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Keep Abaco Beautiful held award ceremony School, groups and individuals were recognized

By Jennifer Hudson

Several people were recognized for their commitment to beautifying the environment at an awards ceremony on September 26 at the New Vision Ministries Centre. Receiving the Educational award was Hope Town Primary School with the S.C. Bootle High School in second place. The Friends of the Environment award went to the settlement of Cherokee with the Sandy Point Beautification Committee in second place and the Rotary Club of Abaco in third. Receiving the Volunteer award was Tom Hazel of the Hope Town with Randy Key in second place and Yvonne Key in third. Mr. Key and Mrs. Key are both residents of Marsh Harbour. Special awards were presented to the Hon. Earl Deveaux for his support and passion for Abaco and to Charity Armbrister for whom this would be the last visit to Abaco in her present official capacity.

Mr. Jim Richard, President of Friends of the Environment, welcomed nominees and visitors to the First Annual Keep Abaco



The Hope Town Primary School won first place in the school division in the Keep Abaco Beautiful recognition ceremony. The students are shown here with the Hon. Earl Deveaux, Minister of the Environment, shown in the center. Principal of the school, Mrs. Candance Key, is in the foreground on the right. The school has many programs of beautification, clean-up and recycling.

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Seminar studied Abaco's growth and challenges

By Jennifer Hudson

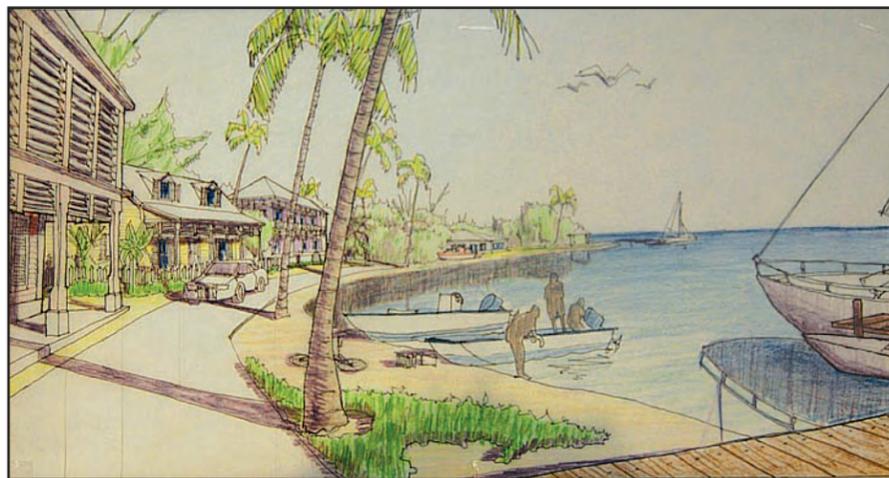
The 5th Annual Abaco Business Outlook Seminar was held on September 25 at the New Vision Ministries Centre. The theme for this year was *Understand the PRESENT; Plan for the FUTURE*. Twelve speakers, both national and local, shared their knowledge and expertise to shed light on the current influences on Abaco's economy and to suggest ways forward. The speakers covered a wide range of topics from environmental issues to infrastructural needs

and business opportunities. The forum was opened by Mr. Michael Albury, President of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce, who presented an official welcome. In speaking of "the evil cancer of crime which has infected the Abaco community," he pleaded with the business community to help come to grips with crime to assure the success of Abaco's long-term economy.

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University group suggested future enhancements of towns



This is the suggested waterfront along the creek at Sandy Point as depicted by the students of Andrews University. They did a planning exercise to show possibilities of future enhancement of that town. The group of 25 students along with several professors did much field work for a study to improve Marsh Harbour's waterfront, the Mud and Sandy Point. Their complete work will be available by the end of the year. They stressed going back to old Bahamian architecture and making the waterfront the special feature of each town. See story on page 16.

Royal Bahamas Defence Force Band entertained in concert



The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Band with 44 members performed a concert at the Abaco Beach Resort that was outstanding. The program included some of their talented members who entertained with vocal numbers and even a comedian, Ms. Symone Boney.

By Jennifer Hudson.

The Band of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force provided a rare treat for Abaconians on September 27 when it performed in concert at the Abaco Beach Resort in a programme entitled *Our Defining Moment*. The concert was under the distinguished patronage of the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham and Mrs. Ingraham and drew a full house which included the

Hon. Tommy Turnquest, Minister for National Security; Commodore Clifford Scavella, Commander of the Defence Force and Mr. Edison Key, Member of Parliament for South Abaco.

The band thrilled the audience with its wide variety of genres ranging from classical and military to contemporary

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Keep Abaco Beautiful wants to improve Abaco

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co Beautiful Awards Ceremony sponsored jointly by the Ministry of Tourism and the Friends of the Environment. He informed that last year the Keep Abaco Beautiful programme was recognized by Keep America Beautiful which brings many advantages. The focus of the programme is on

- Litter prevention
- Beautification
- Waste Reduction and Education

Mr. Don Cornish, Director of Tourism for Abaco, in presenting his report, outlined the goals of the Keep Abaco Beautiful programme as

- Conservation
- Preservation
- Changing the mindset of the people
- Promoting a positive image of Abaco

• Better management of the environment
Several ways to assist in the beautification of the environment were suggested.

• Adopt an area - Areas still needing attention are the S.C. Bootle Highway, Crossing Beach, Union Jack dock, Don MacKay Boulevard and Forest Drive.

• Litter prevention which encompasses litter from events, promoting proper disposal, receptacle drive and sponsoring of bins.

• Beautification - opportunities through group and community efforts. Suggestions are the following: Best Kept Yard competition; planting community gardens, removing derelict buildings and cars, community clean-ups, removal of graffiti.

Mr. Cornish entreated, "Let's make this a place to be proud of," and offered various suggestions of how to get involved

and help which included the following: corporate sponsorship, individual donations, in kind contributions, volunteer efforts, adopt an area such as roundabouts, parks or beaches. He made a plea for the reduction of waste through recycling of aluminum cans, batteries, scrap metal, old appliances and bottles stating that there are recycling depots in Marsh Harbour and recycle bins are available from Friends of the Environment for events.

Ms. Charity Armbrister, Tourism's Director of Out Islands, highlighted some of the many accomplishments of Keep Abaco Beautiful which included certification by the Keep America Beautiful program, the first Best Kept Yard competition, partnership with local government for "Welcome" signs incorporating natural stone finish, and ongoing initiatives such as littering and clean-up campaigns. She thanked Bernadette Hall for her passion for the programme and Winsome Ferguson for her assistance.

Keynote speaker, Mr. Deveaux, was introduced by Mr. Earlston McPhee, Director of Sustainable Tourism, as competent, committed and passionate. Min. Deveaux



Mr. Tom Hazel of Hope Town won first place for Volunteer services and was presented with his certificate by the Hon. Earl Deveaux. His efforts as manager of the Hope Town Harbour Lodge earned him this distinction. The Lodge uses all biodegradable disposable products, uses seaweed for mulch, uses low energy light bulbs and has other policies that are friendly to the environment.



Cherokee Sound won first place as the community most committed to the environment. Mrs. Kathyann Sawyer is holding a plaque and certificate for the town. Shown here are Capt. and Mrs. Michael Bethel of Cherokee, Cha Boyce of Friends of the Environment, Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Lee Pinder, Mrs. Jo-Ann Bradley and Mrs. Peggy Albury, all of Cherokee Sound.

shared some of the concerns and issues we grapple with. "Global issues are now beginning to crash in on our community," he stated and mentioned two in particular.

Global climate change. Rising energy costs are affecting everyone in the world. Climate change is impacting Hope Town and Man-O-War even more. The Bahamas

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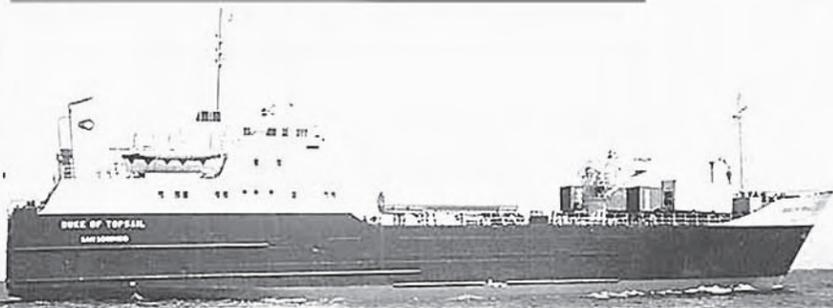
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Concert thrilled audience with a variety of music

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and jazz. They *Saluted Henry Mancini*, paid *Tribute to Glen Miller* and wandered down memory lane with KC and the Sunshine Band in rousing renditions. They got everybody's feet tapping with some lively Rake and Scrape.

Not only are the members of the band talented instrumentalists but most are also gifted vocalists. Several joined in a powerful performance of *Total Praise* while two soloists performed items of a lighter nature. Woman Marine Angel Reckley gave a commanding performance of the Ella Fitzgerald song *A Tisket a Tasket* and who would ever had guessed that it was the band's drummer singing the Stevie Wonder song, *Superstition?* He not only sounded like Stevie but even looked like him and was brought to the stage very convincingly

guided by another Defence Force officer.

In a more subdued mood the band performed two favourites, *My Heart Will Go On* and *One Moment In Time* in which they were joined by seven young members of the bands of Wesley College and Abaco Central High School. On each island they visit, the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Band invites talented musicians to join them for a couple of pieces. These young people were chosen and received the music two weeks before the concert to practice and then rehearsed with the band the day before the performance. They certainly did themselves, their schools and Abaco proud with their competent performance and it must certainly have been a wonderful-never-to-be-forgotten experience for them. As a result, perhaps some of them may even consider later joining the band as a career.

The band's absolute defining moment

for me was when they performed military selections as I felt that this was their finest forte. The *Royal Air Force March Past* was magnificent and sent shivers down the spine. *Poinciana*, a military march with a Bahamian twist, was written and arranged by Bahamian musician Oscar Dames.

As an added bonus to all of the great entertainment of the evening, the audience was treated to a comedy performance during the intermission by Ms. Symone Beneby. She is one funny lady and had the audience holding their sides.

As a prelude to the concert, a video was shown depicting defining moments in the life of our country and a history of the band leading up to its own defining moment, narrated by Petty Officer Kevin Moss.

It takes much organization and a huge amount of money to take the band to the islands and put on a concert of this magnitude. But if ever the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Band comes to Abaco again, be sure not to miss it.

A Press Conference at Radio Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

A press conference was held at Radio Abaco on September 24 as a prelude to the concert. Arriving ahead of the rest of the

band were Sub Lt. Bertram Bowleg, Band Director, two other bandmen and three bands women. Mr. Bowleg stated that the band has taken on a new initiative in their drive to take the band to all of the Family Islands and that this would be their debut in concert on Abaco. "People have seen the Marching Band before but this will be the first time they have seen the concert band here," he stated. "It will be a very elegant night," he continued, "featuring jazz, gospel, military, Bahamian and classical music, in fact, everything you love."

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A Royal Bahamas Defence boat, the HMBS Nassau, brought the band members direct to Marsh Harbour while a bus and a truck for ground transportation for band members and their instruments came into Sandy Point on the Fast Ferry.



The Royal Bahamas Defence Force band entertained its audience with vocal music as many of the band members have multiple talents. The music was lively and rhythmic with a fast tempo.

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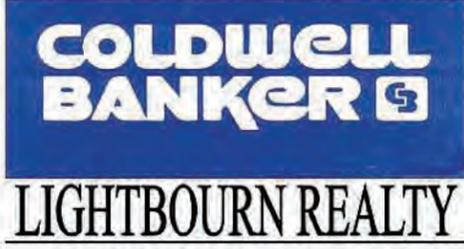


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Seminar looked at Abaco's growth and future

Min. Deveaux stressed control of growth for sustained development

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Sustainable Management of the Natural Resources Environment of the Bahamas was the topic of the keynote speaker, the Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux, Minister for the Environment, who told his audience that The Bahamas is facing a number of challenges. "We have one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world and our terrestrial and marine resources are important to the Caribbean region. We have major fisheries and fishing is second only to tourism. The proximity of The Bahamas to the United States coupled with our climate and en-

vironment have kept us in demand as the most ideal cruise and vacation destination in the world.

