in the Chamber is available.



Many individuals and groups helped with the fund raising for Mike Malone. Here Lee Pinder is selling sweet treats. The entire island has responded to assist with the high medical bills that are not paid by insurance.



Fidelity Financial is providing a pension plan for businesses through the Abaco Chamber of Commerce. On May 27 the company made a presentation to Chamber members. Shown here is Michael Anderson, President of Royal Fidelity from Nassau, explaining the program. At the head table are Victoria Albury, manager of the office in Marsh Harbour, Cleora Farquharson, Manager of Pension Services; and Simone Bowe, Chamber Director.

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# Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral service for **Hilton "Spy" Davis**, 54, formerly of Murphy Town was held on May 16 in Freeport, Grand Bahama. Interment was also on Grand Bahama.

He is survived by his adopted daughter Natasha Davis; father Benjamin B. Davis; brothers Joseph and Silvin Davis; sisters Sandra McKenzie, Helen Forbes, Joy and Cecile Davis; adopted sister Mavis Woods; aunts Verla Davis, Willimae Dawkins, Lorraine Farrington, Aremanta McKenzie, Beverly Davis, Inez and Elise Knowles; uncles Hershel Davis, Leonard Knowles, George McKenzie and Benjamin Dawkins; nieces Grethel and Tiffany Davis, Francesca Forbes, Keisha and Christine Davis, Sable Cox, Brittany Davis, Lasaha McKenzie, Kimberly Davis, Schumir McKenzie and Leanne Woodside; nephews Rudy, Topedo, Dennis, Tyrone and Silvin Davis Jr., Richard Cox Jr., Denard Forbes and Tyler Humes; brothers-in-law Sterlin McKenzie and Sherman Forbes; sister-in-law Addie Davis; cousins Ida Swain, Kenneth Knowles, Lena Ferguson, Leta Dames, Fritz Bootle, Doriline Rolle, Judy Dawkins, Roswell, George and Basil Willmore, Hendley and Dikey, Emma, Millie and Rochelle Dawkins, Owenta McDonald, Herbert, Danny and Foster Knowles, Gwen Carey, Misty Davis, Keith, Kendal, Kirk, and Leonard Jr., Tamera Moss, Trinette Martin, Barbara Thurston, Porshca Rolle, Phillip, Davis, Michael and Pleasant Dawkins, Genevieve Simms, Pastor Stephen Knowles and Judith and many other relatives and friends.

**Coly Thomas Albert Rees**, 55, of Bahama Palm Shores, passed away in Nassau on May 11 after a sudden illness.

He was the son of the late Colyn L. Rees

and Helen E.I. Rees. He is survived by his loving wife Melanie Rees; sons David Jonathan Rees and Christopher Colyn Rees; brothers Robert Alday Rees and William James Alexander Rees and their wives Kimberly Yvette Rees and Donna Elizabeth Rees; in-laws John and Gwen Johnson, Penny Sharman and Francine Winkley, Lorraine and Guillermo Huamali and Archie and Michele Varga; nieces and nephews Adam and Emily Rees, James Rees II and Michelle Rees, Stephanie and Kayla Johnson, Kyle and Caitlin Sharman, Max Winkley, Nicholas and Chantel Varga and Conner, Jarred and Tatianna Huamali; very special friends Albert and Jackie Albury and Patricia May Albury.

The family would like to thank his many friends who gave so much support during his short illness.

A memorial service will be held in Abaco at a later date.

Instead of flowers the family request that donations may be made in Colyn's memory to Bahamas Air Sea Rescue (BASRA), PO Box SS 6248, Nassau or to the Bahamas Humane Society, PO Box N-242, Nassau.

**Ossita Joseph Lucane**, 49, of Marsh Harbour died on May 22. She is survived by her husband Ronald Lucane; mother Macilia Shefrere; father OXgene Joseph; brothers Timason, Gerson, Eligene, Lamer, Gilbert and William; sisters St. Elen, Julia, Albert, Marie, Maprelha, Oliana, Leonie and Mary Chantel; daughters Lisa Gustave, Anastacia Fenelon, Kathleen Joseph, Shedline Major, Rose Louis, Malena Jean Louis and Nakeisha Charles; sons McKenzie Gustave, Judner Joesph and Reshard Charles; nieces and nephews;

and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Jerelene Christina Cooper**, 82, formerly of Cooper's Town was held on May 23 on Grand Bahama. Interment was also on Grand Bahama.

She is survived by her children Victoria Jordine, Leo Cooper, Pastor Dudley Cooper, Rosemary (Joy) McIntosh and Lillian Cooper; grandchildren Verona, Craig, Avril and David Jordine, Lashanda Cooper, Dudley Jr., Asher, Jephthae, Elijah, Esther and Lydia Cooper, Justin Feaster, Alvarez and Ivanka Roxbury, Faye Cooper, Renardo Smith, Vieto Pinder and Marcus Cooper; great-grandchildren Damian, Jordan, Donald and Shadria Williams, Aarion Rodgers, Quintina Bonaby, Devonina Albury, Alexander and Jerico Smith, Amado and Ayden Stubbs, Vernika and Shirlin Jordine; sons-in-laws Vernal Jordine and Neville McIntosh; daughters-in-law Barbara Cooper and Etta Cooper; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Mayricka "Cakka" "Bouncer" Flowers**, 51, of Sandy Point was held on May 23 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Sandy Point. Officiating was Rev. Napoleon Roberts. Interment followed in the Sandy Point Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her adopted daughter/niece Chriselda Tiekis Flowers; brothers Percy, Floyd and Clifford Burrows, Ernest, Lawrance, Hamilton and Dashwell Flowers; five sisters Francilla Burrows, Elvere Clarke, Elverner St. Luce and Roselda Bonniei, O'Brien and Ettamae Swain; adopted sisters Mavis McKinney and Keva Dean, Elsie, Gardenia Fox;

brothers-in-law Whitney Clarke and Christopher O'Brien; sisters-in-law Elsiemae Burrows, Lena Burrows, Muriel Burrows and Ruth Flowers; aunt Daisy Johnson; nephews Godfrey, Wesley, Ferdinand, Kendal, Randolph, Cleatus, Lowell and Emery Burrows, Cassinova O'Brien, Daniel and Kendrick Weech, Lavada Clarke, Bradley Walks, Mick Davis, Wendel Stuart and EJ; nieces Teika, Tiffany, Lawricka Flowers, Cotisha Hanna, Starlene, Raffaleta, Pamela, Kim and Miranda Burrows, Christine Barr McGlory, Margo Burrows, Olivia Moss, Paula Symonette, Oeisha Roberts, Sonya, Ernestine Lightbourn, Samantha Mather, Raquel Russell, Anissa, Valeka Sweeting, Shamell Weech and Olivia Burrows; nephews-in-law Sintenie Greene, Al Russell, Jason Roberts, David Lightbourn and Sandy; nieces-in-law Velva, Arnette, Dena, Marissa, KC and Carolyn; grandnephews Donte, Keon, Percy Leary, Frederick, Wesley Jr. Neko, Percy II, Percy Burrows III, Brent, Brian, Melbourne Jr., Quinton, Harold, Lameko, Randolph Jr., Renaj, Leon, Scotty, Otis Jr, Kaciano, Printice, Dominique, Godfrey Jr., Renaldo, Daron, Ansero, Tristen and Hunter; grandnieces Blanca, Meredith, Amelia, Ireana, Shameil, Lynette, Florence, Ashley, Brittany, Petra, Melicka, Sheena, Paige, Anatacia, Tishna, Phylcia, Trineka, Chloe, Tiana, Renaysha, Randricka, Rikeah, Aalyah, Shamiah, Destiny, Majesty, Percia, Tyler, Kai Vanya, Alexandria, Asher; godchildren Rodenia Roker and Calvanique; and many other relatives and friends.

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# South Abaco News

## Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

### Fund Raiser for Una Albury

On June 6 the community of Cherokee Sound will come together for a fund raiser to assist in medical expenses for Una Albury, who is presently at the Cancer Clinic in Nassau taking treatments. You will soon be asked to help, and we hope you will do whatever you can. We just never know when it may be our turn, and we will need others to lend a helping hand.

### School News

#### Trip to New Providence

On April 30th some of our students made a trip to the capital on New Providence to receive an award. Also traveling from Abaco were students from Man-O-War Grade 3, parents and teachers, Mrs. Lenora Black, District Education Officer, and Ms. Felamease Sawyer. The group got an early start and upon arriving in Nassau went straight to the Church of God of Prophecy Tabernacle.

It is a large church with many beautiful stained glass windows. Many schools were

represented that day with the children all looking very smart in their uniforms. The awards were presented to the various students and teachers by the Minister of Education, the Hon. Carl Bethel. Cherokee Primary School received the awards for the school year 2007-2008. Our grade 5 (then) was Dre Hepburn and our grade 4 (then) Tiffany Albury and Jessica Weatherford achieved the highest scores in their grades in the Rigby Read Exam, a literary exam, in the district of Abaco – out of the whole Bahamas our Grade 4 and 5 scored highest! Congratulations, students!

#### Race To The Reef

Abaco schools participated in a Friends of the Environment project entitled Race to the Reef wherein the students tagged two grey snappers with homing devices. The students tracked their particular fish for a certain amount of time. The project was set up to prove that the fish move from mangroves to the reefs, and that both environments are important to the development of our local sea life.

Donovan Hepburn and Julie Weatherford represented Cherokee Primary School in the competition and named their specimen "Fishie" and came in third overall. As winners in the project they won a brand new DVD player for their schoolroom. Good work, kids.

#### Car Wash

Cherokee Primary had a car wash on May 16 and raised enough money to pay for one of the airline tickets for the school's Nassau trip last month. Ms. Lowe said the students were planning other

small fund raisers to pay the rest of the expenses incurred.

## Cherokee Road Clean-up

By Mirella Santillo

Approximately 25 people from the Abaco Club at Winding Bay joined forces with residents of Cherokee Sound and Little Harbour in an effort to rid the road leading to the resort and the settlement of garbage and debris.

Early on May 16th a group consisting of the Abaco Club's personnel started at the junction of Cherokee Road and Capt. Earnest Dean Highway and met on their way back with the residents of Cherokee who had started at the settlement. Vehicles were loaded with close to 60 bags of trash that were taken back to the resort to be dis-

posed of. At the end of the exercise which ended close to lunch time, the volunteers were invited to partake in a luncheon, compliments of the Abaco Club.

According to Mr. Armando Gladiola, Director of Operations at the Abaco Club, the trash consisted mainly of beer bottles and styrofoam containers as well as a few larger pieces.

The resort is regularly involved in community service and beautification projects. Members of the staff were recently involved in the two Hole-in-the-Wall lighthouse clean-ups. The club's executives have announced the commitment of the resort to restore one of the buildings which is part of the lighthouse compound. The Abaco Club adopted the round-about at the airport at the end of last year and completely re-landscaped it.



The students of the Cherokee Sound Primary School paraded through town dressed as favorite characters from their story books.



Staff of the Abaco Club at Winding Bay and Cherokee Sound residents cleaned up the Cherokee Road on May 16.



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# North Abaco News

## North Abaco

By Vernique Russell

### Mother's Day

Throughout the world people celebrate the person who is described as priceless - a mother. Mother's Day is set aside to reflect on the sacrifices and endless efforts that are made daily by mothers, a day when children say thank you to the person that carried them, then giving birth to them. Throughout North Abaco residents paid tributes to their mothers. For many the day included attending church with their mothers, continuing with specially planned family functions. Many mothers were honored at their local churches and presented with gifts and accolades. Some churches hosted special banquets and socials to celebrate the occasion.

### Beach Party raises funds

The wait is finally over and the time has arrived for the North Abaco Summer Festival and Power Boat Race committee to launch its series of holiday beach parties. The first one will be held on June 5th, Labour Day, at the Treasure Cay public beach. There will be lots of food, music, entertainment and fun beginning at noon. The atmosphere is wholesome for the family and all are invited to attend. The beach parties are held to defray the costs that the committee encounters in hosting the annual summer festival and have become very popular and successful. The committee is looking forward to having you join them for a fun-filled day of entertainment and family fun.

## Abaco Day on Grand Bahama

The North Abaco Summer Festival Committee took its fund raising on the road by hosting a beach party on Taino Beach on Grand Bahama under the theme Abaco Day. The committee had a fun-filled day planned and those who attended were not disappointed. Traveling to Grand Bahama with the committee was the New Entry Band that put on a performance beyond all expectation. Many people gathered to support the efforts of the committee. Lots of prizes and surprises were given out and the day was well enjoyed by all. The committee has dubbed this fund raiser a success.

### Nutrition for Life Now in Treasure Cay

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## Three-mile Run

The Abundant Living Walk Aerobics Exercise Club will host a three-mile run on June 6th. The run will begin at 7 a.m. at the Treasure Cay Shopping Center and end at Full Gospel Assembly. Group leader Glendina Mills is inviting the public to join them as the walk to good health. This event will be followed by a fun day and will end the 100-day challenge that was hosted by the club.

### Fair was a success

The Cooper's Town and Fire Road Homecoming Committee held a fair on May 16th at the Hubert Ingraham Park to raise fund for this year's homecoming. There were lots of scrumptious meals on sale and entertainment. The fair was dubbed a success and brought organizers a step closer to achieving their goal.

### Mount Hope Summer Festival

The inaugural Mount Hope Summer festival will be held June 4th-7th at that community's park. The festival promises

to be one that you don't want to miss. With family in mind the committee has planned a weekend of fun and adventure. The festival will include fashion shows, table game tournaments, conch cracking, basketball and volley ball tournaments and much more. The festival will kick off on June 4th with a service of thanksgiving and will climax on June 7th with a gospel explosion. The committee is inviting the public to celebrate with them as they launch this explosive event. Bring your family and your friends to the Mount Hope Summer Festival 2009!

## School News

### No Excuse for Abuse

A special assembly was held at S.C. Bootle High School on May 4th under the theme *No Excuse for Abuse*. The event was taped by Bahamas Christian Network. Ms. K Gibbs from Social Services was the special guest speaker. The program included

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The graduating students of S.C. Bootle High School performed at their Baccalaureate Service held at the Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town. Their graduation will be on June 12 at Full Gospel Assembly of God in Treasure Cay.



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special singing, spiritual dancing, skits, poetry reading, along with a melodious selection by a recorder group, a song tribute to mothers by the popular Facility Management Team, a gospel rap presentation by Devon Cooper and "step dance" selection by Da S.C. Bootle Steppas group. Zachariah Bassett and Roseanna Parker brought the house down with their dance rendition of *Pull Your Pants Up Boy* by Christian Massive. It was a fun and entertaining event for all.

In their remarks both Ms. Gibbs and Principal Huel Moss reminded students not to lose focus on the basic theme of all the items; and that is, we must report and stamp out abuse in our communities and country. With abuse on the increase throughout the country, the Department of Social Services is using the month to promote speaking out against all kinds of abuse.

