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Contracts signed for two school buildings

Abaco Central High will have administration and vocational buildings

By Jennifer Hudson

The Hon. Carl Bethel, Minister of Education, and the Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Public Works and Transportation, were in Marsh Harbour on October 23 for a contract signing ceremony which took place in the conference room of the new Ministry of Education office. This contract made it possible for work to immediately get underway for the construction of a new administration block and technical rooms at the Abaco Central High School. It was acknowledged that since the administration building was destroyed by fire three years ago, teachers have had to manage in a replacement facility which was too small and inadequate. "Today culminates many weeks of planning, hoping and dreaming," stated Mrs. Lenora Black, District Superintendent of Education for Abaco. She thanked the two ministers on behalf of the faculty for the new buildings which will soon rise, thanked the staff of the school for their longsuffering and thanked the contractors whose work she felt would be



Contracts were signed on October 23 for the construction of a new administration block and a vocational training block at Abaco Central High School. The original administration block was destroyed by fire more than three years ago. On Abaco for the signing were the Minister of Education, the Hon. Carl Bethel, and the Minister of Works, the Hon. Neko Grant. The signing took place at the new Education office in Marsh Harbour. Shown here are Mrs. Anita Bernard, Permanent Secretary with Works; Mr. Gordon Major, Acting Director of Works; Mr. Fred Jones, who will build the administration building; Mr. Grant; Mr. Bethel; Mr. Livingston Williams, who will build the vocation training building; Mrs. Lenora Black, Abaco's Education Superintendent; and Mrs. Elma Garraway, Permanent Secretary of Education.

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Abaco's economy was examined

By Jennifer Hudson

At the Abaco Business Outlook Seminar held at New Vision Ministries on September 25, eleven distinguished speakers

shared their knowledge and expertise to help us understand the forces that are cur-

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Marsh Harbour's Front Street gets concrete



On October 23 the Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Works, inspected the re-paving of Front Street in Marsh Harbour now underway. The road will be concrete to maintain the historical character of the road and will extend from Arawak Agency to the freight dock. Mr. Larry Williams of Larry's Construction Company in Dundas Town won the contract for the paving work. Accompanying Mr. Grant are Mr. John Schaeffer, a resident engineer on Abaco, and Mr. Theophilus Cox, Administrator for North Abaco. Work on the road is progressing well with much of the concrete already been poured. See more photos on page 4.



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Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on November 2. Set your clocks back one hour either at bedtime on Saturday evening, November 1 or on Sunday morning, November 2.

New Junior Minister of Tourism for Abaco is selected



Amy Mackey, third from left, won the title of Junior Minister of Tourism for Abaco. She will now compete in Nassau for the title of national Junior Minister of Tourism. She is pictured here with others competing for the title. Her term will last for one year. Shown here are Ms. Millie Dawkins with Tourism; Joy Archer, candidate from St. Francis de Sales School; Amy Mackey from Forest Heights Academy; Tirshatha Etienne of Long Bay School; Marcus Sands, Abaco's Junior Minister last year; Brittany Davis of Long Bay School; Odessa Cooper of Long Bay School; and Ruth Ann Rolle of Tourism from Nassau. See story on page 4.

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\$900,000 in contracts will improve Abaco Central

Contracts

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delivered in a timely manner.

Min. Bethel expressed his pleasure at being present at this historic signing and declared, "The signing of this contract is evidence of the significant investment the Ministry of Education is making on Abaco. We are returning to Abaco a little of what you have contributed to the national economy over the years. We recognize that you feel neglected so often. This is a win-win situation; we are placing resources where people can best utilize them. You are assured of the full support of the government as you move forward." Mr. Bethel described the construction of the new buildings as "restorative: to rebuild to a standard befitting one of the larger high schools in the Family Islands and also expansive in order to satisfy the needs for technical exposure since not all children are academically inclined. Some are technically inclined and this new facility will provide opportunities for training.

"Today marks a new trend for the government as we not only came to sign the documents but we also have the mobilization cheques which will enable the dirt to be turned immediately. We are on a tight schedule, and we want the work

done well and in record time. We look forward to continuing investments in Abaco," stated Min. Bethel.

Min. Grant told the staff of the Abaco Central High School, "We have come to bring relief, and we commended you for your patience." He announced the persons who had been awarded the contracts and gave statistics regarding each section of the project. Jones Construction was awarded the contract for the administration block at a cost of \$344,100. This will cover 2,000 square feet and will encompass a reception area, principal's and vice principal's offices, a clerical bay, student sick bay, staff lounge, rest rooms and kitchenette. The minister stated that completion date is expected within 18 weeks and he sees no reason for delay.

The contract for the technical block was awarded to Williams Construction. This will encompass technical classrooms and rest rooms covering an area of just over 4,000 square feet at a cost of \$458,319 and is expected to be completed within 12 months. "Just over \$900,000 will have been put into these projects upon completion. The awarding of these contracts has been a very transparent process, and I am sure that the workmanship will be up to stan-

dard," stated the Minister.

Following the contract signing between the contractors and the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Education, Mrs. Elma Garraway, and Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Mrs. Anita Bernard, the contractors responded. Mr. Frederick Jones said that he was happy that he had been recognized for the high standard of his work. "I always strive for excellence," he said. "I appreciate the fact that I am doing this for the government and will do it to the highest standard." Mr. Livingston Williams declared that he wanted to be a part of

building our country and that he would make everyone proud with the high standard of his work.

Also present at the contract signing were Mr. Theophilus Cox, Administrator for North Abaco, Mr. Cubell Davis, Chief Councillor, and Director of Works from Nassau, Mr. Gordon Major.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the ministers, permanent secretaries, contractors and others from the Ministry of Works and Ministry of Education visited the site where construction will take place on the grounds of the Abaco Central High School.

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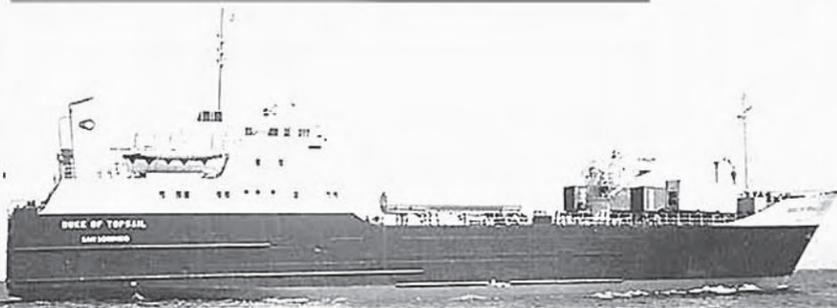
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New Junior Minister of Tourism is chosen

By Mirella Santillo

On October 15th fifteen-year-old Amy Mackey, an 11th grade student at Forest Heights Academy, was chosen as the new Junior Minister for Abaco.

The program, which was inaugurated last year, consists of appointing a student who is able to write an essay on a chosen topic and verbally articulate to present it to an audience and is a youth representative of the Ministry of Tourism. This year again, several Family Islands were invited to participate. The finalist for each island will enter a final competition to determine who will be the Junior Minister for The Bahamas for the year.

Three schools entered the contest and participated in the first leg of the competition, a written essay on *Climate Change and Tourism*. In the second part of the competition five students from St. Francis de Sales, Forest Heights Academy and Long Bay School deliberated in front of a panel of three judges and other attendants on **Career Awareness Today for a Global Tomorrow**. The contestants had between five and seven minutes to explain their arguments. Their choices of careers ranged from doctor to climatologist to teacher.

After their presentation they were interviewed by Mrs. Ruth-Ann Rolle, Manager of the Youth Awareness Department, who came from Nassau to monitor the event and

explain to the students the purpose and the advantages of the program. She mentioned that the Junior Minister for the Bahamas will enjoy traveling to the Caribbean on several occasions, each time obtaining cash prizes for his or her school, and could qualify for a scholarship to the College of The Bahamas.

The judges, Ms. Wynsome Ferguson, Mr. Leslie Rolle and Mrs. Olivia Mortimer, were given time between presentations to grade each student. The results were announced the following day. As the winner, Amy Mackey will participate in the Junior Minister of Tourism's Speech Competition Finals in January 2009 in Nassau when she will present her essay on *Climate Change and Tourism*.

The other contestants's efforts will not have been in vain as some of them will still have a role to play. They will be Junior Minister for their school and will become active members of the Tourism Club. Joy Archer will represent St. Francis de Sales School and Tirshatha Etienne will represent Long Bay School. Amy will be the Club's President for the year as well as representing Forest Heights Academy.

Marcus Sands, last year's candidate and the first Junior Minister for Abaco, will remain involved in the Tourism Club activities.

Construction of concrete road is progressing



Work continues on Front Street in Marsh Harbour. The contract included removing existing pavement and quarry, leveling and compacting the base and installing six-inch concrete slabs. The work will restore the original road in Marsh Harbour in a way to maintain the tradition of concrete roads along water front. The work is being done by Larry Willis of Dundas Town.



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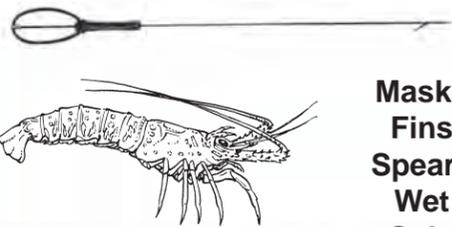
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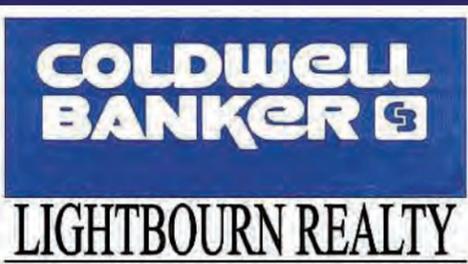
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Second homeowners are key to Abaco's success

Economy

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rently impacting Abaco's economy. In the previous edition of The Abaconian, four of those topics were presented and the views of three more speakers will be presented here.

Enhancing economic growth

Mr. Owen Bethel, President and Managing Director of the Montaque Group, whose talk was entitled *Enhancing Economic Growth and Development; If it Ain't Broke, Don't Fix It*, began by referring to the "significant financial and economic crisis the global environment is in today." He remarked that though our thriving economy is in contrast, we can expect to see repercussions, and we must stop being ambivalent in wanting people's money but not them.

"There are some anomalies," he stated. "Foremost is the absence of a National Development Plan. We must first recognize this as a problem. Key essential ingredients are missing from our environment. We welcomed investors for many years, but in 2008 we received a scathing reprimand from the World Bank on the inefficiencies of doing business in The Bahamas.

"There is need for the diversification of the economy but very little has been done. We must build on our economy and improve in the best interests of our country. A National Development Plan is needed.

"Our education system has been a focus of ridicule for some time. We must think outside the box so that we do not lose our young people to crime. Even worse is the brain drain. We must identify what makes us unique as a country and a people, then understand what we have and plan for its growth for the future."

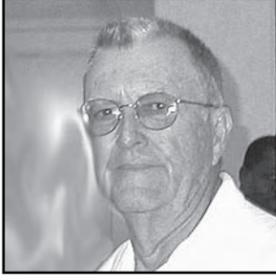
The influence of second homes on the economy

Mr. David Ralph, publisher of The Abaconian newspaper, spoke on The Effect of Second Homeowners on the Abaco Economy.

Mr. Ralph was concerned in the past by negative remarks directed at Abaco's second homeowners and their rental houses

by a government official. This led him to put together a report on the impact these properties have on the Abaco economy. This, he feels, has moderated the opinion of many government officials toward rental houses and their owners.

Mr. Ralph began by stressing the large part that second homeowners and rentals have played on Abaco's economy. "There are between 1200 and 1500 second homes on Abaco. This number overshadows the commercial area by far but there is no central registry, and the second homeowners are not organized," he stated. "The rental house business has brought tourism to small towns like Cherokee. Small businesses spring up as a result of rental homes such as restaurants and golf cart rentals. This is all done at the local level. The promotional value of second homeowners is outstanding. The homes are being promoted by word of mouth all the time, and the value of this cannot be put on paper. There is tremendous expertise here that should be better utilized."



David Ralph

Regarding the effect of rental homes on the hotel industry, Mr. Ralph made the point, "Hotel and rental houses can coexist. Rental house guests are closer to the native community than hotel guests which is a plus as they put people out into the community more. Another plus for rental homes is that after hurricanes, hotels need significant recovery time, but the homeowner system comes back to life much quicker."

Mr. Ralph stated that he feels that a guest tax is overdue. But if second homes were tax free in the Southern Bahamas, it would bring people there and provide jobs which are badly needed in the area.

BEC's surcharge is explained

Mr. Frederik Gottlieb is a Counsel and Attorney at Law and has served as Chairman of many government corporations; he is presently Chairman of the Bahamas Electricity Corporation. Mr. Gottlieb's topic was Ongoing Projects and Future Plans for the Bahamas Electricity Corporation.



Frederik Gottlieb

He began by addressing the subject which is on most people's minds - the fuel surcharge and cost of electricity and stated that he fully supports the recent statements of the Prime Minister to bring relief to people with low incomes who cannot pay their high utility bills. In explaining the reason for the high bills he stated that BEC does not profit in any way. In 2006 oil was

\$60 a barrel but in 2008 it rose to \$140 a barrel. This causes additional costs to BEC because Customs Duty goes up, but BEC has not passed this on to the consumer. Government has now given BEC a two-year exemption from Customs Duty.

The fuel surcharge is in direct relation to the cost of oil on the international market. BEC has no control over that, and the surcharge is designed to cover the cost of the fuel. "BEC does not make any profit from the surcharge," he stressed. "People expect to see a reduction in oil prices immediately reflected in their bills but BEC has to buy oil in bulk and generally buys to provide a two- to three-month fuel capacity so the bills now reflect what was paid two or three months ago."

Mr. Gottlieb praised the excellence of the people in BEC, reminding his audience how quickly the workers got the power supply up again after the hurricanes. He repudiated the statement he had heard that The Bahamas has the highest electricity rates in the region. "Though it costs more to provide electricity to the Family Islands, our rates are lower than those in Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, Turks and Caicos and many others," he stated.

In referring to problems on Abaco, Mr. Gottlieb said, "This island contributes significantly to the costs BEC incurs annually. Our frequent power outages are due to old decrepit systems which have been inherited. Some generators are old and some from the United States are faulty. Also there is the problem of electrical storms which knock out generators. I am hoping for a more up-to-date distribution capacity

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BAIC Chairman Encourages Support for Bahamian Farmers

Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) executive chairman Edison Key wants all government agencies to buy their fruit and vegetables from Bahamian farmers. BAIC, he said, was calculating the amount, cost and point of access of food products used by government agencies and department.



Edison Key

“To the extent that they are not doing so, we want them to support Bahamian farmers and save

the country on hard currency during these uncertain economic times,” said Mr Key, a former large scale farmer. The executive chairman was the keynote speaker at BAIC’s Farmers Empowerment Workshop held last weekend in North Andros. Mr. Key told farmers he was pained that “many millions of dollars are spent im-

porting food that we can produce and in some cases are producing right here in The Bahamas. It is time some of those millions start flowing directly into your pockets. And so we are taking steps to make that a reality.”

He said surveys have been sent to government agencies including the Police and Defence Forces, the Simpson Penn and Willimae Pratt Schools, the Princess Margaret Hospital and the Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre requesting information on fruit and vegetables used there.

“We want to know from where they are accessed and how much is paid for them,” said Mr Key. “I bet that would amount to hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars each year.”

Mr Key continued, “We have on order from Costa Rica trailer loads of pineapple slips, cassava sticks and banana and plantain suckers. These will be distributed free of charge to farmers throughout the islands. I am convinced that food producers will be the power brokers of tomorrow.”

BEC’s Chairman gave update on BEC

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and generating system on Abaco.”

The new plant at Wilson City was Mr. Gottlieb’s next focus. “We will have four 12-megawatt heavy fuel German state-of-the-art generators. These will reduce sulphur emissions to well under World Health Organization recommendations. If we were to use diesel, it would add another \$9 million to the cost and then people would complain about higher bills,” he stated. “Things are developing very rapidly on Abaco, and we have to be able to provide.

“Proposals have been invited for alternate sources of energy. The object is to implement new technologies and reduce dependency on fossil fuels. A new underwater cable will be placed to Hope Town from Crossing Beach to replace the archaic

infrastructure. I commend the residents of Hope Town and want them to know that relief is coming. There will also be a cable to Matt Lowe’s Cay and a new underwater line to Grand Cay. A new cable has been put in place to Green Turtle Cay which will stabilize the power situation there.

“New vehicles will include two extra bucket trucks for Abaco, one for Sandy Point and one for Moore’s Island, a new pole drilling truck and replacement trucks for Hope Town and for Grand Cay. Also there will be new feeders for Hope Town so Abaco is not being neglected.”

Mr. Gottlieb concluded his talk by stating, “Although we have no control over oil prices, we do have control over finding alternative electricity sources.”

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The Editor Says . . . Captain Leonard's Legacy



Captain Thompson's contribution to the economic welfare of north and central Abaco has been enormous in terms of development, job creation and increased tourism. He saw the potential of these two properties and made the commitment in time and money

His memory will live on for many gen-

erations through his two books, *I Wanted Wings* and *Sea to Sky*. These give an intimate picture of his early life.

There have been many suggestions over the recent years that our Marsh Harbour airport should bear his name to cement his legacy for Abaco. The Prime Minister alluded to this in his funeral address saying "

. . . we must celebrate his most remarkable life, something I trust we will continue do on an institutional basis. We shall not forget him and we shall not permit him to be forgotten by succeeding generations."

We may hear more specific information as the airport renovations and enhancements near completion.

Spring City is being transformed

Spring City was established in 1959 by the Owens Illinois pulpwood operation as a housing camp for their Bahamian employees. The name came from a spring located in the area of the present pumping station. Some of the houses found there are original houses built in Pine Ridge on Grand Bahama in the mid-1940s. They were moved to the Gap on Grand Bahama in 1956 for employee housing when the North Riding Point dock was put into operation for shipping pulpwood. In 1959 the houses were moved again to Spring City on Abaco. Only a few of the original houses from the sawmill days in Pine Ridge remain. Some of these original houses are showing their age.

Many of the houses seen on Spring City's circular road were built in the mid-1960s by the Owens Illinois sugar operation for their Bahamian staff. .

Today, thirty-five low cost houses are

under construction in Spring City by five separate contractors with Christmas being the targeted move-in date. These are small starter-homes on small lots designed to be affordable for low-income persons. Although small, they are configured with one, two or three bedrooms with one or two baths. They are being constructed to be hurricane resistant. These new houses are in sharp contrast to the few remaining original buildings.

They are not give-aways as all buyers must be qualified with a mortgage from a commercial bank, the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation or other lending institution.

Lots in other areas of Abaco will be made available but Spring City is intended to be the only area where government will build low cost homes and offers the house and lot as a package.

Abaco people have been clamoring for

low cost lots and houses for years. Government's initial response was the 450-lot Central Pines subdivision in Dundas Town. A second phase there will place about 90 additional lots on the market. These are larger lots than those being developed in Spring City and are intended for persons in a higher income bracket.

Experience in the Central Pines Subdivision has shown that middle income buyers are willing to pay more for a larger house and lot.

Additional lots will be made available in Sandy Point, Crossing Rocks, Dundas Town, Cooper's Town and Little Abaco. A parcel of government land on Green Turtle Cay was being considered for low cost lots for residents there. We have not heard recently on the status of this parcel.

Due to Abaco's rapid growth, there is a pent-up demand for house lots.

Many Abaco persons have risen above their peers and shown themselves to be outstanding examples in one endeavor or another. Most of these persons moved on and left their mark elsewhere as they found better opportunities beyond Abaco's shores. Perhaps circumstances on Abaco at the time did not provide the opportunities for them to reach their potential, and they moved on to greener pastures.

Captain Leonard Thompson was one of those persons with humble beginnings but with an overwhelming desire to make something of himself. His father, a sea captain, recognized the limitations of Hope Town and took the family to Nassau where Leonard was educated and began work.

His aviation career began in Nassau but then his patriotism led him to Canada where he became a bomber pilot during World War II. Before he was sent overseas, he married Mary Tofin, the love of his life, whom he met during his training in Alberta, Canada.

His luck ran out on his 25th mission when his plane was shot down and he parachuted into German territory. He returned to the Bahamas after the war, having been imprisoned by the Germans for 18 months. He owned and operated many businesses in Nassau and found the time and desire to serve 19 years as Abaco's member of the House of Assembly from 1949 - 1968.