"Marinas have a negative impact on our environment. Public education and forward planning are needed and must be accompanied by a plan to preserve our ecosystems. The flats of The Bahamas have been rated among the best in the world for fly fishing, sport fishing, boating and canoeing. We must promote and develop sustainable outdoor experiences. Our marine resources and mangroves are all under stress. Our Bahamian forest is consistently undervalued and is of inestimable value so aware-

ness needs to be restored.

"As far as agriculture, we have never been abreast of world standards and because of our failure to adapt, business went elsewhere. Resources and education will be crucial to the sustainable development of our natural resources in order to become self sustainable. Work ethics and poor attitudes must be addressed."

Min. Deveaux emphasized the importance of education and the need for disciplined, trained minds and trained scientists. "We must invest in learning to continue to grow; this is necessary for our own survival. We must explore alternative energies; and we must have sound business investment. We need trusted partnership between the public and business sector and

partnerships with environmental groups." He offered some specific suggestions for Abaco. "Marsh Harbour needs to refurbish instead of expand. People must help make the environment more healthy. The use of the new energy efficient light bulbs and solar water heaters will greatly reduce the amount of energy used. The Schooner Bay Development is a good model and Baker's Bay and Hope Town are living models of the precepts I am outlining."

Min. Deveaux ended his talk by saying how richly blessed we are with our natural resources, especially our marine environment which we must protect. We must practice environmental stewardship of the resources which will improve our quality of life.



The Hon. Earl Deveaux, Minister of the Environment, right, was the keynote speaker at the Abaco Business Outlook Seminar held on September 25 at New Vision Ministries. He stressed the need for protecting our environment, particularly our marine resources. He is talking with Mr. John Schaeffer and William Johnson, Abaco's resident engineers.

How environmental issues can be impacted by the law

Mr. Romauld Ferreira, an Environmental Consultant and lawyer, focused his talk on environmental law and began by stating that he feels that The Environmental Health Services Act of 1987 is the best piece of legislation. "There is a need for The Bahamas to have national and local regulations and environmental procedures. Unsanitary conditions are a no-no. What are we doing about it? We need regulations to measure up but these are lacking. These regulations must be clearly outlined to potential investors and must be standardized by law. Potential investors must be told up front about our environmental laws. Different things are required of Bahamian and foreign investors and this leads to feelings of victimization."

Mr. Ferreira spoke of the challenges

facing eco-tourism. "Eco-tourism is not just aesthetics but we must think five generations ahead. The impact of tourism can be devastating; we must be careful to manage the impact of tourism, and we must strengthen planning procedures and policies. Government is trying. Every large project must undergo an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) but what about smaller projects? We need a mandatory list for who must undergo an EIA and prudence must prevail."

In speaking of Abaco specifically, Mr. Ferreira referred to Marsh Harbour as the nation's second city. "Abaco offers all of the eco-systems The Bahamas has to of-

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Mr. Romauld Ferreira

fer plus all of the economic activities. There is a wide gamut of pressure on the ecosystems. Make no mistake about it, the investors are here for the coastline; we must be careful or the beaches will all become private property. The areas which are most important, such as the beaches, mangroves and coppice, are the least protected and must be seriously looked at."

Mr. Ferreira touched briefly on environmental liability saying that charges can be pressed on two counts:

Nuisance - public and private (if you own the land)

Negligence - for example, if a non-natural substance comes onto your property.

In closing, Mr. Ferreira stated that our greatest challenge is that we need development, but that it must be sustainable for all generations to come. And for this we must have a regulatory framework.

Tourism facts and figures about Abaco were encouraging

The topic presented by Mr. Frank J. Comito, Executive Vice President of the Bahamas Hotel Association, was the focus of the entire seminar, *Understand the Present: Plan for the Future*. "Planning is nothing without management," he stated. In underlining the point that Abaco life depends on tourism, he presented many important figures.

- Over the past four years there has been a 20 percent increase in air arrivals.

- Sea stopovers are down due to a rash decision by the former government to implement a policy without consultation regarding fishing regulations which resulted in people going someplace else. This has, fortunately, now been rectified.

- In 2007 air stopovers from private aircraft were up which is something only seen on Abaco.

- The number of vacation homes is up.
- Abaco has 20 percent of the nation's boats and marina slips.

- The number of nights stayed is higher than the national average so visitors are spending more money here.

- Many people are visiting more than five times which is only happening here.

- Nationally about 90 percent of people say they are likely to recommend The Bahamas but 99 percent say they are likely to recommend Abaco. This is incredibly strong and is exceptional globally.

Competitive edge according to visitors:

- Incredible natural beauty of sun, sand, sea, the people, culture and proximity to the United States
- Competitive edge anecdotal

- Multi island destination
- We draw on the talent of many expatriates
- Self sufficient entrepreneurial community
- Diversity of what attracts.

"We cannot rest on our laurels," warned Mr. Comito. Bad things visitors say about Abaco are:

- It is more expensive.
- Taxi fares are highway robbery.
- Places are closed when they need something to eat.
- Food on the menu is not available.
- Power and water are off every day; the infrastructure needs fixing.

Things that are ugly on Abaco:

- Stray dogs
- Garbage, trash, litter
- Airport is a disgrace

• Clerks and restaurant employees have indifferent attitudes and are rude.

"This is all correctible," stated Mr. Comito. "The trend shows steady, healthy growth. Maybe a short term impact along with the vulnerability of the airline industry. Abaco is appealing to the 'high end' market. There is continued growth in vacation home ownership and continued marina development."

What does this tell us?

Abaco is on an upward growth trend line. Tourism related growth - Implications are the following:

- Demands on physical infrastructure - Electricity, water, waste treatment and disposal, roads, airports, seaports, schools and public facilities
- Development of our people - Education, training, professional development

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The Editor Says . . . Challenges of Abaco's growth



Dave Ralph

This year two university groups have given professional advice on our growth and expansion - a student group from Massachusetts Institute of Technology this summer and a second student group from Andrews University in Michigan in late September. It is not clear at this time if these two groups are making parallel studies or if each has different objectives.

Twenty-five students from Andrews University School of Architecture in Michigan just returned to their school after spending an intensive ten days here. During their limited time they focused on four issues: the Marsh Harbour business district, the settlement of Sandy Point, undeveloped areas of South Abaco and, for good measure, they made some suggestions on improving conditions in the Mud and Pigeon Peas. Their lead person, Assistant Professor Andrew von Maur, gave five public presentations on their work as it progressed, two in Sandy Point and three in Marsh Harbour.

The students and their professors expect to release a comprehensive study and analysis in December which will be available in its entirety on the Internet. This will include more than innovative sketches of land use. They are expected to make suggestions for legislation and regulations for Central and Local Government to consider in managing growth issues. There may be suggestions related to Local Government's involvement in the long range issue of town planning. There is much room for Local Government to be more aggressive in our long range planning process.

The students were appalled at Marsh Harbour's chaotic traffic situation. Their sketches and suggestions frequently pointed to the need for more cross streets and additional roads to give motorists more options and provide access to more undeveloped property.

During presentations in Sandy Point and Marsh Harbour, they gently chided the audiences for not taking better advantage of their waterfronts. They felt that both towns had much waterfront potential that was being overlooked.

The undeveloped Atlantic coast of South Abaco, in their view, lends itself to

limited development using small residential clusters, each separated by a mile of native vegetation. These would be self sustaining, off the utility grid, using wind or solar energy sources. In many respects, this concept follows Abaco's traditional growth which has been in small incremental steps as opposed to single massive resort development which seems to be coming into style now. Perhaps the current financial crunch will put a damper on some of these larger projects.

Much of their presentation focused on preservation of the environment by building smaller on available vacant sites in our present communities. In support of this, they showed examples of Hope Town, Green Turtle Cay and Harbour Island which all have a much higher building density than Marsh Harbour, yet all are considered as being desirable and acceptable.

For those interested, a glimpse into the Andrews University student's ten days here can be seen by visiting their web site www.planningabaco.org.

We are not sure when the results of the MIT study will be released.

The expanding role of local government

Abaco's explosive growth has been a challenge to both central government and local government. Laws, regulations and rules are in place but enforcement is inconsistent. Furthermore, our diverse boards, committees and councils, which pass judgement or make recommendations are generally looking at satisfying immediate issues and are not considering the effect as the area continues to grow,

Another constraint on realistic future planning is a lack of continuity in the local political process. Town committee members and area councils are subject to change every three years and the statutory boards are subject to change within a one, two or three year term, at their council's discretion.

Additionally, Abaco is divided into seven local government districts which have had no particular reason to act together for any common cause. On October 1 a historic first occurred when five of Abaco's seven chief councillors met in Marsh Harbour to discuss common issues. They felt it was beneficial and hope to meet several times a year. Common issues might include traffic, trash handling, tourism and environmental issues.

The laws and regulations imposed by central government apply equally to the entire island. Some districts apply their will and their interpretation of the regulations rather stringently while other districts are more lax.

Many issues which relate to a community's growth are not rigidly defined and must be resolved by common sense and a view to present and future community values. This is not an easy task.

There seems to be a growing movement by central government to encourage local government to take more control over local issues and become more responsible. Local government members must learn to use the authority they have been given.

Town planning regulations are under review and we suspect that recommendations by these two universities may find practi-

cal applications. It is difficult to write a uniform set of regulations for our diverse settlements. Regulations appropriate for Nassau are not always suitable for Family Island situations. Conditions appropriate for Hope Town or Grand Cay would not be valid for a commercial center like Marsh Harbour. Likewise, the minimum waterfront setback on a sandy ocean beach should not be equated to an acceptable waterfront setback in a protected harbour. It is expected that revised Town Planning Regulations may give better guidelines for many of these issues.

However, it is expected that local common sense must always be involved. It is the leeway allowed when applying common sense by local government which aggressive developers, contractors and property owners try to exploit in their attempt to deviate from the normal.

Our present local government bodies have been mainly concerned with the day-by-day issues facing their towns and communities. They have not been asked, had the resources or interest to get involved in long range issues.

For instance, recognizing that an additional road might be an asset, local government bodies have neither the funding, the expertise or the authority to make a new road. They must now give some thought to these issues and lobby to see them implemented.

Central government is finding Abaco's growth to be an interesting phenomena and appears to be quietly experimenting with allowing more local authority to prevail. We should show that we are up to the task.

Viewpoint . . . Changing Attitudes

By Julian Lockhart

I would have never thought in my life time I would have seen a black man or woman nominated as the presidential candidate for a major political party in the United States of America.

However, history was made on August 28th, 2008, when Barack Obama officially accepted the Democratic nomination for president in front of over 70,000 screaming fans at Invesco Field in Denver, Colorado. Obama's speech came 40 years to the date of the "I have a dream" speech by Dr. Martin Luther King and has proven that race relations in America have drastically changed.

No one will be foolish enough to say that racism in America is a thing of the past as Obama has received hate mail, threats and even national media houses have expressed their discontent with him as the future leader of the country based on his supposed religious background, name or race.

Obama has been preaching hope and change from day one on his campaign trail and has brought together people from all creeds and races in a movement that have

been rapidly growing over the past 18 months.

In Obama's acceptance speech he outlined how as president he will change the economy of America, responsibly end the war in the Middle East and change the world's perception of American foreign policy.

He stated that as president his government will cut taxes for 95 percent of the working class, stop giving tax breaks to companies that send jobs overseas and give those breaks to American companies that create and keep jobs at home.

If Obama is elected as president and he stands by his economic plan to up lift the middle class and create a stronger U.S. dollar, it will only benefit The Bahamas as a whole. With a stronger middle class more Americans will have the disposable income to travel and thus take vacations to The Bahamas.

If 1,000,000 more Americans travel to the Bahamas next year, then that is \$15,000,000 more added to the paupers through departure tax alone, which will lead to more money to spend on new schools and better infrastructure.

The Bahamian dollar value is predicated on the value of the American dollar and a stronger U.S. dollar will lead to a more stable economy both in the United States and The Bahamas.

Obama stated that he has a 10-year plan to end America's dependence of foreign oil and with that and the ending of the war it will lead to a drop in oil prices and thus a drop in gasoline prices. There is a not a Bahamian who cannot benefit from a drop in gasoline prices as gas has risen to over \$6 a gallon on Abaco.

The ending of the war will also lead to a surplus in the economy as the billions of dollars that have been pumped into the war will now be able to build up a dying U.S. economy. All of this will lead to a more stable U.S. economy and thus more

Americans traveling and spending money abroad.

Abaco's second home market will once again pick up with more of the wealthy deciding they can buy more toys because of a stronger market and more balance in the economy.

However, if we move beyond the economical benefits of Obama becoming president and just look at the racial and social implications of his being nominated as the presidential nominee for the Democratic party, Bahamians can learn a thing or two.