**Congratulations!**

The S.C. Bootle High soccer team traveled to Freeport, Grand Bahama, over the weekend of May 15 and played two matches, one against St. Georges School and one against a mixed-team. The Dynamic Dolphins of North Abaco won both matches with identical 4-0 scores. Coaches Jose Torres and Lyndon Scott were very pleased with the play and discipline of the young men. The skill level, enthusiasm and experience they have gained should help them move to the next level next school year. Hats off to the coaches and students for their hard work and dedication. They have made their communities very proud.

**Happy Teachers Appreciation**

A special group of professionals accept-

ed the challenge to bring out the best in every child. These people we call teachers. The week of May 18th-22nd throughout The Bahamas was observed as Teachers Appreciation Week. The communities of North Abaco thank all the teachers deployed throughout the various settlements for the work that they are doing. Happy Teachers Appreciation Week 2009!

In observation of Teacher's Appreciation Week, the PTA of S.C. Bootle High School showered the entire staff with gifts of fruit baskets, food and drink to show their appreciation for what they do for their children. It is not very often that teachers are given thanks for what they do in helping to shape the future of our country. The teachers were very thankful for the thoughtful gesture made by the school's PTA.

**Graduations**

The most anticipated time of students enrolled in any educational institution is on us once again and anxious graduates are now preparing for the next chapter in their lives. The month of June is graduation months in North Abaco and the graduates are looking forward to having their friends and family join them at their graduations.

Graduation ceremonies in the northern district are as follows:

Fox Town Primary School - June 10th at 6 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church

Cooper's Town Primary School - June 11th at 6:30 p.m. at Revival Time Pentecostal Church

Sherlin Bootle High School - June 12th at 10 a.m. at Full Gospel Assembly

**Sherlin Bootle Annual Baccalaureate Service**

The 2009 graduating class of S.C. Bootle

High School along with parents and teachers celebrated its Baccalaureate Church Service at the Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town recently. Students, dressed smartly in their uniforms, worshipped for the last time as a class; and even blessed the congregation with a hymn.

Host Pastor, Bishop Archilus Cooper, addressed the graduating students on the theme *Unlock Success with Endurance, Reach your Dreams Through Perseverance*. Bishop Cooper focused on three words - Dream, Endurance and Perseverance. He told the students to dream big and to pursue their dreams. Endurance, he said, means that you may have to put up with a lot of hardships on your way to your dream. He concluded with perseverance to which he recited a few verses from the popular poem sung by Phil Stubbs. He ended by admonishing students to make

their parents proud for all the sacrifices they have made in their lives.

Administrator for the North, Theophilus Cox, Principal Huel Moss and Senior Master Kevin Hepburn also brought brief remarks.

**Report Card Day**

National Report Card Day will be held throughout the Commonwealth of the Bahamas on June 18th. Parents are encourage to visit their children's schools in North Abaco to collect their report cards. Administrative staffs are requesting that all parents make a special effort to discuss their child's school year with their teachers to prepare them for next year. For further information, parents can contact their child's school.

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During Teacher Appreciation Week the PTA of S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town gave gift baskets of fruit to all the staff of the school along with food and drinks.

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## Church News

### Women in Ministry Conference

Members of the Women's Ministry of End Time Harvest invite the public to join them for their 12th Annual Women's Ministry Conference. Under the theme *Change*, women will seek a message of God. Guest speakers include Evangelist Dawkins of Zion Baptist, Minister Christine Curry of New Hope, Lady Carmen Cornish of Change Ministry, Mother Doreen Mills of End Time Harvest and a special guest speaker. The conference will be held June 1st to 7th at the church in Crown Haven with services beginning 7:30 p.m. Bishop Tyrone Mills is the Senior Pastor and Overseer of the ministry.

### Prophetic Healing Conference

Evangelist Daisy Thompson visited Ab-

aco on May 11 to 13 with her prophetic ministry. She hosted nights of services at Revival Time Pentecostal Ministry in Cooper's Town. Persons in search of hope, healing and restoration gathered to seek the Lord and to be taught more about effectively working in the ministry. The services were declared to be a true revival.

Thank You

Ms. Joycelyn McIntosh and the McIntosh family thanks the public for its support at their fair to raise money for medical expenses for Ms. McIntosh's grandson. On May 9th people gathered to support the venture that was held at the Fox Town Primary School Park. Scrumptious meals were prepared and served and there was a variety of beverages and games. The organizers are very appreciative of the support that they received.

### Women's Conference

Friendship Mission Church in Cooper's Town hosted its Annual Women of Purpose Conference. The services began on May 6th climaxing on May 9th. The theme was *Allowing Adversity to Feed Your Destiny*. Guest speakers were Apostle Leon Wallace and Minister Brenda Archer. Apostle Wallace spoke words of wisdom from the God and edified the believers to live beyond their struggles. The conference presented an opportunity for worship and people's lives were changed.

The communities of North Abaco congratulate the women's ministries of Revival Time on another successful Women's Conference.

### Youth will hold Swap Shop

Members of the Youth Choir of Revival Time Pentecostal in Cooper's Town invite the public to join them at their Swap Shop Experience on May 30th at the Sherlin Bootle School grounds. This event will be a family affair and will include entertainment for the entire family. A variety of clothing, household goods, toiletries and other items will be on sale including games and amusement for the children and lots

of giveaways and prizes for participating guests. The Swap Shop Experience will begin at 11 a.m. and continued throughout the day. Food and drinks will be on sale.

### Women's Conference

Under the theme *Destined for a Glorious Future* the Women's Ministry of Revival Time in Crown Haven hosted its Annual Women's Conference held at the church on May 18 to 24. Women from many communities celebrate with them at their conference. The conference featured speakers from local and national ministries. The Women's Ministry president and her team are grateful to God for allowing them to accomplish yet another milestone in their ministry.

### Revival Hosted

The Revival Time Pentecostal in Cooper's Town hosted two nights of revival services on May 15 and 16. Guest speaker was Pastor Alex Archer and his team from the Church of the Latter Rain in Dundas Town. The services presented an awesome worship experience as the Word of God

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The Department of Social Services held a special assembly at S.C. Bootle High School to bring about an awareness of the seriousness of abuse. The school put on a memorable program that entertained all the student body.

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was proclaimed. The services included songs and dance. Senior Pastor Cedric Bullard is grateful for the support that was shown.

**Rev Stafford Symonette is Honored**

Under the theme *It's Time to Build* the Assemblies of God churches in the Bahamas and Turks and Caicos hosted their 58th Biennial Conference on May 17th to 22nd in Nassau. This year the Executive Committee of the Council honored persons who have been instrumental in building the foundation of the ministry. Among the honorees was Rev. Stafford Symonette, who is the Senior Pastor of Full Gospel Assembly of God in Treasure Cay. Rev Symonette received the Foundation Builder's Award for the vital role he has played in establishing local churches on Abaco. He has also served in many leadership capacities on the Executive Council.

His first appointment was Family Island Co-ordinator, followed by National Director and Director of the Decade of Harvest. He was later elevate District Presbyterian for Abaco and then elected as Assistant Superintendent a capacity he served in for ten years. He now

serves as the Executive Council General Presbyter and the Chairman of the Assemblies of God Abaco Youth Camp. His services have been described by his fellow clergymen as selfless, dedicated, committed, exemplary and faithful. Overwhelmed by the honour, the humble Rev. Symonette stated that he felt he should not have been honored; however, the service he has rendered over the years has been great. He was very appreciative of all who traveled to Nassau to the celebrations in support of him.

Congratulations to Pastor Symonette on being the recipient of the award. He has been a pillar of strength not just in

his church but throughout the community of Treasure Cay and the entire island of Abaco. He is appreciated by all and has touched and impacted many lives.

**Congratulations**

The Full Gospel Family congratulates Rev. Rudy McKinney on his promotions to District Presbyter for the island of Abaco. This office was lately occupied by the late Rev. Cecil Forbes. Rev. McKinney is an excellent leader who has the ability to bring people together. His quiet appearance can often be misjudged as he is a go-getter who doesn't take the work of ministry lightly. He works tirelessly to improve his surroundings and develop young men and women spiritually, educationally and socially. He will serve with integrity, dedication, commitment and faithfulness.

**Young Adult Social Meeting**

Minister Chuck Sawyer and his team will be at Full Gospel Assembly every Friday to meet with young adults. He and his team will discuss and analyze everyday issues that young Christians are faced with. The sessions provide an intimate worship experience with God. A Bible study is held

during the session allowing attendees to search the scriptures and educate each other. The group meets weekly at 7:30 p.m. with Bro. Chuck and his team for an exciting young adult meeting.

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*The science students of S.C. Bootle High School had two projects in the Science Fair that Friends of the Environment held to commemorate Earth Day. Although they did not win the top honours, their projects were excellent and they learned much from their research.*

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# Church News

## Soul Saving Ministries Dedicates New Church Building

By Samantha V. Evans

It was a joyous celebration as Pastor Lawrence Arnett and his church family held a very elaborate dedication for their new building on May 8th at the church on Forest Drive and Central Pines Estate. The building is beautifully and tastefully designed and decorated to meet the needs of this growing church. Soul Savings Ministries was begun by Pastor Arnett in 1982 and since then the church has had numerous homes, having moved from Don MacKay Boulevard to Bahamas Palm Shores to the B&L Plaza to Central Abaco Primary school. Then the church officially took up residence beneath a tent at the site where the church presently stands. October 2005 is when construction began and God has been blessing them to the point where they are today with a plush church building. Through all of their trials and tribulations, Soul Savings Ministries kept going

strong and living up to its mandate which Pastor Lawrence explained to be a street ministry.

On the evening of the dedication, persons came from all over the Bahamas to celebrate with Pastor Arnett and his church family. The Pastor's mother, Helen Arnett was present to cut the ribbon at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for all to enter the beautiful building. In her tribute to her son, she described him as being committed to the work of God and building up his community. She told him not to forget where God had brought him but rather to remain faithful to the call on his life. The service was filled with singing, dancing and much celebrating. Bishop Godfrey R. Williams, Soul Saving's Regional Bishop and Senior Pastor of Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International, was the officiating pastor. The Bishop lead the act of dedication. Other ministerial and government officials gave their congratulatory remarks.

The Bishop was grateful for Pastor Arnett's commitment and the overwhelming support that came from the community. He delivered a powerful sermon that ignited an even more powerful flame in the members to continue doing God's work. He spoke of all of the hard work that went into getting this far and thanked God for completing this stage of work he has begun for Soul Saving Ministries. He reminded the group that there is still much to be done so they must not become complacent. The day was a testament to God's commitment to his Word. The service ended with a reception on the church grounds.



Pastor Lawrence Arnett's mother, Helen Arnett, had the honour of cutting the ribbon to open the new building of Soul Saving Ministries. The beautiful building came after years of hard work and commitment.

## Abaco Tourist Office All Set To Stage Junkanoo Summer Festival

By Michelle Mikula

The Abaco Tourist Office has enlisted a star line-up for this year's Junkanoo Summer Festival, which will commence on June 12 at Goombay Park in Marsh Harbour. Opening the festival will be the Royal Bahamas Police Force Marching and Pop Bands, the New Wave Dancers, New Entry Band, the Treasure Cay Explorers Junkanoo Group and other activities that will reflect Bahamian culture and heritage at its fullest.

To ensure a high quality delivery to its audience of visitors and locals, the Abaco Tourist Office will roll out weekly experiences in presenting a variety of vibrant and tasteful activities, genuinely interpreting the local customs in food and drink, music

and dance and arts and crafts.

In addition to the regular performances, new activities have been injected into this year's festival which include plaiting of the maypole, local drama, island wear fashion shows and free samplings of Bahamian bush teas and desserts

This Bahamian experience, which is ideal for the entire family, will run from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on June 12th, June 19th, June 26th and July 3rd at Goombay Park in Marsh Harbour. The on-site games and giveaways, great entertainment, native food and souvenir booths will please all in attendance. For further information on Junkanoo Summer Festival, contact the Abaco Tourist Office at 367-3067.

### Letters

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ages this to go on, I'll never even dream of that 50-footer.

The economy has taken its toll and whatever we can do to encourage economic growth by bringing tourists to our shores should also be promoted but not at the risk of taking jobs from hardworking Bahamians such as myself.

Foreign vessels should not be allowed to do what licensed local Bahamian fishing charter vessels can do, i.e. advertise locally in a local event as if they are a local business under the pretext that they take bookings Stateside via the internet or phone stateside. Who is to say or determine where and when they pick up their business, Stateside or dockside?

New resort developments try to encourage this type of setup to make it look big time and flashy. But in the end it still has to be approved and backed up by someone

so the government has to know what's going on.

If this is the case, they are sending an open and clear message that The Bahamas is open for all fishermen to live and reside here and take all local fishermen's jobs. Let them come and bring their boat and their people and when they come let them take a meal or two of fish.

If you are a hunter for moose or elk, you may have to wait months or take a number and you may get lucky to be chosen in order to get a hunting permit. In some countries you can fish but not without a local and only locals can take the fish. Now it seems that others can come and take the fish and our jobs!