He turned his attention to Abaco in the mid-1950s having acquired the acreage we now know as Treasure Cay and built the hotel and subsequent resort facilities. The ownership has changed several times over the years but this resort holds the record as the longest operating large resort in the Family Islands.

In the early 1970s, he was forced out of the Treasure Cay operation due to his political affiliation with the opposition UBP party. Undeterred, he bought the derelict Great Abaco Hotel which had not been rebuilt after suffering damage from Hurricane Betsy in 1965. It re-opened in 1979 under his ownership and management and is now the largest Bahamian owned resort in the Family Islands.

Letters to the Editor

Appreciates road repairs

Dear Editor:

Much thanks for space provided. I must commend the powers that be who saw fit to have the necessary repairs done to the junction of the roadway at Batelco Office near Every Child Counts school. The residents who live on this street are also enjoying the smooth road, and the school is once again wheel chair accessible. Thank you to the Marsh Harbour Town Committee for getting this much needed contract passed.

I must say though that many vehicles are now ignoring the fact that this is a school zone and are racing up and down at break-neck speed. We have had one tragedy too many with pedestrian fatalities in Abaco. Please, drivers, remember that this road junction is used by over 80 children daily, many of whom have no choice but to walk to school. Slow Down!

Arrive Alive

Update on ECC student

Editor's note: This letter refers to a student at the Every Child Counts School in Marsh Harbour, a school that works with

physically and mentally handicapped children who cannot attend a normal school. It is supported entirely by donations. This is a response to a Rotarian who contributed to the cost of having a teacher's aide who works only with Brent Lowe, a student who is severely handicapped.

Hello,

Thank you so much for your donation to Brent Lowe's teacher aide. Thanks, as well, for asking about him this past week. Developmentally, Brent is making slow but steady gains. He is more purposeful in using his hands to manipulate objects



Brent Lowe, a 12-year-old student at Every Child Counts, is shown with his "gait trainer," a walker that supportss his body while he learns to walk. The school acquired the walker for him on the advice of doctors. With his needs, he requires a full time teacher's aide. He is slowly learning to hold a cup and eat with a special fork, but he cannot speak yet.

and can drink from a cup independently, though he requires assistance to put the cup back down. He is gaining the strength required to walk with the assistance of a "gait trainer," a walker that provides substantial support for the torso and arms. Though he has no formal means of communication, he readily expresses his affection for others with smiles, laughs and hugs. Social interaction is crucially important to him and to us as well; many students of the school vie to help Brent throughout the day.

Financing his aide, at \$140 per week, continues to be challenging. With your generous help and that of other Rotarians, we have the funds to maintain his enrollment through November. I have attached a couple of photos of Brent.

If you would like additional information or have suggestions for additional funding, please do not hesitate to contact me. And if you might have sometime in the area during school hours, we would be honored to have you stop by the school. I would be pleased to introduce you to Lil' Brent.

Best regards,
Mars Lawley

Loss of tree upsets GTC residents

Dear Editor,

I am speaking on behalf of a large group of concerned citizens and residents on Green Turtle Cay. We are irate and disgusted with the actions of a second homeowner who willfully destroyed an old cork tree situated across the street from his newly built home merely because it was blocking a portion of his view. This tree is not on his property. It's on the beach in the town of New Plymouth. He had petitioned the Local Council to remove the tree, or at the very least, trim it back. He also asked his home contractor and some of his workers if they could remove the tree. Nobody would do anything about the tree. So this man took matters into his own hands and poisoned the tree by drilling two

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deep holes in the lower trunk of the tree and pouring oil and an herbicide into the holes. He did this right before the Hanna and Ike storms. He probably thought that we would think Mother Nature did this to the tree; however, neither storm really bothered us.

A few weeks ago, we started to notice that the leaves were turning yellow, dying and falling off the tree. Upon further investigation, the holes were found on the back of the tree so you couldn't notice it from the street. And to make matters worse, the man put a swing in the tree, thus luring children to the poisoned area. For many years children have played under this tree because of the shade and cool it provides. Nobody can exactly determine how old the tree was, but it was between 35-50 years old. It was a beautiful lush tree with pretty flowers that lived through many hurricanes and tropical storms. Now, at the hands of one selfish individual, the town lost one of the only shade trees on the beach.

The townspeople are very upset with this willful and wrongful act of destruction. The individual who poisoned the tree has stepped up and assumed responsibility for his actions. He stated in a letter to the Chairman of the Local Council of Green Turtle Cay that he was only trying to stunt the tree's growth and didn't mean to permanently harm it. However, he never apologized for doing it (because he's not sorry, only sorry he got caught). In his letter, he also went on to say that he was frightened that the branches of the tree might pound against the nearby electric wires and cause a fire. BEC trimmed this tree before the storm. The tree was blocking a portion of his view, plain and simple. Now he's making other excuses. The fact is he meant to kill this tree and that's wrong any way you look at it!

He says he'll replace the tree with whatever foliage the town recommends. I recommend a tree every bit as high and bushy as this tree was - maybe even two of them - side by side so it can block his entire view. We can barge them in at his expense from Nassau or the US. But when it comes right down to it, we want more than just a replacement tree. We want this arrogant individual off this island. He has behaved in a manner that demonstrates an utter disrespect and contempt for the people of Green Turtle Cay, the local Council, the environment and the health and safety of the children. We have no use for such an ignorant, selfish individual and Green Turtle Cay would be better off without him.

Leonard Lowe

Food for Thought

Dear Editor,

Many times you see cars left on the side of a road after they caught on fire or had an accident, whatever. The owners collect their money from the insurance

company and make no effort to move the car.

Whose responsibility is it to move the vehicle?

I think a law should be passed or maybe local government can handle it. But if the insurance company did not have to pay until the car is moved to the dump, then it will get moved quickly.

Disgusted with derelict vehicles

Crime is becoming a major problem

Dear Editor;

I am writing in regard to the article quoting Mr. Frank Comito of the Bahamas Hotel Corporation. While Mr. Comito successfully describes the advantages of Abaco, he also outlined some of the areas in which we fall short of the mark. However, he did not address the rising crime problem that is rampant on Abaco.

There are three areas in which we can work to guarantee at least a chance of retaining our market share of the tourism and vacation home buying market. None of them costs any money but all are high-value visitor attractions.

The first is cleanliness. We like to think of ourselves as a first world country. Well, first world citizens do not throw garbage out of their vehicles, dump garbage bags wherever they feel like and generally degrade their environment.

The second is service. We must learn the service with a smile attitude that shows visitors that we actually appreciate them spending their money here!

And, finally, the crime issue. We cannot afford to bite the hands that feed us. If we acquire a reputation for being dirty and dangerous, believe me, people will find other pretty places to visit/buy homes.

If you are harbouring criminals, or if you are buying stolen goods from them, you are part of the problem not part of the solution. Thirty years ago, Jamaica lost its share of the tourist market and it has never fully recovered. Is this our future, too?

Thank you.
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A cork tree on the beach on Green Turtle Cay has been providing beauty and shade for beach goers for many years.



Green Turtle Cay residents are very upset with a second homeowner who poisoned the tree that was obstructing the view from his house. After he tried to get local government to cut it down and tried to hire someone to destroy it, he poisoned it himself. The residents are now wanting him to replace the tree with one that will beautify the water front and provide shade.

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Central Abaco News

A Special Evening at The Abaco Beach Resort

By Jennifer Hudson

The Abaco Beach Resort hosted a special evening on October 11 to launch a variety of events and celebrations. A Full Moon Dinner Show was held on the resort's beach, and it was a spectacular evening very much enjoyed by all. The guests enjoyed cocktails served under a newly constructed cabana and then a mouth-watering assortment of Bahamian foods including conch salad, grilled fish, conch and chicken, "a boil" and Johnny cake followed by watermelon slices, coconut pie and guava duff. Tables and chairs were set up on the beach and the weather could not have cooperated more fully. It was a balmy night with the (almost) full moon beaming down on the party goers.

Providing a variety of music for the evening was the New Entry Band. After everyone had had a chance to digest their dinner, the band broke into some good old down-home Bahamian music which encouraged people to dance with the sand between their toes. Also by this time a bonfire had been well established in a sand pit ready for the toasting of marshmallows on long sticks to which chocolate and graham crackers were then added to make delicious "s'mores." This was very popular with the children of the resort guests who had just arrived to join their parents on the beach after having been at "Kids' Night at the Movies" in the Below Decks room where they had also enjoyed popcorn and pizza.

"This will be the beginning of monthly Full Moon Dinner Parties which will be held on the Saturday closest to full moon," stated Mr. Bob Kramm, Resort Manager,

who was very pleased at the success of the introductory event. "I have received a lot of very favorable feed back." Mr. Kramm came up with the idea of holding a series of special occasions in order to provide quality family entertainment which would integrate resort hospitality with people from the community. "I felt that the resort guests, club members and property owners would appreciate supporting a variety of events and celebrations which also members of the local community could enjoy," he stated.

The next Full Moon Beach Dinner Show is scheduled for November 8 which coincides with the Veteran's Day holiday weekend. Members of the Abaco community are invited and tickets can be purchased from the resort's front desk priced at \$55 for adults and \$30 for children.

Mr. Kramm spoke of many activities which have been scheduled for resident hotel guests during the holiday weekend. On the day of arrival guests will be invited to a Manager's Welcome Reception at 4 p.m. followed by an evening of the best of R&B recorded music from several decades at the pool bar. Saturday night will be the Full Moon Dinner Show and then on Sunday night beginning at 6 p.m. there will be a Bahamian family dinner in the restaurant with a special menu. Following this guests can enjoy Starlight Movies watched while relaxing in the pool. On Monday there will be a Yellowbird Breakfast with special cocktails. During the daytime on Saturday and Sunday children will be treated to a variety of activities at the Bahama Buddies' Kids' Club. Here the international

guest children will have the chance to meet and be entertained by Bahamian kids who will take them on a variety of activities including swimming and snorkeling and will show them native activities such as conch cracking.

"From Thanksgiving to Christmas special dinner menus will be offered and lo-

cal churches and musicians will entertain. A New Year's Eve Dinner is also being planned. A Gospel Sunday Brunch is set to begin around Thanksgiving, all of which will be for the enjoyment of the local Abaco community," stated Mr. Kramm, who is excited about the implementation of all these new programmes.

First Agility Dog Show in The Bahamas was held in Marsh Harbour

By Mirella Santillo

A beautiful and spacious backyard was the venue of the first Agility Dog Show ever to be held in The Bahamas and the third Obedience & Rally Trials for Abaco. Seven owners from Abaco and four from Nassau entered one or more dogs in the contest which was to allow their pet to get

a title, advance in categories or simply win.

For three days the dogs participated in training categories ranging from Obedience to Rally Novice, Rally Advanced,

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The Abaco Dog Training Club held its third dog show on October 17 to 19. This show included the first Agility show to be held in The Bahamas. The club, headed by Mrs. Maureen Koepp, organized the show that attracted several from Nassau. The participants are shown here with their dogs.



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Rally Excellent and Agility Jumpers with or without Weaves, the height of the obstacles depending on the size and the ability of the dog. Mr. Jon Mett and his wife, Carole Mett, with the American Kennel Club came from Savannah, Georgia, to judge the event.

There were so many different entries and categories that it seems necessary to educate the readers about the differences between the various exercises that took place. The Obedience training consisted of exercises showing the dog's good manners such as walking on a leash, allowing to be touched by a stranger, sitting and lying down with distractions and coming when called. Advanced Obedience proved

the owner's ability to train the dogs to perform a variety of tricks, fetching, jumping, obeying commands by signal or voice and finding items touched by their owners. This category or Companion Training attests to the partnership between human and canine working in synchronisation. In the Rally Obedience the competitors proceeded around a course with the dog in heel position to signs instructing the team what to do. Handlers were allowed to encourage their dogs during the course. The Agility Training consisted of two courses. In the first, the dogs had to jump a series of obstacles ranging from eight to 24 inches and weave through posts. In the second course, called Standard Course, the dogs had to climb a bridge, an A-frame and stand on a table for a specific time.

There are three levels of training: Novice, Open and Utility. As they perform all the required tests in each level the dogs advance to the next one. During the October 17th to 19th weekend, the dogs performed with other canines in their current level, but by the end of the show many had advanced to a higher one. All demonstrated tremendous obedience skills and ability to please their owners. One dog, the three-year-old white French Poodle *Splash*, belonging to local trainer, Mrs. Maureen Koepp, got certified in the highest level of Utility Training. She also won the first place in Obedience with 186 points. Mrs. Jo-Ann Bradley's Dalmatian *Taz* won two first places in Rally Novice as well as Mrs. Kim Roberts' Labrador *Lucky*. Potcakes performed very well in the show with Ms. Amanda Meyers' *Wylie* coming first in the 16-inch high course and Mrs. Kim Rob-

erts' *Sailor* also placing first for the same height.

Several teams completed the Novice Jumpers title. They were Mrs. Diane Fletcher from Nassau with her sheltie *Katy*, Ms. Amanda Meyers from Nassau with Potcake *Wylie*, Mrs. Kim Roberts with Potcake *Sailor* and Mrs. Maureen Koepp with Poodle *Splash*. In the Agility Jumpers with Weave, Mrs. Amanda Darville and Potcake *Indi* came first in the three runs.

Home Fabrics Opens on Abaco

By Samantha V. Evans

September 22nd was the day when Home Fabrics Abaco opened for business but the grand opening event did not take

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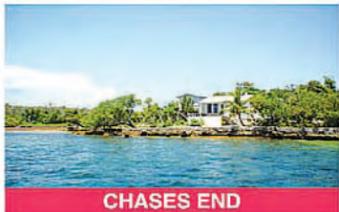
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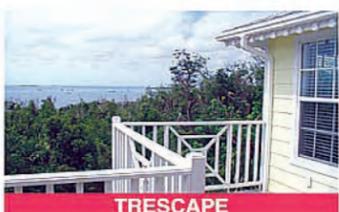


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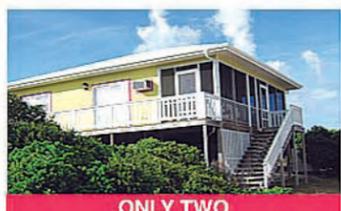
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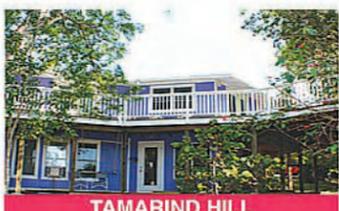


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More Central Abaco News

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place until October 3rd and 4th. On Saturday they had live music, face painting and gave out free gift bags to persons who made a purchase. This franchise store was the brainchild of childhood friends Nakia Wong Manager and Holly Pinder-Peel, Managing Director.

The owners of the Nassau store, Marvin and Nancy Pinder, have done a good job bringing unique items to the sewing and crafts community. These two young ladies felt that Abaco was a great market to open a second store. Mrs. Wong explained that there is no store like this one on the island. Home Fabrics provides a variety of items including sewing notions, fabrics, crafts, wedding items, baby and wedding shower supplies, home decor, straw-bag making items, needle point, cross stitch items, shells, candles, art supplies, school items and much more. They provide seasonal decorations and supplies and can custom-order plantation shutters.

Now that the season of Junkanoo is quickly approaching, schools and Junkanoo groups can purchase all of their supplies from Home Fabrics Abaco. Upholstery fabric can be ordered via an in store catalog and persons in the hotel and service industries are encouraged to check out the Bahamas Batik Fabric which was designed by Mrs. Nancy Pinder and is a unique Bahamian fabric line by Home Fabrics. The fabrics depict all things Bahamian and are not as costly as the Androsia. The store is opened Monday through Saturday 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and is located in the Schooner Building. The phone number is 367-6003.

Murphy Town holds first Plant Fair

By Mirella Santillo

Organized by the Ministry of Tourism and Friends of the Environment, Murphy Town's first plant fair on October 11 brought quite a few people to the Burial Society. Aimed at educating the residents about planting and landscaping, especially with native plants, the event was hosted by Mr. David Knowles with the Bahamas National Trust. Besides orchestrating the function, Mr. Knowles made a presentation on invasive species which included not only plants but also animals, identifying them and mentioning ways to control or eliminate them.

The guest speaker was Mr. Blaine Sweeting, who is in charge of landscaping at the Baker's Bay resort. Mr. Sweeting guided people through the motion of creating a yard or garden from the moment of acquiring a piece of property to the actual landscaping. His advise was not to bulldoze every tree on a lot. Save mature specimens for shade and accent. He explained how bulldozing prevents the nutrients from staying in the soil by allowing the rain to run off. His presentation continued with topics such as pruning, transplanting, fertilizing and storm preparation. He answered questions ranging from which were the best trees to plant along the roads to transplanting and soil requirements. Knowing where a specific tree or plant will do best and what kind of soil it prefers will insure success.

There was a second reason for the plant fair: the launching of the Best Kept Yard competition which was announced by Ms.

Wynsome Ferguson with the Ministry of Tourism. The participants were invited to take application forms and were instructed about the judging criteria by the chairman of that committee, Mr. Jack Hardy, known as Gardener Jack. He explained the features the judges will look at such as a pleasant general appearance, the landscaping effect using plants of blending or contrasting colors, the variety of plants used, preferably native, the state of the structures, lawn, pathways and edges. The judging will be December 1st.

At the end of the meeting Mr. David Knowles announced the creation of a Garden Club for Abaco, the first meeting of which to take place on November 8th.

When leaving the meeting, people were invited to take one of the plants that included paradise trees, lemon grass, orange, geiger and Madeira.

New businesses Avon Dreams and More

Avon Dreams and More is located in the S & N Plaza on Don MacKay Boulevard and specializes in all products sold by the Avon Catalog Company. Persons who love Avon products can visit the store to view the items they carry in stock or can order from the catalogs. The owner of the store, Allyson Knowles, has been an Avon representative and store owner for many years, having had an Avon store in the United States, in Freeport and now here on Abaco. The store hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is closed on Wednesdays. The manager of the store is Nikita Roberts and the phone number is 225-3528.

Island Cellular and Electronics

Island Cellular and Electronics is a sister store of the stores in Nassau where the owners are Johnny and Andrew Knowles. The store is located in the plaza across from Abaco Hardware and has been very successful as they bring quality service to clients, offer unmatched warranties, service what they sell. If they cannot fix it locally, they send the item to Nassau to be fixed. They specialize in the latest cellular phones including V3/Z#/K1/V8/ V9/LG-Shine/LG Chocolate/I-Phones/6500 Nokia. They carry all of the popular games including the Wii/PS-2&3/PSP/X-Box/DS Lite/I-pods, satellite systems, cordless phones, all phone gadgets and LCD televisions. The phone number at the store is 367-5997 and the hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on weekends half day.

Best Kept Yard Competition

By Mirella Santillo

Members of the Keep Abaco Beautiful Committee have finalized the plans for the Best kept Yard Competition offered to the residents of Murphy Town and Dundas Town. The competition was launched at the Plant Fair held in Murphy Town on October 11. The deadline for entering the competition is November 25th and the judging for both communities will take place on December 1st.

The judges will be headed by Mr. Jack Hardy and will include Mrs. Judy Johnston, Ms Stephanie Harding from Nas-

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Abaco celebrates Youth Month

By Jennifer Hudson.

The month of October was recognized nationwide as National Youth Month under the theme Celebrating Youth - Past, Present and Future in an attempt to highlight the many positive and often unsung things young people are involved in. Each island was responsible for its own programme and activities. A specially formed island wide All Abaco Youth Month Committee was created to plan and organize a grand celebration of activities for youth throughout the whole of Abaco. Committee Chairman Kenneth Romer stated that he hoped that this would be the best celebration the island has ever seen and that, despite a late start, they were planning a grand finish.

Many activities were held throughout the month including a dance explosion, walkathon, several church services, writing

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sau, Mrs Shirley Higgs and Mr. Gregory Malone.

Mrs. Johnston asked the committee members to advise people entering the competition that they clean their yards the day of the judging and to remind them not to use any artificial plants for landscaping.

workshops and an exhibition. In addition to the many activities in Central Abaco, a youth rally and concert and also a youth forum were held in the north and some activities held in the south. Two young people of excellence represented Abaco at the Youth Parliament in Training in Nassau and did exceptionally well. Kristy Russell represented the North and Antonia Wright represented Central and South Abaco. Antonia was awarded the Most Distinguished Youth in Abaco Award at the British Colonial Hilton Hotel in Nassau. They will have the honour of serving as patrons and leading the grand parade at the conclusion of All-Abaco Youth Month. These two young ladies also served as spokes persons along with the committee during visits to schools throughout the island.