During the Bahamian elections in 2007 a number of Bahamians did not want to vote for the Free National Movement because Brent Symonette, a white Bahamian, was running as deputy prime minister. Mr. Symonette probably has dreams of one day being the leader of the FNM and thus running as the leader of the Bahamas.

I have heard a number of Bahamians say they would never vote for a white man to be prime minister of The Bahamas and that The Bahamas is not ready for it. But if America is ready for a black president, why isn't The Bahamas ready for a white prime minister?

At the end of the day it comes down to which individual is best for the job, whether they are white or black, male or female. So it is time for Bahamians to take note of these developments and realize it is time to take a step forward in our relations with each other and a person is Bahamian no matter the color of their skin.

Obama may not win the 2008 president election. But the fact that he has been put in position to win the race for the White House and so far is the leading candidate to do so, it proves that we as people are moving beyond color barriers finally.

History will look back on this time as the beginning of a new future, and it can also be a new future for The Bahamas as it will affect The Bahamas economically and socially.

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Seminar portrayed Abaco's good economy

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• Environmental considerations - Regulatory framework, impact assessments, standards framework.

"The business community needs to step up and be more engaged in shaping the future and government needs to be receptive to their message," advised Mr. Comito. "How can we effectively shape the future? Government wants facts and a compelling argument, so do your research. You also need linkages; problem solve with other groups and organizations. The Abaco Chamber of Commerce can be a vehicle for change," informed Mr. Comito in closing.

Band

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Mr. Bowleg praised his band members describing them as multi-talented people. "Most play two or three instruments and some are also vocalists," he stated. "Whenever we perform on the islands we always find local bands and select the best to sing and play with our band. For the Abaco concert we have invited seven students from the Wesley College and Abaco Central High School Bands to join with us in a couple of pieces. They were sent the music two weeks in advance to practice and a rehearsal is scheduled with the Defence Force band the day preceding the concert," informed Mr. Bowleg. "It is an esteemed pleasure to be here and have the young people play with us," he said.

The press conference was broadcast live

Family Island Developments: A Model for the Future

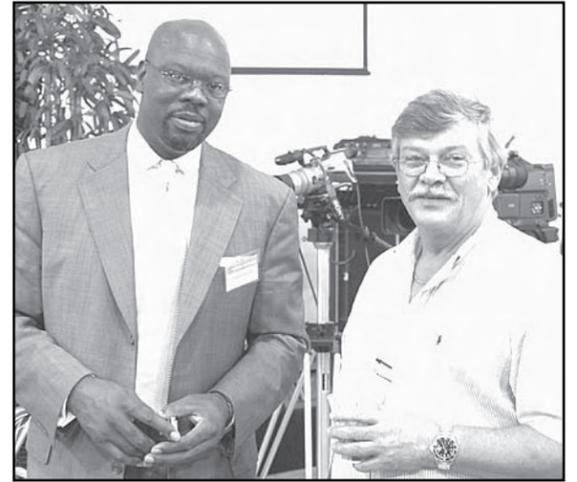
Dr. Livingstone Marshall is Senior Vice President, Government/External Affairs for Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club, with many years of professional research experience in marine systems focusing on restoration, ecosystem monitoring, conservation and environmental policy. His topic Family Island Developments; A Model For The Future encompassed environmental stewardship and the role government will play in this. "We must diversify our econ-

omy but not at the detriment to the environment," he warned. He then described three variants that must be followed: Local participation - The participation of Bahamians is currently lacking. We need to be drivers and shakers and be at the table shaping and driving the process from the beginning. We need individuals who share our ideas.

Environmental Stewardship - We must be committed to maintaining the health of our environment and the beauty of our natural areas. We must discourage non-natural landscapes and must have native plants and species in our streets. We must incorporate Bahamian influences and styles in our buildings and capture the island feel and look. Water conservation efforts must be made along with efforts to utilize low emission transportation such as golf carts.

and a number of tickets were given away to people who called in and were able to answer questions about the Defence Force and its band. During the broadcast woman Marine Duncombe sang a short solo and Woman Marine Reckley performed a short jazz piece on saxophone to give listeners a taste of what they could look forward to at the concert.

Band Director Bowleg reported that the remainder of the 44 band members with all of their instruments were scheduled to arrive at the Marsh Harbour Port Department on September 26 aboard the Defence Force vessel, *HMBS Nassau* which would remain in port until the band's return to Nassau early Sunday morning.



Dr. Marshall Livingstone, Vice President of the Environment of Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club, left, spoke at the seminar on developments in the future of Abaco and the need to control them. He is shown with Mr. Keith Bishop of Islands by Design, an environmental consulting firm in Nassau, who is involved with the Schooner Bay project.

Need for government partnership and transparency - The production of an A-Z steps guide book with a few simple ideas which have to be part of the considerations for future model developments.

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Abaco Junior Sailors compete in national championships

James Pleydell-Bouverie

The Abaco Junior Sailing Association, only recently formed, took five junior sailors from Man-O-War, three from Guana Cay and one from Hope Town to the National Championships held on September 27-28 in Nassau.

Much logistical preparation was needed, and thanks to Ron Engle, Kevin Albury and Chris Thompson, a "trailer load" of boats was dispatched via Sandy Point and the Bahamas Fast Ferry to await the sailors' arrival at the Nassau Yacht Club. The junior sailors were escorted to Nassau on September 26 by Rhiannon Thomas along with James and Ann Pleydell-Bouverie and Kevin Albury. The sailors representing Abaco were Tristan Albury from Hope Town, Alton Janes, Janice Roberts, Ariel Malone, Emilio Bethel and Jeremy Pleydell-Bouverie from Man-O-War and Catalina Albury, Bronson Sands and Jared Collison from Guana Cay.

These kids were soon to find out that when you are participating in a Championship challenge you have to be prepared for long hours and a rigorous schedule. The sailors rigged and prepared their boats on their day of arrival and on Saturday were then ready for an 8:30 a.m. skippers meeting.

The course was set off Montague Beach and the race was adjudicated by the Bahamas Sailing Association who strictly adheres to the international sailing rule book. Each race was expected to last around one hour which meant that with waiting time the kids were sailing their boats for approaching 12 hours over the two days of racing. The 84 Optimist boats, the largest fleet ever assembled for a Bahamas Championship, were divided into a "Championship" fleet of 38 boats and a "Green" fleet of 46 boats.

The "Green" fleet was made up of the less experienced and younger sailors and sailed a shorter course. The boats came from as far away as Long Island, Eleuthera, Grand Bahama, Nassau and Abaco.

On Saturday the winds were light and variable, allowing only three races to be completed. One extra race was run. But the lack of wind caused the time limit to be exceeded so it had to be cancelled. A shame as one of the Man-O-War sailors was 3rd across the line in that race. On Sunday the winds picked up, and four races were completed. With a minimum of six races completed, each competitor was able to throw out his worst race before final positions were tallied. An award ceremony followed the last Sunday race with Sir Durward Knowles, the most famous of Bahamian Olympic sailors, handing out the prizes. Abaco made a very impressive showing with five sailors in the top 15 in the "Green" fleet, and two sailors in the top half of the "Championship" fleet.

For most of them, this was their first Regatta experience. They took on the challenge, performed magnificently and came home with medals. They exceeded



Sir Durward Knowles, a Bahamian Olympic award winner, presented the awards to the winners of the 2008 Bahamas National Championship winners. Most of the Abaco junior sailors had not competed in a large championship before but they all did very well.

their own personal expectations and gained a huge amount of experience. They represented Abaco in the best possible way, and with great pride we salute each one of them for a job very well done. Junior sail-

ing is on the move in Abaco, and with this performance we have now issued a warning to the other islands, "Set the challenge, and we can and will compete with the best of you!"



Eight-four Optimist sailboats competed in the 2008 National Championship held in Nassau the end of September. Nine junior sailors from Guana Cay, Man-O-War and Hope Town competed in the series of six races over two days. The boats are lined up on the beach here between races.



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Lovely Reckley studied embroidery in China

By Jennifer Hudson

Lovely Reckley is now back home in Marsh Harbour after a "once in a lifetime" three-month visit to China. When I spoke with her just a few days after her return, she was still struggling with jet lag and trying to come back down to earth after her wonderful experience. "At first, it took a while to get adjusted to everything in China, especially the food. It wasn't easy, but it was well worth it," she stated.

Mrs. Reckley was one of 50 persons from 25 countries attending the 2008 International Training Course on Machine Embroidery in Changsha, China. She was sponsored by the Chinese Embassy and nominated for this course by Mr. Edison Key, Chairman of BAIC. The course began on June 5. Although Mrs. Reckley was unable to get there until June 10 and was the last to start, she was actually the first to finish, which she achieved a whole month in advance of the others.

"We attended classes every day from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. There was supposed to be a lunch break from 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. but I always went back as soon as I had finished my lunch and worked 9-10 hours each day," she enthused. "We had classes every day except Saturday which was supposed to be a rest day but I never took much rest because I was enjoying the work so much and I wanted to get it right. Interpreters were on hand to translate what the instructors said but I was able to pick up a few basic words of Chinese."

Each participant was required to complete 20 pieces for graduation including two tablecloths with napkins, a baby set with pillow case and sheet, a full sheet set, scarf, place mats, cushion and pillow covers, apron and wall hanger. Mrs. Reckley

was so enthusiastic that she actually completed a further 12 pieces after class.

Mrs. Reckley learned several different stitches, all worked in cotton or rayon thread using a treadle sewing machine. She showed me pieces she had embroidered and



Lovely Reckley

pointed out all of the different stitches which included cloud, straight, round, fish scale and skip stitch. "The most difficult stitch for me was skip stitch; that was a real challenge," she stated. Mrs. Reckley obviously rose superbly to the challenge since her embroidery work is absolutely magnificent. I was amazed when I saw the standard of work she has produced. She also learned how to blend threads and colours which adds an exquisite quality to her work. All of her pieces are very varied and truly outstanding in their beauty. Her favourite pieces to work on are wall hangings. She is in the process of having several of these framed at the Blue Sky Gallery.

Despite the fact that Mrs. Reckley spent so much of her time in perfecting her work, she did get the chance to do some sightseeing. She enjoyed a four-day tour to places of interest. The one she found most outstanding was one of the fastest growing cities in the world which is home to the world's tallest building opened just two weeks prior to her visit. "China is a beautiful country, they grow lots of flowers and the landscaping is outstanding," she stated. "There is a lot of poverty and a great con-

trast between rich and poor but they all really take pride in their environment and even the poorest areas are well kept."

One thing Mrs. Reckley didn't enjoy was the food. "I didn't like it but I had to eat it," she bemoaned. "They served rice for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Chicken eggs were also served for breakfast, lunch and dinner and were cooked every way imaginable including deep fried." When asked what she had found to be the worst food she replied, "Fried frogs but I did not eat them." She was also turned off by dried snakes, grilled sea horse, scorpions, silk worms, all types of bugs and beetles and dog ribs.

The hospitality of the Chinese people made a lasting impression on Mrs. Reckley. "I admire the people of China tremendously," she said. "Everywhere they made us feel so much at home. In the stores they would put themselves out of the way for us. If they did not have what you wanted, they would offer to take you somewhere else to find it."

Mrs. Reckley arrived back in Marsh Harbour on September 5th after unexpectedly having to spend two nights in New

York due to the hurricanes. "I can't even describe the feeling of getting back; it is so good to be home," she said. "I thank God for the opportunity, the government for giving me the chance and my husband for allowing me to be away for three months."

The president of the association which organized the course offered Mrs. Reckley a personal invitation to return next year for a further course on hand embroidery and drawn work. When asked if she would be accepting the invitation she replied, "I could not leave my husband for three months again next year."

Mrs. Reckley is already well known for her attractive straw work. But as soon as she is able to get a treadle sewing machine here and make the few minor adjustments necessary, she will begin creating and selling a variety of beautiful machine embroidered articles from her shop adjoining her husband's business Trinity Customs Brokerage on Queen Elizabeth Drive. It will be well worth going in to see her designs which make lovely gifts as well as being something one would love to have in one's own home.

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China hosted two Bahamian administrators

By Jennifer Hudson

Senior Administrator Cephias Cooper spent three weeks early in the summer in China studying Town Government Management for Developing Countries. He attended at the invitation of the Minister of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, and his visit was fully sponsored by the Chinese government so that all airfares, accommodation, food and tours cost the Bahamian government absolutely nothing. Mr. Cooper and Senior Administrator for Inagua, Mr. Preston Cunningham, the only persons attending from The Bahamas, joined a delegation of approximately 45 persons from 24 other developing countries throughout the Caribbean, Pacific and Indian Ocean regions.