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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	
<b>Albury's Ferry Service</b> • Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch	
<b>Marsh Harbour &gt; Hope Town</b>	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
<b>Marsh Harbour &gt; White Sound</b>	Contractor's special - Mon - Fri 7 am Return 5 pm
<b>Marsh Harbour &gt; Man-O-War</b>	10:30 am 12:15 pm 2:30* 4 5:45
Return	8 am 11:30 1:30 pm 3:15* 5
<b>Marsh H. &gt; Guana Cay</b> (& 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	
<b>T Cay to Treasure Cay Airport</b>	8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30
<b>T Cay Airport to Green T Cay</b>	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	
<b>Abaco Adventures</b> • Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16	
<b>Treasure Cay to Guana Cay</b>	Sunday Lv 12 & returns 4:45 p.m. \$25 RT
<b>T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town</b>	- Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm \$35 RT
<b>T Cay to Guana Cay Sunset Cruise</b>	- Fr \$25 , call for time

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

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

**The Great Abaco Express** Marsh Harbour charter bus to N Abaco • Call 367-2165, Group tours

**Tourism's People-to-People program**  
 Be matched with a local person or family with a similar interest such as Bird watching, Attending church, Foreign language, School class visit, Environmental interest. Marine, Native plants, History, Humane Society, etc. This is not a dating service or an offer for a free meal or lodging but an opportunity to meet someone locally with similar interests. Call Tourism's Doranell Swain at 367-3067 for more information. Email: [dswain@bahamas.com](mailto:dswain@bahamas.com)

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
<b>Pocket beaches</b> • 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	
<b>Miles of beach</b> 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	
<b>Items of interest</b> • 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	
<b>Walker's Cay</b>	
Walker's Cay	Closed
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
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
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Treasure Cay Marina	150..... F..... 365-8250
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
Man-O-War Marina	26..... F..... 365-6008
<b>Marsh Harbour</b>	
Boat Harbour Marina	183..... F..... 367-2736
Conch Inn	75..... F..... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36..... F..... 367-2182
Mangoes Marina	29..... 367-2366
Marsh Harbour Marina	52 F 367 2700
<b>Hope Town</b>	
Hope Town Marina	16..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6..... F..... 366-0154
Sea Spray	50..... F..... 366-0065
<b>Spanish Cay</b>	
Spanish Cay Marina	75..... F..... 365-0083
<b>Guana Cay</b>	
Orchid Bay	64..... F..... 365-5175
Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

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

Bikes & Scooters • Boats • Cars & Carts	
<b>Rentals * Marsh Harbour</b>	
A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
B & B Boat Rentals	367-7368
Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Power Cat Boat Rentals	
Quality Star Car Rentals (Texaco)	367-2979
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887

Green Turtle Cay	
Bay Street Rentals +	477-5300 365-4070
Brendals Dive Bikes & Kayak rental	365-4411
C & D Cart Rental	365-4084
D & P Cart Rental	365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
New Plymouth Cart Rentals	365-4188 or 4149
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts & Bikes	365-4147
T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055

Guana Cay	
Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Dive Guana Boats & Bikes	365-5178
Orchid Bay Cart rentals	354-5175
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
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

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

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

**Restaurant Guide**  
 Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper  
 (Based on dinner entree range)  
 + Picnic tables & restroom only † Provides ride from town

Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ ..... 367-2158
Blue Marlin	\$ ..... 367-2002
Curly Tails	\$\$\$ ..... 367-4444
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	\$ ..... 367-2278
Wallys	\$\$\$ ..... 367-2074
<b>Hope Town</b>	
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
<b>Little Harbour</b>	
Pete's Pub	
<b>Lubber's Quarter</b>	
Cracker P's	..... 366-3139
<b>Man-O-War</b>	
Hibiscus	..... 365-6380
Island Treats Snack Bar	..... 365-6501
<b>Guana Cay</b>	
Docksiders	\$\$\$ ..... 365-5230
Grabbers	\$\$\$ ..... 365-5133
Nippers	\$\$\$ ..... 365-5143
Orchid Bay	\$\$\$ ..... 265-5175
<b>Treasure Cay</b>	
Florence's Cafe	\$
Coconuts	
Harbour Cafe	..... 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	\$ ..... 365-8648
Spinnaker Restaurant	...\$\$\$ ..... 365-8469
Touch of Class	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-8195
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b>	
Bluff House	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4389
Laura's Kitchen	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4625
Plymouth Rock Cafe	..... 365-4234
Rooster's Rest	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4066
Sundowners	..... 365-4060
Wrecking Tree Restaurant	
<b>Sandy Point</b>	
Nancy's	.....
Pete & Gays	..... \$\$\$ ..... 366-4119
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge	..... 366-4477



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Great Guana Cay - Green Turtle Cay - Man-O-War Cay  
Marsh Harbour  
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## HOMES HOMES HOMES HOMES

**NEW OFFERING**



**"Prince's Trust"**

Great Guana Cay  
± 1.5 Acres  
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bath  
- 1,760 s.f. Residence  
- Covered & Open Decks  
- 160' of Ocean Beach  
- Fabulous Ocean Views  
- Additional Land Available  
- Boat Slip Available  
#GGH1129 - **\$2,495,000.**

**NEW**



**"Split Coconut"**

Great Guana Cay  
Orchid Bay  
- 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths.  
- 1840 s.f. Residence.  
- 955 s.f. Porches & Decks  
- Land - 74' Sea of Abaco  
- 11,016 s.f. - 0.25 Acres  
- Auxiliary Generator  
- Private Dock  
- Fabulous Views  
#GGH1123 - **\$1,160,000.**

**NEW**



**"Entre Deux Mers"**

Man-O-War Cay  
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.  
- 2,664 s.f. Residence.  
- 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.  
- 838 s.f. Guest House  
- Land - Sea-to-Sea  
± 43,800 s.f. - 1.1 Acres  
- 98' Ocean Beach Front  
- Private Dock On Creek  
- Fabulous Views  
#MWH1116 - **\$3,750,000.**

**GREAT GUANA CAY**

- **"SEA-TO-BAY"** - 11.5 Acres - 1,198' of Waterfrontage - Over 500' of Protected Boat Basin Frontage - Superb Building Sites - Good elevation - Fabulous Views - Perfect for development or Elegant Private Estate. #GGV1008 - **\$9,995,000.**
- **"PRINCE'S TRUST"** - Estate - 12.5 Acres - 2 Bedrooms - 2 Baths - 1,760 s.f. Residence - Covered and open decks - 593' of Ocean Beach - 664' on Sea of Abaco - Fabulous Views - Private Boat Basin. #GGH1096 - **\$4,950,000.**
- **"ART CAFE & 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' x 84' - 8,064 s.f. - Great Restaurant or Retail #GHH1109 - **\$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.**
- **"SANDCASTLE"** - 2 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths. - 960 s.f. Residence - Covered Porch - Land - 5,000 s.f. - Dock Access - Furnished. #GGH1011 - **\$375,000.**

**NEW**



**"Long Bay House"**

Green Turtle Cay  
Long Bay  
± 2.8 Acres -  
- 310' Ocean Beachfront  
- 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths  
- 2,500 s.f. Residence  
- Salt Water Swimming Pool  
- Pool House - Shed - Garage  
- Auxiliary Generator  
#GTH1133 - **\$1,150,000.**

**NEW**



**"Lovely Hill"**

Man-O-War Cay  
- 2 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths.  
- 1,220 s.f. Residence.  
- 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.  
- 532 s.f. Guest House  
- Land - Sea-to-Sea  
32,571 s.f. - 0.74 Acre  
- 165' Ocean Beach Front  
- Private Dock  
- Fabulous Views  
#MWH1134 - **\$2,100,000.**

**GREEN TURTLE CAY**

- **"THE LOYALIST"** - 6-A Leeward Yacht Club - 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bath - 2,016 s.f. - 392 s.f. Covered Veranda, 392 s.f. Covered Balcony. Land 9,241 s.f. - 54' of frontage on Black Sound - Onsite dockage available. #GTH1127 - **NEW \$1,325,000.**
- **"THE SOUTHARD"** - 7-C Leeward Yacht Club - 3 Bedrooms, 3.5 Bath - 2,743 s.f. - 728 s.f. Galleries and Verandas, 334 s.f. Screened Porch. Land 9,450 s.f. - Onsite dockage available. #GTH1126 - **NEW \$1,225,000.**
- **"FLIP FLOP"** - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath - 2,500 s.f. Residence - 2,044 s.f. Screened Porch. Land - 12,091 s.f. - 0.277 Acre - Great Family Home - convenient location - GTH 1128 - **NEW \$695,000.**

**NEW**



**"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.**

**NEW**



**"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.**

**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

**"Marina Villa # 4"**

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

**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

**"Sonn Light"**

**MAN-O-WAR CAY**

- **"HARBOUR LIGHT"** - Dickie's Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,560 s.f. Residence - 1,040 s.f. Verandahs - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Guest house - 1,824 Acres - Entire S.E. - Point of Dickie's Cay - Private Dock. Auxiliary Generator - Superb Views - Furnished. #MWH1099 - **\$2,200,000.**
- **"VIKING"** - Dickie's Cay - 5 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths. - 3,360 s.f. Residence - 1,200 s.f. Covered Deck - 0.84 Acres Sea-to-Sea - Private 136' Dock - Auxiliary Generator - Superb Harbour Views - Furnished. #MWH1001 - **\$1,995,000.**
- **"FRESH WIND LANDING"** - Dickie's Cay - 3 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths - 2,460 s.f. Residence - 1,400 s.f. Porches-Decks - 1 Bed, 1 bath Snore Box - 7,500 s.f. Land - Private 93' Dock. - 40 KW Aux. Generator - Superb Harbour Views - #MWH1107 - **\$1,200,000.**
- **"SUNSPLASH"** - 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.**

**Marsh Harbour - Sunrise Bay**

- 4 Bedrooms, 4 Baths
- 4,468 s.f. New Residence
- 1,742 s.f. Covered Verandahs & Balconies.
- 0.3394 Acre - 14,787 s.f.
- Swimming Pool
- 30 KW Auxiliary Gen.
- Boat Slip.

**"St. Charles Place"**

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

**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

#MWH1076 - **\$1,550,000.**

**"Coconut Grove Cottage"**

**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.**

**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.**

**"Summer Camp"**

## VACANT LAND

**ELBOW CAY**

- **"BERKLEY'S BLUFF"** - White Sound - Oceanfront Building Site ± 31,000 sq.ft. - 0.7116 Acre - 100' of Ocean Frontage 275' in Depth Natural sub-tropical vegetation - Great elevation for spectacular views HTV1125 - **\$495,000**

**GREAT GUANA CAY**

- **"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.**
- **"PARCEL "A" at PRINCE'S TRUST"** - Moderately Priced Half Acre Building Site - ± 25,465 sq.ft. - ± 0.5846 Acre - 204.84' NE Road Frontage - ± 176' - SW Boundary - ± 133' - NW Road Boundary - ± 178' - SE Boundary - Fabulous Sea of Abaco Views - Beach Access - Boat Slips Available - GGV1130 - **NEW - \$345,000.**

**NEW PRICE**



**"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.**

**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.**
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# The Abaconian

## SECTION B



VOLUME 17, NUMBER 11 JUNE 1st, 2009

## Haitians celebrate Flag Day

### Hundreds turn out to enjoy Haitian culture



Hundreds of Haitians gathered to celebrate their culture with music, dancing, costumed rituals and food. The BAIC property next to the Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour was turned into a sea of Haitian flags and happy people.

By Julian Lockhart

Hundreds of Haitians with a handful of Bahamians intermixed amongst the crowd came out in support of their first Haitian Flag Day in Marsh Harbour as they joined in with thousands of other Haitians in New Providence and Grand Bahama in celebrating their history on May 15.

After years of local Haitians having to travel to New Providence or Grand Bahama to celebrate their history in grand style, Luzena Dumercy connected with the organizers in New Providence and through their guidance was able to kick start Haitian Flag Day on Abaco through the sponsorship of Fidelity Financial/The Money Centre.

The local Haitian community had only a few weeks to plan, but Ms. Dumercy said they were able to get the show off the ground. Now they know what they need to do for next year and will have a year to plan. She said, "I am very impressed with the turnout. We have a large crowd

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## Junkanoo Summer Festival

June 12, 19, 26 and July 3

Goombay Park, Marsh Harbour

June 12 entertainment

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Marching & Pop Bands

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Junkanoo by the Treasure Cay Explorers

For the first time this year plaiting of the maypole, local drama, island wear fashion shows and free samplings of Bahamian bush teas and desserts

## 54 boats compete in the Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta



On the weekend of May 9 and 10 Marsh Harbour was treated to the sight of many small Sunfish and Optimists sailing in the Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta. This regatta attracted boats from Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera, and New Providence as well as three communities on Abaco. Adults sailed the faster Sunfish while junior sailors competed in the Optimists. The weather cooperated with light winds and sunny days. This annual event is hosted by Jim and Liann Kaighin and is headquartered at Snappas on the Marsh Harbour waterfront.

By Mirella Santillo

The 19th Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta was held in Marsh Harbour on May 9 and 10 with local Sunfish and Optimist sailors competing against sailors from Nassau and Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera. The event consisted of two races on Saturday morning, two in the

afternoon and two on Sunday morning. Each race which took place in the harbour consisted of two triangular courses and one sausage course for the Sunfish and one triangle course for the Optimists (the children's racing dinghies). Regis-

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## Immigration Board meets on Abaco



The Immigration Board met in Marsh Harbour, the first time it has met other than in Nassau and Freeport. Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper participated in the meeting, the first time a Family Island administrator was included in any board meeting. Minister of State for Immigration, the Hon. Branville McCartney, seated, presided over the meeting. Others included Hubert Ferguson, Abaco's chief Immigration officer; Cora Colebrooke, Deputy Permanent Secretary; Jack Thompson, recently named Director of Immigration; Mr. Cooper; and Fausteen Major Smith, Assistant Director of Immigration for the Northern Bahamas.

## Lightning is blamed for power cuts

By Raymond Kongwa

Lightning that accompanied the recent spate of rain and thunderstorms caused the power outages across the island last week, according to BEC Abaco Manager Wenzel Jones. He said that a flurry of lightning strikes on poles not yet protected by the lightning protection system the corporation is currently installing throughout the island caused the frequent power cuts.

The corporation began installing a lightning protection device on its poles on the

island following similar lightning strikes last year, but Mr. Jones explained that the portion of the corporation's budget earmarked for lightning protection has been enough to protect only six poles.

The six poles protected so far are in North Abaco. Mr. Jones said BEC was working its way south and would install protection devices on more poles as more money was allocated for the ongoing project.

# MP Edison Key speaks out

By Julian Lockhart

Mr. Edison Key, Member of Parliament for South Abaco, was quite disappointed in the lack of Bahamian support and turnout for the first Haitian Flag Day celebration in Marsh Harbour. Hundreds of Haitians, intermixed with a handful of Bahamians, showed up for what was a great night of festivities, music, culture, history and great food and drinks on May 15 at the BAIC site in Marsh Harbour.

Thousands of Haitians live, work and shop in Abaco, but there is a consistent disconnect between the two communities with the lack of assimilation on both sides. Event organizer Luzena Dumercy, who is of Haitian descent born in The Bahamas, thinks more Haitians need to embrace the Bahamian culture, but that Bahamians need to also respect the Haitian culture and understand that there are differences.

Mr. Key said, "This is beautiful and for

persons who don't want to be a part of the Haitian Flag Day and their culture, it is their loss. This was so impressive and the plaiting of the maypole, I have never experienced that in my whole life with the rhythm and how beautiful it was. Bahamians missed a beautiful opportunity this evening to see the Haitian culture right here in our community. They are peaceful and everything is just wonderful. I don't think Bahamians will ever get the same culture, but Bahamians have culture, though it is a different culture. What you see here this evening, you can't find in The Bahamas, not with the true Bahamians. I think both sides can benefit tremendously from a cultural standpoint.