A mini rally and march was held on October 13. "This was very successful despite the inclement weather; the youth were determined to go ahead and are to be commended," stated Mr. Romer.

A conclave for "at risk males" which was scheduled for October 21 has been rescheduled for November 4. This will take the form of a seminar for 25 behaviorally challenged young men. "Youth month is

all inclusive," stated Mr. Romer. "So often we praise those who do well but fail to help those who struggle. But they are a part of part of what's happening also."

The Grand All-Abaco Motorcade, March and Rally is scheduled to take place on November 2. The committee is very excited about this event which they want to be a very special occasion for not only the youth but also their entire families and the community. They are hoping that people will get together to decorate floats and even their own vehicles for the parade. Their goal is for the event to be like a street party in which parents can celebrate family. They are asking for business persons to support them by providing water and soft drinks for the participants during the motorcade and march. "This rally is very important," stated Mr. Romer. "We are trying to bring together all of the Youth Councils from the mainland and the cays, and it will highlight all positive things."

The parade will incorporate all youth uniformed organizations and at least three bands. Included along with Abaco's youth band s will be the Legends Marching Band from Freeport. The motorcade and parade will begin at the grounds of the New Beth-

any Gospel Chapel in Murphy Town at 2 p.m. and travel through Murphy Town and Dundas Town turning onto Godfrey Cooper Avenue, then past the Long Bay School and onto the grounds of the Central Abaco Primary School.

The Prime Mister as well as the Minister of Youth and other senior officials have been invited to participate in the parade. At the rally following the parade 30 outstanding youth leaders and youth organizations will be honored. "North Abaco had excellent representation and Mrs. Myrtis Russell will receive the most distinguished youth leaders award for North Abaco," said Mr. Romer, who also praised Mr. Freddie McIntosh from the North and Jason Roberts from the South. "We are calling for other youth leaders and will welcome them with open arms. We would like wider participation from the central area," he stated. Kristy Russell and Antonia Wright will be honored and a "Spirit Award" will be presented to the most spirited youth organization.

Mr. Romer wishes to recognize the special partnership of Simmone Bowe from the Baker's Bay Club, Whitney Dean from the Abaco Club and Island Administrator Cephas Cooper.

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Writing workshop was held for parents and educators

By Samantha V. Evans

Rap, Rhythm, and Rhyme was the format used to teach parents and educators new writing strategies to use at home and in the classroom to help students improve writing score on school and standardized exams. The dynamic presenter, Mr. Eric Cork, was on the island for three days to deliver this life changing material to the target audience.

The meeting with the parents was held on October 16th at Change Ministries International in Murphy Town. The writing initiative was a result of the relationship developed between education superintendent Lenora Black and the presenter who met at a conference ten years ago. Mrs. Black was so impressed with his presentation then that she invited him to have a session with her teachers in Nassau five years ago. As principal there at that time, she influenced the other schools to have him and he ended up having sessions with 1500 teachers during that one trip. She can attest to the escalation in her reading scores since Mr. Cork's visit.

Mrs. Black explained that this initiative came about on Abaco because subject reviews showed that students at all levels need additional support with their writing skills. Teacher and parent initiatives were also planned because it is clear that the school cannot educate the students alone; it takes all parents working together towards the same common goal for the improvements to be seen. She told them that contrary to what others may think, parents do come out to forums that they are interested in and that can not only help them but their children as well.

Mr. Cork presented a very intense workshop to parents on how to Rebuild the Writ-

ing Foundation. He told them to not get caught up in the stories their children tell them about not doing anything in school or not having homework. He stated that children have excuses especially when they do not understand the work they are doing. He told them that this program he now tours with began as a volunteer program to help struggling readers in elementary school and 13 years later it has evolved into one of the most sought after writing programs in America. There are rules of writing that once the students understand, follow and apply that they are guaranteed to see improvements in this area of writing.

He gave the parents the rules of writing: 12 reading objectives and seven writing mechanics. The rules were inclusive of music, rap, and dance. The parents were asked to learn the rhymes and participate in dances throughout the session so that they can teach them to their children. He told the parents that it is important that their children find their voice, which represents their experience, history, emotions, goals, dreams, and attitude.

Some of the important tips for them to follow when writing essays are to stick to the topic, to elaborate well on the topic they are addressing, to vary the words they use, not using the same words over and over, to practice strong organization, to have no major errors in usage.

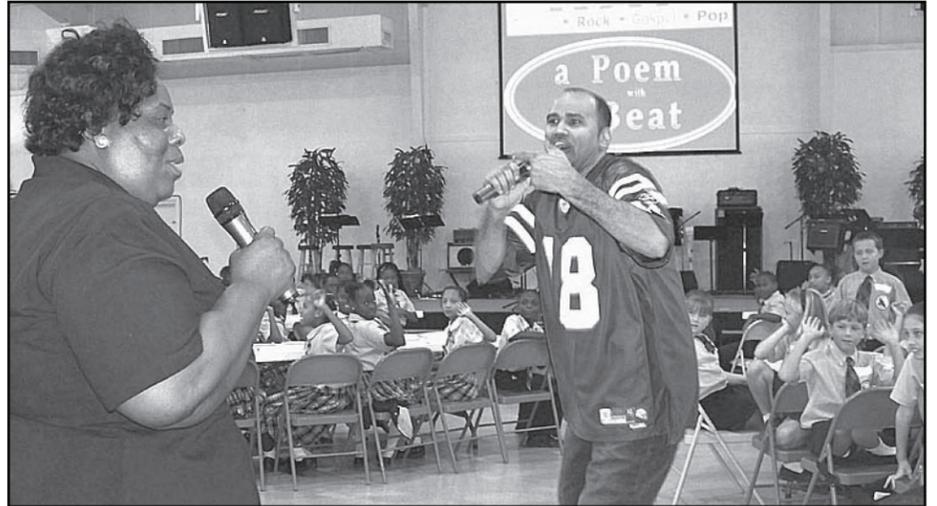
He told parents to encourage their children to not write the way they speak and to not use text language in the classroom. These are two sure ways to fail at their school and on standardized exams. Students should practice pre-writing before writing the final draft to eliminate major errors and to not break writing rules. He told parents to have faith in their children especially

when they are struggling because if parents doubt the children, they will only raise to the level of their parents expectations. He told the very same thing to the teachers. He especially wants the parents and teachers to see the potential in the children and to cheer them on even when they have not yet reached where they need to be.

On October 17th the teachers learned a more elaborate set of writing rules that Mr. Cork presented to the parents. This session was held at New Vision Ministries. Educators from the public and private schools were present for this very interactive session. Teachers attend workshops annually to learn new techniques but this workshop definitely exposed them to a new way of teaching, one that I hope the Bahamas is ready for. Teachers who paid for the ses-

sion received a package with the entire workshop writing materials and rules. The teachers had lunch at the site as well.

The dynamic, young, energetic speaker for the Rap, Rhythm & Rhyme: Re-building the Writing Foundation Workshop was Mr. Erik Cork, who is from Texas and is a nationally recognized writing consultant. He is the founder of International Write Now, Inc. He has conducted workshops for over 300,000 students, parents, and professional educators throughout the United States and beyond. He has presented his writing essential skills at numerous educational conferences and principals' association meetings. Recently, he was invited to facilitate student writing workshops and a professional development symposium in London, England.



Abaco's Education Superintendent, Mrs. Lenora Black, brought Eric Cork to Abaco to hold writing workshops for students, educators and parents. This shows him in action demonstrating dynamic new ways for anyone to express himself better in writing. He uses music to stimulate the students to write. Previously, Mrs. Black has seen dramatic improvement in students' writing after a session with Mr. Cork.

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Lyn Major Receives Humanitarian Award

By Jennifer Hudson

Mrs. Evelyn Major, Principal of the Every Child Counts School, arrived back from Nassau on Bahamasair's evening flight last Wednesday clutching a stunning floral arrangement. Mrs. Major is a person who does not like the limelight, but the flowers were an obvious sign that something special had taken place and she was persuaded to tell us that she was, indeed, returning from an important event. She had been selected as a finalist in the Unsung Heroes of The Bahamas competition along with two other persons from Nassau and had been attending an awards luncheon as an honoree.

At the luncheon, which was held on October 15 at the British Colonial Hilton in Nassau, Mrs. Major was presented with several gifts from the First Caribbean International Bank, sponsor of this award, and a donation of \$6,000 for the Every Child Counts School. The selection committee included executives from the First Caribbean International Bank; Mrs. Marina Ginton, President of The Bahamas Red Cross Association; and Mr. Jeff Lloyd, head of the YEAST programme.

Mrs. Major was recognized for her tireless and dedicated work with the special needs children of the Every Child Counts School which she founded. These children would not otherwise receive an education, and no child is turned away due to inability of their family to pay. She was nominated by Caroline and Brian Sawyer of Green Turtle Cay whose son, Eric, attends the school. Since Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer were away at the time of the presentation and thus unable to accompany Mrs. Major into Nassau, she was accompanied by Ms. Pam Hepburn, a teacher at the school.

Other nominees for this humanitarian award were Mr. Stephen Murray, who is a sports coach and runs a sporting programme for 4-21 year olds after school, and Mr. Thomas Cleare, who runs an after school programme in Grants Town to



Mrs. Lyn Major

motivate students, help them with homework and keep them off the streets and in school.

This is a regional competition and the three finalists from The Bahamas will now be judged with other finalists from the entire Caribbean. The overall winner will travel to Barbados to receive their award. As part of the award the winner will receive another substantial donation for their school or programme. We congratulate Mrs. Major and wish her all the best for the final stage of the competition; she is one very deserving lady.

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Viewpoint . . . What do we do now?

By J.F. Hedden

The collapse of the international financial system has taken its toll locally. Obviously new projects are under review, ongoing projects are being re-scaled and construction and labour are severely hampered. Employment is down, costs are increasing while incomes decrease. It is becoming harder to survive.

Certain issues, however, should not be allowed to fall by the wayside. These include projects that encourage productivity through real investment programmes. Some examples are agricultural, vocational trade encouragement, value added labour such as repair and refinishing; all private sector enhancements. Government needs to concentrate on infrastructure and education; both being areas that will further economic development after the slump and provide experience and employment in the meantime.

Public enterprise must be encouraged and self help programmes revitalised and supported. This is an area where the co-operative movement in the Bahamas could and should become intimately involved. Incentives for development must now encourage both productivity and local investment.

This is what co-operatives are all about. Unfortunately, over the years co-operatives in the Bahamas have directed their interests exclusively towards a quasi banking scheme under the guise of the credit unions. The non-financial, or producer, co-operatives have been systematically ignored and treated like a step child by the Co-operative League of The Bahamas.

Credit unions are awash with over \$100,000,000 of cash needing to be in-

vested in longer term programmes and ventures. The support is already in place with savings and insurance schemes, infrastructure and informational systems, access to international support, technical and management expertise and volumes of documentation just sitting on the shelves throughout the country.

Yet nothing, and why? Is that credit union cash now invested in the commercial banking system and the associated high flying credit, high debt, high default rate, but quick profit vehicles of the recent years? Perhaps overvalued properties and structures? I hope not.

Have we become that complacent and lazy that we just cannot be bothered, and it really is too much effort to think and plan for the long term prospects of the country? We are all the culprits here; for too long we have enjoyed the fat of the land and lost that hunger for continuous development. What we have yet to realise is that after the U.S. election in November, the true state of the United States economy will be unveiled to the world, and it will not be a pretty picture. Guess who will feel the brunt? Import dependent countries and economies such as ours!

What we have to do is start moving and get off of our overweight behinds and begin planning and implementing some genuine production-based projects with local investment incentives to mobilise our domestic supply and consumption requirements. Again, this is where co-operatives are already prepared, but not yet motivated.

The world economy is in recession, and we need to be prepared for several years of little, or negative growth, in our econ-

omy. The first reaction of world powers will be to concentrate less on international and free trade arrangements, and develop more domestic production to provide for employment at home.

Additionally, governments will control and regulate economic enterprise through equity participation and shareholder arrangements, otherwise called nationalisation. This is already happening in Europe, China and Indonesian countries. Eventually, the United States will have to follow suite.

The major economies of Europe, and a United States under a democratic regime, will all take an interest in controlling the offshore banking economies of the Caribbean and other tax free small state economies of the world. Large economy populations will be encouraged to save more and spend less simply because of a lack of trust in the high flying credit schemes that have been banded about for the last 30 years or so.

People will become more self sufficient and spendthrift. Economies such as ours which rely on excesses and luxury spending are and will continue to suffer severe shortfalls in earnings and hence lifestyle.

We, therefore, need to discard the following assumptions.

- Tourism will continue to supply all of our needs.
- The financial sector will add the fat to the gravy.
- Financial systems revolving around consumer spending and debt make up the economy.
- Offshore banking as a major sector is here to stay.

Debt has consumed us, and it is now time to pay. We are now going to have to actually work for our bread and butter,

accept lower salaries in real terms, spend less on consumerism, trips to Miami, big cars, energy bills, excessive and inefficient housing, and become more conscious of our surroundings and environment, energy efficient infrastructure. We are actually going to have to think and behave as part of communities, and less on the "all for me" syndrome.

Again, I will say that this is the time for the co operative movement in The Bahamas to prove its worth. This is the time for real investment in real production projects which will encourage domestic production and hence rock solid economic foundations on which to build a sustainable economy.

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Baker's Bay staff attends motivating seminar

By Mirella Santillo

For four days the staff of the Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club was treated to its annual training seminar with topics that ranged from the mission and core values of the company to the effects of progress on the local society, financial advice and the benefits of teamwork. The aim was to raise the employees *From Ordinary to Extraordinary*, the training theme for the year.

The orientation took place at the Faith Convention Center from October 14th to 17th. Distinguished speakers, some of them company executives and managers, took the stand. Directors including General Manager Carter Redd emphasized the core values of service, stressing the personal touch, and outlined the company's vision of creating a community-oriented resort where guests could experience superior, genuine service with Bahamian hospitality. Vice President of Development, Mr. Mark Spear, updated

the audience on the development of the Club and the ongoing construction of new units while Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Bob Toomey, spoke of the company's financial resources and advised the personnel on saving and investments.

Police Inspector Edrik Poitier, Anti-Crime Manager, talked about the impact of progress from a criminal perspective inviting the audience to take a stand in protecting themselves and their community. Another consequence of economic affluence was discussed by Mrs. Salomie Gibson, head of Social Services on Abaco. She brought forward its positive results such as an increase in jobs and ability to get a higher and better education without leaving the island. She talked about the ills accompanying it, such as an increase in teen pregnancies, increase in probation cases among adolescents and increase in crimes, especially child abuse and family break-ups. "You cannot be your

neighbors' keepers anymore," she added, outlining the measures that had been put in place by the government to help with crisis.

The District Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Lenora Black, purposeful and to the point, explained to the employees the process involved in planning to go from "ordinary to extraordinary." She told them to identify their personal talents and use them as well as delegate to others the areas in which they did not excel. Personalize your course of action, she said. Aspire to something more challenging, but exercise patience when obstacles are encountered, she urged. Seek out individuals who share your vision and focus on what is truly important by identifying your priorities. "Being extraordinary is a lifestyle commitment," she ended.

Mrs. Julieth McCafferty, executive assistant to Mr. Carter Redd, was one of the

last speakers. She stressed the importance of teamwork and its benefits. She invited the participants to form five teams, each of which she distributed a Tinker Toy set. Each team had to build the highest free standing tower in 15 minutes. The issue was not so much the building of the highest tower but the observation of the team members' behavior when required to work together, who would become a leader, who were the non-participants, the negative influences and what actions it took for the team to win.

The seminar ended with the showing of a video *Johnny the Bagger*, illustrating the results of personal attention and caring behavior towards customers. Moral of the story: at the end everyone is a winner, employee, business owner and customers.

The seminar was organized and supervised by Ms. Simmone Bowe, Director of Human Resources and Training.



The staff of Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club attended a four-day seminar on improving the quality of their service. It was held at Faith Convention Center and featured many motivating speakers.

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Viewpoint . . . How I found my national identity

Editor's Note: This is the speech given by Debby Patterson at her Bahamahost graduation ceremony on September 14.

By Debby Malone Patterson

Thank you for the opportunity to share my story with you. I have known about the Bahama Host program for many years and now through the encouragement of Bernadette Hall, I have participated. Thank you, Bernadette.

Here's how it all began. Earlier this year I started doing historical walking tours in Hope Town. I am an 8th generation descendant of Wyannie Malone, one of Hope Town's original settlers. I am proud of my heritage and I love sharing this with tourists. Bernadette called to ask me if I would be interested in becoming a Certified Ministry of Tourism Tour Guide. When I said yes, she explained that first I would need to take the Bahama Host program. I'll be honest, I hesitated, especially when she said it would be every night for two weeks. Anyway, I got over it and signed up. I am so glad I did because let me tell you what happened.

The first night I walked into the Bahama Host program I had no idea of what to expect. I just walked in and sat down. There were about 10 people in the room and slowly the room filled to 24. Dushinka Roberts and Kendy Anderson were our great leaders who made us feel welcome and then explained that every night we would open by singing the national anthem, saying the national pledge and singing This Land Is Our Land.

Well, right away I felt some resistance. I really wasn't sure why, but I was aware that I felt it. I sang the songs and said the pledge, but I didn't feel connected. It was like I was just "going through the motion." This was followed by our first two presentations. I went home with a terrible headache. I was so tired that I didn't even hear

the fire engines rushing down to Maxwell's.

When I woke up the next morning, I starting writing. Here I am in this place again, this place of feeling like a foreigner in my own country, in this place of not being able to identify my nationality. Is this truly my country?

This question has haunted me for years. I am 45 years old. During the first 10 years of my life, the Bahamas was still a British Colony. As a child I was taught that I was a subject of the British Empire, and my nationality was represented by the Union Jack flag. To further emphasize my national identity, I was taught to sing the national anthem of Britain called God Save the Queen.

Then on July 10, 1973, I was told we aren't going to sing God Save The Queen, anymore, and we aren't going to raise the Union Jack flag anymore. Instead, we are now an independent country, and we have a new flag and a new national anthem. This was really confusing to me. I was 10, I really didn't "get it." To further my confusion, all the adults around me were upset because they were all Loyalist descendants. The Loyalists came to The Bahamas from America and Britain because they wanted to live in a British Colony.

Now that The Bahamas would no longer be a British Colony, concerned adults wondered what would the new Bahamas be? They didn't know; no one knew; and I sensed this scared them. When I asked



Debby Patterson spoke at the Bahama Host graduation ceremony on September 14 in a very personal way about her reaction to the program. It helped her find her national identity to become a proud Bahamian. She is shown here with the Hon. Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Minister of Tourism, and Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco.

what was happening, they reassured me, saying that these changes were happening because the Bahamian majority wanted to create a new Bahamas with its own identity, separate from Britain.

So that's what the first night of Bahama Host brought up for me, and I realized why I had felt the resistance to singing the national anthem. But then I thought, hey, let's go back to class and see where this takes me. I am not 10. I am an open-minded adult and I am willing to learn.

At each class we had different speakers and different topics. Mrs. Stuart McCafferty was enthusiastic about the history of The Bahamas. Ricky Scott was so passionate in sharing his knowledge of flora and fauna that the tree specimens he laid on the table literally came to life. Then came Mrs. Bain from Andros who gave us two presentations. The first one was about geography and climate. The second one was

about Bahamian culture. When I looked, here comes Mrs. Bain transformed with a grey wig, glasses, plain Sunday dress. She has bent one of her legs so that it appears permanently twisted. The leg is covered with an old ripped stocking that is sinking into her worn-out red shoe. As she speaks, her words come out in a thick Bahamian dialect, English words mixed with African words. She reminds us to respect our parents, grandparents and our ancestors. She shows us pictures of Bahamian life from 100 to 200 years ago, a life of small houses, outhouses, rock ovens, open fires, a life of survival. Our ancestor's life before tourism blessed us financially.

As each night passed, we continued opening with the singing of the national anthem. Sometimes Bishop Campbell would lead us. He would stand in front of the class and encourage us, "Now stand tall, hands to your side, chest out and sing!" OK, I thought, let me try this. Wow, a good feeling is coming over me. It's pride for my country! It's growing as I sing my national anthem. I don't feel like a foreigner anymore. This is my country, and I love my country!

Thank you, God. And may God continue to bless all of us and our wonderful country. Thank you to all my fellow participants; thanks to the many speakers; and, of course, a BIG thanks to the Ministry of Tourism. I think we could call this program, Bahama Pride! I am a host by my birthright, but pride and patriotism cannot be forced; they must be grown, encouraged by example. This Bahama Host program has truly strengthened my patriotism. I feel as though I do belong here; my national identity is clear. I am so proud to be a Bahamian. And I love, my Bahamas!