The first 10 days were spent in Beijing at the Accounting Institute of Beijing and then three days of extensive tours were spent in

Xian City, Hangzhou City and Ningbo City before returning to Beijing for the closing ceremony. In Beijing the delegates were able to see the Olympic Stadium, Olympic Village and other areas specifically prepared for the Olympic Games as part of their tour.

"The purpose of the entire visit was to show China's system to developing countries," stated Mr. Cooper. "They have begun a policy of reform in China because of all the negative publicity over the last several years. They are now opening to the outside world for government officials and want to dispel some of the myths about their policies. They wanted the delegates to see how their system at local and central levels is working. We looked at the system through a series of lectures which were all in Chinese with translators, and then the following day we would tour the cultural

sights. We were able to focus on the basic trends of development of towns and cities over the past 20 years and also looked at the environmental potential, what their challenges are and how they are dealing with them. We also noted their concept of city and land management and socio-economic development of towns.

"What came out very strongly in the four cities we visited was evidence of long term planning. The Chinese have a very structured system with well organized development. Their level of development and standard of architecture is extremely impressive, and everyone commented on the mind boggling amount of construction taking place. This emphasized the need for developing countries to plan both for the short term and long term. This is something we can emphasize in The Bahamas: the need for town planning for sustainable future development."

Another aspect of Chinese towns and cities which very much impressed Administrator Cooper was the cleanliness of the environment. "It seems that in all the places we went the streets were so tidy and the verges were well cared for and full of flowers. In spite of China's 1.3 billion people, there was NO litter. The mind set is instilled into children from an early age to

keep the environment clean.

"Yet another factor which came out was how well the Chinese people have been able to tap into tourism by focusing on culture. They have made the ancient culture of China work for them. About 30,000 tourists on a daily basis pay to visit places like Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City where the Emperor lived, the Ming Tombs, National Museum, Temple of Heaven and the Great Wall. Tourism is culture at work.

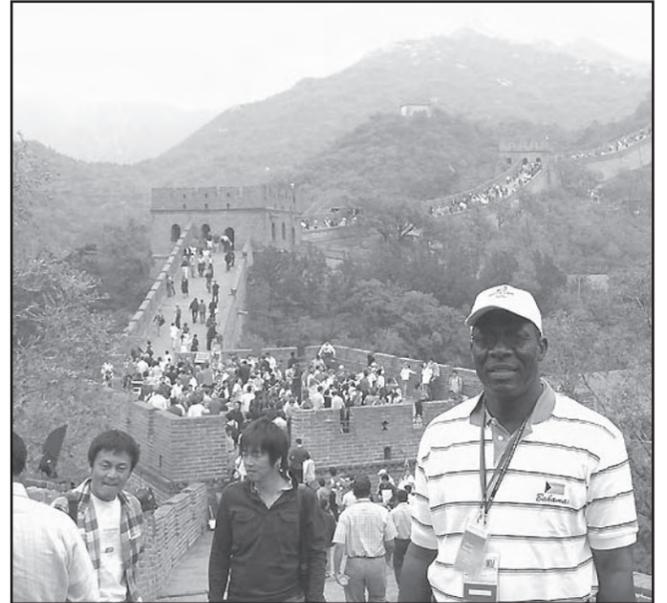
"We received a very warm reception, not just from the organizers but from all who assisted us - taxi drivers, store keepers and market stall holders. They really

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Abaco Senior Administrator Cephias Cooper spent three weeks in China seeing its form of local government. His hosts also showed him many sights throughout the country including the Olympic stadium and Olympic



Mr. Cooper was impressed with many things in China including the Great China Wall. Everywhere he went construction was going on. His one lasting impression was how clean it was everywhere, no litter or garbage in sight.



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Administrators saw Chinese local gov.

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know how to treat tourists and have a good sense of how to be warm and friendly. We were impressed with how well the students perform in the schools and even the little 7-8 year olds spoke English well.

"This has been a very good and really important experience for me and something else I take from it on a very personal level is the meeting with 45 such different people from around the world. I have established linkages with different countries and broadened perspectives.

"The 13-hour non-stop flight from New York to Beijing on China Air was quite an exciting experience as it is the first time I have ever flown on a double decker airplane. While in China another exciting experience was that I was able ride on the Hangzhou Bay Bridge, the longest bridge in the world. The bridge is 36 kilometers long and took 25 minutes to cross. It was opened only four weeks before my arrival.

Administrator Cooper returned to Abaco with many areas in mind on which he would like to focus.

Planning: "This is an area I will focus very highly on. We need to plan towns and communities. We need

a national plan which can be tied into as a local plan. We must focus on town planning and town management."

Tourism: "We must tie small parts of our history into something big for tourism. We must promote and sell - people will pay to see the sights. In The Bahamas we open up historical sights but there is no charge to see them. People are willing to pay."

Autonomy: "We saw this in local towns in China where they are able to levy taxes and use them for the community and we need more autonomy over local affairs here."



Mr. Cooper and one other Bahamian, Administrator Preston Cunningham, were among the 45 people invited for the trip. They are shown here with a lady in full Chinese costume. Mr. Cunningham served at Abaco on one time.

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Min. Deveaux challenged the children to travel all around within the next six months and take a good look at Abaco. He told them that they will see all of the challenges and see all of the solutions for what Abaco faces using natural resources.

A delightful medley of Bahamian songs was presented by the children of the Hope

Town School whose outfits were adorned with colorful Androsia fabrics.

Following the formalities and presentation of awards, there was a time for refreshments and the opportunity to browse the booths which had been set up by companies whose businesses affect the environment in some way. These included the Bahamas Electricity Corporation, Water and Sewerage, Abaco Neem and a company from Hope Town which offers eco kayaking tours.



Sandy Point was the second place winner of the town environmentally most sensitive and clean. Mrs. Cha Boyce is presenting Savannah Naomi Lightbourn with a certificate for that town.

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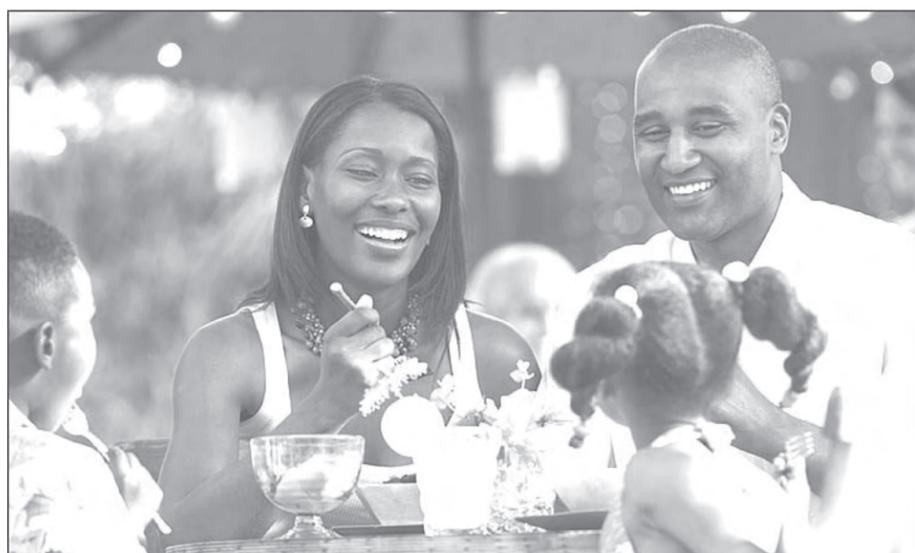
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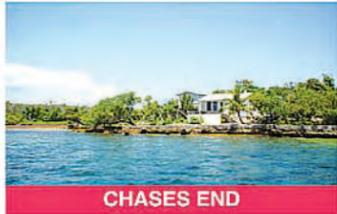
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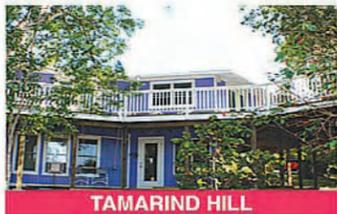


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Planning group offered ideas for two towns

By Jennifer Hudson

A ten-day planning charrette was conducted by graduate students of Andrews University School of Architecture in Berrien Springs, Michigan, from September 21 to October 1. This consisted of an intense, concentrated and collaborative design workshop to bring people together to articulate a vision and set of guiding principles through a series of design sessions. The goal was to shape a vision for the future of Great Abaco Island and to identify guiding principles and planning mechanisms to help pursue such a vision which would only be meaningful through effective public participation.

"How will we know what Abaco needs and wants? By working with local citizens and local government," stated Mr. Andrew von Maur, Assistant Professor of Architecture. The focus was placed on South Abaco and Central Marsh Harbour concentrating on how to prepare South Abaco

for sustainable development, how to shape Marsh Harbour neighbourhoods, how to prepare Sandy Point and Crossing Rocks for growth opportunities and how to help Great Abaco avoid urban sprawl through planning and design.

The undertaking was sanctioned by the Hon. Earl Deveaux, Minister for the Environment, and local collaborative organizations included the Bahamas National Trust, Friends of the Environment, Bahamas Human Rights Network, Islands By Design Limited, Town Planning and the Administrator's office.

A complete working office was established in the Below Decks room at the Abaco Beach Hotel where the public was invited at any time to interact with the design students to discuss ideas. Several public meetings were held in Sandy Point at the J.A. Pinder Primary School and in Marsh Harbour at the Anglican Church Hall.

At the introductory meeting in Marsh

Harbour on October 23, Mr. von Maur opened by stressing that one of the most important aspects of the venture would be public input and feedback. He gave a brief introduction of the 25 students involved in the project and stated that while the university had been involved in many urban design projects within the United States and had won awards for their Urban Renewable designs, Abaco was the first community they had worked with outside of the country so this would be a challenge to them.

Mr. von Maur stated that the students had studied Bahamian planning in settlements and had looked at all conditions and culture in considering how they can prepare South Abaco for sustainable development through planning and design. It was

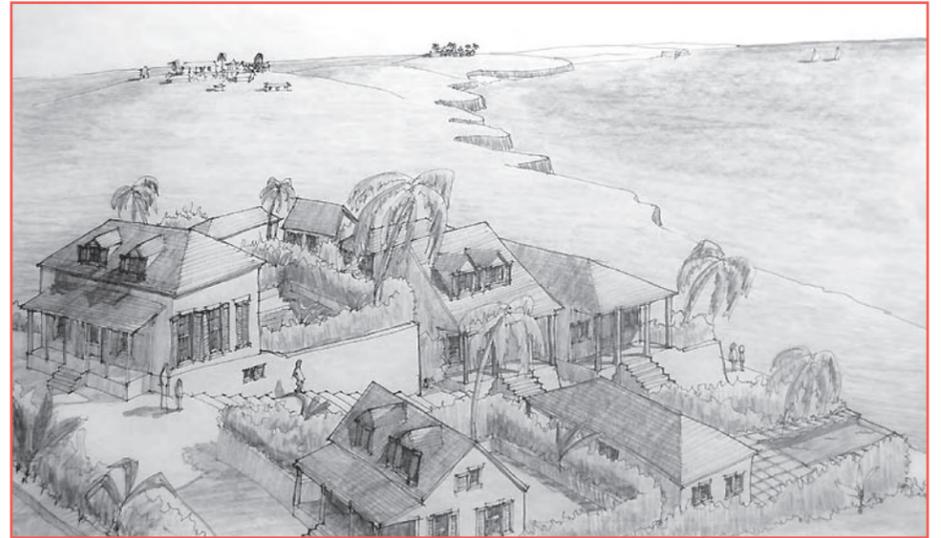
stated that in the south, growth opportunities exist within existing towns such as Sandy Point and that the team is mindful of the fact that whatever happens will have a huge impact on the ecology of the area.

In Marsh Harbour the questions would be where to put new growth and what happens to old growth? The team vowed to try various solutions as they were cognizant of the fact that Marsh Harbour is affected by the immigrant community of the Mud. As a long term vision they put forward some questions they would be considering such as: "Must we develop outside a town and abandon it or use the town and develop around what is there? What will this project seek to accomplish?" They promised to

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Andrews University students and professors held three public meetings in Marsh Harbour and two in Sandy Point to let the public know what they were doing and to encourage getting input. Mr. Andrew von Maur, Assistant Professor of Architecture, was the spokesman and conducted the meetings. The last two meetings featured Power Point presentations that showed conceptual drawings of their ideas.