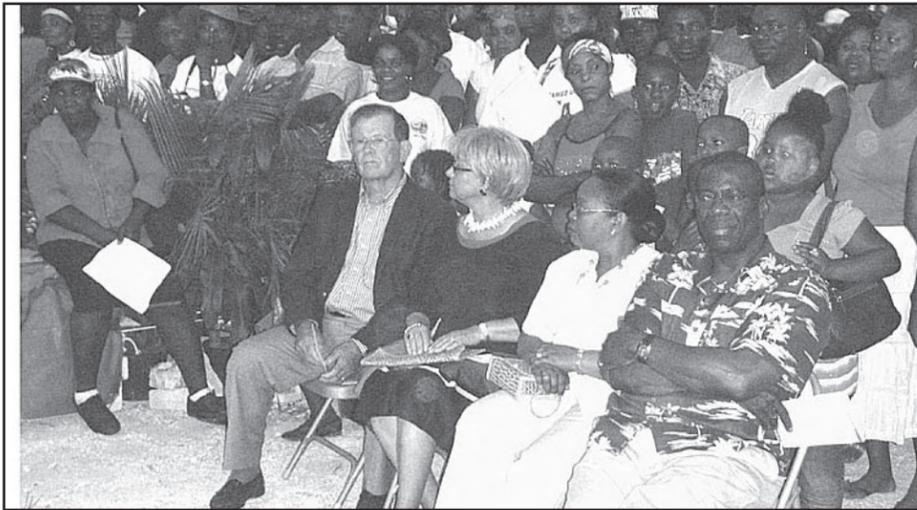
Mr. Key said a number of people asked him why he was allowing the Haitian community to put on the event in Marsh Harbour, and they were disappointed that he did allow it. However, Mr. Key said these

people live in The Bahamas, and it is time for everyone to realize they aren't going anywhere. The cultural differences should be embraced and not shunned. Mr. Key said these people are here to stay; they are a part of The Bahamas. They have made a major contribution to the development of The Bahamas and Abaco.

The Haitian community was a huge supporter of Mr. Key and the FNM in the 2007 elections and played a role in his winning the seat for South Abaco.

The next step for a lot of the Haitians on Abaco is receiving their proper immigration documents from government as hundreds of them wait on passports so they can travel easier, open bank accounts, send money and take out loans and mortgages at banks on Abaco.

Mr. Key said, "I will continue to give back to this community. I am a servant of the people and that is all I am here for, not for myself. I will do whatever I can do to make life better for the Bahamians and the Haitians and a lot of these people are Bahamians as they are born here. I hope during this administration that the government will get serious about regularizing these people who are 18 and have applied for their papers. I am doing all I can to bring their fight forward. The Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham) made a statement recently that they will fast forward some of these immigration matters which should take care of a lot of these young people. They deserve their papers. I wonder how people would feel if they were in their position," he concluded.



Mr. Edison Key, MP, and his wife and Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper and his wife have front row seats to enjoy the program at the Haitian Flag Day in Marsh Harbour. The event showcased Haitian culture that Mr. Key described as beautiful.



The Haitian Flag Day program included many dance routines and music selections.

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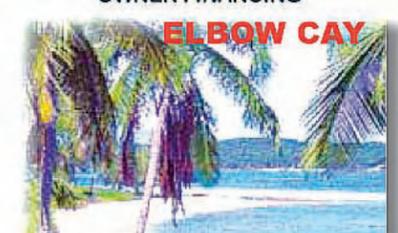
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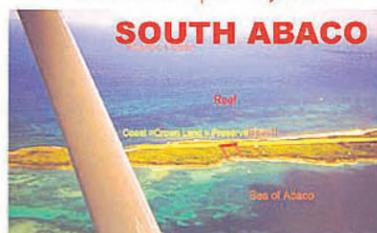
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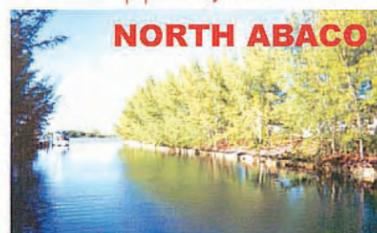
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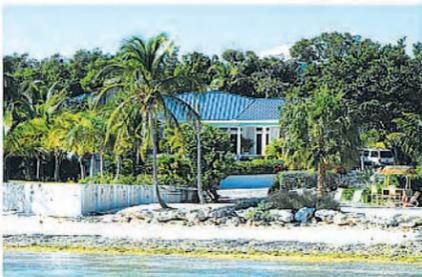
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# Haitian culture was highlighted at Flag Day

**Flag Day** *From Page 1*

of over 500 people and that is a good number. Everyone is in their colors representing Haiti, and we have both Bahamians and Haitians out here having fun. We worked very hard and we only had three weeks to organize whereas other places had a year. This is our first time and this was our learning experience. We will have to improve for the next one. The organizers in Nassau reached out to me and I got the necessary paper work and took it on from there," she added.

The highlight of the evening was the plaiting of the maypole as about two dozen Haitian girls, in amazing continuity, with the beating of drums, blowing of homemade horns of PVC pipes and the rhythmic movements of bodies and arms plaiting the streamers around the pole. Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, said he has never witnessed anything so natural and cultural as the events of the night and said those who didn't show up to participate in the festivities definitely missed out.

Ms. Dumercy definitely put together a great show on short notice as she and

her team brought together their communities with great music, food, activities and skits. After such a great evening she said Haitian Flag Day is here to stay on Abaco. They are hoping it continues to grow and get better every year. Everyone is looking forward to next year to see what is in store for them.

The only disappointment for Ms. Dumercy and Mr. Key was that more Bahamians didn't come out to show support for their Haitian brothers and sisters and take in the culture that was more than on display. Mr. Key said a lot of Bahamians could learn from the Haitians what real culture is instead of grasping on to whatever new fad comes their way and to sticking to their own history and learning about the history that got them where they are today.

Selena Archer, marketing director for Fidelity Bank, said, "I was very impressed with the amount of planning and organization that went into the Flag Day. It was the first event of its kind in Marsh Harbour, and I thought it was executed very well. As a Bahamian it opened my eyes to Haiti's rich cultural heritage. It was very touching to see the Abaco community embrace the festivities and thank the Haitian community for their contributions over the years to Abaco. The most enjoyable experience was interacting with our Haitian customer base (Money Centre) and building even stronger relationships. I thank Luzena and her committee for allowing us to partner with them and make the event successful. We are definitely looking forward to May 18th next year," she concluded.

## Luzena lives in both worlds

*By Julian Lockhart*

There are thousands of Haitians on Abaco, some who have assimilated into the Bahamian society and others who still find themselves on the fringe of a community where they work, shop and are educated.

The problem is two-fold of why more of the Haitians on Abaco have not merged into the Bahamian communities around them. They have held on to their old culture and stayed in their own communities and the Bahamians have not totally accepted them as part of their social network.

One person of Haitian descent who has made the transition and who has assimilated into the Bahamian community whilst holding on to her strong Haitian culture is Luzena Dumercy. Ms. Dumercy said, "I have learnt now in being an adult to deal with being a Bahamian and Haitian at the same time. At first, it was a struggle between the two and even in school there was always that division and people weren't as

accepting. "As I grew into an adult, I learnt to deal with it and dealing with the negative aspects of it. I have great friends including many of my coworkers who are Bahamians. I am more Bahamian sometimes than Haitian, but some Bahamians don't see it that way," she added.

Ms. Dumercy is a young Haitian woman, born and educated on Abaco, left and got a college education and has since come back home to have a strong work ethic and be a beacon in her community through efforts like organizing the first Haitian Flag



Luzena Dumercy

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One of the highlights of the Haitian Flag Day was the plaiting of the maypole. Their intricate maneuvers impressed the crowd as they rhythmically danced, weaving their streamers in and out.



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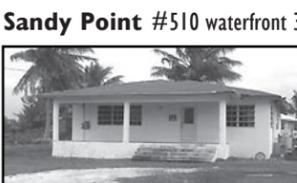
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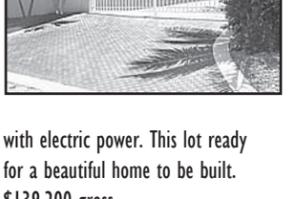
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# Competition boosts sailing enthusiasm

**Regatta** *From Page 1*

tration and welcome reception were held Friday evening at the home of Jim and Liann Kaighin.

The first Homer Lowe Memorial Sunfish Championship was organized in 1991 by Jimmy Lowe in honor of his father, Homer Lowe, a dedicated sailor. This annual event is hosted by the Marsh Harbour Sailing Club and has been held in recent years at Snappas Bar and Grill.

Thirty-two boats arrived in Sandy Point on May 8 on the ferry from Nassau. Two Sunfish and three Optimists came from Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera, and six Optimists and 21 Sunfish from New Providence. With the boats from Abaco it brought the total of Sunfish to 31 and Optimists to 23.

The winds were light that Saturday

morning as the sailors left Iron Point boat ramp next to Snappas and most of the day stayed rather calm. However, at the end of that first day, the usual champions, Donnie Martinborough and Jimmy Lowe, both from Nassau, had placed first and second in the Sunfish category. In the Optimists category the first place went to favorite, Daniel deCardenas.

Sunday's weather was somewhat more propitious to sailing, still sunny and clear, and the little sailing boats offered a delightful sight as they maneuvered across the harbour throughout the morning. The races ended mid-day, confirming Donnie Martinborough as the overall winner with two points over Jimmy Lowe, his friend and usual competitor, who placed second. The third place went to George Damianos followed in fourth position by Dwayne Wallas of Marsh Harbour. Jim Kaighin

of Marsh Harbour came in ninth and Andrew Wilhoite of Hope Town came in 10th. Other Abaco Sunfish sailors were Jeff Gale in 15th place, Christian Wilhoite in 19th place, Chris Thompson in 20th place and Charles Cooke in 31st place.

In the Optimist category Daniel deCardenas remained first overall. He was followed in second place by Jeremy Pleydell-Bouverie from Man-O-War. In third place was Spencer Cartwright and in fourth another Abaconian from Hope Town, Tristan Albury. Other Abaco Optimist sailors included Alton Janes in 6th place, Kyle Reeves in 13th place, Giavanna Manni in 14th place all of Man-O-War. Five sailors competed from Guana Cay: Catalina Albury in 19th place, Bronson Sands in 20th place, Mike Garcia in 21st place, Kelsey Altamura in 22nd place and Keano Armbrister in 23rd place.

Donnie Martinborough, who won the Royal Championship three times, said he sailed a few times in the Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta, defending his position each time against Jimmy Lowe. He thought that the conditions were a little unpredictable that day but enjoyed the racing and the visit to Abaco. Jimmy Lowe,

an accomplished race car driver and also a championship sailor, on the contrary, said that the conditions were perfect.

Many people accompanied the sailors to Marsh Harbour so that Bill Albury, owner of Snappas, had to close the restaurant to the public while the participants enjoyed the awards luncheon. Snappas was the hang out for the sailors and their families during the weekend.

Bob Hudson, race committee chairman, organized the races and oversaw the setting

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Six races on two days gave our local sailors some welcome competition. This photo shows both the faster Sunfish and the training Optimists. Three communities on Abaco have junior sailing programs using Optimists. Although the young people have only recently been sailing, they did very well in the races.



These are the two floating trophies for the Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta. In the center is Mrs. Homer Lowe, whose husband was an avid sailor and for whom the regatta is named. On the left is first place winner Donnie Martinborough holding the floating trophy for Sunfish and on the right is Optimist winner Daniel deCardenas holding the floating trophy for the Optimist class.



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# Master Blaster wins Race to the Reef

By Raymond Kongwa

Master Blaster, a schoolmaster snapper swimming for Hope Town Primary School, has won the Race to the Reef. Hope Town's fish swam farthest from mangrove nursing grounds toward coral reefs. Diamond, another schoolmaster swimming for J.A Pinder Primary School in Sandy Point came in second.

This program is a new part of Friends of the Environment's youth awareness and education outreach. Friends has teamed up with researchers from Florida International University's marine biology department who are currently studying the habitats and movement patterns of fish on Abaco.

Each school on Abaco was invited to adopt one fish used in the research project prior to the fish being fit with electronic

tag transmitters and returned to the mangrove nursing grounds. The fish were then monitored daily as they made their way to the reefs. The fish that swam the farthest

Please see **Race** Page 14

Graduate students Caroline Peyer and Suzanne Hurly from Florida International University working with Dr. Craig Layman on the Race to the Reef project came to Hope Town School to announce that the school's tagged fish had won the contest by going out of the creek the farthest and staying the farthest out. Proud participating students Natasha Albury and Sheena Etienne pose with their teacher Mr. Justin Higgs.



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"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.**

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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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### TREASURE CAY

Bahama Beach Club # 2005 - # 1370 - 3 bed, 2 bath ground level 1,645 s/f comfortably furnished condo. Awesome sea views from most rooms Overlooks beach and pool. Great vacation residence. **\$822,000.**

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Atlantis Condo # 2203 - # 1000 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level, 1,000 s/f furnished waterfront unit, includes fully serviced boat slip & golf cart garage. Overlooks Brigantine Bay, Near beach. **\$465,000.**

Beach Villa 685 - # 958 - Attractive 885 s/f 2 bed, 2 bath furnished villa, Community pool, near marina & golf course, 2 minute walk to Treasure Cay Beach. **\$399,000.**

Beach Villa 703 # 1209 - 2 bed, 2 bath 885 s/f furnished villa close to beach, marina, restaurants & shopping area. Great rental income potential. **\$349,000.**

Mariner's Cove Condominiums  
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# 985 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level harbour front end unit, Refurbished in 2000 **REDUCED TO \$271,500.**  
# 455 - 1 bed, 1 bath, ground level, poolside. **\$185,900.**

Superb Beachfront Parcel # 1362 - Treasure Cay level & cleared beach lot of 12,600 s/f with 90' fabulous sandy beach frontage. Breath-taking sunset & sea views. All utilities available. **\$1,449,000.**

Beach & Canal Lot Package #941- Windward Beach lot of 17,542 s/f with 100' of beach frontage on Sea of Abaco, PLUS Galleon Bay lot of 17,955 s/f with approx. 76' of sea-walled canal frontage. **\$1,446,000.**

Ocean Blvd. Beachfront Parcel # 1260 - Splendid 44,600 s/f parcel on Treasure Cay Beach, 75' beach frontage of sugar-white fine sand. All utilities available. Spectacular sea & beach views. **\$1,350,000.**

Windward Beach # 999 - 12,750 s/f Beachfront parcel with 85' of frontage on Sea of Abaco. All utilities available, great building site. **\$599,950.**

Brigantine Bay # 841 - 11,220 s/f cleared canal lot with 80' protected deep water frontage on quiet street. New 40' dock with power, water & 16,000 lb boat lift. All utilities available. **\$485,500.**

Brigantine Bay # 1173 & 1174 - 2 adjacent deep water canal parcels, each 11,200 s/f with 80' bulk head & generous 140' depth. Cleared, all utilities available. **PURCHASE BOTH & SAVE! EACH \$422,000.**

Brigantine Bay # 1193 - Choice canal lot of 13,200 s/f with 100' of bulkheaded sea wall & 136' depth. Protected deep water dockage. All utilities available. Picturesque water views. Ready to build. **\$347,000.**

### TREASURE CAY

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### MARSH HARBOUR

"Sea View" - Great Abaco Club # 1203 - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,880 s/f furnished sea view home, plus 280 s/f of open deck on 4,918 s/f parcel. Well maintained, gated community, great rental income potential. Includes private deep water dock. **\$769,000.**

### GREAT CISTERN CAY

Beachfront Lot # 7 # 1197 - 24,710 s/f private & serene beach parcel with 126' frontage on Sea of Abaco. Utilities available. Spectacular sea views. **\$239,000.**

### TURTLE ROCKS

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### NORTH ABACO

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### BAHAMA PALM SHORES

Beach Front Parcel # 714 - 45,343 s/f parcel, 100' beach frontage on Atlantic Ocean. Electricity available. Ideal site for permanent residence or vacation home. **\$349,000.**

Inland Lot - Near Beach - # 1176 - Large 21,450 s/f level lot on main street, electricity & telephone available. **\$59,500.**

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# News of the Cays

## Hope Town will host 2009 UNESCO Sandwatch Conference

Mrs. Candace Key, Principal of Hope Town Primary School and long time participant in the UNESCO Sandwatch programme, proudly announced that the 2009 teacher training conference for participation in the Sandwatch beach reclamation and study programme will be taking place in Hope Town from June 22-26 this year. The venue will be the Hope Town Harbour Lodge and adjacent beach. Participants will be able to study other beach areas on Elbow Cay that sustained severe damage

from recent hurricanes. Teachers from Abaco and several other Bahamian islands will be joined by teachers from Cuba, Dominican Republic, Turks and Caicos and Puerto Rico to learn techniques and use of instruments that are used in the math/science projects. These activities measure, graph, sort and identify such things as tides, erosion, debris, plants and animals, types of sand, currents, water quality, wave heights and beach usage.