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BTC's Abaco Manager details improvements

By Jennifer Hudson

The Bahamas Telecommunications Corporation (BTC) is constantly in the process of updating its services. Two of its most immediate upgrades are to its cell phone system and Internet services.

As part of its ongoing enhancement programme, BTC has just completed the upgrade to its cell phone system on Abaco from September 29 to October 31. Last year it was mandated that BTC must migrate to the Global System for Mobile communications (GSM) system from the now obsolete TDMA system.

"Carriers worldwide are shutting down the TDMA system, and we have to follow suit as it is now redundant," explained Senior Manager of BTC, Abaco, Ms. Arlene Clarke. "Initially the deadline for the changeover was scheduled for the end of August, but an extension was granted until the end of October. On October 31 the TDMA system on Abaco will be completely shut down which means that TDMA users will no longer be able to use those phones."

"Currently on Abaco there are 39 GSM sites operating at the 1900 megahertz frequency. TDMA customers were resistant to the change to GSM service since they said that the GSM system is not as good as TDMA and does not give good coverage within buildings."

Ms. Clarke went on to explain the reasons for this and plans to improve GSM service. "GSM operates at a higher frequency and the higher the frequency, the smaller the area that it covers. Since TDMA operates at a lower frequency, it covers a wider range. TDMA has seven sites on Abaco and GSM now has 39 sites, but this still does not cover a wide enough area. We have



Arlene Clarke

had to put in more cell sites and are adding an additional 31 at the 850 MHz frequency which is similar to TDMA so it will be able to give more coverage. When completed, there will be a total of 70 cell sites. They have already been installed and are being tested as we speak so that they will be in service in a matter of weeks."

In order to answer the question many people have about why this changeover from TDMA to GSM is necessary, Ms. Clarke explained, "TDMA technology is very limited and is now outdated. People are wanting to multi-task on their cell phones, and this was not possible with TDMA. People want to walk with their office in their hand, and GSM will provide this service as it has multi media capabilities."

GSM is the most popular standard for mobile phones in the world. One of its great strengths is its international roaming capability. This gives consumers the same standardized service and the same number usage in more than 200 countries so that their GSM cell phone can be used around the world as long as they have a phone with the necessary frequencies. GSM service runs on different frequency bands for different regions: Asia Pacific 1800 MHz, North America 850/1900 MHz and Europe 900 MHz. Therefore, persons acquiring new GSM phones are advised to purchase 'quad band' phones in order to be able to use the frequencies in other parts of the world. If the cell phone is only required for

use within The Bahamas, then customers need to make sure that their phones cover the two BTC frequencies used here which are 850 MHz and 1900 MHz. Phones are not being sold in BTC's Cyber World unless they have the two BTC frequencies. Persons buying from elsewhere are urged to make sure that the two BTC frequencies are serviced on the phones they purchase.

"Customers were able to keep their existing numbers to use with their GSM phones as long as they switched by October 31. This was especially important for business owners who already have their cell phone numbers printed on their business cards," stated Ms. Clarke.

Google is new internet server

BTC is constantly looking for ways to improve its service. In September it notified its Internet users that it was entering into an agreement with Google which is one of the most renowned servers in the world. It is now in a partnership with Google to host the BTC server which means that the Internet will no longer be serviced and hosted by BTC but is now hosted by Google instead.

"The switch-over took place on October 3 and will offer a lot more benefits," stated Ms. Clarke. "One of the improvements will be the additional storage space which has jumped from 50 Mb to 7.2 gigabytes. Also users will be able to utilize everything Google offers such as e-mail, documents, spreadsheets, instant messaging and chats. All of these will be available in Google Apps. Users can also customize their own page."

Batelnet.bs is the BTC brand Internet service so persons will keep their same address. To set up, customers should access the new Batelnet Web Mail System at my-connect.batelnet.bs. Ms. Clarke encourages everyone to switch to Google as soon as possible. Fifty-one days have been allotted for the changeover to Google Apps and once the deadline is up, former Batelnet users who have not switched will no longer have a server. One week after the switch-over came into effect only 300 customers had switched.

"We will send more advertisements to our customers with tips on how to use and correct any issues; these were previously included in e-mails already sent out. This is a competitive move and gives us an edge over our competitor," stated Ms. Clarke.

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Viewpoint . . . Snake Cay, sustainable development and the Abaco Public Conservancy

By J.F. Hedden

One of the most serious concerns for the future of Abaco involves the Snake Cay area and its example of preservation of public domain for the public use. The present privatisation proposal in the hands of the government and local councils must be approaching its time limit, and the new landfill is scheduled for opening during November of this year. The added slump in the world economy does not help the future of this project either.

This does not mean that Abaco must give up on its economic development, but rather approach it from another completely different direction. In my last article I discussed the "Abaco model," and briefly touched on its unique approach to the hospitality industry. I also discussed some of the changes the country needs to implement in its search for truly sustainable development. In this article I will take the opportunity to approach the Snake Cay area as a prime example of what Abaco can do to foster its own development programme.

To begin we need to take stock of what we have at Snake Cay at the present time.

All of the following:

- Derelict deepish water port system
- Derelict housing community, mainly slabs
- Waste steel, tanks and equipment, and unsightly so
- A 80 + acre cay completely devoid of anything native, except for one resident who, quite rightly, refuses to move at the present time
- The initials of an industrial commercial trade zone
- A creek system surrounding it which is very sensitive environmentally
- A marine, coastline environment with almost constant breezes, huge tidal flow into and out of the creek system, plenty of sunshine and some small compact beaches
- A landing used for importation of equipment, rock and quarry for the infrastructural, construction, and road paving industries

- A slope for launching small boats
- A huge area used extensively for recreational and leisure activities

With insight and planning these components can be developed into economic enterprises which, if implemented, and interlaced effectively can make significant inputs towards employment, education, productivity, value for money invested and public involvement.

To achieve this we need an initial purpose and objectives in the form of

- Continued public ownership
- A perception of public ownership
- An eventual success of public enterprise through public investment
- Continued public access and usefulness
- Continued use as a port as per design by Owens Illinois
- Use for public leisure and education
- Examination of alternative energy production

Sustainable design and operation for

- Business and employment
- Environmental stewardship
- A residential and hospitality project
- Environmental, archaeological, scientific study and education
- Environmental resuscitation, catastrophe studies and resources
- Functionality for the welfare of the whole Abaco community

But how will we be able to realise any of this? Perhaps the most prominent aspect of what I have already said are these two essentials.

- Public ownership
 - The perception of public ownership
- To achieve these the Bahamian public and the Bahamian government must both be intimately involved in the project. Public for investment, operational and management and government for access to the land, logistics and policy support.

Perhaps the easiest and most efficient method of implementation would be the formation of a co-operative under the ban-

ner of the Abaco Public Conservancy which would then negotiate with the government for the lease of the Snake Cay lands and area. In this manner the whole operation would be retained as public, both in land ownership and the ownership of the project business operations. Interested public individuals would have the opportunity to invest in the operations through both membership and direct investment of capital in the project itself. Benefits would be returned in the form of dividends as the operation begins to make a "profit." The principles of operation as a co-operative are too lengthy to detail in this space; but the public is encouraged to examine this type of structure and make comments and suggestions.

Finally, the order of business and priorities must be examined. Financing would be directly from the members, and operations would necessarily include

- Clean up and restoration of the docking facilities and infrastructure
- Revenue generation from continued use as an import point for equipment and commodities from other areas. Use of mooring and docking facilities for "safe harbour" for the boating community
- Establishment of contracted operations to local entrepreneurs such as bonefishing, tours, sightseeing, kayaking, snorkelling and the like
- Construction of self-contained cottage communities utilising the already existing layout for housing in the area. These can be utilised for both long term and short term rentals and will provide both employment and revenue for the community
- Agreements with national and international environmental and resource organisations to further knowledge of the local

ecosystem and surrounding area

- Working with organisations and businesses to develop more efficient and sustainable energy production systems for both domestic and commercial uses
- Establishment of entertainment and retail operations to include restaurants, craft, farmers and fishers markets, plant nurseries and landscaping utilising native species
- Educational facilities especially oriented towards museums, demonstrations, and shows geared towards energy, native species utilisation and environmental stewardship
- Retail outlets

Of course, there are many more opportunities than those listed, and the whole purpose would be to provide a completely integrated business and living community that takes advantage of local innovation, enterprise and productivity while still maintaining full public participation and ownership. This will appeal to both local and guest communities and generate both revenue and a satisfaction level for both the visitor and the entrepreneur.

At the same time general economic enhancement would occur through use of domestic investment opportunities, employment, normal government revenue with no exceptional tax exemption and concessional demands, attractions for lower cost visitor experiences which are both interactive and educational as well as local community involvement. Thus the requirement of both investment and increased productivity are met. Of course, perhaps the most important of all would be the preservation of Public Ownership and access.

Comments, suggestions and ideas are both essential and most welcome.

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Ocean Blue Properties +	34	365-4636
Roberts Cottages	3 cott	365-4105
Guana Cay		
Dive Guana	11 hse	365-5178
Dolphin Bch Resort	4 rm 10 cott	365-5137
Donna Sands +	12 hse	365-5195
Guana Beach Resort	6 units	365-5133
Guana Seaside	8 rm 7 cott	365-5106
Ocean Frontier		519-389-4846
Ward's Landing	4 units	904-982-2762
Hope Town		
Abaco Inn	22 rm	366-0133
Club Soleil	6 rm 1 cott	366-0003
Crystal Villas	7 villas	888-812-2243
Elbow Cay Prop +	53 hse	366-0035
Hope T Harb Lodge	25 rm	366 0095
Hope T Hideaways +	63 hse	366-0224
Hope T Villas +	3 hse	366-0030
Lighthouse Rentals	4 cott	366-0154
Sea Gull Cottages +	3 hse	366-0266
Sea Spray Resort	5 villas	366-0065
Tanny Key +	43 hse	366-0053
Turtle Hill	4 villas	366-0557
Lubbers Quarters		
Sea Level Cottages	4 hse	366-3121
Man-O-War		
Island Home Rentals +	8 hse	365-6048
Schooner's Landing	5 condos	365-6072
Marsh Harbour area		
Abaco Beach Resort	82 rms	367-2158
Abaco Real Estate +	6 hse	367-2719
Abaco Vacation Planner +		367-3529
Alesia's	3 rms	367-4460
Ambassador Inn	6 rms	367-2022
Bustick Bight Resort	8 rms	367-3980
Conch Inn	9 rms	367-4000
D's Guest House	6 rms 3	367-3980
Great Abaco Club +	12 hse	367-4151
Island Breezes Motel	8 rms	367-3776
Lofty Fig Villas	6 eff	367-2681
Pelican Beach Villas	6 cott	367-3600
Regattas (Prev. Abaco Towns)	32 eff	367-0148
Moore's Island		
Moore's Is Bonefish Camp	8 rm	366-6334
Sandy Point		
Oeisha's Resort		366-4139
Pete & Gay's Resort	14 rm	366-4119
Rickmon's Bonefishing	10 rm	366-4477
Spanish Cay		
Spanish Cay Resort	18 rm 6 hse	365-0083
Treasure Cay		
Bahama Beach Club		365-8500
Island Dreams +	45 hse	365-8507
Treasure Cay Resort	95 rms	365-8801
Wood Cay		
Tangelo Hotel	19 rm 3 villa	365-2222
Web Sites with Abaco Information		
http://www.abaconian.com		
http://www.abacoinet.com		
http://www.abacoinfo.com		
http://www.abacos.com		
http://www.go-abacos.com		
http://www.oii.net		
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Visitors' Guide

Restaurants • Services • Transportation

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 Area code 242 unless noted otherwise

Emergency Services	
Police - Marsh Harbour	367-2560
The following services are provided by volunteers	
Fire - Marsh Harbour	367-2000
Fire - Dundas Town	367-2935 or 4935
Fire - Hope Town	VHF Ch 16
Fire - Green Turtle Cay	365-4133
Fire - Man-O-War	365-6911
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc - all areas	Marine VHF 16
Hope Town 366-0500	Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay 365-5178	Treasure Cay 365-8749

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

Taxi Cab Fares for one or two passengers	
Plus extra for each passenger above two	
• Between Marsh Harbour Airport and:	
Ferry Dock or Murphy Town to Ammons Dr	\$12 + \$3
Bristol Cellers thru A. Beach Hotel or Gov't dock thru	
Dundas Town	\$10 + \$3
Dove Plaza, Stop Light or Sawyer's Market	\$10 + \$2
Gov't Clinic thru Western Auto	\$ 6 + \$2
Gov. freight dock through Dundas Town	\$10 + \$3
Murphy Town to Shell Sta	\$14 + \$4
Pelican Shores to Frankie Russel house	\$14 + \$4
Eastern Shores to Peas & Rice house	\$14 + \$4
Beyond Russell house or Peas & Rice house	\$16 + \$5
Great Cistern	\$20 + \$5
Spring City	\$15 + \$5
Snake Cay	\$35 + \$10
Treasure Cay	\$60 + \$10
Casuarina Point	\$60 + \$10
Treasure Cay Airport or Bah Palm Shores	\$70 + \$10
Little Harbour or Cherokee	\$80 + \$10
Crossing Rocks	\$100 + \$10
Sandy Point	\$135 + \$10
• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:	
Ab Beach Hotel thru Wally's & Eastern Shore	\$ 2 each
Jib Room	\$ 3 each
Solomon's Super Center	\$5 + \$3
Stop Light, Dove Plaza, Gov't dock	\$ 6 + \$3
Government Freight Dock	\$ 7 + \$3
Gov.Clinic, W. Auto or Nat. Insurance	\$ 9 + \$3
Mother Merle restaurant	\$10 + \$3
Waiting time \$20 per hour, \$10 per half hour	
Children under three - free • Caged pets - as people	
Luggage \$1.00 each over four, Surf boards \$4.00 ea.	
• Between Treasure Cay Airport and: Effective 13 Nov 05	
Treasure Cay Resort	\$20 + \$5
Madeira Park	\$14 + \$4
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$8 + \$4
Moxy	\$18 + \$5
Bahamas Star farm	\$24 + \$5
Sand Banks	\$24 + \$5
Joe's Creek, Leisure Lee	\$44 + \$10
Black Wood	\$18 + \$5
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$37 + \$5
Cedar Harbour	\$55 + \$5
Wood Cay	\$60 + \$5
Mount Hope	\$65 + \$5
Fox Town	\$70 + \$5
Crown Haven	\$75 + \$5
Marsh Harbour Airport	\$75 + \$10
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$65 + \$10
T C Hotel to G Turtle Ferry (Blue Hole \$24)	\$18 + \$ 5
T C Hotel to Bonefish Marles	\$22 + \$5
T C Hotel to Joe's Creek	\$35 + \$5
T C Hotel to Moxey	\$16 + \$5
T C Hotel to Banyan Bch Club XX	\$6 + \$3
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$75 + \$10

Airlines Serving Abaco	
Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
BaerAir - Melbourne/Treasure Cay	321-453-2605
Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
Craig Air Service - Jacksonville, Datona	904-641-0300
Southern Air - Nassau	367-2498
Twin Air Calypso - Fort Lauderdale	367-0140
Yellow Air Taxi - Ft Lauderdale	367-0032
Local air charters serving Bahamas & S. Florida	
Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-3450

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

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

Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes from Crossing Beach
 Marsh Harbour to Guana Cay - 40 minutes

Abaco Ferry Service VHF Ch 16 • Scheduled service discontinued until Nov 1, 2008
 Available for charter service

Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16

Marsh Harbour > Hope Town 7:15 am 9 10:30 12:15 pm* 2 4 5:45
 Return 8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm* 3 4 5 6:30

Marsh Harbour > White Sound Contractor's special - Mon - Fri 7 am Return 5 pm

Marsh Harbour > Man-O-War 10:30 am 12:15 pm 4 5:45
 Return 8 am 11:30 1:30 pm 5 pm

Marsh H. > Guana Cay (& Scotland Cay with advance notice) from Conch Inn * Not on Sundays or holidays
 (6:45am - Union Jack Dock) 10:30 1:30 pm 3:30
 Return 8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45 pm

Same day fare • Adult prepaid oneway \$16 / Round Trip \$22, • • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride

Green T Cay to Treasure Cay Airport 8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30
T Cay Airport to Green T Cay 8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5

New Plymouth one way adult \$10 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$15 • Extra to some G T Cay docks

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16

Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday Lv 12 & returns 4:45 p.m. \$25 RT

T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm \$35 RT

T Cay to Guana Cay Sunset Cruise - Fr \$25 , call for time

Pinder's Ferry Service Between Abaco & Grand Bahama -

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
Curly Tails	\$\$\$ 367-4444
Gino's	\$ 367-2002
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Hummingbird	\$\$ 367-2922
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
Poppa Georgio's	\$
Sea Shells	\$ 367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ + 367-4005
Snappas	\$ 367-2278
Subway	..... 367-2798
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074

Dundas Town	
Mother Merle's	\$\$\$

Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$ 366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$\$ 366-0087
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$ 366-0095
Munchies	\$ + 366-0423
Sea Spray	\$\$\$ ‡ 366-0065

Lubber's Quarter	
Cracker P's	..... 366-3139

Man-O-War	
Hibiscus	..... 365-6380
Island Treats Snack Bar	..... 365-6501

Guana Cay	
Docksiders	\$\$\$ 365-5230
Grabbers	\$\$\$ 365-5133
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Orchid Bay	\$\$\$ 265-5175

Treasure Cay	
Florence's Cafe \$
Coconuts	.....
Harbour Cafe	\$ 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	..... \$ ..... 365-8648
Spinnaker Restaurant	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-8469
Touch of Class	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-8195

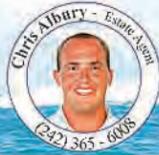
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$ 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$ 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	..... \$ ..... 365-4389
Laura's Kitchen	..... \$ ..... 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4625
Plymouth Rock Cafe	..... 365-4234
Rooster's Rest	..... \$ ..... 365-4066
Sundowners	..... H Cafe Open Nights Only
Wrecking Tree Restaurant	

Sandy Point	
Nancy's
Pete & Gays \$\$\$ 366-4119
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge 366-4477



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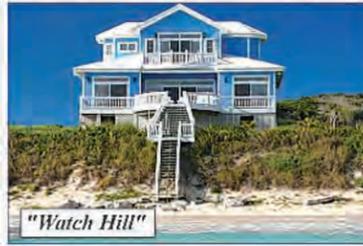
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Elbow Cay Hope Town
- 4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Bath
- 2,200 s.f. Residence
- 1,000 s.f. Porches & Decks
- Boat House & Private Dock on the Harbour
- Fabulous Harbour Views
- Great Rental History
#HTH1104 - \$1,150,000.



Great Guana Cay
- 12.5 Acre Estate
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bath
- 1,760 s.f. Residence
- Covered & Open Decks
- 593' of Ocean Beach
- 664' on Sea of Abaco
- Fabulous Ocean Views
- Private Boat Basin
#GGH1096 - \$8,995,000.



Great Guana Cay
- 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths.
- 1,686 s.f. Residence
- 725 s.f. Open Decks
- 80' of Prime Beachfront
- Over 1/4 Acre
- Superb Ocean Views
- Semi-private Dock
- 30 KW Aux. Generator
- Great Rental History
#GGH1075 - \$1,380,000.

GREAT GUANA CAY

- **"SEA-TO-BAY"** - 11.5 Acres - 1,198' of Waterfrontage - Over 500' of Protected Boat Basin Frontage - Superb Building Sites - Good elevation - Fabulous Views - Perfect for development or Elegant Private Estate. #GGV1008 - \$9,995,000.
- **"SANDCASTLE"** - 2 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths. - 960 s.f. Residence - Covered Porch - Land - 5,000 s.f. - Dock Access - Furnished. #GGH1011 - \$375,000.



Great Guana Cay - Settlement - Commercial
- at Main Public Dock
- Best Location in town.
- 1,900 s.f. Colonial Bldg.
- 400 s.f. Cov. Verandah
- Commercial Grade Kitchen
- Land- 96'x84' - 8,064 s.f.
- Great Restaurant or Retail
#GHH1109 - \$867,500.



Great Guana Cay
- 2 Bedrooms, 1 Baths.
- 768 s.f. Residence
- 336 s.f. Open Deck
- Central Air
- Beachfront
- Central, Convenient Location
- Fabulous Ocean Views
- Fully Furnished
#GHH1108 - \$699,000.