This shows one concept suggested by the Andrews University group for South Abaco development. Clusters of homes and condos of about 30 units could be constructed around a central business area. This could form a nucleus or unit. In the distance can be seen two other similar clusters, each dotting the coast about a mile apart.

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Bahamian architecture was encouraged

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look at the transportation problem in Marsh Harbour which, they stated, is a network issue and also the parking problem at the ferry dock. Recommendations would be made providing clear and principled guidance on the following:

- Fundamental planning principles
- Specific illustrative planning proposals
- Proposal for legal mechanism for implementation

The students researched and worked intensively on their presentations during the next ten days. The targeted areas in the south and city of Marsh Harbour were visited and studied and many aerial photographs were taken. Their illustrative de-

signs were displayed at the final meeting to be viewed and discussed by the public. They had obviously worked very hard to produce the amount of quality work presented and their designs were interesting and attractive, offering some innovative and valuable ideas for Abaco.

Final Review

On September 30 at the final public review meeting Mr. von Maur gave an overview of the project and cited the example of Dunmore Town in Harbour Island from the planning perspective as an excellent example of urban design which could serve well as a model. "All Bahamian towns should have a waterfront," he stated and encouraged the development of Front Street in Marsh Harbour into an attractive area for

tourists. In considering the future development of Marsh Harbour, Mr. Maur said, "We should make it a lovable place with Bahamian architecture which would be cooler and cut down on air conditioning costs, a city on the water with spaces between the buildings which would make people want to stay and would be good for tourism. It should have walk-ability and be designed so that people do not have to drive. It should be planned for livability and made attractive for a range of demographics, high end to low end and for all

types of people.

Regarding the traffic dilemma, Mr. von Maur stated that the vehicular traffic problem will not be solved by road widening; roads need to be connected and a road network is necessary for traffic to flow smoothly. Other ferry terminal locations were looked at in order to reduce traffic congestion at Crossing Beach and an alternate location was suggested for the Hope Town and Man-O-War ferries on the eastern side of the island with the Guana Cay ferry relocating to Goombay Park.

"Bay Street presents an economic issue. It must be made attractive where people will want to spend time and money, and the Goombay Park area should be made into a park for festivals and community gatherings.

"Don MacKay Boulevard is not efficient; it becomes clogged with traffic which is undesirable. In time, we may see people moving out with Don MacKay becoming abandoned. So we need to adopt a new model. It is not walk-able so tourists do not want to spend time there. It needs to be retrofit to urban configurations with sidewalks, civic buildings and a straw market in the town centre.

"We are trying to put the issue of the Mud on the table. But the issues in the Mud go way beyond planning, and phasing will be necessary," stated Mr. Von Maur. "It may not be a long term solution to move people of the Mud somewhere else

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The team from Andrews Univeristy set up their workshop in the Below Decks room at Abaco Beach Resort. They applied their book knowledge to a real life situation, showing how towns and specifically the water front areas can be made much more attractive that will please residents and draw tourists.



This is a conceptual development for the Lanternhead area of South Abaco showing a small self-sufficient cluster of residential buildings independent of public utilities. This is suggested for the edge of private property that adjoins a strip of Crown Land along the southern coast, leaving that land in its native form close to the beach.

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so the area has the opportunity to grow into something else." The drainage issue in the Mud was addressed. "There is presently no drainage there and we have proposed a drainage concept for the area. It is generally considered that there is a density problem in the Mud, but the students working on plans for the Mud have calculated that density of buildings in the Mud is not much different from that in Hope Town, Cherokee and New Plymouth, and that the problem is a crowding issue due to several families living in one house, not a density issue."

The question was asked by a member of the audience as to why the focus was only on South Abaco. Mr. von Maur gave the reply that due to resource limitations they were unable to do the whole island. In the future if it was possible, they would love to come back to work on the remainder of the island. In the meantime, however, the designs they proposed could be adapted to communities anywhere.

At the close of the presentation the students divided into four groups and persons present were invited to spend time with the different groups to ask questions and discuss the plans they had come up with.

After the completion of the ten-day charrette the students returned to Michigan where they will continue working on their proposals in order to produce their final submission by the end of the year. It will be presented to Mr. Earl Deveaux and the public. "This is just the beginning of something much larger and the final document will be of great value to the people of Abaco," assured Mr. von Maur. "However, what happens after we leave depends on local leadership which includes citizens, developers and businessmen. Building towns is a community effort."

The Planning Charrette had a Bahamian connection

By Jennifer Hudson

Among the twenty-five students from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, who were on Abaco to participate in the ten-day planning charrette was one Bahamian student. Lionel Johnson graduated valedictorian and Head Boy from St. John's College in Nassau and spent one year studying at the College of The Bahamas before entering the School of Architecture at Andrews University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture. He is now in the one-year graduate Urban Design Studio in which graduate students assist with issues to aid in the future development of communities.

Lionel was very pleased to have the opportunity to be on Abaco to help with the long-term planning. "At Andrews University it teaches you to build according to the culture of a place. Whereas others import the American way of design into the Bahamas, we are allowed to incorporate Bahamian ways and to consider how the building refers to its urban context. Coming to Abaco

to design as part of this project has enabled me to see the value of this immediately and validates what I have learned. I am very gratified," he stated. Regarding the project for Abaco, he felt that it is very interesting with a lot of potential but so big.

"It gives me a sense of pride that our university could be bold enough to take on

the project and step outside our borders to see a community that needs help and which is willing to put forth a change."

Lionel has three years of internship before he receives his license which he will probably do in the United States. After that he definitely plans to come back home to The Bahamas to work.

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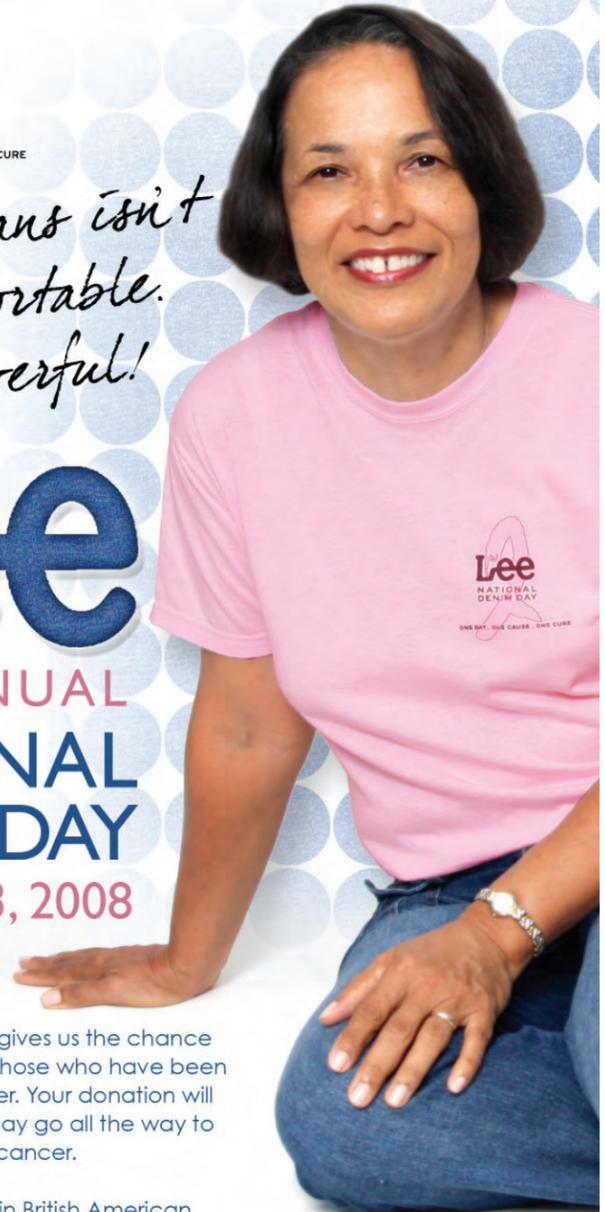


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Viewpoint . . . Agricultural production needs to be encouraged

By J.F. Hedden

The modern Bahamas does not encourage or foster the development of local entrepreneurship beyond services and merchandising simply because the Bahamian economy is geared towards foreign capital investments and attraction of the US dollar, specifically in hospitality and financial services. All well established global economies, however, have a sound footing in industries that revolve around primary production, as seen in the United States, Japan, the European Union, Australia, South America and Canada. Underdeveloped economies, however, tend to rely on imported essential basic commodities for one reason or another, these including the majority of the Caribbean states and many countries in Africa. One of the main characteristics of developed nations' dominance in the agricultural sector is the continued use of agricultural subsidies to bolster industrialised agriculture. The lesser developed nations cannot afford to replicate these practices and so suffer at the marketplace, both domestically and internationally.

Diversification of national economies is essential for provision of some insulation from global slowdowns and recessions. A country such as The Bahamas, which relies almost totally on imported essential products, thus becomes an easy target for changes in global economic health. The Bahamas presently relies on a basic economic model designed over 50 years ago and does not take into account any sense of the need for national security, be it in food, culture, education or even energy. We do make a pretense at localised production of agricultural products, all of the production inputs being imported, but the overall eco-

nomie chain is not beneficial to the local entrepreneur.

The agricultural sector in The Bahamas has steadily declined over the last century and continues to do so for many reasons. These include the lack of a definitive governmental policy towards the sector and the mental image of farming in the Bahamian mind. Until these are addressed no real advance in the sector's development will take place and the perception of agricultural production will continue to be the realm of the "ignorant," the out islands, welfare and subsistence survival. Some of these perceptions may be real because, apart from ornamentals, there does not exist today any example of successful agricultural enterprise within the country.

With recent changes in global circumstances the world has seen several important threats to lifestyles including the increased cost of energy and food, a worldwide recession, the start of climate change and an increased threat to the natural environment. All of these factors will have a significant impact on world food production and food availability. Many countries have already seen food related violence in the form of riots and population displacement. It should be pointed out that The Bahamas is not immune to external forces and, as such, needs to begin making serious inroads into these areas in order to mitigate some of the threats.

The most immediate and devastating of these forces are the cost of energy and of food. Unfortunately, the Bahamas financial and monetary policies do not favour the poor and indigent sectors of our popu-

lation, with these investing a much higher percentage of their income in food and transportation than the better financially equipped members of Bahamian society.

The Government of the Bahamas (GOB) needs to address the looming food crisis in the form of an immediate approach and the use of long term planning in order to avert perceived supply shortfalls in the population centres. Ironically the Out Island communities are still relatively resistant because vacant land is still available and the technique of subsistence food production has not yet been totally lost.

Short term strategies do not imply the need for long term implementation but should include a contribution from both GOB and the merchandising sector. Government can and should remove all excise and import associated taxation from basic and essential food and health products. This in itself will lower the cost of essential items at the port of entry by several percentage points. The private sector should also be encouraged to lower percentage mark up on these products to a level where their bottom line is not affected, and a savings can be passed on to the consumer. This will further lower the retail price and hopefully take some burden off the cost of living for those in lower wage brackets.

Longer term strategies will be much harder to implement, but out of necessity require the GOB to put together and implement a rock solid Agricultural Policy (AP) which will encourage more investment in primary production. It is essential that we begin to diversify now rather than procrastinate in order to retain some of our dollar

earnings within our borders. Foreign currency inputs to our economy will surely not be maintained during a world wide recession. Primary production has been in need of resuscitation for the last 50 years and the present is an ideal time to start. By no means would I imply that we will move towards self sufficiency with any food production programme, but certain areas can be improved. These include seasonal fruit and vegetable production and an increase in the production of small ruminants such as sheep and goats. This will only happen when GOB puts together the agricultural policy.

Incorporated into the agricultural policy should be the facets listed, as well as others that I have failed to note. These include

- Land tenure
- Labour
- Infrastructure
- Education
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Each of the above needs to be examined and thoroughly researched preferably by a private enterprise group such as the agricultural sector and farmers associations, and results and recommendations forwarded to the GOB for implementation. The GOB needs to be prepared to make substantial investments in infrastructure and concessions in order to equate an essential economic resource to the presently over encouraged anchor project schemes existing today.