The on-going programme is currently

aimed at studying and planning for future changes that may occur on our islands from climate change. Since the children will inherit these problems and since we can do very little to change the occurrence of the effects, we must learn how to adapt our life styles to such changes. At this conference, teachers will learn how to take the necessary measurements and other scientific information so that students can monitor their island's specific beach study sites for change. They will receive a pack loaded with scientific equipment to continue their work with students. Also included in this pack will be the brand new Sandwatch Manual which was developed by Sandwatch participants and the directors.

Recently this project held a conference in Barbados that was attended by Hope

Town School student, Natasha Albury and Principal Candace Key. Also attending was former Hope Town School student, James Boyce and his mother, Cha Boyce. During this conference students learned how to get the message of climate change across to other students through the use of media, film and art. This workshop will continue that theme and will focus on filming areas to compare changes.

Dr. Gillian Cambers from Barbados, a world leading authority on beach erosion who is a Nobel Prize winner for her work

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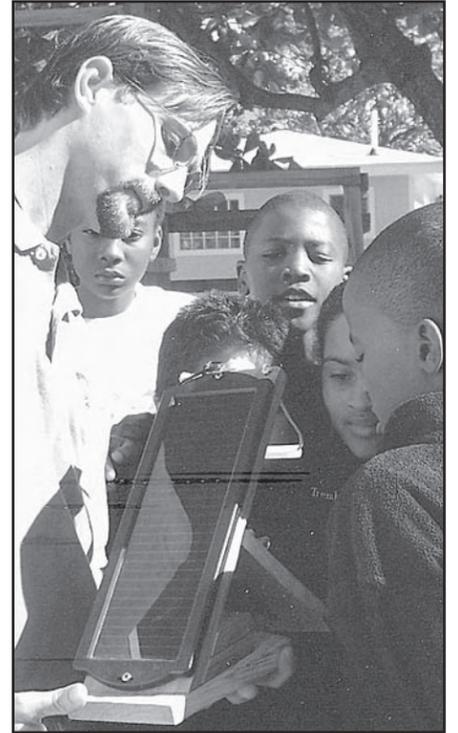
## Man-O-War students call on the Prime Minister



Students of Man-O-War Primary School, while on a social studies field trip to New Providence, called on Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, at the Cabinet Office on May 22. Photo by BIS



Third grade student Samantha "Charlie" Cash and The Minister of Education the Hon. Carl Bethel at the Awards Ceremony. Charlie had the highest score on Abaco on the National Literacy Test.



Mr. Justin Higgs, teacher at Hope Town School, shows students a solar cell and how it works. By exposing this small cell to sunlight just briefly, it can run a fan. The Bahamas is a prime spot for major use of solar energy in the world's quest to develop a cleaner eco-energy to lessen global warming associated with climate change.

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on climate change and also a Director of Sandwatch, will be the workshop moderator along with Paul Diamond, Sandwatch Director, Teacher and Media Specialist from Nevis. UNESCO Representative Hans Thulstrup of the UNESCO Paris, France, office will be attending. The Bahamas' Chief Meteorologist, Arthur Rolle of Nassau will be a featured guest along with local film maker, Matt Mc Coy. Gary Richardson of the Gary the Explorer environmental film fame and Ralf Sauer, an environmental landscape expert, will show how to use native vegetation to combat erosion. Many other speakers and guests

will be in attendance and officials from the Ministry of Education, environmental organizations and ministries are expected to attend this exciting conference. Mrs. Key will be the workshop co-ordinator for the event and states that she is honoured that Hope Town was chosen for the site of this important hands-on learning experience.

## Hope Town student achieved top score

Hope Town School student, Samantha "Charlie" Cash, a grade 3 student, was honoured in Nassau recently by the Ministry of Education for achieving the highest score on Abaco on the National Literacy Test. She and her Principal, Mrs. Candace Key, were flown down to Nassau and

treated to two days of touring and awards' ceremonies. Her proud mother, PTA President Tami Cash, joined them for their two exciting days. While in Nassau the students met with Governor General, His Excellency Sir Arthur D. Hanna, at Government House, had a surprise visit from Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, during their visit to the House of Assembly and then met Education Minister Mr. Carl Bethel in his boardroom. They saw all the historic sites in Nassau and then had a fun afternoon at Atlantis. Twenty-six lucky students were on this exciting trip - all top achieving students on the National Literacy

Test from their respective islands.

The second day was the Literacy Award Ceremony. These students were treated to other talented students performing for them before they were presented with trophies for their achievements. The winning schools in each district were also presented with trophies. Man-O-War School and Cherokee Schools were honoured for their class achievements. Abaco's District Superintendent, Mrs. Lenora Black, and

Curriculum Officer, Ms. Felamease Sawyer, were both in attendance at the ceremony. At the end of the Award Ceremony, Ms. Cash gave a beautiful benediction.

## Abaco students victorious at Student of the Year Awards

Each year schools throughout The Bahamas select the top student in their Grade

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Abaco District Superintendent, Mrs. Lenora Black, and Mr. Enzil Cooper, Education Officer from Friends of the Environment, joined students and teachers at Hope Town Primary School to take part in the Million Trees Bahamas project. Hope Town School planted silver buttonwood trees, sea grape trees and hibiscus bushes as their pledge for the program. Mrs. Black favoured a yellow hibiscus as her special tree to plant during the ceremony that featured skits performed by each class showing the importance of trees to our life.



Dr. Robert Krout, Music Therapy Professor, spent a month of his sabbatical in Hope Town this year. He is a yearly visitor to Hope Town as his parents own a home here. He spends time each year working with students on music theory and practice. Hope Town students were fortunate to have "Mr. Robert" working with them twice a week during his extended stay on the island this year. At the end of his stay students held a performance for parents. Each class sang for the gathered crowd and children in each class played the keyboard and guitar that Robert and his step-mother, Anne, donated to the school in memory of father and husband, Mr. John Krout, who is greatly missed by the Hope Town community.

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6 classes to compete against all others selected for the coveted title of Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year. The hotly contested title is awarded to the student judged to be the top student through his grades, awards, community service, church and extra-curricular activity and sports participation over the period from Grade 4, 5 and 6. This information is forwarded to the foundation in a portfolio and judged by a respected panel that consists of school educators, statesmen, public office holders, lawyers and college professors. These judges reviewed the portfolios of 114 top students from government and private schools throughout our island chain — the largest number entered yet.

This year Abaco schools nominated seven students for this award. These students were Rebecca Roberts from Amy Roberts School on Green Turtle Cay, Ashvonn Russell from Fox Town Primary, Jonnalee

McIntosh from Cooper's Town Primary, Natasha Albury from Hope Town Primary, Brandysha Russell from St. Francis de Sales School, Sujith Swarna from Agape School and Kandise Kelly from Wesley College in Marsh Harbour. Three of Abaco's students came out victorious! Natasha Albury of Hope Town School was the top student from Abaco, a 12th place finalist winning a \$1,500 scholarship. The other two students, Sujith Swarna of Agape Christian and Rebecca Roberts of Amy Roberts, were semi-finalists, each winning \$1,000 scholarships. Congratulations to these students and to all who were nominated from Abaco — you are ALL winners!

## Green Turtle Cay

*By Annabelle Cross*

Five consecutive days of rain washed away all signs of winter on Green Turtle Cay! Trees and lawns are green again and everything is in bloom. The royal poin-

ciana trees are announcing the arrival of summer with their flaming orange and red flowers! Everyone is grateful for the rain that came early this year!

## School happenings

The beginning of summer is also the end of the school year and students and teachers are eager for the last day and are preparing for exams that must be written before summer break. It is also time for graduations and some students will move on to another level in the education process or even into the work force.

The school year has been busy and productive for many students on GTC. Alyssa is a quiet child, but she studied hard and took on the challenge. She went through all the rounds of seen words and then on to an unseen list and emerged the champion. She has now set the pace and other students of Amy Roberts Primary will try

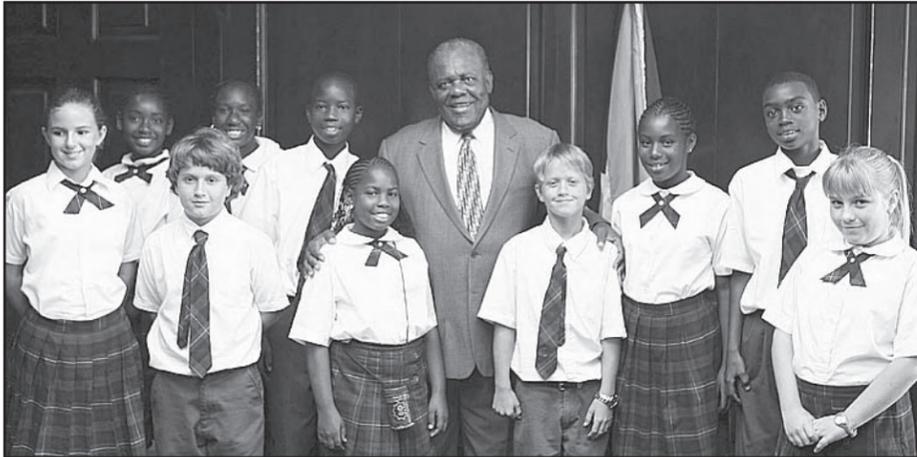
to follow her lead to bring a trophy home. First grader Cori DeMario placed 4th in the First Grade spelling bee, just missing a chance for the trophy. Keep up the good work and try again in 2010!

Rebecca Roberts represented Amy Roberts Primary at The Bahamas Primary School Student of The Year Awards in Nassau on May 15th and 16th. This event honors the top sixth grade students from all over the Bahamas and scholarship money is awarded to a group of finalists and the overall winner. Rebecca placed as a final-

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## Amy Roberts students visit the Prime Minister



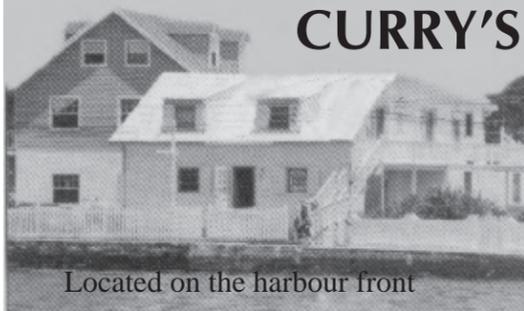
The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, welcomed the sixth grade graduating class of Amy Roberts Primary School on Green Turtle Cay during a courtesy call on May 25 at the Office of the Prime Minister. Photo by BIS



Alyssa Bethell, a student of Amy Roberts Primary School in Green Turtle Cay, won the Abaco District Grade 2 Spelling Bee.



Rebecca Roberts was a semi-finalist in the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year, a nation-wide competition. She won a \$1000 scholarship for her accomplishment.



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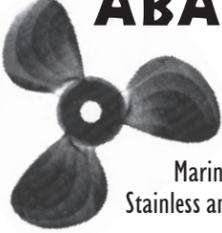
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ist and received a \$1000 scholarship donated by Nassau Agencies Limited. It is a wonderful experience for the children and an honor to be recognized among the top students in the country.

Raenell Lowe graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing



Raenell Lowe

from Palm Beach Atlantic University. Her GPA of 3.84 earned her a place on the Provost and President's List and she was named among the who's who among college students in America. Raenell received the Renshaw Award which is given to the outstanding nursing student who best exemplifies the qualities of professionalism and Christian values. Raenell is planning to work in Florida to gain more experience in nursing. Raenell is the daughter of Ray and Bessie Lowe and a graduate of Forest Heights Academy.

### Island Roots Festival is over

The sixth annual Island Roots Heritage Festival is now history. The year of planning and fund raising paid off as the event was well attended and very successful! The festival was officially opened by Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, Prime Minister of the Bahamas, in a brief ceremony. He then walked around the site stopping at each booth to speak with vendors and festival guests.

It gives the committee great pleasure to see so many descendants of GTC come "home" each year to celebrate their heritage and to share our culture with our visitors. A unique feature of the Island Roots Heritage Festival is the genealogy research that continues to grow each year. The New Plymouth Gospel Chapel kindly allowed the genealogy group an air conditioned room within walking distance of the festival site for those interested in "tracing their roots" to sit and talk. Other informative talks featured speakers who shared information on different aspects of our history and culture.

Each year the committee adds something new to the onsite entertainment as well as continuing the crowd favorites. This year a gospel concert featuring the New Direction Band was added to the Saturday afternoon schedule. A conch blowing contest was very popular and the conch cracking contest had the women competing for the top spot!

One of the most popular events is the marching band and after five years of having the very popular Royal Bahamas Police Force Band, the committee decided to bring the Royal Bahamas Defense Force Band for a performance. The committee now faces a dilemma - how can they bring both marching bands for 2010?

A festival that celebrates Bahamian culture would not be complete without a performance by Kirkland Bodie aka KB, whose songs tell the story of our culture and make us laugh at "we-sef"! The performances by KB and Therez Hepburn along with the Royal Bahamas Defense Force Dance Band on Saturday night had the crowd requesting a repeat performance

in 2010!

One feature of the festival that receives little media attention is the thanksgiving service on the Sunday morning following the festival. Each year the churches in the community come together at the festival site to give God thanks for all his blessings and for allowing us to share our blessings with others. Each church participates with a hymn, prayer or a message. A collection is received at the end of the service and is donated to a worthy cause. This year it was donated to the Abaco Cancer Society. The service is an appropriate way to end the weekend by giving thanks to God who makes all things possible.

The Island Roots Heritage Festival committee is a group of dedicated women who spend endless hours planning and organizing the fund raisers as well as the festival. There are many people who help the committee and to list names would risk leaving someone out. The group of men who are always there when the committee needs "man power" for the "heavy jobs," the persons who travel to GTC each year and volunteer their time to help at the festival,

the police officers whose presence brings security to the site, those who donate their equipment, the prizes for the raffle, the talent to entertain the crowd, advertise in the commemorative booklet, provide transportation for the entertainers or help in any way, the committee salutes you! The committee encourages everyone to have a rest this summer and then get prepared for a pirate themed festival in 2010.