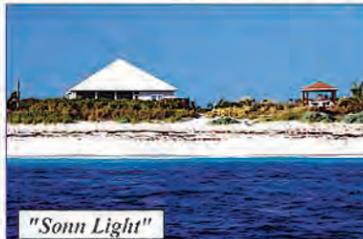
Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.
- 1,150 s.f. Residence
- 760 s.f. Covered Porch
- 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath
- 490 s.f. Apartment
- Workshop
- Great Views
- Near Settlement
#GGH1015 - \$550,000.



Great Guana Cay
- 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths.
- 2,212 s.f. Residence
- 848 s.f. Covered Decks
- Land - 9,700 s.f.
- 2 Central A/C Units
- Storage, Generator Shed
- 12 KW Aux. Generator
- Income Producing
- Ocean View
#GGH1105 - \$491,000.

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.
- **"SCHOONER'S LANDING"** - Five Oceanfront Condominiums - Three - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath - Two - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath with Bunkroom. - Central A/C - Fully Furnished Equipped - Fresh Water Pool On-Island Management - Great Rental Property. #MWH1069 - 73 - from: \$395,000 to \$455,000.



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
#GT11097 - Four Possible Sale Options - From: \$848,000 - for 1 acre w/dock lic. on Coco Bay. to \$3,490,000 for entire Estate



Green Turtle Cay
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
- 1,455 sq.ft. Luxury Villa
- Covered Screened Porches
- Land - 7,554 sq.ft.
- Deeded Dock - Boat Lift
- Golf Cart Garage
- Complete Renovation 2007
- Tastefully Decorated
- Auxiliary Generator
- No Expense Spared
GTH1098 - \$995,000.

SCOTLAND CAY

- **"SUMMER CAMP"** - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,300 s.f. Residence - 300' of Ocean Beach - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Guest House - "Playhouse" with Bar - Covered & Open Decks - Fabulous Ocean Views #SCH1094 - \$2,140,000
- **"BLESSING HOUSE"** - 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 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 cistem - Fully furnished - Runway & Dock access - #SCH1093 - \$895,000.



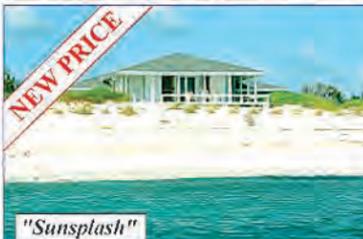
Man-O-War Cay Eastern Harbour
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- 1,030 s.f. Residence -
- 1,290 s.f. Covered Deck
- 0.877 Acres
- 82' Ocean Frontage
- Semi-Private Dock.,
- Superb Ocean Views
#MWH1076 - \$1,550,000.



Man-O-War Cay
- 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.
- 660 s.f. Residence.
- 240 s.f. Studio
- Dock House
- Land - Sea-to-Sea
- 36,775 s.f. - 8442 Acre
- 100' Ocean Beach Front
- Private Dock On Creek
- Fabulous Views
#MWH1018 - \$1,250,000.

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 Style cottage #TLH1086 - \$1,595,000.



Man-O-War Cay
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.
- 1,921 s.f. Residence.
- 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath
- 400 s.f. Guest Cabin
- 172' Ocean Beach Front
- 1.189 Acres
- Beautifully Landscaped
- Semi-Private Dock
- Fabulous Views
#MWH1019 - \$1,165,000.



Man-O-War Cay - Settlement
- 4 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths.
- 1,240 s.f. Residence.
- 0.3213 Acre - 14,000 s.f.
- Hillside for great Ocean Views.
- Beautifully Landscaped
- Fully Furnished & Equipped.
#MWH1020 - \$592,500.

TREASURE CAY

- **"PINAPPLE POINT"** - 32 Luxury Condominiums - 16 - 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath - 16 - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath - 1,035 sf to nearly 1,500 sf - Waterfront on Treasure Cay Lagoon - Each unit with private dockage up to 70' Pre-Construction Prices start at: #TCH9000 - Low \$500's



Man-O-War Cay - Settlement
- 3 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths.
- 1,200 s.f. Residence.
- 192 s.f. Studio Snore Box
- 0.23 Acre - 10,056 s.f.
- 17 KW Aux. Generator
- Beautifully Landscaped
- Partially Furnished
#MWH1024 - \$499,000.



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

WOOD CAY

- **"VILLA GLADYS"** - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,147 s.f. Residence - 21,213 s.f. - 0.487 Acre - 75' water frontage to Build dock - Great bonefishing area - Tranquility at its best #ANH1014 - \$289,000.

VACANT LAND VACANT LAND

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.
- **"112-112A"** - Fabulous waterfront building site - Two parcels containing a total of 69,197 s.f. - 1.588 Acres - 241' of Sea of Abaco Frontage - great elevations to 42' above sea level GGV1112 - **NEW LISTING** - \$850,000.
- **"AERIE"** - Parcel # 58 - Orchid Bay - 174,775 s.f. - 4.012 Acres - Orchid Bay amenities - One of the Highest Points in Orchid Bay - Fabulous Panoramic Views. #GGV1077 - \$850,000.
- **"CLAIRE'S BEACH"** - Beachfront Building Site - 31,243 s.f. - 0.717 Acre - 117' Beach Frontage - Dock Access - Good Elevation - Superb Ocean Views - Lush Vegetation. #GGV1006 - \$790,000.
- **"SECRET BEACH"** - 16,500 s.f. - over 1/3 Acre - 100' of Ocean shoreline - Over 200' of depth - Prime Ocean-front building site - Good elevations - Deeded dock access. #GGV1092 - \$375,000.
- **"CAPTAIN'S COVE"** - 6,653 s.f. - 0.152 Acre - 45.47' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Prime building site - can carry a private dock - 180 degree views - underground electric and paved road. #GGV1091 - \$375,000.
- **"Cottage Parcel # 10"** - Orchid Bay - 14,574 s.f. - 0.3346 Acre - 82.20' on the Sea of Abaco - Great Views - Orchid Bay amenities. #GGV1077 - **NEW LISTING** - \$366,000.

GREEN TURTLE CAY

- **"CONCHED OUT"** - offered in 1 to 4 prime sites - 100' - 460' of water frontage - Atlantic Beach and Sea of Abaco frontage available - 10'-32' elevations - 360' views - Very private Area #GTV1008 - \$546,000. - \$3,000,000.
- **"PLAYING HOOKY"** - 15,948 s.f. - 0.3661 Acre - Prime Building Site - Unobstructed views of Coco Bay - Public Dock Access - Beach Access - 50' from Coco Bay Beach. #GTV1080 - \$625,000.
- **"COCO BAY VIEW"** - 32,690 s.f. - 0.7567 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access - Good Elevation. #GTV1009 - \$291,000.
- **"COCO BAY BREEZE"** - 19,558 s.f. - 0.4490 Acre - Prime Building Site - Dock Access - Beach Access. #GTV1007 - \$167,500.
- **"CASUARINA"** - 8,126 s.f. - 0.1865 Acre - Corner lot - Prime building site - Central location - Short walk to Bita Bay Beach - Snorkel right off shore #GTV1074 - \$112,500.

LYNYARD CAY

- **"LYNYARD PALMS"** - 42,906 s.f. - 0.985 Acre - +/- 134' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Prime Building Site - Build private dock - Well established Coconut trees - Views of Sea of Abaco and Atlantic Ocean. #LCV1090 - \$274,000.

MAN-O-WAR CAY

- **"GRAND BOIS"** - Rare Prime Ocean-front building site - 0.51 Acre - 125' Atlantic Ocean frontage - Central Location - Fabulous Ocean Views - Lush Native Foliage. #MWV1081 - \$695,000.

MAN-O-WAR CAY

- **"SUMMERPLACE"** - Prime Building Site - 10,719 s.f. - 0.246 Acre - Over 150' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Concrete Sewall on Sea of Abaco - 103' x 6' private dock on Man-O-War harbour - Fabulous Sea of Abaco views. #MWV1082 - \$395,000.

MARSH HARBOUR

- **GREAT ABACO CLUB - Parcels # 6A and # 7A** - # 6A - 9,243 sq.ft. - # 7A - 13,845 sq.ft. - Private Dockage - Great Sea of Abaco Views. # 6A - #MHV1102 \$970,000. # 7A - #MHV1103 \$1,455,000. #6A & #7A - \$2,182,000.
- **GREAT ABACO CLUB - Parcels # 48 and # 49** - # 48 - 7,548 sq.ft. - # 49 - 7,117 sq.ft. - 50' of Boat Basin Frontage. - Semi-Private Docks - Ridge Parcels - Good Elevation. # 48 - #MHV1100 \$667,000. - # 49 - #MHV1101 \$667,000.

SAND BANKS

- **"Sand Banks Creek - # 2"** - 47,524 s.f. - 1.091 Acres. 108' of frontage on Sand Banks Creek, 540' in Depth. 80' on S.C. Bootle Highway - #ACV1113 - **NEW LISTING** - \$108,000

SCOTLAND CAY

- **"141 Hillside Developer Parcels"** - Over 1/2 Acre with beach access. Aircraft Landing Rights and Boat Slips available **NEW LISTING** - Priced from: \$170,000 - \$438,000
- **PRIVATE ISLAND - LITTLE BAHAMA BANK**
- **"CAVE CAYS"** - +/- 220 Acres - 27,342 lin.ft. - 4.5 nautical miles of shoreline - +/- 20' elevations - Beaches - Lagoons - Harbors - Coves - Vista's - Controlling depth of 4.5 - Between east end of Grand Bahama and west end of Little Abaco #API1088 - PRICE UPON REQUEST



The Abaconian

SECTION B



VOLUME 16, NUMBER 21 NOVEMBER 1st, 2008

35 houses will be completed by Christmas

Government is building 45 low cost houses in Spring City

By Samantha V. Evans

In a recent interview with Project Manager of Housing for Abaco, Mr. Kevin McIntosh, he reported that the housing project for Spring City is well on the way. The government has begun with the building of 45 houses and they plan to have 35 of them completed to sell to home buyers as Christmas gifts in December. The houses being built are three-bedroom, two-baths homes of 1175 square feet; three-bedroom, one-bath homes of 960 square feet; and two-bedroom, one-bath homes of 882 square feet. All measurements exclude patios and porches. The size of the lots varies with the size home built on it. The lot sizes will either be 5000, 7000 or 8000 square feet. The ones being built now will remain as is but the lots to be built on in the future will begin at 6000 square feet as announced by the Prime Minister on October 19.

The homes are intended for low income families. The Ministry of Housing does not plan to build low cost homes in any other part of Abaco. However, if more persons are interested in buying homes in Spring City, government is prepared to build more low cost homes to accommodate them. Mr.

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Government has contracted with several contractors to build 45 houses in Spring Caity. Hopefully, 35 will be completed by Christmas. They are two and three bedroom homes that will be constructed to resist hurricane force winds. The contractors are working seven days a week to complete the work. This house is being built by the Twenty-Second Century Builders, a business owned by Wnzel McBride. The crew members are Kevin Hutchinson, Alfred Watkins, Oscar Archer, Rodney Stewart and John Hardy.

Capt. Leonard Thompson is laid to rest

By Jennifer Hudson

The late Captain Leonard Maurice Thompson, Sr., OBE, beloved Abaconian, outstanding community leader and businessman, family man, World War II pilot and statesman, was laid to rest on October 26 in the Hope Town Upper Cemetery following an official state funeral service at St. Francis de Sales Church in Marsh Harbour. Present to pay respects to this former Member of Parliament who had represented Abaco in the House of Assembly for 19 years, were the Governor of The Bahamas, His Excellency A.D. Hanna; the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, Prime Minister of The Bahamas; the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, former Prime Minister; many other gov-

ernment ministers; members of the opposition; and uniformed members of the Royal Bahamas Police Force and Royal Bahamas Defence Force.

The service began with the singing of the beautiful Ave Maria by Joan Moss. This was followed by a poem read by Fred Hazelwood and Tributes paid to Mr. Thompson by Patrick Bethel and the Mr. Ingraham. Mr. Pat Bethel described his friend, Capt. Thompson, with whom he had shared a very special friendship for over 30 years, as "a legend who has left a legacy which will live on for many y-

ears."

Mr. Ingraham described Capt. Thompson as "an extraordinary human being, loyal, courageous and generous. A dreamer and an inspiration who had led a most extraordinary life, overcoming trying circumstances and who had gone from bare-foot boy to outstanding man. He did great things for his family, for Abaco, his country and the wider world, always willing to risk his own life for causes he believed to

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Capt. Leonard Thompson

Foreign Language Cadets Graduate



Four Abaco students were part of the Tourism's Foreign Language program. The year-long program includes a month-long visit to a Spanish-speaking country to be completely immersed in a Spanish-speaking environment. On October 11 a graduation ceremony completed their course. The graduates are shown in the

front, Catherine Martin of S.C. Bootle High School; Shoga Newbold of Abaco Central High School; Denton Gay of Wesley College; and Loudline Joseph of St. Francis de Sales School. Behind them are Michaelangelo Cartwright, Wynsome Ferson, Doranell Swain and Millie Dawkins all of the Abaco Tourism office. See story on page 6.

St. Francis student will represent The Bahamas



Adrienne Kelly from Sandy Point was named the national winner of the Conde Nast Essay Competition and will now compete with finalists from throughout the Caribbean. She was in competition with 57 otehr contestants at the national level. She will travel to Trinidad on October 25 to 27 to find out the results of the Caribbean competition. She will wear a Bahamian costume to read her essay that is entitled "If I could share a secret about my island, what would it be?" She is shown here being congratulated by Mrs. Lenora Black, Abaco's Education Superintendent. Behind are Ms. Millie Dawkins of the Abaco Tourist Office and Adrienne's mother, Mrs. Della Kelly. See story on page 10

Tributes to Capt. Leonard Thompson came from family and friends

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be bigger than himself. His magnificent contribution to the growth of North Abaco with the establishment of the Treasure Cay Resort and later the Abaco Beach Hotel in Marsh Harbour is unmatched. He was a strong supporter of the FNM and the party owes him a tremendous debt of gratitude."

Father Glen Nixon, in his homily, declared that this official funeral would provide a way for the entire Bahamas to express profound gratitude to Capt. Thompson for the building up of a nation. "He was a model Bahamian who captured the true spirit of what it means to be Bahamian. He lived an event-filled life be-

cause he believed in himself and pursued his dreams with zeal. Today there is an absence of zeal. He also described Capt. Thompson as a man of moral courage, fortitude and hard work. He was a man of faith which was the foundation of his life and his achievements were the result of his indomitable faith in God."

Following a full mass, the flags of the Royal Bahamas Police Force and Royal Bahamas Defence Force were lowered and then raised to the playing of the Last Post and Reveille by two trumpeters from the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band. As the casket left the church, followed by family and dignitaries, the sanctuary was filled with the beautiful strains of the song You Never Walk Alone.

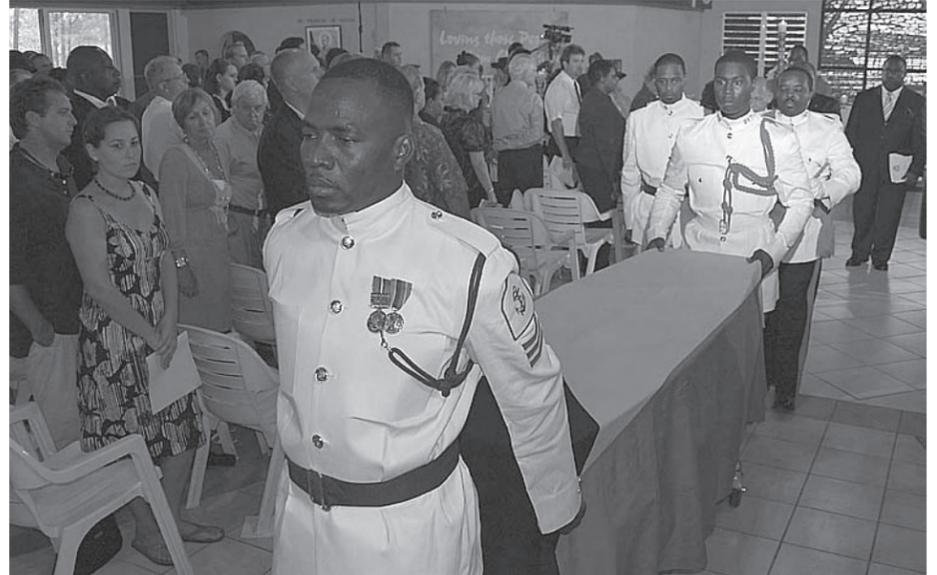
Parliamentary pallbearers lined up alongside the casket outside the church as the Bahamian flag was removed, folded and presented, along with Mr. Thompson's medals, to the Prime Minister, who then presented it to Mr. Thompson's son, Chris.

Capt. Thompson's body was taken to Hope Town where he was buried in the Upper Cemetery next to his dear wife, Mary, during a private interment ceremony. He was laid to rest in a casket specially crafted by Mark Malone of Hope Town.

The Governor General, His Excellency Arthur Hannah, and the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, were among the government officials who attended the state funeral of Capt. Leonard Thompson. Capt. Thompson had served in the House of Assembly for 19 years as a representative for Abaco.



Several members of the Opposition attended the funeral. These included Mr. V. Alfred Gray and the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, former Prime Minister.



An honour guard of Royal Bahamas Police Force and Royal Bahamas Defence Force members carried the casket out of the Francis de Sales Church after a mass was said. His body was transported to Hope Town where burial was in the Upper Cemetery next to his beloved wife, Mary, who passed away in 1999.

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



Turtle Rocks #525 beautifully built 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath on over 27,000 sq. ft of property \$249,000 net



Great Business Opportunity #506 for someone wanting to purchase a restaurant that is ready to go with all the necessary equipment needed to operate this lovely building, has sea views, is on 100'x120' lot. Priced \$291,500. Buyer will pay 5% gov. stamp tax and own legal fees.



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



Three bedroom, two bathroom home, #500 fully furnished, central air conditioning, on 9,000 sq. ft. Landscaped with beautiful trees and lawn. Rented. REDUCED \$185,000. Can be sold separately or with above property.



Murphy Town #517 beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath 900 sq. ft home built on 10,000 sq. ft. of property, fenced in, beautiful landscaping \$164,000 net



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



Three unit town-house #502 each unit is 1500 sq ft and fully furnished. Located behind John Bull in Marsh Harbour. Great rental income. Sale price \$650,000 net.