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Marble and Granite Work Available on Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

Persons building new homes or remodeling are able to get excellent quality marble and granite work done right here on Abaco. Mr. Hector Espinosa and Mr. Darren Albury began the Abaco Marble and Tile Company four years ago but until recently few people seemed to know about it. It has now, however, taken off in a big way. Many homeowners not only from the mainland but also from the cays are now having beautiful counter tops installed by Abaco Marble and Granite. Mr. Espinosa is an expert in the business having run his own company in the United States for many years. He takes a lot of pride in his work and says, "You cannot even get marble and granite work done in the United States these days as good as we do it here on Abaco." Customers are extremely pleased with his work and he even goes to Nassau to do work for clients as they find the work done on Abaco to be superior to that done in Nassau. His work graces the New Providence home of the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, Prime Minister.

The office and showroom of Abaco Marble and Granite are located in the old Sawyer's Market building. Upon entering, one's eyes are immediately drawn to the floor which is an impressive mosaic of off cuts from all of the jobs completed carefully laid out and polished to a beautiful shine. There is also a room containing a kitchen counter top and table showing the beautiful workmanship of the finished product.

Mr. Espinosa gave me a tour of his work area and explained the whole process from start to finish. In the yard at the back are numerous slabs of raw marble and granite from countries such as Italy, Spain and Brazil which have been imported via the

United States and arrive here in large containers. Each slab measures 7.5 feet by 10 to 13 feet and weighs 2,000 pounds. The slabs come in two thicknesses - 2 cm or 3 cm. There is a large assortment of colours and patterns to choose from. The darker the material the more expensive it is and the "black absolute" and "blue pearl" are the most expensive while the lighter colours are more affordable. "Granite comes in three grades," explained Mr. Espinosa. "It can be first, second or third class but all the granite we use here on Abaco is first class. We only offer first class materials and first class service," he proudly stated.

"Once a customer has decided that she would like a counter top crafted by Abaco Marble and Tile, the first stage is to get a price quote from Darren Albury at Abaco Hardware, telephone 367 2170. Then as soon as a down payment is made, we get to work on it," said Mr. Espinosa. "We go to the home to measure up and make a wood template which only takes about one hour. Then we bring that back and put that against the slab which the customer has chosen and cut. We make the whole piece without any seams if possible.

"The slab is cut using diamond blades and then polished with diamond pads or sometimes with stone. The edges are finished according to the customer's choice. There are many different types of edge to choose from. If the client has a particular edge which she has seen somewhere else or in a magazine, then I will do that for them if they bring me a picture of the design. The process takes three or four days, and the counter top is then ready to be installed, providing that we do not have too many power cuts during that time which set us back. The finished pieces are transported

by truck which has a special "A frame" for carrying them. If going to the cays, the pieces have to be transferred onto a charter freight boat and the contractor at the other end meets the freight boat with his truck," explained Mr. Espinosa, who has developed some very large arm muscles to deal with the terrific weight of these pieces. "Five to seven days after the down payment the kitchen is completely installed.

"Not only do we make counter tops but also vanities, coffee tables, night tables and, in fact, anything a customer desires. Granite is the best material to use," he ex-

plained. "Marble is more porous so is not used for countertops as it stains easily. It is sometimes used for vanities but people are going more for granite for vanities now as well as for counter tops as granite is forever."

"I am training some assistants to learn this trade and am trying to teach them to have pride in their work," stated Mr. Espinosa, whose own pride in his work was clear throughout the tour he gave me and was evident in the first class workmanship of the finished product.



Very large slabs of marble and granite are brought into Abaco Marble and Tile Company to be custom made into countertops, coffee tables and vanities. The slabs of rock weigh about 2,000 pounds but have to be handled very carefully until the finished piece is installed to keep them from cracking. Expert stone mason, Mr. Hector Espinosa, expertly cuts the stone, then finishes the edge to whatever style the customer wants. This is another example of Abaco businesses being able to accommodate the wishes of all its residents.

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YEAST Institute tells about program for boys

By Samantha V. Evans

The Youth Empowerment and Skills Training Institute (YEAST) is a national initiative to assist troubled young men to gain self esteem and educational skills to become productive adults in society. The organization accepts 100 boys into the one-year leadership program that is on Andros.

The leaders of this organization held a meeting on September 15th at Central Abaco Primary School so information could be shared with parents of incoming males to the program and those seeking to learn more about what it has to offer. A small group assembled for the meeting that was very informative. The main presenter for the evening was Chief Petty Officer Lawson Clarke, the Academy Operations Manager, who gave an overview of the program. This program focuses on developing the character, leadership and life skills of young men ages 12-19 and is not a boot camp. It was designed to restore the dignity into young men who struggle with self-esteem and self-image, developing positive attitudes and learning marketable skills to make them self-reliant, productive and useful citizens of The Bahamas.

The YEAST Institute was established in 1987 in conjunction with the Catholic Diocese. In September 1999 the Royal Bahamas Defense Force got involved and helped to develop an off-island program on James Cistern, Eleuthera, called The Character, Leadership and Skills Development Academy. In 2004 the organizers of this Academy were asked to pilot the restoration segment of the National Youth Service Program which they did. As of 2005 YEAST became known as the Bahamas National Youth Service Restorative

Program for teenage males. The program now operates in North Andros. The program is nationally recognized and operates a one-year leadership program designed to address the behavioral and attitudinal potential of male students. The core curriculum is structured around academic and vocational courses divided into several components. The curriculum includes self-awareness, family life education, physical education, counseling, health education, numeracy, leadership training, civic, literacy, arts and crafts, electrical installation, survival skills, marine boating, scuba diving, driving, plumbing, carpentry, and spirituality. The current success rate of the Academy is 83 percent.

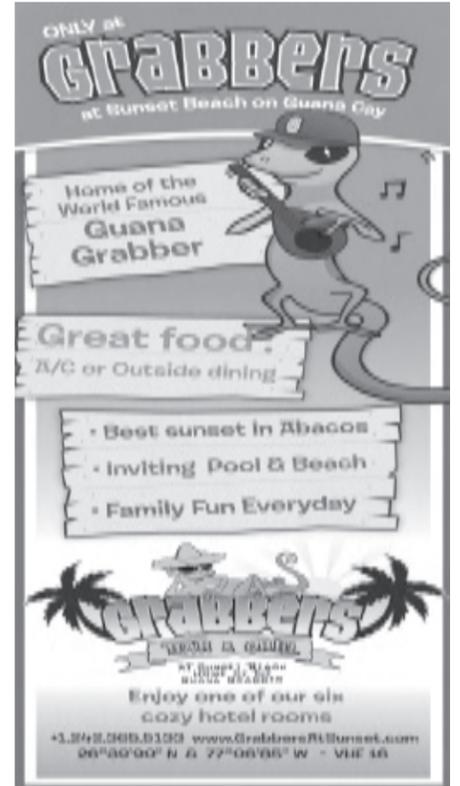
The program for this year is scheduled to begin October 4 on Andros. One hundred boys are expected to enroll with approximately ten of them scheduled to come from Abaco. The students age 12-15 are in the Junior Life Program for nine months and students ages 16-19 are in the Senior Life Program for six months. Males in this country are struggling to conform to the rules of society, Officer Clarke noted. According to the statistics from Dr. Elliston Rahming released this month, 1330 males are presently in prison and 60 of them did not graduate from high school. The majority of them, who did graduate, cannot read or write functionally. This is alarming and every day males continue to involve themselves in activities that are not contributing to the sustain-ability of our economy. YEAST Academy hopes to address some of these needs at the Andros site.

However, they do have some challenges that need to be addressed, especially at the school level because there is presently no follow-up system in place to see how the

males matriculate back into the school environment. There is no consistent communication with school counselors to ensure that these students continue to receive the guidance and counseling needed to keep them on the right track, and the attitude of teachers and students toward these males have to change to one that is supportive and not condemning. Additionally, human services agencies need to work more closely together and share information so that we do not lose any more of our young men to the streets or death. Officer Clark hopes that these matters can be addressed quickly so that the integrity of the program remains in tact, and the progress of these male students is not put in jeopardy.

Enrolling a child in the YEAST Academy is a process that has to be done at the Nassau office. Parents are encouraged to find out everything that needs to be done to get their child enrolled within a timely fashion. They are advised that a consent form must be signed by them releasing the student to the Academy, and a male sponsor must be identified to help steer the child in the right direction, to attend progress meetings and to assist with providing care packages and other needs. The office is located on Deveaux Street in Nassau and the phone number is 326-5781 or 322-8335. Information can be obtained locally from Social Services and public schools where there is a Guidance Department. The other persons on the agenda for this meeting were Chief

Petty Officer Christopher Collie, Incoming Academy Director; Mrs. Margaret Thompson, Office Manager in the Nassau office; and Andrew Albury, Student Services Coordinator. A similar meeting was held in Sandy Point on September 16.



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The funeral service for retired nurse evangelist **Vernell McBride**, 65, formerly of Moore's Island, was held at in Nassau on September 27. Interment was also in Nassau.

She is survived by her daughter Sheron Lightbourne-Gedeon; son Clifton Lightbourne; adopted son Wellington Albury; six grandchildren Shanice Delancy, Deanka Lightbourne, Leshan Lightbourne, Clivanche Burrows, Clifton Lightbourne Jr. and Malike Gedeon; great-grandchildren Alexia Dorsett, Cynara Gibson and Deanna Dorsett; son-in-law Jean Claude Gedeon; daughter-in-law Lesia Lightbourne; grandaunt Pastor Geneva Williams; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Cameron Allen Burrows**, 26, of Sandy Point was held on October 4th at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Rev. Napoleon Roberts, Rev. Morris Bain and Rev. Fr. Earl Hepburn officiated. Interment was made in the Sandy Point Pub-

lic Cemetery.

He is survived by his mother Evelyn Burrows; grandfather Marcus Edgecombe; uncles Leonard, Matthew, Daniel, Samuel, Jonathon and Eric Edgecombe, Sinclair, Vincent and Claudius Burrows, Roland "Fred" Burrows, Herklyn Rolle, Kermit McCartney and Patrick Russell; aunts Rebecca Saunders, Elizabeth Russell, Louise McCartney, Rose, Ruth, Charmaine, Kayla, Carlene and Thedra Edgecombe, Lula, Jerona, and Evelyn Burrows, and Marion Rolle; grandaunts Mable Burrows and Ethel Edgecombe; cousins Brian and Vaughn Rolle, Rose Roberts, Angela Johnson, Rowena Pinder, Jerona Curry, Raquel Armbrister, Min. Jerome Burrows Jr., Maxine and William Burrows Jr., Otis Fox, Danielle, Brent, Damela, Deangelius, Penny, Pam, Gatnell, Katherine, Patricia, Bunny, Gina, Mary, Stevie, Peter, Edward, Martin, and Chris Burrows, Teron,

Valencia, Karis, Leonard Jr, Mattea, Caelin, Daniel, Gendaia., Taejon, Neko and Shenae Edgecombe, Monique and Kevin McCartney, Shantelle, Patrick, Gabrielle and Abbey Russell; godparents Cathechist Benjamin and Virginia Pinder and Donald Pinder Jr.; and many other relatives and friends.

Lavern Russell, 67, formerly of Crossing Rock died on September 29 in Nassau. He is survived by his wife Gertrude Russell; sons Alvin, Adrian and Derek Russell; daughters Vandra Babbs, Rocelia Russell and Oshe Rahming; sister Edna Russell; nieces; nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Keep Abaco Beautiful Award

We have been hearing it for a long time. "Cherokee, you have such a neat and tidy little community." Especially from our first-time visitors, but now it's official. The settlement of Cherokee Sound has won the First Annual Keep Abaco Beautiful Award, which came with a certificate and a traveling plaque. A committee of six judges, all Abaconians, chose our community for the Friends of the Environment Award for 2008 in a ceremony on September 26. Sponsors and partners in this new venture include Pete's Pub & Gallery, Colette Rolle, Stephen Knowles, Abaco Print Shop, Albury's Ferry Service, The Snap Shop and Three D Customs Signs and was all brought together by Tourism. In addition to the award we won there were two other distinguished awards given for Volunteer Leadership, won by Tom Hazel, and another given for Education, won by Hope Town Primary School, both very deserving applicants. We thank Jo Bradley for submitting the settlement of Cherokee to the committee for consideration and approval.

The meeting started off with Don Cornish, local Director for Tourism in Abaco presenting the goals of the "Keep Abaco Beautiful" program which has been set up in conjunction with the Keep America Beautiful foundation. The keynote speaker was The Hon. Earl Deveaux, Minister of Environment, who came from Nassau to make the presentation. In his remarks, which he specifically aimed at the youth

of Abaco, he highlighted the many natural assets we possess in Abaco, and The Bahamas, and how we must concentrate on maintaining and preserving them for future generations. Part of the program included Hope Town Primary School students who performed a medley of Bahamian calypso songs, which were very entertaining.