### Community is grieving

It seems that every week we hear of the passing of someone from an Abaco community and Green Turtle Cay has also lost loved ones. Mr. Noel Roberts passed away at his home on April 26th. He was 91 years old. For many years he and his wife Ivy worked together at the Albert Lowe Museum. Being one of the oldest residents in the community, he was able to give first hand information about the history of GTC to museum guests. Mr. Noel was a long time member of the Miracle Church of God where he played his guitar at the services.

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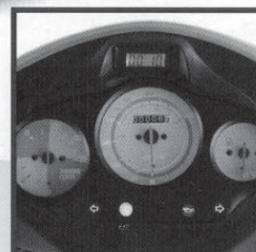


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## BTC DIRECTORIES WIN TWO INTERNATIONAL AWARDS!

By Indira Collie  
BTC Public Relations Department

The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Limited (BTC) has made history by winning two international awards for the 2009 Bahamas Telephone Directory. BTC won the silver medal for the Yellow Pages Association's (YPA) telephone book cover. The company also won the bronze medal of excellence from the Association of Directory Publishers (ADP).

Acting President & Chief Executive Officer I. Kirk Griffin said "This is a feat unheard of before in the 100 years of the company's existence. It's simply a remarkable achievement. We at BTC are certainly proud of this. This speaks volumes not just of BTC, but of The Bahamas. This accomplishment speaks of BTC's commitment to excellence in providing quality products and services. I would like to congratulate the entire Directory Publications team for a job well done."

BTC beat out 101 companies across the globe in the YPA's telephone book cover competition winning the silver medal.

BTC was the third place publisher in the ADP's Excellence in Print Directories. Two US based companies won first and second prizes which placed The Bahamas first within the Caribbean region.

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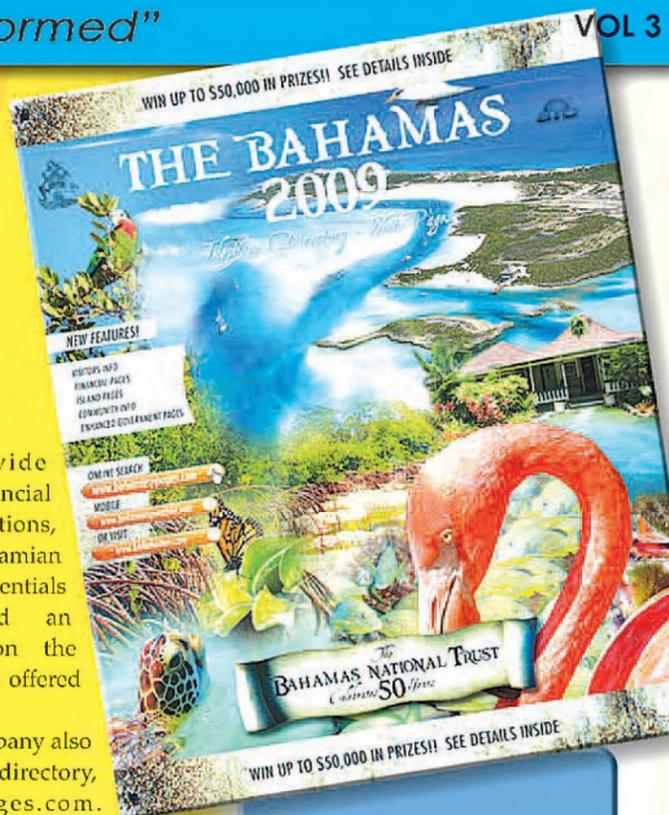
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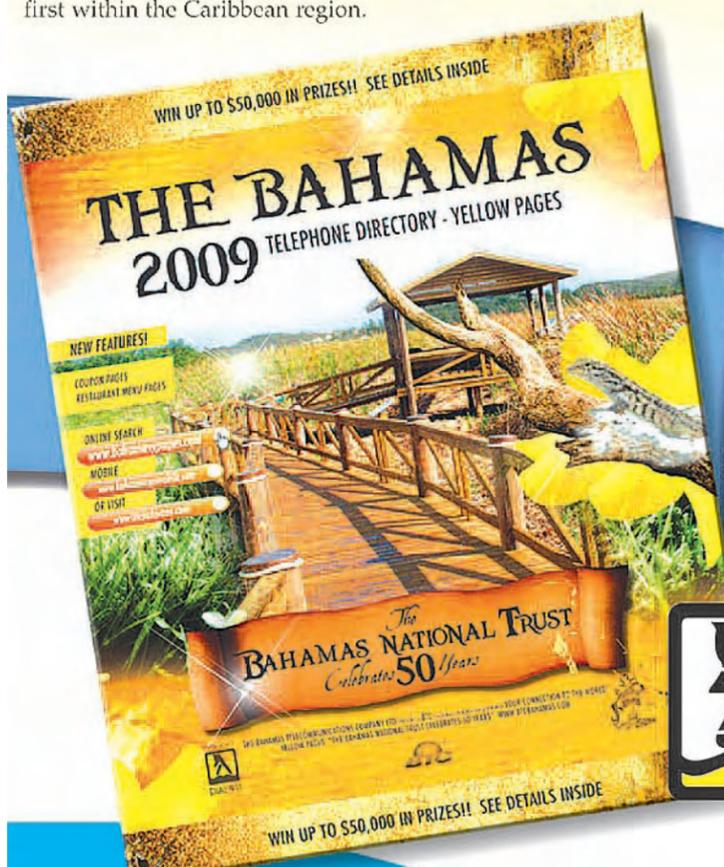
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A funeral service was held at the Miracle Church of God on April 28th. Mr. Noel is survived by his wife Ivy, his daughters and their families, his sister Minnie, the entire Church of God family and other relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held on April 18th at the Miracle Church of God for Curtis Cromwell Curry, who died in Florida on March 22nd. He was 78 years old. He was predeceased by his wife Virginia and is survived by his daughter Kathy Metlika and son Curtis Curry, Jr. and their families, three sisters, three brothers-in-law and other relatives and friends. Mr. Curtis was a community minded person and helped so many people. He is missed by all who knew him.

It is sad to lose a loved one even if they have been sick or are very old. It seems no amount of time truly prepares a family for the loss of a loved one and the only comfort is in knowing that they lived a long life and saw their children and even grand children grow up. The passing of the senior citizens was very sad, but not shocking considering their ages and medical histories.

It was the death of Ramona Johnson Curry that sent shock waves through our community. Ramona was only 37 years old and her friends knew of no serious medical concerns. When the news came around noon on April 17th that "Mona" was dead, most people were in disbelief. Some rode the early ferry with her that same day, others talked to her in the clinic where she waited in seemingly good health. She died at her home as her family watched help-

lessly as the nurse and First Responders tried to revive her.



Ramona Johnson

An autopsy revealed that she died as a result of a massive heart attack. Ramona was well liked and a very outgoing person, whose smile betrayed the mischief she could be up to! When Ramona was in a room, you knew it. She laughed with her entire body. She worked at Bluff House for many years and befriended many visitors. Ramona loved Junkanoo, "rushed" in every parade and passed her passion on to her children who will now carry on in her memory.

A funeral service was held for Ramona on May 1st at St. Peter's Anglican Church. Ramona is survived by her five children Jotario, Renee, Fernando, Ramon and Lorenzo; her husband Brent; her parents Godfrey Johnson and Martha Johnson; brothers and their spouses Brad and Maude Cooper, Napoleon and Valerie Johnson, Darren Johnson and Warren Johnson; her sister Wendy Johnson; mother-in-law Berline Curry; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; nieces; nephews; aunts; uncles; and many relatives and friends. It is still hard to believe that Ramona is gone and that her laughter that echoed across a room has been silenced!

## Summer will be active

As the school year ends and summer approaches there will be many activities and events to keep us all busy.

The Green Turtle Club will host a Lionfish Derby and Tasting on June 5th and 6th. It is co-sponsored by Brendal's Dive Shop. Lionfish are popular for aquariums but are not native to The Bahamas. They were "accidentally" introduced into our waters and are voracious predators and an invasive species. The aim of the organizers of the derby is to raise awareness and reduce the numbers of the lionfish. The lionfish are tasty and safe to eat but have highly poisonous spines. Prizes will be awarded for capturing the fish. For information contact Bobbie Lindsay at [bobbie-lindsay@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobbie-lindsay@bellsouth.net) or contact the Green Turtle Club.

The Green Turtle Club will also host its 22nd Annual Fishing Tournament June 9th - 12th.

The annual Cheeseburger in Paradise Party at Fiddle Cay on July 3rd will be the first event in the 34th Annual Regatta Time In Abaco. The first race in the series will be held on July 4th off New Plymouth, with an awards party at Settlement Point after the race.

With the economic crisis that has affected so many people around the world, we must be grateful that these events are organized and are attracting visitors to our islands. We look forward to a safe, fun filled and successful summer!

## Race

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distance between the mangrove and the reefs won the competition. Each participating school on Abaco was allowed to have two students assist researchers with catching the fish and surgically implanting tags.

Hope Town Primary's prize for having the winning fish will be a laptop computer that the school is wanting. For finishing second, J.A. Pinder Primary School won an overhead projector. Third place winner, Cherokee Primary School, won a DVD player with its entry, Fishy. Meanwhile, Man-O-War School won the most creatively named fish competition by naming its gray snapper, Miles, who was so named because he would swim miles.

The contest and prizes are Friends' way of generating student interest in fish habitats. "What we are trying to show them is the connectivity of habitats," explained Suzanne Hurley, an FIU marine biology major who is part of the research team that assisted in Race to the Reef. In order to keep the students' interest as the fish swam toward the reefs, the researchers created blogs where students could regularly track the progress of their fish.

Ms. Hurley said the reception she received and overall enthusiasm during the follow-up visits to the schools showed that the Friends organization and her research team, which is led by Dr. Craig Layman, had been successful with the outreach efforts. She said, "They were so excited when we went to do follow-ups." Ms. Hurley said the long-term goal of her team was to teach the students the importance of conserving coastal areas.

The competition was co-sponsored by BREEF. The work of the FIU research team is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

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# School News

## Two Abaco Schools Participate in MUNS Debate

By Samantha V. Evans

Two groups of students from Abaco were fortunate to attend the Model United Nations Sessions on April 27 held in Nassau. The students were from St. Francis de Sales and S.C. Bootle High School and were in grades 10, 11 or 12. The students were given a United Nations country to represent at the group discussion sessions. To represent the country well, they had to research it and have good working knowledge and function of the UN and negotiations among UN countries. The students worked hard to prepare for these sessions which gave them great exposure to the operations of the UN. The students received good feedback from the judges on what they did and how they can improve. Some of the topics discussed were global warming and the disadvantages of negotiations for small states in an international forum.

Team leaders Cecil Simon of St. Francis and Cynthia James of S.C. Bootle were grateful for the opportunity for the students to participate. Mr. Simon believes that the program marginalizes the Family Island students. He would like to see the Rotary Club and its affiliates ensure that the competition is fair to all students. However, he believes that the simulation program was excellent for the students. Ms. James was disappointed that the students from the Family Islands were unable to attend the workshop held prior to the sessions in Nassau that assisted the students with their preparations.

However, she has asked to have it recorded so that next year they can attend. She plans to begin preparing her students early so that they can have a better chance to win. She noted that the schools that placed in the top three have participated three or more times before they were successful at claiming a prize. Even though it is their desire to bring back the winning trophy, the students need to be exposed to what is going on in the rest

of The Bahamas and the world so for that she is grateful.

Ms. James further noted that her students were not as prepared as they could have been; and they became intimidated by students from the city. She stated that more needs to be done locally to expose the students to competitions such as MUNS so that the students will build their confidence, realizing that they are just as good (or even better) than those students in the city. Both team leaders agree that the students were exposed to team work and motivating presentations that enhanced and helped develop their critical thinking skills, oratory, negotiating and communication skills. As advisors, they assisted and guided the students in research activities and the overall preparation for their deliberations.

The students who represented St. Francis were Candice Collins, Joy Archer and Oliceia Simon. The students who represented S.C. Bootle were Elaine Fenelus, Erakesha Hield, Felicia Romer and Timmesha Russell. MUNS was co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### Outstanding Challenge Students Receive Awards

Central Abaco Primary School has become known for its outstanding reading challenge programs that the students as well as parents look forward to every year. In March the lower primary school challenge was launched and the awards ceremony held on May 5th at the school. The theme for this challenge was Fairy-

tales Teach Valuable Life Lessons. The program was lead by Mrs. Neulessa Major, assistant coordinator of this challenge. Over 70 students from grades one to three entered this challenge all of whom received certificates of participation. However, only the top ten students received gift bags and special prizes. The winner, Estanly Tous-saint, grade 2, received a Hooked on Phonics Deluxe Kit donated by the committee.

The second place winner was Henrin-que Theagene, grade 2 and in third place was Vladimyr Jean, grade 2

The person spearheading this committee was Samantha V. Evans, who started this challenge last school year with the assistance of Neulessa Major and Kayla Wallace. Helping with the challenge this year was Kayla Hamilton.

## Central Abaco Primary's grade six holds

### It's Academic program

By Samantha V. Evans

On April 24 the grade six students of Central Abaco Primary School participated in the annual Its Academic competition organized by the grade six teachers and sponsored by First Caribbean Bank, Abaco Branch. Four teams were in this competition representative of the school sports houses: Marlin, Grouper, Flamingo and Yellow Elder. Each team had a captain and four members. The competition was fierce as the students were asked questions in mathematics, general knowledge, science and social studies. The competition was held at the school and thanks to the

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The students of Central Abaco Primary were excited with this year's It's Academic program. Four teams competed to test their knowledge of mathematics, general knowledge, science and social studies. First Caribbean Bank sponsored the event and assisted in holding it.



Candice Collins, Joy Archer and Oliceia Simon debated in the Model United Nations Sessions in Nassau. They are shown with their coach Cecil Simon, who worked with them prior to the debate to learn about their topics and the fundamentals of debating. They found it to be a valuable experience.

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employees of the bank for assisting with the preparation of the students and Ms. Iris Henschell, bank manager, for her gracious donation that went towards the purchase of T-shirts, the event was a huge success. The winning team was Marlin with a total of 360 points, Grouper was second with 340 points, and there was a tie for third place with both Flamingo and Yellow Elder earning 310 points. The students from the winning team were Kavantia Reckley, Anjalique Bastian, Nathan Darville, Shavante Simms and Matnisha Louis. Also pictured are the representatives of First Caribbean Bank and the teachers of grade six.