Turtle Rocks Lot #519 \$40,700 net
Lot on Treasure Cay Golf Course \$99,000 net
Lot on Galleon Bay, Treasure Cay \$275,000 net

Duplex, 2 1-bed, 1-bath apts. off Forest Drive in Dundas Town \$140,000

Great Cistern Estates - Nine lots for sale in new gated community in Great Cistern, Abaco. Residential only
 Lot A 8,491 sf \$67,928 gross Lot F 11,741 sf \$93,928 gross
 Lot B 11,759 sf \$94,072 gross Lot G 10,868 sf \$86,944 gross
 Lot C 8,800 sf \$70,400 gross Lot H 12,514 sf \$100,112 gross
 Lot D 8,676 sf \$69,408 gross Lot I 10,474 sf \$83,792 gross
 Lot E 12,010 sf \$96,080 gross

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

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

Two lots 84 ft. x 100 ft. near Treasure Cay, one mile northwest of Treasure Cay School. \$49,500 each net

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

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

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

5 lots in Murphy Town, water view, across from Abaco Block and Concrete, could be commercial, 56,260 sq. ft. Sold together \$253,171 Sold separately 3 lots \$48,614 each, 1 at \$48,730, 1 at \$106,745

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

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LUBBERS QUARTERS #4495
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MAN-O-WAR CAY #4336
LOOKOUT HOUSE Stunning views overlooking western harbour, 2 bed 1 bath main house with 1 bed 1 bath dockhouse cottage. **\$1,395,000.**
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MARSH HARBOUR #4229
PERKY PELICAN - PELICAN SHORES Charming 4 bed, 4 bath with gorgeous verandahs and commanding views of the Sea of Abaco. **\$2,775,000.**
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MARSH HARBOUR #3248
HIGH ROCKS - SEA VIEW Mediterranean-style 4 bed 3 bath home. Excellent area. Very private. Formal living/dining rooms. Fully furnished. **\$980,000.**
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MARSH HARBOUR **NEW LISTING** #4632
WATERFRONT LOT IN HIGH ROCKS Approx 1 acre with 90 ft on the Sea of Abaco. Good elevation. Views of Man-O-War. **\$599,000.**
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SANDY POINT **NEW LISTING** #4575
SANDS COVE SUBDIVISION Fabulous new 3 bed, 3.5 bath home with high end finishes, 3,800 sq.ft & garage. **\$550,000.**
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TILLOO CAY #3657
FARSIDE - WATERFRONT the most unique and desirable property in Abaco. 5 bedrooms, 6 baths, hangar and dockage for 80-foot vessel. **US\$5,950,000.**
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TILLOO CAY #4482
BEACHFRONT LOT with about one hundred feet of beach frontage and the property depth is about four hundred and eighty feet. **\$580,000.**
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TILLOO CAY #4317
BEACHWOOD COTTAGE - BOAT INCLUDED **WATERFRONT** 1 bed 1 bath cottage with a dock. Near Hope Town and Marsh Harbour. **\$365,000.**
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TILLOO CAY #3738
LOT 10 - BEACHFRONT. Located in a protected cove in Tilloo Beach Subdivision with a community dock. **\$299,000.**
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TILLOO CAY
SEA VIEWS from 1/2 acre lot with high elevation. Secluded location, close to beautiful Tahiti Beach. Close to Marsh Harbour and Hope Town. **\$180,000.**
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TREASURE CAY #1660
SERENITY HOUSE - BEACHFRONT ESTATE 150 feet of sandy beach. Modern 2 storey, 4 bed 4.5 bath, 5,039 sq. ft. home. **\$3,900,000.**
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TREASURE CAY **NEW LISTING** #1600
FABULOUS BEACHFRONT LOT in prime location, on Ocean Blvd. 140 feet on the beach, 600 feet deep. Fully landscaped and irrigated. **\$1,750,000.**
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TREASURE CAY **PRICE REDUCED** #2516
CROSSWINDS - SEA VIEWS 4 bed 3 bath, 2,800 sq. ft. furnished family home with apartment, central A/C, generator. **\$755,000.**
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TREASURE CAY **NEW LISTING** #4635
WINDWARD HOUSE - CANAL VIEWS Brand new 3 bed 2 bath with wood floors, wrap-around porches, and central A/C. **\$595,000.**
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LOTS & ACREAGE

#3989 BAHAMA PALM SHORES SECTION 2 - Block 1, Lot 15. **\$182,000.** Laurie Schreiner: 242.367.5046
#4071 BAHAMA PALM SHORES Lot 43 Good residential area. **\$30,000.** Bill Albury: 242.367.5046
#3031 GREEN TURTLE CAY Coco Bay Lot. **\$650,000.** Stan Sawyer 242.577.0298
#4533 GUANA CAY Dolphin Beach Estates. Lot 68. **\$200,000.** Bill Albury: 242.367.5046
#4572 LITTLE HARBOUR. Lot .97 acre, 150 ft. harbourfront. **\$275,000.** Laurie Schreiner: 242.367.5046
MARSH HARBOUR - NEW LISTING High Rocks Waterfront Lot. **\$599,000.** Bill Albury: 242.367.5046
#4203 TREASURE CAY - SANDS BANKS 2 waterfront to hwy lots. **\$95,000.** ea Stan Sawyer 242.577.0298

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A real celebration of life

Remembrances by Danny and Lee Pinder

The official funeral was held this past week for Leonard Maurice Thompson, Sr., O.B.E., a former member of the Bahamian Parliament, a Captain in the Royal Canadian Air Force, the reason he was affectionately known as "Cap or Captain" by all who knew him. He was a prisoner of war during World War II and later was a successful businessman. He was a loving family man and most probably meaningfully touched the life of all who sat in the church that afternoon. Yes, by anyone's standard, Captain Thompson had a long, fruitful and rewarding life.

My husband's first job was with Capt. Thompson over 50 years ago where he was immediately taken under his wing and treated as one of the family and I'm sure that Captain influenced him in many ways over the years. We knew his brother Maurice before he died at such a young age

in Nassau and later his older brother Har-tis while we were living in Freeport. We knew his other brothers Chester, Joe and Roscoe. He gave us our honeymoon in his newly completed Treasure Cay hotel in the early 1960s and as a young married couple we spent many Sunday afternoons with all the family at their home in the Tuckaway cul-de-sac. There was almost always a big crowd around with many of the close family members there, and we were made to feel like one of them, Mary and Leonard had the knack for true hospitality.

We were there for their first daughter Gail's wedding reception in the old Ft. Montague Hotel before it was torn down, and we were living in Freeport when their second son Jeff was lost in a tragic diving accident. We have tried to stay close to the other children, Lenny, Terry, Kathy and Chris, but lost track when it came to the grandchildren, great, grandchildren, cousins and nieces. We experienced many joyous occasions as well as some of the sad ones in their lives and lived them as they had.

Once on Abaco after they moved here from Nassau, we visited with them at their home in the old bank house, or better known today as Mangoes Restaurant. Mary had opened the Loyalist Shop and Captain was busy re-building the Great Abaco Club after a fire had destroyed it. It was a love-

ly summer evening and we were all sitting out on the dock after dinner reminiscing about old times when suddenly and without a sound there was a gigantic bright green explosion in the night sky which seemed to eclipse the heavens from one horizon to the other. It was a series of graduated green smoke rings that kept emanating from a central point which grew larger and larger as each new ring appeared enveloping the whole sky. Needless to say, we were all frightened. Not knowing what it was or how it might affect us, we were nearly frantic to discover the cause.

At that time all of Abaco was plugged into CB radios and Mary tried to reach someone, anyone who could give us a clue as to what was happening. She could not find anyone with good information. We then searched the television channels for some kind of announcement of a disaster, but again, could find nothing. Captain said we should check the airport to see if maybe someone there would know "what was happening?" We all jumped into the truck and sped off towards the airport only to discover few had even seen what we experienced.

Eventually we decided it was a harmless aborted rocket from Cape Canaveral which was confirmed on the

Florida news stations the next day. Learning this after the fact did not lessen our fright and concern the night before while it was happening nor did any of us forget it. That evening still brings a chill to my spine when I remember it.

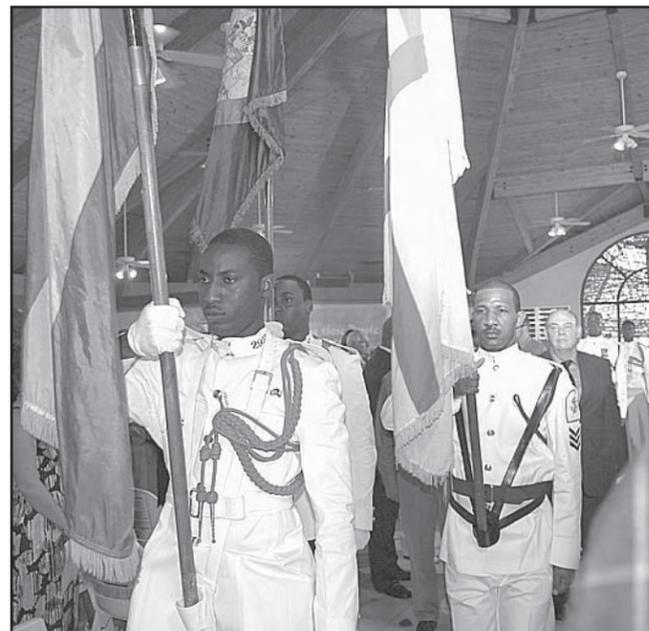
From the time we moved to Cherokee Sound in 1985, we regularly began dropping by to visit with Captain and Mary whenever we came to Marsh Harbour to do our shopping. As always, we were again welcomed into their home and spent many long hours remembering the good times we had all had together in the past. Mary's death touched us deeply, but Captain was

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Two members of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band played the Last Post and Reveille prior to the color guard leading the procession leaving the church with the casket.



The color guard, carrying large flags, preceded the entrance and exit of the casket of Capt. Leonard Thompson. His funeral was the first state funeral ever held on Abaco.



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Abaco lost a very fine man

Tribute

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lost without her. His children brought him through the heartache by convincing him he should record his experiences in a book. He soon became absorbed in recalling the many aspects of his life and wanted to share his writings with us every time we dropped by. And even though we knew many of the main events, we had never heard him talk about his time as a POW, which was both painful for him to remember and heart wrenching for us to hear.

Eventually, we heard the entire book *I Wanted Wings* before it went to the publishers, and I think Captain enjoyed using us as a sounding board as he wrote each chapter and page, then again as he wrote *Sea and Sky* about his boy-hood days living in Hope Town. Both these books were written in long hand in common spiral notebooks by Captain and transcribed into the final draft by his daughter-in-law Peggy, who inspired him to write his books. Captain had beautiful penmanship. Danny and I were always amazed that he could recall so clearly things that had happened to him over 75 years ago. He not only remembered his childhood friends, but also

many trivial incidents and the games he played with his friends. This remembering again brought purpose to his life.

Whenever we visited Captain, he gave us a stack of Nassau newspapers that he had saved for us or a good book he had just finished reading as he knew we both enjoyed reading and our supply of reading material in Cherokee was very limited.

Often we received fresh tomatoes from his garden or a paw paw he had just picked. For as long as we knew Mary and Leonard, wherever there was a rock hole and a small plot of dirt, they enjoyed growing things, especially herbs and hot peppers.

As the owner and Captain of the *Off Shore* for many years, they also had fish in their freezer whenever they wanted it. Mary was an excellent cook and could produce one of the finest Bahamian meals seemingly with little effort; it just came naturally to her. For many years she was in charge of the food stall at the annual Catholic Bazaar in Nassau. That as well as having a large family and many visitors must have been also been a good teacher. Captain hated it when he could no longer go fishing to catch his own fish and had to purchase it from someone else. He

had spent so many years experiencing the freedom of the open waters and unending bounty of the sea.

Their visitors came from the U.K., Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. Old friends, dear friends, came year after year. Mary and Leonard's doors were always open, and they were warm and welcoming hosts. Mary was born in Canada to Polish immigrants and possessed a good sense of humor. She always had a good "Polish joke" she wanted to share with us. And even though she had left her home during war time to marry a Bahamian and move to The Bahamas, she admitted it didn't take her long to acclimate and become a real Bahamian herself. But she kept in constant contact with her family back home over the years. Likewise, Captain always kept in touch with his squadron buddies and fellow POW's from the war through their newsletters and correspondence and even went

to one of their reunions a few years back.

Leonard and Mary were two amazing people who earned a special place in our hearts, and they will not soon be forgotten. We feel fortunate to have crossed paths with them during our lifetime. May they be reunited now in death and resume their loving relationship once again in Heaven where I'm sure they both now reside for-

Story of the casket

The casket that held the body of Capt. Leonard Thompson was handcrafted in Hope Town by Mark Malone and was a duplicate of the one that he and Chris Thompson made for Mary, Capt. Thompson's wife who passed away in 1999. The wedge-shaped casket was crafted of birch cabinet material, walnut stained and epoxied and was topped with a handcrafted cross. Large brass marine cleats formed the handles along the sides.



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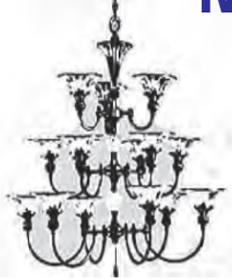
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Spanish cadets told of their experiences

By Jennifer Hudson

Four Foreign Language Cadets embarked upon an exciting journey in the fall of last year and on October 11 this year they celebrated its successful completion during a graduation ceremony in the St. Andrew's Methodist Church Hall. The four young people are now in their final year of high school. Loudline Joseph attends St. Francis de Sales School, Shoga Newbold attends Abaco Central High School, Catherine Martin attends S.C. Bootle High School and Denton Gay attends Wesley College.

Ms. Wynsome Ferguson, Manager of the Ministry of Tourism's Abaco Office, gave a brief overview of the Cadet Programme explaining that the students had

completed a three-phase programme which included Language in Action, Internship and finally Study Abroad during which they spent a month in Costa Rica being immersed in the language and culture of the country. "This is the second year of this programme on Abaco, and Abaco is the first island outside of Nassau to implement this programme. Next year five positions will be available and countries offering study opportunities will be Costa Rica and Mexico," stated Ms. Ferguson.

Ms. Millie Dawkins, Coordinator of the Foreign Language Cadet Programme, who chaperoned the young people in Costa Rica, presented the Cadets with their certificates of completion. All of the Cadets took an active part in the graduation cer-

emony. Catherine Martin welcomed everyone and she and Shoga Newbold displayed both a good command of the language and their lovely voices as they sang a duet in Spanish. All four cadets joined in a dance presentation as a finale.

A multimedia presentation gave the audience the opportunity to Meet the 2008 Foreign Language Cadets. Previously, each Cadet was filmed by a representative from the Nassau Ministry of Tourism. The presentation showed the cadets describing their experiences in Costa Rica and was illustrated with photographs of them enjoying highlights of their stay. The presentations were interesting, giving an insight into the feelings and apprehensions of each student. All of the Cadets were of one mind that the immersion experience had improved their vocabularies and Spanish speaking capabilities. They also had high praise for their host families and especially their "mama ticas."

Catherine Martin's grandmother brought remarks on behalf of the Cadets' parents. She made a plea for parents to encourage their children as people are needed who are proficient in foreign languages. "The students needed encouragement to get through the programme as it is not easy and it needs hard work. Catherine had to travel all the way up from Cedar Harbour to Marsh

Harbour every Saturday to spend the hours from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. participating in the course," she stated. "Encourage your children to go forward as you do not know what they are capable of unless you work along with them. In addition to their hard work they were required to show manners and respect in Costa Rica."

Keynote speaker was Senior Administrator, Mr. Cephas Cooper, who was introduced to the podium by Spanish Cadet, Loudline Joseph. Mr. Cooper stressed the importance of being able to speak another language. He told how it has always been a lifelong dream of his to speak another language, a skill which he regrets that he has not yet mastered. During his visit to China a few months ago he and the other Bahamian representative were the only persons who were unable to speak a second language. This has led him to the determination to now begin studying a foreign language. He commended the graduates for overcoming obstacles and remaining focused on their goal because success does not come easily.

Mr. Cooper also praised the Abaco Ministry of Tourism for promoting the learning of a foreign language among its high school students which will ensure that there will

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The four foreign language cadets entertained the audience at their graduation on October 11. The 11th grade students spent one month in Coasta Rica as the last segment of their year-long emersion in the Spanish language. The entire program was organized by the Ministry of Tourism to help students become bilingual. They rehearsed and recorded scripts that they composed about their experiences in Costa Rica which were accompanied by many photos that they took of their trip.

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The lion fish can be eaten!

By Samantha V. Evans

A second presentation and demonstration was held to educate Abaconians about the lion fish on October 2nd at the Anglican Parish Hall in Marsh Harbour. Leading the presentation was Lakeshia Anderson from the Department of Marine Resources. She took the audience through the history of the lion fish and spoke of this fish as an invasive species to the Bahamian waters. For those persons who may not be aware of what the lion fish is, it is a venomous fish that contains spike-like spines that can injure anyone who is not aware of the poison contained therein. The lion fish eats anything in the sea bed and is now preying on the grouper, snapper, shrimp and other fish source that Bahamians depend on for

food. The lion fish is now a threat to the Bahamian food chain. They live on marine debris and reefs and they can reduce the fish content of a reef by 79 percent within four weeks. All fishermen who spot such a fish are urged to kill it on site and are advised not to leave any of them alive. Attorney, fisherman, and conservationist, Alexander Maillis II, stated that fishermen spot this fish everyday throughout The Bahamas but most times they let them go. Now that such statistics as available, it is hoped that more fishermen will do their part to reduce the numbers of lion fish in Bahamian waters.

If a person is injured by the poison of this fish, he is advised to apply heat immediately. If he is out to sea, the heat from the boat exhaust should be good until he gets

to shore to seek proper medical attention. To reduce the pain, persons are advised to use a heating pad or pain killers. Much research is now being done to keep marine specialists abreast of the changes occurring in our waters. Graduate students at the College of The Bahamas are studying this fish to determine its diet, age/growth, genetics and reproduction rate.

Attorney Maillis stated that their reproduction is quite unique as the eggs of the female are not fertilized by the male until they have been released into the sea. At this point, he explained, they are invisible to other prey and can drift from their current location to any other location easily. Hence, the urgency to host such a meeting to educate the public and to encourage fishermen to eliminate the lion fish on site. He explained that if this fish is not controlled in the Bahamian waters, within four to five years, fish that Bahamians depend on and love will be eradicated. The lion fish serves no purpose in Bahamian waters. Therefore, they must be stopped from breeding.

After the presentation, the group went outside to watch Mr. Maillis remove the poisonous spines and clean the lion fish for consumption. Amazingly enough, the poison is located only in the spikes of the fish. Once they are removed, the fish become edible. He encouraged anyone handling this fish for the first time to wear protec-

tive gloves to avoid being stung because the spines are still venomous when dead. He also advised fishermen to de-spine the fish at sea so that they can discard of the spine at sea. He showed the audience how to clean the fish the normal way by scaling it, then preparing it to fry or bake, and how to prepare it for filleting which they did with all of the fish used in the demonstration. After all was said, there were still some skeptics about whether the fish should be eaten. Even this writer was a skeptic but I decided to try it. The fish was very light to the taste. In fact, it tasted like no other fish I had ever tasted before. I would recommend others to try it because it is very good. Some restaurants on the island are considering adding this fish to their menu.



Alexander Maillis II is demonstrating how to work with lionfish to prepare it for cooking without being stung by the very poisonous spines. The Bahamas National Trust is holding seminars to educate the public on safeguarding themselves against these fish. It is encouraging everyone to kill the lionfish whenever they come across them. It is also encouraging using them as a delicate tasting food. Some restaurants are considering offering them on their menus. The goal is to reduce their numbers as they are capable of devastating our reefs.

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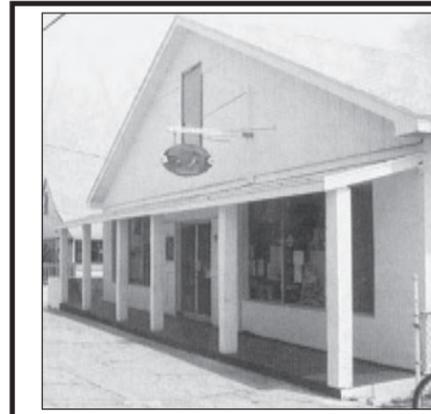
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Adrienne won travel essay contest

By Jennifer Hudson

Twelve-year-old Adrienne Kelly is yet another student joining the list of those bringing honour to Abaco. Adrienne, who is an 8th grade student at the St. Francis de Sales School, was recently announced national winner of the Conde Nast Essay Competition. Last year Adrienne came in second place and her perseverance paid off when this year she was announced first place winner. A student from Nassau came in second place.

Adrienne's essay was selected winner out of 57 essays from all of the Family Islands and New Providence. These were narrowed down to 14, three of which were from Abaco, by a panel of judges which included skilled writers from the media and the Tourism Board. The top essays were judged in Barbados. Adrienne will travel to Trinidad from October 25 to 27 to join with all of the finalists from other countries when the overall winner will be announced. While there Adrienne will join in a costume display in which she will read her essay wearing a costume depicting The Bahamas. "My costume is made from cloth with a Bahamian flag design at the top and frills at the bottom and is very pretty," said an excited Adrienne.

Adrienne appeared in a live broadcast at Radio Abaco on October 14 during which she read her essay and was later treated to a reception in her honour at the Anglican Parish Hall where she again presented her essay. The reception was attended by students of her school, Ministry of Tourism staff, parents and friends as well as several dignitaries.

Ms. Ruthann Rolle, National Programme Coordinator for the Ministry of

Tourism which coordinates the Conde Nast essay contest, was on hand from Nassau to congratulate Adrienne for a job well done and stated, "I am proud of all the work that Abaco has done to make sure that the students express their talents."

Mrs. Lenora Black, Superintendent of Education for Abaco, praised the excellence shown by Adrienne who she said will be an excellent ambassador for our country. Mrs. Black told the students gathered that television has done much to rob us of our ability with words and she encouraged them to read more. "Writing and reading should go hand in hand; good readers are good writers," she told them. "Find yourselves engaged in books and you will gain vocabulary necessary to express yourselves." Mrs. Black expressed her opinion that many of the arguments and fights in schools are caused by an inability to express oneself.

Administrator for Central Abaco, Mr. Cephas Cooper, spoke of the good things which have been coming from the St. Francis de Sales School in the past months. "Today this award is the direct result of hard work by Adrienne and before that the National Spelling Bee winner also came from St. Francis de Sales. I hope Adrienne will be an inspiration to other

students," he stated and admonished them not to allow themselves to be distracted but to remain focused on their studies. "Adrienne will represent her school and the entire Commonwealth of the Bahamas in Trinidad and I know will make us all proud."