There are so many little things we can all do to help the environment and we need to commit ourselves, our schools and our communities to do whatever it takes to always Keep Abaco Beautiful.

School News

Welcome to Mrs. Catherine Owens who has already made herself at home and becoming a valuable addition to Cherokee Sound Primary School. Friends of the Environment sent representatives to our school on the 2nd of September to give a presentation on the importance of Coastal Cleanup and what it means to our environment.

The first phase of our local Coastal Cleanup Project has been completed. Clean up of the Long Dock took place on the 20th of September with a further cleanup of the creek area to follow.

We would like to thank community members, parents and students who are still depositing aluminum cans into the bins at the dump. You are doing a valuable service for our community, our Bahamas and our world. Keep up the good work.

We are so proud that we won the first place in the contest held by Friends of the Environment and The Ministry of Tourism for our settlement who has "built and sustained an environmentally conscious pro-

gram with exceptional success". This is our reward for the mountain of garbage we have picked up over the years.

One of our students said just a few days ago that they saw garbage on the way to Marsh Harbour. "You'd think people would learn!" This is a comment from a child! We couldn't agree with them more!

Are you part of the solution or part of the problem?

Thank you to all the former students and present students and thank you to all the parents, grandparents and community members who have come to cleanup after cleanup.

Our Newest Arrival

Congratulations to Dirinda and Keven Sweeting of Yellow Wood on the birth of their second daughter, Alexis Kayley, born in Nassau, Bahamas.

Parrot Report

We in the settlement of Cherokee always get excited when we hear the parrots are back in town. They fly overhead searching for food in the local fruit trees. Of course, they are always too high and too fast for us to get any type of a clear photo even if we wanted too, but they usually linger for several minutes at each stop and we are able to get look at them and observe their feeding habits from the ground. They are truly one of nature's most beautiful wonders and we are glad they choose to keep visiting us here in Cherokee.

Sandy Point

Nurse Estelle Pinder Retired

On August 31 Sandy Point held an appreciation service to honour Nurse Estelle Pinder, who retired after nursing for 40 years 17 year of which were in Sandy Point. The service was held in St. Martin's Anglican Hall in Sandy Point. The service included special music, a performance and remarks by government people and a nursing officer.



Nurse Estelle Pinder

Mrs. Pinder was born on Grand Turk but moved to Jamaica when she was 12 years old. She received her nursing training in Kingston's School of Nursing and completed it in 1967. She migrated to Grand Bahama where she worked until she was transferred to Sandy Point. While she was on Grand Bahama, she took time to pursue a course in midwifery in Jamaica.

While in Sandy Point, she met and married Donald Pinder. She has a large family of step children, birth children and many grandchildren. She is an active member of the St. Martin's Anglican Church Women's group.

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Fair will benefit Marsh H. Fire Department

By Jennifer Hudson

A Family Fun Fair is scheduled for November 15 to raise funds in an effort to finally complete the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department building. Plans for this building began in 1999 right after the Abaco Markets fire and yet it is still, unfortunately, far from completion. The fair will take place on the grounds of the partially constructed Fire Department building behind the Marsh Harbour Public Library across from Lowe's Plaza.

The idea of holding a fair to raise funds for the Fire Department took root in the mind of David Dorsett, member of the Carlton Masonic Lodge, several weeks before the fire at Maxwell's Supermarket. "The Masons work on community projects on a regular basis though it not always publicized," stated Mr. Dorsett. "While assisting at the Maxwells' fire, I began talking about my idea for a fair with Roscoe Thompson, Chairman of the Marsh Harbour/ Spring City Town Committee, who was also helping out. Mr. Thompson decided to assist the Masons on the project. Since then, even more people have come on board including the Rotary Club of Ab-

aco and the fire department."

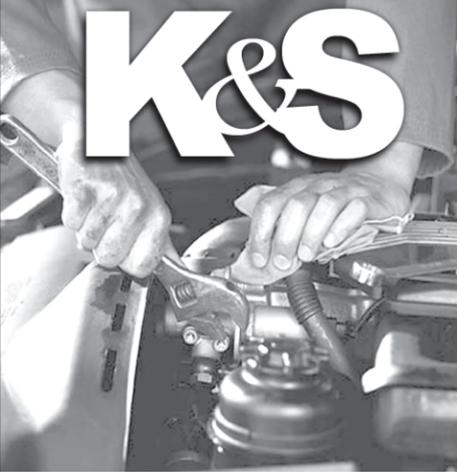
All monies from the fair will go towards finishing the fire department building which is still in need of much work. According to Fire Chief John Hall approximately another \$100,000 is needed to finish the building. "A few people have donated considerable sums and local business people have been very generous in donating items for the raffle. Price Right has donated the concrete floor for the entire building which is a very sizeable donation. We want to get the whole community involved as we want to get this station finished; the trucks standing outside are being destroyed by the weather," stated Mr. Dorsett.

Mrs. Yvonne Key and other volunteers have, for the past few weeks, been holding a fund raising drive for the Fire Department at the Marsh Harbour traffic light. They ask people to donate only their loose change which they collect in firemen's boots, but people have been extremely generous donating far more than just their loose change. On the first day under the light Mrs. Key raised \$1,500 within four hours.

Everyone is encouraged to come to the

fair to support our volunteer fire department. There will be games of hoop toss, lollipop pull, balloon darts, a Chinese auction and many other fun activities with prizes. There will also be a raffle with lots of good prizes including an alarm system for home or business, \$500 grocery cer-

tificates and the grand prize of two return tickets to West Palm Beach on Abaco Air. "It will be a fun day. We want to drum up interest in the Fire Department and get the kids involved," stated Mr. Thompson and Mr. Dorsett.



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Low November 14, 2:07

Sunday			Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday		
 <p>Cruise the Abaco Sound in one of our new sailing yachts - 36 ft. mono hull or 38 ft. catamaran</p>			2 (EST)			3 (EST)			4 (EST)			5 (EST)			6 (EST)			7 (EST)		
			4:10a 0.5	10:35a 2.9	5:11p 0.7	4:51a 0.6	11:16a 2.8	5:55p 0.8	5:37a 0.7	12:01p 2.8	6:42p 0.8	12:33a 2.3	6:31a 0.8	12:51p 2.7	1:30a 2.3	7:32a 0.8	1:47p 2.6	2:29a 2.5	8:37a 0.8	2:44p 2.6
 <p>Cruise the Abaco Sound in one of our new sailing yachts - 36 ft. mono hull or 38 ft. catamaran</p>			9 (EST)			10 (EST)			11 (EST)			12 (EST)			13 (EST)			14 (EST)		
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 <p>Cruise the Abaco Sound in one of our new sailing yachts - 36 ft. mono hull or 38 ft. catamaran</p>			16 (EST)			17 (EST)			18 (EST)			19 (EST)			20 (EST)			21 (EST)		
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The committee that comprises of the Abaco Tourist Office, Friends of the Environment and Local Government is hoping to gain the same support and spirit of the people as they received in last year's competition. Winning the title and the prizes in the Murphy Town District was Paula Rolle

and in the Dundas Town District was Frederick Jones.

The competition is opened to individuals who own a home in Murphy Town or Dundas Town. Many factors will be taken into account for the judging of the competition including

- absence of litter/debris, derelict vehicles, etc
- landscape design
- driveway design
- use of native plants
- hedges trimmed and groomed
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Sandy Point	\$135 + \$10
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Return	8 am 11:30 1:30 pm 5 pm
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Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits	Green Turtle Cay
Memorial Sculpture Garden	Green Turtle Cay
Wyannie Malone Historical Museum	Hope Town
Elbow Cay Light Station	Hope Town
Walk to & swim on Mermaid Reef off M Harb.	..Pelican Shore
Drive to & swim in Blue HoleTreasure 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	
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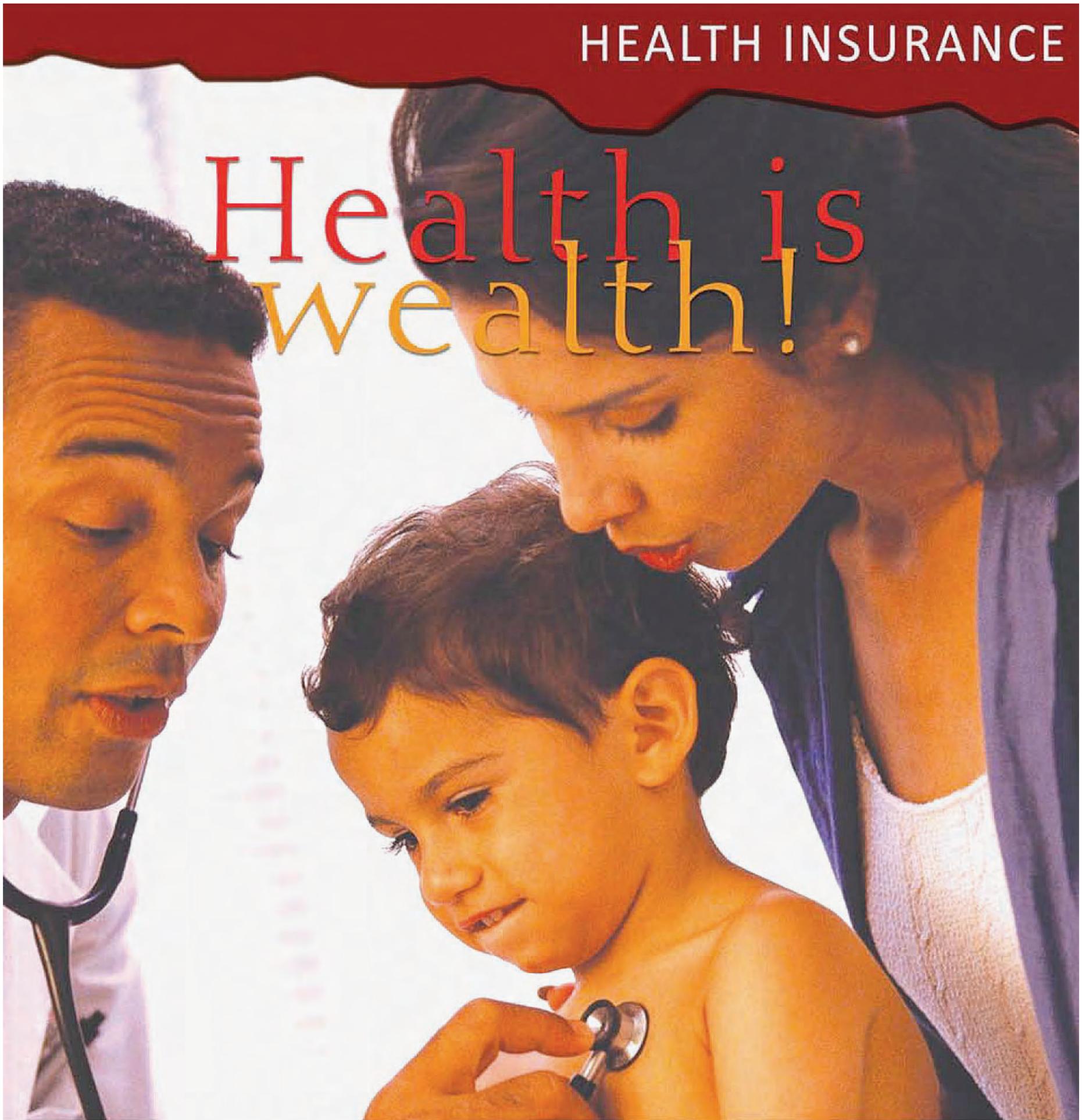
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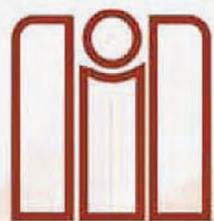
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3-mile Open Water Swim Meet

Swimmers from Nassau joined locals at Crossing Beach



The annual open water swim meet was held on October 4 at Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour. Forty-two swimmers competed in several divisions. The meet was organized by a swim club in Nassau, Swift Swimmers, that works closely with local people. The competitors swam a three-mile course.

By Mirella Santillo

The fifth Annual Open Water Swim was a great success for the local kids. Out of 42 swimmers who entered the Open Water Swimming Competition on October 4th 22 came from Nassau. Of the remaining 20 from Abaco, half were kids under 17 from Marsh Harbour or Hope Town who had been practicing with Abaco Swift Swimming. Our local champion, 15-year-old Brian Higgs repeated last year's performance by winning the three miles route in on hour 29 minutes and placing third in the male relay with Noah Albury and Ashton Kemp from Hope Town. Brian said he achieved that feat without having had the time to practice much.