## Agape Hosts First Dinner and Theatre Production

*By Samantha V. Evans*

On the evening of May 7th the drama and cooking departments of Agape Christian School hosted Abaco's first dinner and theatre production entitled: Meet Me at Lugi's. The event was held in Grace Gym which was transformed into an Italian restaurant including a hostess. This production was the joint effort of Courtney Romer, Meghan Bryson and Carmen Roberts. The students were very excited about this production and according to the principal traveled from Green Turtle Cay and Treasure Cay for practice. The production was Christian based which made it appealing to children and adults. It mixed theatrics with humor, mystery and a little suspense. The audience were served one course of their meal after each scene. They enjoyed an Italian meal consisting of a Caesar salad, spaghetti and meat balls, garlic bread, drinks, and dessert. The event was to raise funds for the school.

## Agape hosts service by Social Services

*By Mirella Santillo*

On May 15th the Department of Social Services organized a church service held at the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel to celebrate Child Protection Month. Officials from the Department of Education were in-

vited and Mrs Lenora Black, Abaco's education superintendent was the guest speaker. Pastors from several churches were present. Students from nine schools took part in the ceremony. A student from Long Bay school, Chanae Curry, did a great job as MC, orchestrating the function, presenting each speaker and commenting on each performance.

The service was a get together to give a chance for the adults to communicate their love and their caring to the children, reinforcing their self-esteem and their feeling of being needed and for the students to express their concerns through songs and readings.

Mrs. Black assured them that they were of great value. "We are here today because we believe that each of you is full of potential," she stated. "Let us protect our children together," she advocated. In a brief statement, she communicated four important points.

- Children have an unalienable right to be protected.
- In them dwell the dreams, hopes and aspirations of the people.
- They are valued not only in the sight of man but in the sight of God.
- In them lie the hopes of a great future and the responsibility for passing on moral values to the next generations.

Kadisha Canton of Central Abaco Primary School overcame her shyness when called on stage to read a quote from Proverbs. Three schools, Smith Memorial, Long Bay and St. Francis de Sales, entertained the audience with their singing before the address by Pastor Earlin Baillou.

Pastor Baillou, who is a member of the Juvenile Panel, spoke directly to the children, reminding them that the Department of Social Services is there to help them. Utilize their services and voice your concerns, he insisted. "Social workers can find solutions to the situations you may face. 'Help' is a word you should not be afraid to use."

Cyber Learning Center did a beautiful interpretation of "I like to teach the world to sing" and two ECC students took the stage. Valencia Duvra read a poem and

Karen Swain brought tears to people's eyes by her heart felt definition of a "special child."

Mrs. Cecile Albury, Principal of Agape Christian School, hosted the function and invited everyone to partake of a light lunch.

## Primary Students Excel at Track and Field Meet

*By Samantha V. Evans*

Over the period of May 20-22 17 track and field students from Central Abaco Primary School along with their chaperones attended the National Track and Field Sports Meet in Nassau. The Soaring Eagles Team comprises 34 students but due to financial restraints, the coaches were able to take only half of the team. According coach Jeffrey Victor, the team performed extremely well and the top two athletes were John Pierre and Ricardo Fawkes, who won gold medals in the 200 and 800 meters which are their specialty events.

Coach Victor stated that it is at track meets like this one that world famous athlete Debbie Ferguson got her start so he sees this meet as an excellent training ground for young aspiring athletes. Additionally, they got an excellent opportunity to shine and be exposed.

The rest of the team members and the awards they won are as follows: Dremika McIntosh - 1st place 100 meter heat; Diana Noe - silver medal in the ball throw; Dalisha Gerve - bronze medal in the ball throw; Domyunque Miller - silver medal in the long jump; Eurose Laurand - 2nd place ribbon in 400 meters; Rayjanique McKenzie - 1st place ribbon in the 400 meter heats; Robert Russell - 1st place ribbons in the 400 meters and 75 meters; Desmondo Bootle - 2nd place ribbon in

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The Department of Social Services held a special service to help the students know that they are important. Nine schools sent students to the host church, Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel and each school took part in the service.



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*Sujith's sixth grade class*

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the 400 meter heat; John Mathieu – 2nd place ribbon in the 400 meter heat; and Isaac Russell – 2nd place ribbon in the 200 meters and 1st place ribbon in the 100 meter heat.

## An Evening of Comedy at Forest Heights Academy

On the evening of April 30 a full house of friends and family enjoyed An Evening of Comedy presented by the Forest Heights Drama Club. With nearly 30 members in the club this year, it was necessary to put on three one-act plays in order to showcase the veteran actors and to give the younger ones a chance to experience the excitement of the stage.

The evening began with Picnic Peace telling the story of how the warring red and black ants found peace. The young actors brought personality to the world of insects as Commander Red Ant (Rebecca Strachan) led her army (Rocky Thompson and Jonathan Strachan) against General Black Ant (Megan Gates) and her ants (Dashane Knowles, and Taryn Carroll). The peace was accomplished through the friendship of Annette Ant (Abigail Albury) and Andy Ant (Jonathan Maycock) as all of the ants joined forces to defend themselves against

the predator, Spike the Spider (Haley Thomas). As you might imagine, the insect costumes and “giant” set, designed by Directors Lori Thompson and Alana Carroll, added to the fun.

The second play Diane’s Dream Date had a lesson to be learned that we must all be true to ourselves as Diane (Nicole Maltarp) found herself on a blind date with Bo Maxwell, (Denton Sawyer) a music sensation, set up by her old friend Lisa (Annie Sawyer). After a daydream, Diane decides she must change from her pink dress and pearls into a black makeshift “trendy” outfit. Ironically, Bo has been looking for a sweet girl in pink. True to form, Diane’s mother (Kirstie Albury) does not hold back her opinion as she tries to mend the mess. There were many charming moments in the play and Lisa’s date Steve (Perry Thomas) never missed a chance to grab one of mom’s homemade cookies. Of course, in the end the girl did indeed win the boy by simply being herself.

After an intermission provided by the PTA, the audience took their seats for a good old Prince and Princess fairy tale in Picture Perfect. The story begins with Prince Egbert of Syrolia (Taj Anderson) looking for a bride as he proposes to Princess Felicity (Faneisha Archer). These

plans are quickly foiled by Queen Justina (Amy Mackey) when she tells henpecked Egbert that he is betrothed to Princess Serena of Franistan (Aly Boyce). Egbert is dismayed until Queen Justina appeases him by sending an artist, Hans Van Rembark, (James Albury) to Franistan to paint the Princess’s portrait. Hans is lovingly supported by his quirky Aunt Nan, an old sorcerer, (Jennison Enriquez) as she sends him off on his journey. When he arrives, he meets Princess Serena, her sister Princess Wanda Mae (Allie Phillpot) and Queen Filomena (Stephanie Sweeting). After several twists and turns and many laughs, Hans and the Princess fall in love, so they decide to sabotage the portrait. The final scene brings all together as Queen Justina and Egbert come to challenge the portrait. Egbert, however, is infatuated with Princess Wanda Mae and both Kingdoms are united. The costumes, setting and backdrops were once again a wonderful addition, and the audience joined the cast

in many laughs.

Behind the scenes all three sets were smoothly transitioned and lit by the backstage directors of Giovanni Coakley, Tristan Albury and Perry Thomas. Allie Bethel also helped in the designing of the sets. Sound directors, Zack Roberts and Duran Lowe, controlled the music as well as the microphones completing the evening’s atmosphere.

Directors, Leslie Kennedy, Alana Carroll and Lori Thompson have worked together with the students every Tuesday after school since September. They were very proud of the way all these students, cast and crew pooled their talents and effort to produce this successful event.

## Teacher Appreciation Week Celebrated

*By Samantha V. Evans*

The month of May has always been set

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Part of the track team of Central Abaco Primary School competed in the national track and field competition in Nassau. Several of the students returned home with medals and even more returned with ribbons. Their track coach, Jeffery Victor, is shown with them.



The casts of three one-act plays performed by students of Forest Heights Academy showed that the school has plenty of talent to entertain their fellow students and families. The evening was a culmination of many months of work and practice.

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aside to honor teachers for their dedication and commitment to the educational system. Schools across Abaco selected a week during this month to allow parents to show their appreciation to their child's teacher. Some schools in the North like Treasure

Cay Primary and St. Francis in Central Abaco treated their teachers to lunch while some schools like Central Abaco Primary School had an entire week of activities planned for their teachers. The teachers of Treasure Cay Primary School were treated to lunch by one of the community stakeholders while St. Francis was treated to

lunch by the PTA Board.

Before the week of celebrations and recognitions began at Central Abaco Primary, the senior master, Leroy Thompson, who was in charge of the activities to honor teachers had them exchange gifts at the staff luncheon. The grade six students taught class as an honor during the afternoon session while the teachers supervised. It was a great activity as both teachers and students enjoyed the day. Friday was the talent and fashion show day as students wore their best attire and modeled for the school. On the final day the teachers were treated to a luncheon at the Anglican Parish Hall in Marsh Harbour. At the luncheon the teachers received gifts and had an opportunity to win prizes and surprises.



The teachers of Central Abaco Primary School were treated to a luncheon at the Anglican Hall where they also received gifts.

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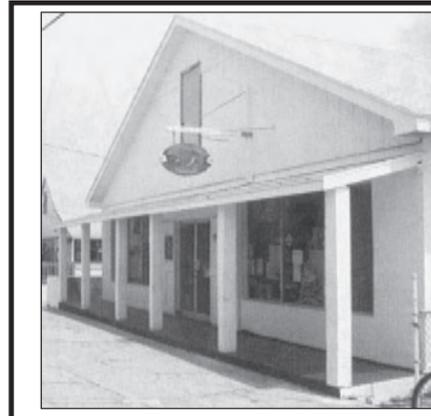
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# Police Crime Report

## Police raid three internet cafes

By Raymond Kongwa

Three teams of officers from the Abaco police district raided three Marsh Harbour internet cafes suspected of operating illegal lotteries on May 14. The officers arrested 15 people and seized computers and machines suspected of being used for the lotteries. They also seized more than \$6,000 in cash that is believed to be proceeds of the alleged lotteries. The raids were conducted simultaneously at Web Café and Chances on Don MacKay Boulevard and at One Web on Crockett Drive.

According to police reports, everyone arrested in the three raids initially pleaded not guilty to charges of operating illegal lotteries or being on the premises for the purposes of illegal lottery. However, two of the people charged later changed their pleas to guilty and received complete discharges after presenting evidence that they had been at the internet cafes to use the

internet and not to participate in lotteries.

The Marsh Harbour raids came several weeks after police conducted similar raids on New Providence and Grand Bahama.

Illegal lottery raids have become less frequent in recent years as operators have turned to using the internet to book bets as opposed to using a manual system. "A lot of people feel as if it's not an offense," said Supt. Sean Smith, Abaco's commanding officer. "But as long as it's on the books, we have to enforce the law."

Supt. Smith said the Marsh Harbour raids were part of an ongoing operation that would target businesses suspected of conducting illegal lotteries throughout Abaco.

## Man was shot by police

By Raymond Kongwa

A Marsh Harbour police officer shot a man in Murphy Town while responding to a disturbance after 8 p.m. on May 16. Bruce Martin was initially treated at the Marsh Harbour government clinic after being struck "about his body." He was

later flown to New Providence where he underwent surgery at the Princess Margaret Hospital.

Police have launched an investigation into the shooting. The investigation is being led by officers of the Central Detective Unit on New Providence.

Supt. Smith, Abaco's police commander, declined to comment on the number of rounds fired during the shooting or the number of times Mr. Martin was shot. He said officers investigating the shooting would determine the details. No charges had been made in connection with the shooting up to press time. However, Supt. Smith said charges could be made "against whomever" based on the outcome of the investigation.

Police have denied reports that Mr. Martin was shot in his back but have declined to comment on the exact point at which he was hit.

## Two were injured

By Raymond Kongwa

A man has been charged with causing grievous harm and assault with a deadly weapon after he allegedly used his pick-up truck to mow down two men near a popular Murphy Town nightclub. Police say he used his Ford F150 to run over the men around midnight on May 15 near the parking lot of Tardy's Restaurant and Bar. Both

men were treated initially at the Marsh Harbour government clinic and were later flown to New Providence where they received additional medical treatment.

The man arrested by police in this incident pleaded not guilty to the charges during his arraignment in the Magistrate's Court. He had been placed under arrest, but was released after being granted bail.

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Sometime after 3 pm on Monday, 13th April 2009, while at home enjoying a visit with my daughter Kathleen and her family, I experienced a burning sensation in my chest area. Although the sensation was short lived, I agreed to the suggestion by my wife to visit the doctor. It was shortly before 4 pm the same afternoon when I was diagnosed as "having a heart attack". The attending physician and his assistant promptly made the necessary arrangements for my transfer from Corbett Medical Clinic in Treasure Cay to Doctors Hospital in Nassau. Special and sincere thanks to the Treasure Cay Emergency Services for their prompt actions which obviously contributed to my speedy recovery. Dr. Shedd, Patty, Colin, Mickey and Sean, I am always indebted to you.

At Doctors Hospital, a team from The Heart Center headed by Dr. Francis Bimal explained to me after some preliminary examinations, the condition of my heart and the procedures which would follow. Those procedures commenced before 10 pm the same day, 13th April, and very shortly after 11 pm I was resting comfortably in ICU. To Dr. Francis and his team I say thanks for everything you did that evening and for the subsequent daily visits and words of encouragement.

The nurses in ICU, indeed all the nurses on the third floor of the hospital, were great, and to them all I say thank you. Nurses Gwen, Stella, Brown and Butler are the few names I now remember; however, there is one who was a bit surprised to find that Mr. Riviere was not a French Canadian. I say again "Thank You" to the entire 3rd floor nurses.

There were those who administered medications, and from the lab there was Mrs. Major and her team who woke me at odd hours to draw blood. My thanks to you all for making those exercises as comfortable as you possibly could.

Most persons are aware of the fact that I have resided on Abaco a while; however, I did not realize how many people on Abaco knew who I am.

I am humbled at the overwhelming outpouring of concern which came from natives and residents in Abaco - and elsewhere. Friends and clients called from the USA, Canada and The Caribbean, and to them I also express my sincere appreciation for the concern about me and my condition. And there were my Church Family here in Abaco and in New Providence together with congregations everywhere which offered prayers for me. To those individuals who "put in overtime" on their knees - and I believe there were many - I say thank you.

Thanks also to the members of The Abaco Rotary Club, all the guys at the Treasure Cay Golf Club, The Directors of Abaco Chamber of Commerce, members of the Bahamas Association of Land Surveys, some of whom visited with me in hospital and everyone everywhere who thought of me during the short period in hospital.

My immediate family, some of whom took time away from work, against my wishes, to be with me in hospital, were unbelievably wonderful. By observing their countenances, I had the feeling they were in great pain. I know for sure that it was their concern showing up in their faces. To those who spent their lunch hours and their after work hours with me, I am grateful and I love you all - very much.

In and through the period of recovery when the phone calls kept coming by the scores, and there were demonstrations of love and concern for me, I have had a recurring question: What have I done to deserve so much attention? The question remains unanswered - still.

Thanks again to every one.