Adrienne, along with all of the other entrants throughout the Caribbean, were given the essay title If I could share a secret about my island, what would it be? Adrienne wrote an essay "par excellence" in which she described Abaco's secret as not just being sun, sand and sea but an eco-tourism wonderland. The story took the form of a magic carpet ride adventure which began in Blackwood in North Abaco and ended at Hole in the Wall in South Abaco. Adrienne described each of Abaco's eco-tourism treasures as the carpet passed over the Blue Hole and Spanish Barb wild horses in the north and Sawmill

Sink, the Abaco National Forest with the endangered Abaco Parrot, Hole in the Wall lighthouse and dolphin and whale encounters in the south. She ended her essay by entreating persons at the end of their journey "to leave nothing behind but their money."

At the close of the programme Adrienne was presented with her trophy by Ms. Millie Dawkins of the Abaco Ministry of Tourism. She also received an all paid trip for two to Trinidad, snorkel gear from Dive Abaco, backpacks, watches and \$500 for her school.

Adrienne is very excited about her trip to Trinidad where she will participate in several events. Unfortunately, her mother is unable to accompany her daughter but Adrienne will be accompanied by her coach, Mrs. Duverney, Ms. Millie Dawkins and Ms. Ruthann Rolle.

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Junkanoo competition followed a workshop

By Mirella Santillo

The Chairman of the National Junkanoo Committee, Mr Philip Cooper, traveled to Marsh Harbour with five other committee members on October 10th to hold a workshop for the school children and a cow bells and drums competition for the adults the following evening.

Approximately 25 students from five schools, accompanied by teachers and parents, gathered at the Anglican Parish Hall to learn the basics of Junkanoo costumes making, cutting cardboard shapes, making crepe paper fringes and pasting.

From mid-morning to early afternoon, the instructor, Mr. Clinton Paul, kept the audience avidly interested in his demonstration. He showed them how to construct one of the popular head gears often seen in Junkanoo parades made of the triangular

shapes stapled together and held in place by wire. They were taught how to design a perfect cardboard circle, how to cut it cleanly, how to score it with a rectangular piece of wood and staple it so it could become a hat, a lamp shade or a fruit container. The result was very popular with the students who applied themselves to practice the technic.

Cutting the fringes of crepe paper with special shears was demonstrated by Mr. Philip Cooper. His demonstration was followed by each kid pasting the fringe with glue on an individual piece of cardboard. The students practiced diligently to reproduce what they had learned.

The group met the following evening at Goombay Park to host the Best Drummer, Best Beller competition. Klick-Dum-Boom, the Rhythm of Junkanoo was the theme of

the evening. In spite of trophies and the promise of money prizes, the competitors were few and slow to arrive. By 10 p.m. a crowd had finally gathered and the show, orchestrated by Mr. Ivan Thompson, the administrator for the National Junkanoo Committee, started.

Five drummers belonging to local senior Junkanoo groups demonstrated their talents and soon the enclosure was echoing from the sound of the drums and the crowd cheering their favorite player. The bellers were three, each giving his best performance during the required two minutes. The men then gathered in threes to participate in the "three man combo" group demonstration of cow bells and drums. The audience was

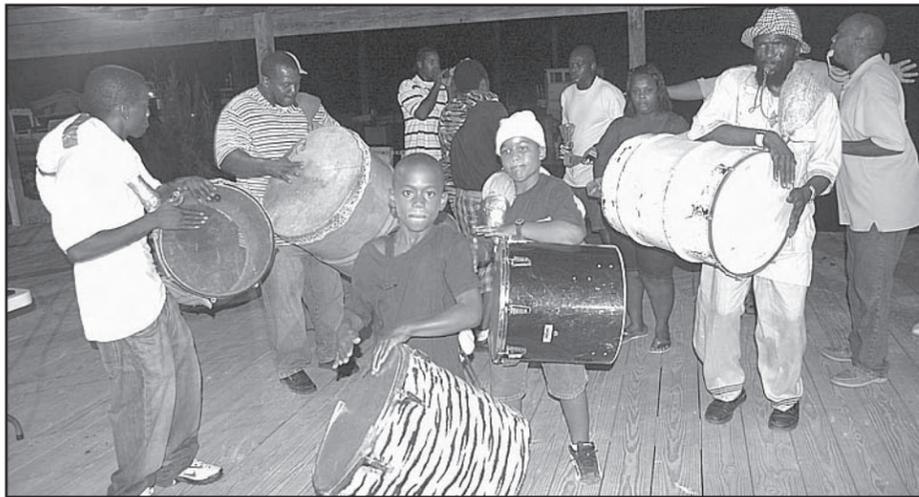
entertained by two young boys, nine-year-old Julius Thompson and eight-year-old Brendon Rolle, who gave a fantastic show on their drums.

The judges, Mr. Terry Archer, Mr. Shane Deveaux and Mr. Clinton Paul, all members of the National Junkanoo Committee, finally rendered their verdict.

In the bellers competition Mr. Kirk Thompson placed first, followed by Mr. Colon Curry in second and Mr. Herbert Knowles in third place.

Mr. Kirk Thompson Jr was selected the best drummer. The runner up was Mr. Al-

Please see **Junkanoo** Page 12



Junkanoo leaders from Nassau held a workshop for students on October 10 followed by a competition on October 11. These adults are competing in the drums competition where Kirk Thompson took first place.



Winners of the Junkanoo competition held at Goombay Park in Marsh Harbour were awarded trophies and cash prizes. The top winners will compete in Nassau on November 15.

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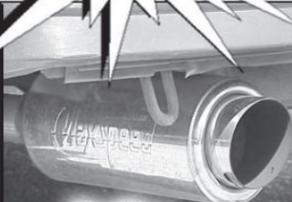
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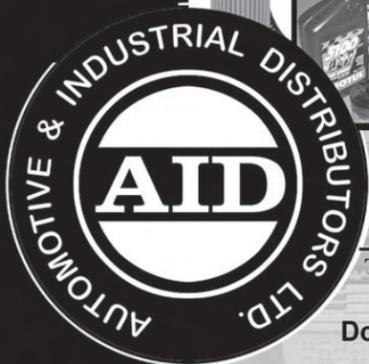
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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral service for **Pamela Owanta Nutt**, 43, formerly of Hope Town who died at Doctor's Hospital in Nassau on October 9 was held in Nassau on 18th October with Rev. Charles Sweeting and Rev. Charles New officiating. Interment was also in Nassau.

She was pre-deceased by her mother, Anthea Russell; her father, George Russell; and her brother, David Russell. She is survived by her husband, Ted Nutt; son, Jesse Nutt; daughter, Mya Nutt; stepson, Jeremy Nutt; stepdaughter, Nichel Langley; mother-in-law, Jacqueline Nutt; brothers, Jack and Basil Russell; sisters, Betty Roberts and Victoria Sweeting; aunt, Louise Albury; sisters-in-law, Sandy Koulias, Sharon Cartwright, Lana Russell and Juanita Russell; brothers-in-law, Niven Nutt, Stephen Roberts; Gerald Sweeting, Nick Koulias and Nelson Cartwright; nephews, Stewart Roberts, Brandon Sweeting, Clint, Al, Ritchie and Brian Russell, Lance Cartwright; nieces, Misty Russell, Brittany Sweeting, Myrtle Pinder, Tanya Mosko, Lauren Koulias, Monica, Courtney and Miranda Cartwright and many other relatives and friends.

A State Funeral Service

Capt. Leonard Maurice Thompson Sr., O.B.E. Order of the British Empire, lay in state in the foyer of the House of Assembly on October 24th. A service was held at St. Francis de Sales Church in Marsh Harbour on October 26th. Fr. Glen Nixon officiated assisted by Fr. Roger Madrazo. Burial was in the Hope Town Public Cemetery.

Capt. Thompson was born on June 17th, 1917, in Hope Town, the son on Capt. William Maurice Thompson and Lena Muriel Thompson (nee Albury). Capt. Thompson

trained as a pilot in the RCAF, accomplishing 25 missions before being shot down over Hamburg, Germany. He was a prisoner of war for 18 months.

When he returned to The Bahamas, he lived many years in Nassau, serving 19 years in the House of Assembly as Abaco's elected representative. He pioneered Bahamian aviation and crisscrossed The Bahamas during his career carrying passengers, mail, emergency evacuations and supplies. He flew planes before airports were built, using amphibian aircraft.

Capt. Thompson bought acreage in Sand Banks that he renamed Treasure Cay. It is still one of The Bahamas' largest resorts with a marina, golf course, hotel, restaurant and condos. He began his last project in 1977, Great Abaco Beach Hotel and Boat Harbour Marina in Marsh Harbour. He died at his home on October 16th at the age of 91.

He is predeceased by his wife, Mary; son, Jeffrey; sister, Velma Marsh; and brothers, Hartis, Harvin, Maurice, Roscoe and Joe Thompson. He is survived by sons Leonard Thompson Jr. and Chris Thompson; daughters Schaper, Terry Curry and Kathy O'Kelleher; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; brother Chester Thompson; and many other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to Every Child Counts, P.O. Box AB-20085, Marsh Harbour, Abaco, in memory of Capt. Leonard Thompson.

Margaret Carey passed away on October 26 after a long illness. Her funeral was on October 28 at New Vision Ministries in Marsh Harbour. Pastor Derek Benjamin and Bro. Vernon Malone officiated. Interment was in Marsh Harbour.

Mrs. Carey was born on August 27,

1935, in Nassau and she received her education in Nassau. She worked in Nassau, England and Canada.

She was married to Bill Carey for 39 years. In 1989 they moved to Treasure Cay where they opened Bill's Marine Upholstery located next to the post office.

She is survived by her husband Bill Carey; brothers Philip and Bernice Sawyer; sister Nellie Johnson; brother-in-law Joe Lleida; sisters-in-law Bonnie Sawyer, Beth Sawyer, Pauline Roberts, Betty Higgs, Gwynth Winter, Thelma Roberts and Millie Lleida; nieces; nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sybil's House in Dundas Town.

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len Petitcompere followed by Mr. Herbert Knowles.

The best Three Man Combo went to Mr. Colon Curry and his group composed of Mr. Hernbert Knowles and Nicolas Oliver. The second place went to Mr. Newel Delancy's trio followed by Mr. Kirk Thompson.

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Dangerous drugs - On August 29 two men brought snack food for a prisoner being held at the Marsh Harbour police station. Bags of Nacho chips and Doritos were found to have been opened and had a cigar in one and a bag of suspected Indian hemp in the other. The two men left in a hurry when they noticed the contents being inspected.

Stolen vessel - A 26-foot Intrepid, named Megan Nicole, was stolen from Boat Harbour Marina sometime during the night of August 29. A boat fitting this description was found aground in the vicinity of Bahama Coral Island with an engine laying in the sand. The boat was towed to the Abaco Outboard storage yard for safe keeping.

House breaking - A caretaker reported a house in Bahama Palm Shore was broken into between August 26 and 28 with a pair of binoculars being stolen.

House breaking - Another home in Bahama Palm Shore was broken into during the interval between August 26 and 28. Stolen were an XM satellite radio, two TV sets and a laptop computer.

Stealing from a vessel - A 35-foot boat anchored in the harbour of Marsh Harbour was entered sometime during a one hour interval at dawn on September 1. Stolen was a laptop computer.

Rape - Just after sundown on August 30 a South Abaco woman was forced to perform oral sex when she accompanied a man she knew near the Murphy Town waterfront.

Unlawful sex - The police were notified on September 1 by the doctor at the Government Clinic that a 15-year-old patient from Pigeon Peas was five months pregnant. The girl admitted to a one-year relationship with a man she identified.

House breaking - A Murphy Town house was broken into between 5:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on September 1. Stolen

were a laptop computer and a piggy bank of coins.

Building fire - Police were notified of a fire in Viola Young's house in Dundas Town. Firemen extinguished the blaze, but the house suffered extensive damage. Police believe the fire may have been electrical in origin.

Burglary - Jewelry, camcorder and DVD player were stolen from a Murphy Town residence sometime between August 23 and September 2 during the occupant's absence.

Stealing - A Cooper's Town man reported early on the morning of September 2 that jewelry was missing after he had been visited by a friend.

Stealing - A bicycle was stolen from a Dundas Town yard during the night of September 2. Additionally, two bicycles were stolen from neighboring yards in Dundas Town during the same night. Three teenagers from Murphy Town were later arrested related to the bicycle thefts.

Shop breaking - Bay View Restaurant in Dundas Town was broken into during the night of September 4. Stolen were a small TV set and assorted snack food.

Shop Breaking - Stolen from the Blue Marlin Restaurant in Marsh Harbour were groceries and a stereo system during the night of September 4.

Malicious damage - Marsh Harbour's Memorial Plaza was vandalized during the night of September 4 when someone damaged seven porch lights.

Causing harm - A rock thrown at a woman in the Mud settlement damaged her arm in mid-afternoon on September 5. The assailant was identified but not found at that time.

Causing harm - A Murphy Town boy was hit in the head by a thrown rock mid-morning on September 4. An older teenager was later arrested.

Stolen dinghy - A white 8-foot inflatable Caribe Mercury dinghy with a 9.8 hp Hatsu engine was stolen from the Mooring's dock in Marsh Harbour during the weekend of September 5.

Assault - A woman in Fox Town was punched in the face several times by her husband on September 5.

Stolen vessel - A 34-foot boat with twin 250 HP Yamaha engines was stolen during the night of September 7 from a residential dock in Marsh Harbour. A suspect was named and a Dundas Town man was subsequently arrested. The boat was recovered two days later when found by the owner at Crab Cay in North Abaco.

Assault with a dangerous Instrument - A resident of the Mud settlement used a broom to block a cutlass chop by a man he knew late in the afternoon on September 8.

Disorderly behavior - After sundown on September 8 police were investigating an incident in the Sweeting Village area of Marsh Harbour. They were interrupted continuously by a resident shouting and using obscene language. He was subsequently arrested for disorderly conduct.

Grievous harm - A woman of Sandy Point suffered injuries when beaten by her sister's boyfriend while running an errand for her in Marsh Harbour at noon on September 9. The Marsh Harbour man was arrested about an hour later.

Malicious damage - Two tires were slashed on a truck parked in Dundas Town sometime between midnight and dawn on September 9.

Disorderly behavior, obscene language

and resisting arrest - A Marsh Harbour woman and a Murphy Town man were engaged in a fight on September 8 about 9 p.m. when found by police. They refused to cooperate with police instructions. They were subdued, taken to the police station and arrested.

House breaking - A residence in Central Pines Estates was broken into during the day of September 11. Jewelry, a cell phone and cash were taken.

Fraud - While docked at Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour, a Treasure Cay resident had his checkbook stolen from his boat. Weeks later on September 11 he discovered that a \$600 check was forged with his signature and was cashed on July 17.

Assault - A teenager living in the Mud settlement was on the basketball court when he was punched in the eye for refusing to buy a juice drink for another boy. This happened a little after sundown on September 11.

Traffic accident with injuries - In the afternoon of September 11 two youngsters of the Mud settlement were struck by a pickup truck in the area of the Auskell Clinic in Marsh Harbour. After being treated locally, a girl was discharged while a boy was flown to Nassau with serious injuries. He died several days later.

Stealing from a vehicle - During the night of September 11 a car in Dundas Town was broken into with an amplifier and speakers being stolen.

House breaking - During the day of September 11 a house in Central Pines Es-

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tates was broken into. Cash, jewelry and a cell phone were taken.

House breaking - A house in Great Cistern was broken into during the morning of September 12. Various items of jewelry were stolen.

Drugs & firearm - Before midnight on September 12 on the S.C. Highway two police in their marked police car noticed a vehicle that sped up when seen by the police. The vehicle was chased and finally stopped near the South Side Road in Murphy Town. The driver was found to be wearing a bullet proof vest. A search of the vehicle found a loaded handgun and a backpack containing a black hood with eye holes, rubber gloves and a bag suspected to be Indian Hemp. Both occupants were arrested.

Assault with deadly weapon - Police were in the vicinity of the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic shortly after midnight on September 13 when they observed a car partially blocking the road. They saw a man take a cutlas out of the car and attempted to chop the head of a passenger of a nearby blue car. The police fired a shot into the air to disperse the crowd and get attention. At this, the blue car sped off. A resident of Dundas Town, who was wielding the cutlas, was arrested.

House breaking - Extensive jewelry was stolen from a residence on Pelican Shores during the homeowner's absence. The owner returned on September 13 to discover the theft.

House breaking and stealing - A Murphy Town house was broken into sometime between September 12 and 13 with assort-

ed jewelry being stolen.

Burglary - Occupants discovered an intruder on their sailboat boat docked at the Marsh Harbour Marina about 4 a.m. September 15. The intruder fled on being discovered and jumped overboard. The police were called. On arriving at the marina, they found a car leaving without lights. They hollered for car to stop and fired two warning shots but the car sped off. The suspect evaded the police in the vicinity of the Stede Bonnett Road where the suspect jumped into the water and escaped.

Removing a motor vehicle without owner's consent - A jeep was removed from a Marsh Harbour parking space without the owner's permission, sometime on September 14. The owner saw his Jeep at a local grocery store and gave chase. The car was damaged extensively when driven into a ditch. However, one of the occupants was nabbed and taken to the police station where he was arrested.

Burglary - A house on Marsh Harbour's Eastern Shore was broken into sometime between midnight and 6 a.m. on September 17. Stolen were a laptop computer and a small amount of cash.

Causing Harm - A man in Marsh Harbour had his bedroom door kicked in by his roommate who then proceeded to beat him with a pressing iron and a knife which caused injuries. This happened in mid-afternoon on September 16. The roommate was arrested soon after.

Attempted boat stealing - A 25-foot Bertram boat was found adrift by the owner close to the private dock where it was berthed. It had been untied and set adrift sometime during the night of September 16. A resident of the Mud settlement was

subsequently arrested.

Sabotage - The fiber-optic cable was cut which connects the Cost Rite store in Marsh Harbour to its parent organization. Apparently it was cut during the weekend of September 14.

Stolen vessel - During the night of September 17 a 34-foot Contender with two 250 HP Yamaha engines was stolen from Scotland Cay. The boat was subsequently discovered in a secluded area of mangroves on Moore's Island.

Stolen vessel - An inflatable dinghy with a 25 HP Yamaha engine was stolen from a private dock at Sunrise Bay in Marsh Harbour sometime between September 15 and 18.

Stolen vessel - A 31-foot Contender boat named Iron Man with two 250 HP Yamaha engines was stolen in Hope Town during the night of September 17. The boat was found the next day deep in the mangroves in Moore's Island.

Burglary - An apartment in Hope Town was burglarized during the pre-dawn hours of September 18. Stolen were cash and an expensive wristwatch.

House breaking - While a Hope Town resident slept, an intruder entered her house and stole a laptop computer, an I-Pod and two pair of decorator sunglasses. This happened sometime after 1 a.m. on September 18.

Causing harm - A woman living in the Mud settlement suffered injuries to her left

thigh, arm and right leg when beaten about the body with a cutlass wielded by a man she knew. This happened mid-afternoon on September 18.

Dangerous drugs - While on patrol near the Burns House Liquor Store in Marsh Harbour about sundown on September 19, police observed a man acting nervously. On seeing the police he discarded a bag into a trash can. He was arrested when the bag was found to contain marijuana.

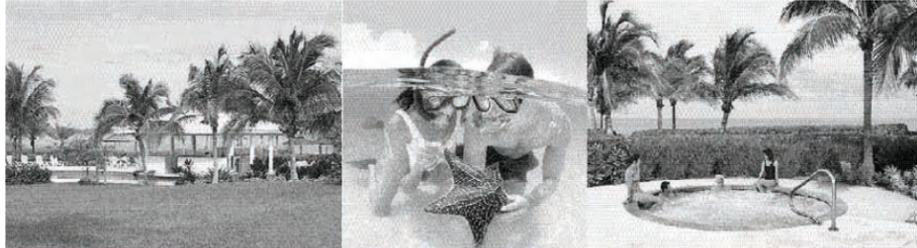
House breaking - A Dundas Town resident had his house broken into and his bedroom door kicked open causing damages sometime around midnight on September 21. Nothing appeared to be stolen.

Stealing from a vehicle - During the night of September 19 a car in Dundas Town had a window smashed so thieves could steal speakers and an amplifier.

Stolen firearm - Before leaving on a fishing trip on September 12, a Cooper's Town man secured his shotgun with his sister. He returned on September 20 to discover her house had been broken into and the shotgun was stolen.

Disorderly behaviour - At sundown on September 20 police responded to a domestic quarrel in Dundas Town to find that the man had left the scene after a fight. While speaking to the woman, the man arrived

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and was attacked by the woman in the presence of the police. She failed to comply with the police request to stop the attack, was subdued and arrested. She will appear in court.

Assault - While at a night club on Don MacKay Boulevard a Dundas Town woman was slapped in the head and had a drink thrown on her by her ex-boyfriend. This happened about 2 a.m. on September 20. The man was subsequently arrested and will appear in court.

Assault - A woman living in Central Pines Estates was in a nightclub before mid-night on September 23 on the S.C. Bootle Highway outside Marsh Harbour arguing with her husband when he kicked her and knocked her to the ground causing an injury to her shoulder.

Drug information - An anonymous phone call alerted police to a movement of drugs in the Sandy Point area around mid-night on September 24. Authorities were alerted in other jurisdictions and a team investigated in the Sandy Point area with negative results.

Burglary - A generator and four extension cords were discovered missing from a house in the Island Home subdivision north of Crossing Rocks. They were taken sometime between September 17 and 19.

House breaking - Sometime during the day on September 20 a house in Fox Town was broken into and cash was stolen. A suspect was later arrested.

Stealing - A Dundas Town resident anchored his 17-foot boat in Jerry Bay but during the night of September 24 the 85

HP Yamaha engine was stolen.

House breaking - A Murphy Town resident had a piggy bank containing money stolen by a burglar during the day of September 22.

Unlawful sex - A 14 year old girl was examined September 25 at the Government Clinic in Marsh Harbour and was found to be five months pregnant. She admitted to having several affairs with a resident of Central Pines Estates.

Causing harm - A woman and her niece were walking in Dundas Town late in the afternoon on September 25 when the niece was attacked and beaten with a stick by a student of Abaco Central High School. The attacker was identified.

Stealing from a vehicle - During the night of September 24 a car parked in a residential yard in Murphy Town had a window smashed and the stereo system was stolen.

Stealing by reason of employment - An internal audit by Gulfstream Airline disclosed that a substantial sum was unaccounted for during the period between July 1, 2007, and June 1, 2008, at the Treasure Cay office. Police assistance was requested.

House breaking - A 32-inch television and a DVD player were found missing in a burglarized house on Sugar Loaf Cay off Marsh Harbour's Eastern Shore. This happened sometime between August 2 and September 26 when the break-in was discovered.

Stealing - A woman's handbag was removed from a car while at the 24/7 Service Station in Marsh Harbour late in the afternoon on September 26.

Stolen vessel - A 17-foot Paramount boat with a 130 HP Yamaha outboard engine

was stolen from a private dock on Marsh Harbour's Eastern Shore area sometime between September 24 and 27.

Dangerous drugs, obscene language, assaulting a police officer, causing damage and resisting arrest - At 3:30 a.m. on September 28, while at Tardie's Night Club on the S.C. Bootle Highway, a patron continuously made degrading and obscene remarks to a police officer. The individual was later observed to smoke a home-made cigarette believed to be marijuana. He then was arrested but began fighting with the police officer. A second man then joined the fight against the officer. One of the assailants pulled a cutlas and the officer retreated into the club and called for assistance. The assailants managed to leave the scene before help arrived.

Suspect arrested - A resident of the Mud settlement wanted on several charges was arrested mid-morning on September 25.

Assault - While visiting a friend in Dundas Town, a woman's ex-boyfriend came and accused her of spreading gossip about him. Not satisfied with her denial, he slapped her and the two women managed to push him out of the house and lock the door. He left after several unsuccessful attempts to gain entry. This happened at noon on September 29.

Stealing - Three thousand pounds of scrap copper wire were stolen during the night of September 29 from the Kipco Salvage Yard on the S.C. Bootle Highway. A suspect was later arrested.



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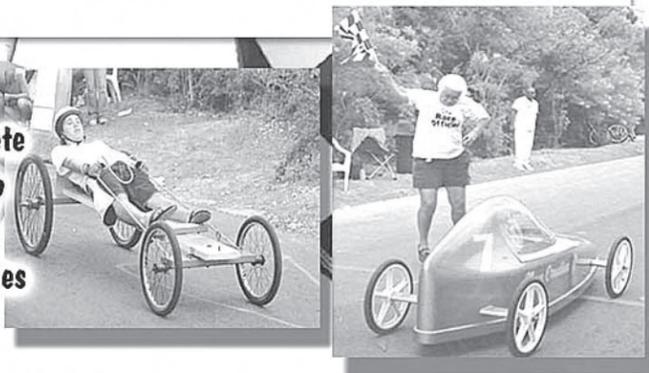
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Senior Citizens visit Castaway Cay

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The seniors came from Sandy Point on our crew boat and eagerly climbed into the tram for their island tour driven by

the charming Sidney and accompanied by Guenter and Sarah.

The Castaway Ray's Stingray area was a popular stop with some of the group who braved the water to feed the rays. The others watched and laughed from shore as their friends jumped back with fright as the rays sucked the food out of their hands. The more adventurous seniors climbed the 50 steps to the top of the observation tower for a great bird's eye view of the island. Then it was off to Serenity Bay for a group photo before heading to Cookies BBQ for a beautiful Bahamian lunch prepared by

Theresa and Mark.

The seniors took a keen interest in the vegetation on Castaway Cay, telling all the home remedies and special "bush medicine" teas they make from different local plants grown on the island. They do not taste great although they fix everything from the common cold to aches and pains and even fertility problems. They got excited to see how many sea grape plants we have on the island which produce a small tart tasting berry, a popular snack in the Bahamas.

One of the seniors used to work on Castaway Cay as a contractor. This trip was like walking down memory lane for him. As we drove around, he would point to a pavilion or concrete work and say, "I made

that," beaming with pride.

"It is really nice for our crew to be able to give something back to the community and really brighten up someone's day. Everyone had such a great time with smiles from ear to ear as they boarded to boat for the return trip to Sandy Point, begging to be able to return next year. Thank you to everyone who helped make such a great day.

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October was Senior Citizen Month in The Bahamas and the Abaco Social Services office provided a variety of activities for them throughout the island. The senior citizens of Cherokee Sound, Crossing Rocks and Sandy Point were treated to a trip to Castaway Cay which they thoroughly enjoyed. They are pictured here at Serenity Bay. They later enjoyed lunch at Cookies BBQ.

Public Meeting

Marsh Harbour/Spring City Town Committee

will meet with residents in the Court Room Wednesday Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. Concerns and questions by residents are welcome. Information will be given on various topics including:

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- Low cost housing and expansion of Spring City
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- Front Street status
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Spring City residents speak out about housing development

By Samantha V. Evans

Residents and persons who are building new homes in the Spring City community spoke out recently about the low cost homes being built by the Ministry of Housing. The proposed plans for this new development were introduced to Abaco residents in August of this year when the Minister of Housing, the Hon. Kenneth Russell, and a large contingent from Nassau visited Abaco to hold a town meeting at the Anglican Church Hall in Marsh Harbour. It was at that time that many of the residents learned of government's plans for the development. Mr. Colin Curry, Marsh Harbour Town Committee member and long time resident of Spring City, spoke out at that time stating that what they are proposing to build is different from what was originally on the books.

Apparently, the lot sizes of the original plans were much bigger than what was being presented now. The original plans called for 80-foot by 100-foot minimum size lots while the new housing project has lot sizes beginning at 50-feet by 100-feet. The Minister of Housing, the Hon. Kenneth Russell, heard their concerns and promised to look into the matter.

In October the construction by government of some houses began and the lot sizes appear to have not been changed from the small lot sizes introduced at the town meeting. This prompted Mr. Curry to call a meeting with Min. Russell and the Spring City residents who were outraged about what they were seeing. The meeting was on October 18th at 5 p.m. in the community. Many residents attended and voiced their concerns.

In an interview with some of the residents, the following concerns, frustrations,

and suggestions were shared. One resident stated that she believes that the development is an excellent idea but the property sizes are too small. Even though they make fine starter homes, there is no room for expansion.

Another new home builder in Spring City who shares the sentiments of many new home owners in the community believes that these low cost homes were just "slapped" right in the middle of their nice homes without any consideration given as to how they will devalue their upscale homes. She stated that these homes are valued from \$250,000 and up, and now they have to look out of their front doors to see homes that are not even worth half of the value of their homes.

One resident feels that the minister and the housing officials should have taken some time to view the area before they drew up their plans and started this development. The residents are not saying that they want them to stop the development but to adjust the sizes of the lots. They are just too small! She suggests that they try to beautify the homes in some way so that they will be more appealing and blend into what is already in place.

A resident of the community is quite disappointed in the Minister especially the way he treated the residents of Spring City. He feels that no consideration was given to the concerns of the residents before such plans were made. He stated that no town meeting was called for the residents of Spring City.

These homes are going up very fast as the contractors work seven days a week. Each contractor has been given five homes to build. Some of the contractors are Island Design, Fine Gems Home Builders and GM Construction & Electrical Services.

MP's detail the projects in their constituencies

Courtesy of the Nassau Guardian

Last year each Member of Parliament was allocated \$100,000 to spend in his constituency. This program will be repeated in 2009.

North Abaco

The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, has put his entire allocation of \$100,000 for the North Abaco constituency as part payment on a beach recreation facility on public land near Treasure Cay. This is primarily for all the residents and visitors of North Abaco, from Crown Haven to Dundas Town.

"The allocation for this year will be similarly expended," Mr. Ingraham said. He felt that this is a well planned, tendered and approved project.

South Abaco

Mr. Edison Key, Member of Parliament for South Abaco, distributed his allocation to benefit each town. The list of projects included the following:

- Reconstructed and resurfaced a basket-

ball court on Moore's Island

- Completed electrical wiring and a small generator house at the hurricane center in Sandy Point

- Put in a new park at Crossing Rocks
- Did road work at Cherokee Sound
- Made roof repairs to the library and dock repairs in Hope Town

- Rebuilt a dock at Man-O-War Cay
- Carried out road work in Guana Cay
- Park upgrades and road work in Marsh Harbour

- Constructed a new fence at the airport in Marsh Harbour

- Set plans in motion to pave a road that leads to the former high school in Spring City

"That brings me right up to \$100,000," the MP said. Mr. Key plans to spend some of the allocation for 2009 on a new park/ farmers' market being built in Marsh Harbour. The land has already been cleared. "Whatever the needs are, it will be up to the people how they want to spend it," he said.

Housing

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McIntosh is pleased with the development especially since it is upgrading the area tremendously.

Residents interested in purchasing lots in Central Pines Phase Two are advised that the lots will be available for sale in approximately 30 days. The water is presently in place and the light poles are now being installed. There will be no building of homes by the Ministry of Housing in Central Pines.

The visit by the Minister of Housing, the Hon. Kenneth Russell, on October 18

and the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, on October 18th confirmed and verified that the concerns the residents were having regarding the water table was not a problem. The residents were concerned that when they dig three feet down on any property that they will see water. Mr. McIntosh stated that even though they intend to dig soak-aways, they are prepared to dig septic tanks if a problem develops. He reminded the residents that Spring City is built in an area with natural springs but they are doing all they can to assure them that the concerns with the water table are unfounded.

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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

South Abaco Celebrates Youth Month

The youth of South Abaco came to Cherokee Sound's Assemblies of God to celebrate the past, present and future on October 12th.

The different schools represented included Mt. Zion Baptist, Cherokee Primary, Crossing Rocks and St. Martin's Anglican youth. The moderator was Mr. Jason Roberts with remarks from Administrator Benjamin Pinder and Chief Councillor Preston Roberts with the keynote speaker for the service Bro. Daniel Sawyer. Refreshments were served at the W. W. Sands Community Center in Cherokee.

A march was planned to take place in Crossing Rocks for the next morning to start off the Youth Rally, but was postponed because of rain. The speaker at the rally was Supt. Shawn Smith and comments by Don Cornish, Abaco's Director of Tourism.

A Letter of Appreciation

Our community has just received a very prestigious award, the first annual Friends of the Environment Keep Abaco Beautiful plaque and certificate which we are very proud of. Our young people and school-children deserve a lot of the credit as they regularly pick up litter, not only within the town limits but on the beaches and along the access roadways.

But, besides individual efforts, we also have two very special people in our midst who are responsible for "the face we show the world" and they are our long time garbage collector, Freeman Roberts, and our public groundskeeper, Ricky Sawyer. Both these men have done an exceptional job week in and week out year after year. Without their conscientious attention to doing the best job possible, Cherokee could very well have an entirely different look. So I would like to say a special thank you to them for their long and dedicated service to Cherokee and to our residents for their attention to civic pride.

ePassport process will be extended to Abaco

As of January 2009 passport offices on Grand Bahama and Abaco will be issuing the ePassport or machine readable passports in keeping with international regulations to have the entire country compliant by 2010.

Holders of "old" passports will have to apply for the new passports at their respective offices with the information sent on to New Providence where the ePassport will be produced and returned.

Since the introduction of the ePassport in December 2007, the Passport Office has processed approximately 13,000 passports out of about 200,000 holders.

"Now that the summer rush is over, we want to impress upon those whose pass-

ports expire between now and the end of the year, or even Easter of 2009, to come in and get the ePassport. We do not want to end up with a large rush in 2010," Mr. Symonette said.

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School News

Arch Bishop Patrick Pinder Visits St. Francis

By Samantha V. Evans

On October 1st St. Francis de Sales School had very special visitors in the person of Arch Bishop Patrick Pinder and Catholic Director of Education Claudette Rolle. Principal Kumar stated they were honored to have the Arch Bishop visit Abaco. The day began with the administrators and some students meeting the

visitors at the Marsh Harbour airport and later honored them at a mass held at St. Francis de Sales Church. Students from grades 1 through 5 showed their appreciation through gift presentations and words of gratitude.

The Arch Bishop reminded the students that they are special and have so much to offer this world. He told them that they should not waste their time because their years in school will be some of the most memorable ones of their lives. Aisha

Jones, a grade eight student, thanked the Arch Bishop for taking time to visit with them. The Arch Bishop was so moved by the gratitude shown to him that he gave Aisha a big hug which wowed the students. The students also presented Mrs. Claudette Rolle with a gift of gratitude as well.

College Fair is planned

The annual Abaco College fair will be held on November 18 at New Vision Ministries. Representatives from more than 20 colleges will have tables with brochures and other information about their schools. This is an ideal time for students and their parents to talk with college representatives to find out the size of the schools, the costs, the living situations, the financial assistance that the school can offer and what majors they offer. They can answer any questions that they may have.

All high school students are invited to attend. Remember that it takes time to talk with the representatives so allow for that. The next issue of The Abaconian will have a list of the colleges that will be represented.

Ministry Launches Mentoring Reading

By Samantha V. Evans

In September the Ministry of Education and the U.S. Embassy joined forces to introduce a Reading Mentoring Program for students in grades four, five and six. The slogan for the initiative is *Read to Lead* and it is the intent of this program to attract community volunteers to work along with the school to promote reading in primary school students. The objectives are to create a community of avid readers and encourage students to read for pleasure. The national reading mentoring program for primary schools is designed to build awareness and enthusiasm among family members, the corporate community and the general public ultimately creating a community of avid readers.

In the Family Islands, the teachers are asked to find volunteers from their community to read to their students once per

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Arch Bishop Patrick Pinder visited St. Francis de Sales School on October 1 and met with several classes. He is shown here with one of the classes of very young students. He encouraged all of them to study hard and do well in school.

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More School News

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week from 12:45 to 1:15. Volunteers can come from any sector of society. The reading material will be provided by the Ministry of Education. The three initial books will be *Green Boy* by Susan Cooper, *Morning Girl* by Michael Dorris, and *Under the Sunday Tree* by Eloise Greenfield and Amos Ferguson.

The Rigby-Read will be used as the baseline to determine the success of the program along with school-based reading

tests. The coordinator for the programs will be assigned by each school but some possible coordinators are the librarian, literary coordinator, and senior mistress. The program began at schools on Abaco during the month of October and will run for a period of ten weeks.

Central Abaco Teachers get a Creole Lesson

By Samantha V. Evans

On September 26th the teaching staff of Central Abaco Primary School received

an introductory course in Creole 101 led by Physical Education teacher Mr. Jeffrey Victor. Since the school has a very large Creole-speaking population, the teachers saw this course as a necessity. Mr. Victor introduced them to Creole words representing the family, neighbors, and character traits as well as common courtesy. Some of the teachers found this lesson most informative while others were overwhelmed by the diversity of the language itself. Mr. Victor provided them with French meanings of the same words for them to realize

that Creole and French are different. He stated that there are variations of Creole and it varies by community. A few of the teachers had taken formal conversational Creole classes in Nassau so this was a welcomed refresher course for them. The next lesson will be planned for a staff meeting later in the school year.

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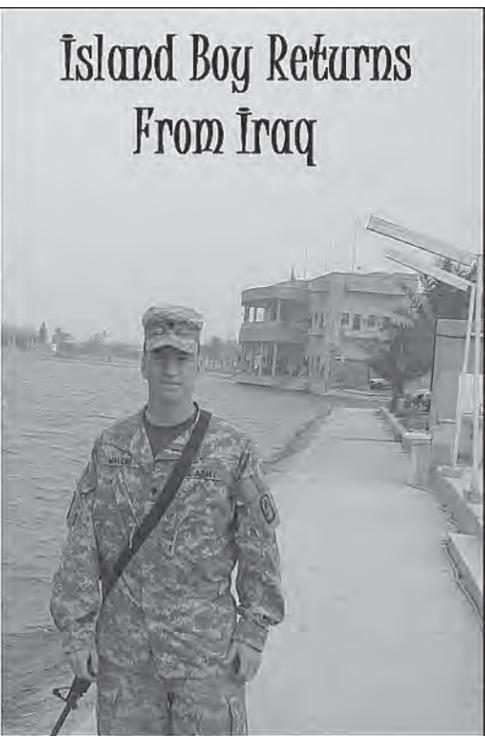
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Happy Birthday Blessings to Aunt Rowena Sands
Of Man-O-War Cay, Abaco who was 90 on October 5th.

We celebrated by having a little gathering of ladies from the community on October 6th at Natasha's house, her granddaughter. We had a lovely time, And how many times can we gather to celebrate a 90th birthday!

She has been a Pearl of Man-O-War Cay, for many years.

I always Love to go and sit with her to listen at the old time stories she tells of years ago, what precious memories she has. The picture here with the baby is Aunt Rowena being the oldest and my son, Eli, being the youngest (3 months) on the Island at the time.

I would like to wish her God's blessings and lots of love.

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6	2	8	3	7	4	1	5	9
4	7	5	9	1	6	3	2	8
1	3	9	2	5	8	6	4	7
5	6	7	8	2	3	9	1	4
9	1	2	4	6	5	7	8	3
8	4	3	7	9	1	5	6	2
2	9	6	5	8	7	4	3	1
7	5	4	1	3	2	8	9	6
3	8	1	6	4	9	2	7	5

Answer to October 15 puzzle

4			7			8		3
		8					9	4
5	2		9		4	1		
7			4			3		2
		5				4		
6		4			2			5
		7	3		6		2	1
9	4					6		
3		6			8			7

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Abaco Cancer Society Walk

By Jennifer Hudson

Everyone is invited to join in the Stride for Life 5K Walk on November 8 to benefit the Abaco Cancer Society. The walk will begin and end at the Jib Room on Pelican Shores. Registration will begin at 7:15 a.m. and the Walk will begin at 8 a.m. Entry fee will be \$5 and special Cancer Society T shirts will be on sale for \$10 each.

Come and support this worthy cause. All proceeds will go towards assisting cancer patients of Abaco with air fares to enable them to receive the necessary treatments abroad.

Cadets

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be a pool of bi-lingual young professionals. "Why is the study of a foreign language so important to the nation's development?" he asked. "Because the world is getting smaller. Knowing a foreign language is a great asset and gives a competitive edge. I would like to see all students with a proficiency in a foreign language. It not only broadens one's perspective of the world but provides access to more career opportunities in fields such as travel, tourism and education but also provides a deeper understanding of other cultures and boosts brain power.

I deem it absolutely necessary for the next generation of Bahamians to leave school proficient in a foreign language."

Mr. Cooper ended his talk to the Cadets by offering some advice in the form of some principles for success.

- Always think globally. Continue to dream and act upon your dreams.
- Success requires hard work and determination. Do not succumb to negative peer pressure or try to please everyone. These are definite formulae for failure. Instead, hang around people who are going somewhere like you.
- Do not pursue success but seek to become a person of value. This programme

has already added to your value. Make wise choices and remember always to strive for excellence in everything you do. Your family, your island and your country are all depending on you.

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