Sincerely,  
St. George Riviere

# Businesses are displaying Earth Day projects

By Raymond Kongwa

Winners of Friends of the Environment's annual school science fair will have their projects displayed at businesses in Marsh Harbour and at the Bahamas National Trust headquarters in New Providence in commemoration of Earth Day.

"In the past they were displayed at New Vision Ministries; but after they were packed up, no one would see them again," said outgoing Friends' Education Officer Enzil Cooper, explaining the group's decision for showcasing the displays. He explained that the venues for winning displays were chosen by lottery so as to ensure that none of the winners was given preferential treatment in terms of display location.

In the Lower Primary division, first place winner, Hope Town School, will have its project displayed at Fidelity Financial's office while second place finisher, Man-O-War School, will be displayed

at the office of the competition's main sponsor, Colina Imperial Insurance.

In the Upper Primary division top finisher, Agape Christian School, will have its project on display at Royal Bank of Canada. Second place winner, Hope Town School's project, will be shown at the Abaco Ministry of Tourism office.

Forest Heights Academy, winner of the Lower High School division competition, will be on display at the Department of Marine Resources and second place finisher, Cyber Learning Centre, will be at the Department of Education.

As winner of the Upper High School division, Cyber Learning will have its project displayed at the Bahamas National Trust headquarters in New Providence. Meanwhile, first runner up, Abaco Central High School will be exhibited at First Caribbean Bank.

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22. Friends commemorated the day on April 24.



Earth Day projects that were exhibited at New Visions Ministries on April 24 are now on display at various businesses in Marsh Harbour. Shown here is Principal Kelli Janes, center, with the display that the Man-O-War School made on exhibit at Colina Imperial Insurance that was a major sponsor of Earth Day. Others in the photo are d'Shan Maycock and Enzil Cooper, both with Friends of the Environment, and Oiesha Roberts, manager of Colina's Abaco office. The Man-O-War exhibit came in second at the Lower Primary division.

# Min. McCartney reveals new requirements for citizenship

By Raymond Kongwa

Seven residents of Abaco were sworn in as new citizens in a ceremony held in the Magistrate's Court in Marsh Harbour on May 28. Minister of State for Immigration, the Hon. Branville McCartney presided over the ceremony.

Applicants for Bahamian citizenship must now know some basic facts and symbols of this country and have a command of the English language before becoming citizens, Mr. McCartney stated at the ceremony.

Speaking to the new citizens Mr. McCartney said, "Let me just say that prior to your becoming citizens you met with persons to go through certain aspects of what it is to be a citizen of The Bahamas, what it is to know The Bahamas, what it is to feel The Bahamas. That is very important because previously there was nothing substantial for persons to know what it is to be Bahamian. If you qualified, you applied, and the Cabinet made the determination," he said.

Revealing that the new policy had been instituted more than a month ago, Mr.

McCartney noted that The Bahamas does not automatically confer citizenship on people born in the country. "The granting of citizenship is therefore a very, very serious matter, not only for those of us in government, but also for you, our new citizens," he said. "For the government, the granting of citizenship represents the highest recognition and privilege that a government can bestow upon any individual."

The seven newly sworn-in citizens were congratulated by Immigration Director Jack Thompson, who traveled to Abaco as part of Mr. McCartney's contingent, by South Abaco MP Edison Key and by Central Abaco Administrator Cephas Cooper.

While here Mr. McCartney chaired the first meeting of The Bahamas Immigration Board held outside Nassau and Freeport. Administrator Cooper participated in the meeting, earning the distinction of being the first local government administrator to ever participate in an Immigration Board meeting.



Seven new citizens were sworn in on May 28. They are shown here with Minister of State for Immigration, the Hon. Min. McCartney, standing center. Others witnessing the ceremony included members of the Immigration Board, national and local government officials.

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# Abaco was showcased at St. Augustine's Junkanoo Island Festival

By Michelle Mikula

Participants representing Abaco were well received by Florida's oldest city when they took over the historic Plaza de la Constitucion in St. Augustine during the Junkanoo Island Festival on May 16th.

The festival, which began in 2007, was built on the premise of a shared heritage between the two communities that dates back to 1783 when the loyalists, who resided in St. Augustine at the time, migrated to Abaco. However, more importantly to the organizers of this festival was the desire to foster a cultural exchange connection that would bring together the peoples of Abaco and St. Augustine, Florida.

Traveling from Abaco to the Festival were representatives from the Ministry of Tourism; committee members, George and Genova Wilmore; Junkanoo participants; cooks; musicians and craft vendors. Also in the Abaco delegation was Agape Christian Academy's 12th grade student, Perece Moss. Perece was selected as the first student from Abaco to benefit from the festival's four year scholarship programme which provides the financial support for

her attendance at Flagler College in St. Augustine commencing the fall semester 2009.

The Junkanoo Island Festival featured a vibrant Junkanoo parade for the huge crowd of spectators, which surely awakened the city's ancient streets through the brilliant colours of the costumes and the melodic sounds that came from the goat skin drums and cowbells. Also a part of the day long festivities was a free concert, free samplings of conch salad, conch fritters and conch chowder and displays of Abaco made craft and art work.

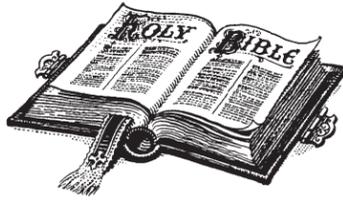
The festival was followed by a Bahamian Prayer Breakfast at the Creekside Diner that included such dishes as Corn Beef and Grits and Souse Chicken and Johnny Cake. Proceeds raised from the breakfast went towards the Junkanoo Scholarship Fund that will be awarded once again to a deserving Abaco student in 2010.

For further information on the St. Augustine Junkanoo Island Festival or the scholarship foundation, contact the Abaco Tourist Office at 367-3067 or visit the website [www.junkanoofest.com](http://www.junkanoofest.com).



The Abaco Tourism office was invited to the St. Augustine Junkanoo Island Festival. Accompanying the Tourism staff were many others to give a Junkanoo experience to the Floridians. The Festival goers enjoyed a Bahamian concert as well as Bahamian crafts and food.

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**Two worlds** *From Page 4*

Day in Abaco. She can see more Haitians following in her footsteps and encourages the young people in her community to do well in school and stay focused. That way they can also achieve great things in their lives.

The budding employee of the Ritz-Carlton Club Abaco is not the only Haitian-Bahamian to transcend the cultural differences, but she said more Haitians need to embrace the Bahamian culture. And Bahamians need to be more tolerant of the Haitian culture realizing that they have pride and dignity as well.

One of the biggest problems facing a number of the young Haitians in the Mud and Pigeon Peas is the constant wait on getting their papers and passport so they can not only travel, but be treated as equals. Once these young Haitian-Bahamians receive their passports, they can open bank accounts, apply for loans for cars and property and help to solidify their communities and the communities around them.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham recently said they will fast forward the immigration process for all Haitians born in the Bahamas who are eligible for their status change.

Ms. Dumercy said, "I have spoken to the former Prime Minister (Perry Christie) and even voiced my concerns to the new Prime

Minister (Hubert Ingraham) of what I feel needs to be done for the Mud and Pigeon Peas because they have asked me what I think needs to be done. When it comes to the low cost homes and property, most of them don't have the ability, even though they are waiting on their passports, to buy the land. Even though they can afford the lots or homes, they can't buy them. They are automatically disqualified from buying these properties. If they can get their passports, a lot of people will move out of the Mud and Peas," she concluded.

**Regatta** *From Page 6*

of the course. Lori Lowe, wife of Jimmy Lowe, won Top Woman title in the event.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pleydell-Bouverie were extremely proud of their ten-year-old son, Jeremy, who won the two Sunday races. Jeremy belongs to the Man-O-War Junior Sailing Club.

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Two storey clean view residence converted into a 1 bedroom suite and 2 bedroom apartment.  
**\$550,000. Ref. AS10808**



**THE CROSSING**

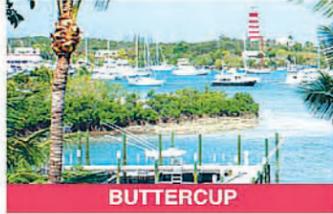
**MARSH HARBOUR**

Sea view 2 bedroom condos and 3 bedroom penthouses in a gated development with pool and beach.  
**Starting at \$495,000. Ref. AS10890**



**GREAT GUANA CAY**

Immaculate 2 bedroom, 2 bath retreat with generator, tools, and utility vehicle. Near the beach.  
**\$349,000. Ref. AS10648**



**BUTTERCUP**

**ELBOW CAY**

3 bedroom, 3 bath hilltop cottage with a private 140 ft. dock. Ideal family home or vacation getaway.  
**\$2,395,000. Ref. PS10662**



**CASA LUISA**

**ELBOW CAY**

3 bedroom, 2 bath home, just across from the beach, offering a large pool and deck space for entertaining.  
**\$795,000. Ref. PS10665**



**FLAMINGO VILLAS**

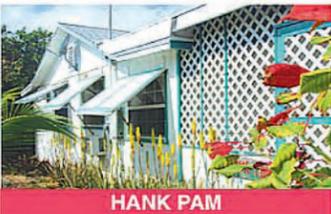
**ELBOW CAY**

Two harbour view villas totalling 4 bedrooms and 4 baths with large deck, pool, and private dockage.  
**\$2,415,000. Ref. AS11127**



**THE ABACO CLUB, WINDING BAY**

Exquisite 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath golf course residence with pool. Within a golf club and sporting retreat.  
**\$3,995,000. Ref. AS10701**



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**GREAT GUANA CAY**

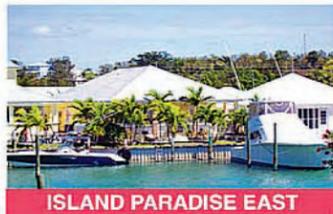
Cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage featuring a screened-in Bahama Room and sundeck.  
**\$150,850. Ref. AS11033**



**TRANQUILITY COTTAGE**

**MARSH HARBOUR**

Private 2 bedroom, 2 bath house with a relaxing deck, large workshop, and central air. Near all amenities.  
**\$810,000. Ref. AS11141**



**ISLAND PARADISE EAST**

**MARSH HARBOUR**

4 bedroom boater's haven featuring 10 ft. ceilings, a large covered patio, dock pier, and a relaxing ambience.  
**\$850,000. Ref. AS11006**



**ISLAND PARADISE MAIN**

**MARSH HARBOUR**

Private 5 bedroom estate with free-form pool, and 10 ft. ceilings. Ideal retirement home or vacation villa.  
**\$1,060,000. Ref. AS11005**



**THE BLUFF AT WINDING BAY**

2.09 acre property with dramatic cliffs, gorgeous vistas, 'blow hole', and nearby luxury amenities.  
**\$4,900,000. Ref. AS11130**



**NORTH END, ELBOW CAY**

19,974 sq. ft. oceanfront lot with 120 ft. of beach and foundation for a 2,600 sq. ft., 4 bedroom home.  
**\$695,000. Ref. AS11144**

### LOTS

**BAHAMA PALM SHORES:** 13,248 sq. ft. hilltop lot. **\$26,500. Ref. AS11099**  
**TREASURE CAY:** 22,574 sq. ft. lot with 10 ft. elevations, 100 ft. of water-frontage, and easy access to all amenities. **\$125,000. AS11061**  
**AUNT PAT'S BAY, ELBOW CAY:** 14,914 sq. ft. corner lot with 35 ft. elevations. Community dockage. Nearby Tahiti Beach and Hope Town. **\$364,000. PS10661**  
**TILLOO CAY:** 16,000 sq. ft. homesite on a private island community. Near the community dock. Electricity available. **\$150,000. PS10630**  
**CENTRAL ABACO:** 5 acre beachfront tract between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. Good elevations and utilities. **\$650,000. AS10756**  
**REDUCED! WALKING STICK WAY:** 23,358 sq. ft. hilltop lot with access to luxury amenities and views across the Abaco Club. **\$1,695,000. AS10647**  
**MARIE'S LANDING, ELBOW CAY:** Half acre building sites in a private waterfront community with electricity, dock slip, and beach access. **\$595,000. PS10659**  
**TREASURE CAY:** 8 acre parcel on Basin Harbour Cay. **\$249,000. PS10700**  
**MARSH HARBOUR:** 9,750 sq. ft. sea view lot in gated Sunrise Bay. All amenities nearby. **\$249,900. AS11026**  
**LUBBERS QUARTERS:** 10,489 sq. ft. homesite in the Abaco Ocean Club. Near the community dock. **\$77,000. AS10969**  
**BAKER'S HEIGHTS:** 41.6 acre sea view tract. **\$1,040,000. AB5178**  
**THE ABACO CLUB, WINDING BAY:** Superb 1+ acre beachfront, oceanfront, and golf course estate lots. **Starting at \$1,900,000**  
**GUANA CAY:** 6,811 sq. ft. sea and oceanview lot within the Shipwreck Subdivision. Nearby the new community dock and beaches. **\$125,000. AS10891**  
**TREASURE CAY:** 15 acre estate with elevations to 70 ft. and 630 ft. on the Sea of Abaco. **Reduced to \$710,000 for a limited time only. AS10886**  
**DOLPHIN BEACH ESTATES:** Collection of homesites within a beachfront community. Hilltop lots starting at \$150,000. Waterfront lots starting at \$395,000. Beachfront lots starting at \$595,000.  
**GREAT ABACO CLUB:** 7,630 sq. ft. canalfront lot in a gated community. Nearby amenities including pool, tennis courts, and beach. **\$260,000. AS10731**

### BEST OPPORTUNITIES



**SeaSalt, ELBOW CAY**  
This newly built, 1,600 sq. ft. residence featuring 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, occupies an ample 5,595 sq. ft. homesite with panoramic ocean views.  
**\$599,000. PS10640**



**ELBOW CAY**  
9,826 sq. ft. lot just south of Hope Town Settlement. Ideal as a homesite, and is one of the rare properties available here suited for commercial development.  
**\$90,000. AS11109**



**THE ABACO CLUB RITZ-CARLTON, WINDING BAY**  
1.626 acre beachfront estate offering 200 ft. of beach, seclusion and privacy - with the 5-star resources of The Abaco Club just minutes away.  
**\$1,795,000. AS10802**

### FEATURED RENTAL



**Island Paradise Main GREAT ABACO CLUB, MARSH HARBOUR**  
This luxurious waterfront vacation estate includes a 5 bedroom residence and two-4 bedroom cottages, boat dockage, and pool. Sleeps 34.  
**\$10,000/week Ref. AR10564**



**MARSH HARBOUR - COMMERCIAL**  
2 acre commercial site with building, in need of repair, ideal for office spaces. Ideal for a shopping plaza.  
**\$850,000. Ref. AS11108**



**MARSH HARBOUR - COMMERCIAL**  
Rare opportunity to purchase this 6,575 sq. ft. commercial building on 1.5 acres. Great investment.  
**\$795,000. Ref. AS11118**

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