This year the entire event took place at Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour where participants and supporting fans gathered

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Supreme Court Again Rules in Favor of Baker's Bay Project

Statement provided by Baker's Bay

Attorneys for the Baker's Bay project and Save Guana Cay Reef Association (SGCRA) returned to the Supreme Court on 18th September 2008 to hear the verdict in a case brought by the SGCRA. The Association was seeking to commence judicial review procedures against Baker's Bay, several Government agencies and departments, The Royal Bahamas Police Force, Hope Town District Council, Attorney General and the Minister of Maritime Affairs and Labor relating to various permits granted to the Baker's Bay project. Acting Supreme Court Justice Estelle Gray ruled in favor of the Baker's Bay project and the above named respondents, setting aside the initial decision by Acting Supreme Court Justice Peter Maynard that granted the SGCRA permission to proceed with their

case. In her ruling, Justice Evans made clear that the initial decision should not have been granted without hearing from all parties. Justice Evans also denied the association's request for an injunction to stop work at the Baker's Bay project. Mr. Fred Smith, attorney for the SGCRA has indicated that the Association will continue to pursue the case despite this ruling.

The Baker's Bay project has indicated that they are very pleased with the ruling. They have also stressed that despite the current challenging financial times and slowed economies they continue to make significant development progress at Baker's Bay. The project is still employing hundreds of Bahamians and is in full compliance with Bahamian laws while providing maximum environmental stewardship for Great Guana Cay and The Bahamas.

Royal Bank opens new premises



Representatives from the Royal Bank in the Caribbean and the Central Bank of The Bahamas were on hand for the opening of the new Royal Bank of Canada building on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour on October 2. Shown inside the new building are Mr. Cephas Cooper, Abaco's Senior Island Administrator; Mrs. Joyce Coleby-Riviere, Area Manager for the Family Islands; Mr. Nathaniel Beneby, Jr., Vice President and Country Head, Royal Bank; Mrs. Wendy Craig, Governor of the Central Bank of The Bahamas; Mr. Ross McDonald, Head of Caribbean Banking, Royal Bank; and Mr. Antonio Eyma, Manager of the Abaco Branch of Royal Bank.

By Jennifer Hudson

The modern, state-of-the-art new premises of the Royal Bank of Canada recently constructed on Don MacKay Boulevard were officially opened on October 2 with a ribbon cutting performed by Mrs. Wendy Craigg, Governor of the Central Bank of The Bahamas. Several top executives from the Royal Bank of Canada participated in the Grand Opening Ceremony which was attended by local dignitaries and clients of the bank.

In her words of greeting, Mrs. Joyce

Coleby-Riviere, Area Manager for the Family Islands, welcomed everyone to the new premises and expressed appreciation to the bank's many valued clients, management and staff.

Prior to cutting the ribbon, Mrs. Wendy Craigg praised Royal Bank for understanding the importance of being close to its customers. "The Family Islands require a more personalized approach to

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NEMA accepts donation for Inagua



The community of Marsh Harbour raised \$22,300 to assist in the Inagua hurricane relief effort. The funds were presented to Commander Stephen Russell, Interim Director of the National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA, on September 26. "We have had our share over the last several years and the rest of The Bahamas came to our rescue. We feel honoured to be in a position to come to the aid of our brothers and sisters in Inagua with the amount of \$22,300," stated School District Superintendent Lenora Black. She added that the public and private schools raised more than \$10,000 in cash, school supplies and non-perishable items. Pictured are Gary Smith, Superintendent of Customs, Abaco; Roscoe Thompson III, Chairman of the Marsh Harbour/Spring City Town Committee; Commander Russell; Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper; Mrs. Lenora Black, Abaco's Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Michelle Gardiner, Finance Officer, NEMA; Ms. Elaine Martinborough, who was with NEMA on Abaco in the past; and Bryan Thompson, past president of the Rotary Club of Abaco.

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Royal Bank triples original Abaco bank size

Royal Bank

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banking," she stated. "The refurbishment of the Marsh Harbour branch is part of the ongoing plan to enhance banking in The Bahamas."

Mrs. Craig sought to allay people's fears about what the effects of the economic crisis in the United States could be for banking in The Bahamas. "Local banks are insulated from developments in the United States and your deposits are safe here. There are no sub-prime loans in The Bahamas; banks here originate their own loans and ensure that borrowers are able to pay back. This is prudent for both the bank and the borrower. Borrowers on Abaco have no need to worry; our banking system is very liquid," she assured. "The conditions in the United States do have

implications for the outlook of the tourism and construction sectors so personal situations could be impacted. However, the community of Abaco has every reason to be confident in its banking sector." In closing, Mrs. Craig congratulated the Royal Bank of Canada and expressed her hope that the newly expanded premises will mean expanded business for the bank and the residents of Abaco.

Mr. Ross McDonald, Head of Caribbean Banking, Royal Bank of Canada, described The Bahamas as the 'Crown jewel in our Caribbean empire.' It is part of the global bank of 16 million clients, 1.6 million of whom are in the Caribbean. He mentioned the United States' financial crisis indicating that our economy has been slowing and will continue to slow during the remainder of 2008 but that he hopes to see it pick

up in 2009. Mr. MacDonald stated how pleased he was to be at the opening ceremony that he termed "the largest and best banking facility in the country" which he is sure will continue to invest and give back to the people of Abaco.

Mr. Nathaniel Beneby, Jr., Vice President and Country Head, Royal Bank of Canada for The Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands, gave a brief history of the

Royal Bank in the Bahamas stating, "November 2 will mark 100 years of faithful and unbroken service to the people of The Bahamas. The first office on Abaco was opened in 1988 and the \$1.4m invested in this project shows the bank's confidence in Abaco and The Bahamas. Abaco is the third largest contributor to the revenue of

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Royal Bank's new, large, airy facility is a great improvement over their previous location. The bank has served Abaco since 1988 and is pleased with the support that it has received from the business community and individuals on Abaco.



Mrs. Wendy Craig, Governor for the Central Bank of The Bahamas, had the honour of cutting the ribbon at the opening of the new Royal Bank building in Marsh Harbour. Assisting her was Mr. Ross McDonald, head of Caribbean Banking. Looking on are Mr. Nathaniel Beneby, Vice President, Bahamas, Royal Bank; Mr. Antonio Eyma, Abaco's Royal Bank Manager; Mrs. Joyce Coleby-Riviere, Area Manager for Family Islands; and Administrator Cephas Cooper.

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 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 **SOLD**

Lot #44 13,307 sf \$98,000 gross Lot # 112 20,485 sf. \$175,000 gross
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Triplex 3 - 1 bed/1 bath in Murphy Town \$160,000

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Two lots for sale located on hillside in Yellowwood Property adjacent to The Abaco Club on Winding Bay
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Duplex for sale off Forest Drive in Murphy Town 2 two bedroom, one bath \$185,500 net

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.
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Abaco youth did well at Swim Meet

Swim Meet

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early that Saturday morning to witness the race. And there, just a little after ten o'clock the three-mile swimmers and the first leg of the relay swimmers were off.

It was not until after one p.m. that the last swimmer, Mrs. Monica Higgs, returned to the dock tired but proud to have finished the three miles. Besides her and Brian Higgs, the other two people from Abaco to complete the entire course were Jennifer Cook and Coach Laurence Higgs.

Among the visitors, 11-year-old Abigail Lowe's performance in swimming the whole distance in one hour 37 minutes must be mentioned as well as David Morley's accomplishing his last year's feat by only 30 seconds more. Many swimmers mentioned having taken a little longer this year to swim the same distance. Perhaps the tide which was coming in as the swimmers

went away to the first leg of the course had something to do with the slower time.

The father-son team of Percy Knowles and Andy Knowles from Nassau swimming with Richard Curry came second in the male relay. The female relay was won by a team from Nassau which raised a controversy since one of the swimmers used a snorkel, cutting her time by nearly a third. After much debate they were pronounced first over the Abaco team of Monica Higgs, Judy Albury and Maria Silvester, who took second place. One of the organizers stated that the use of snorkel will be absolutely forbidden next year.

The youngest participants were Joshua Wong, who swam two miles of the mix relay with Christina Pyform.

While the race was taking place, food was being prepared under tents set on the beach. Everyone partook of a Bahamian luncheon followed by the announcement

of the results and the distribution of the trophies presented by Mrs. Brenda Sawyer of the Swift Swimming Abaco club, Mr. Andy Knowles of the Swift Swimming club of Nassau and representatives of the Ministry of Tourism, Ms. Dushinka Roberts, Ms. Wynsome Ferguson and Mrs. Candy Anderson.

Originally the event took place at Abaco Beach Resort. Last year the location was changed because of contrary winds, the first year that Crossing Beach was used as a departure point. This year all the profit from sale of food and drink for the growing Abaco swimming association.



Swimmers are shown here in the water at the start of the race. The course was a total of three miles.



Most of the Abaco entrants in the Swim Meet held in Marsh Harbour on October 4 were young people. The youth shown here are wearing the medals that they won.

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School News

New School Year

By Jennifer Hudson

Schools opened for the 2008/2009 school year during the first week of September. All Principals sounded very positive about their campuses and programmes for the upcoming year with only a few reporting a lack of staff.

Moore's Island All Age School Principal, Ms. Ruthamae Rolle, stated that due to challenges with staffing, students cannot be offered Spanish or Computer Studies this year. However, they will continue to benefit from technology through the integration of computers into some of the other subjects. "Regardless of the challenges we face, our intention is to do all we can to remain focused on our goal of improved

student achievement," she stated.

The school's enrollment of 165 students is almost the same as last year. The primary department has six teachers and the high school has four. They are delighted to have on staff for the first time a Guidance Counselor. During the summer classrooms were painted and various repairs and upgrades carried out. A new staff bathroom is being added.

The Man-O-War Primary School is also facing a staffing challenge. "We have no new staff but wish we had," stated Principal Mrs. Kellie Janes. The school has two teachers and 20 students. There have been no major changes to the school building but painting and maintenance has taken place and the addition of a new trophy case.

The Mary E. Albury High School on Man-O-War Cay is a private high school which opened last year with nine students in Grade 7. This year there are 11 students in Grades 7 and 8. The school has only one full time teacher and some volunteers. A Community Service Programme has been started in which students must perform 24 hours of community service each school year.

The Amy Roberts Primary School on Green Turtle Cay retains the same enrollment of 53 students and five staff members. They are excited to have had two of the classrooms carpeted and a new playground installed. They also have a resource and computer room and are awaiting the arrival of three computers which is their prize from their Junkanoo win. "We are moving forward with our Literary Challenge, encouraging children in the number of books read," stated Mrs. Sawyer, the school's principal.

Hope Town Primary School began its school year glad to be settled into its newly refurbished building. The school had been displaced for some considerable time having to hold classes in the Methodist Mission House while renovations took place. Last year they had to spend the first four days of school moving into the newly refurbished building. "This year during the summer staff spent time setting up the school library, and it is a whole lot better organized for going back this year," stated Principal Candice Key. There is an enrollment of 60 students which is the same as last year but two new families with children will be arriving in January.

Treasure Cay Primary School has one

new staff member, Mrs. Schaeffer, who replaces Mrs. Ann Bootle, now in full retirement. The enrollment remains steady. During the summer, the library was air conditioned. There is now a full computer lab but that needs a teacher. Principal Myrtis Russell stated that this year she will be holding some PTA meetings at the Bahama Star Farm to accommodate those parents who are unable to get to the school. Following Hurricane Hanna, the grounds of the Treasure Cay School retained a lot of water but, fortunately, the storm did not damage the building at all.

Agape Christian School has a larger enrollment this year and, according to Principal Cecile Albury, the 7th and 10th grades are the largest ever. The school said goodbye to seven members of staff who had been at the school for two or three years but they have welcomed several new teachers from The Bahamas, United States and Canada. A physical education teacher is still being sought. "We are excited to have veteran teacher of ten years, Mr. Ben Albury, as principal of the high school," stated Mrs. Albury. Her position will be high school Administrator and Principal of Grades K3-6.

During the summer a new fence was installed on the small children's play area and an overhang constructed in front of the primary school campus to provide a cool place for the children to eat lunch. A new sports floor was installed in the Grace Gymnasium and the gym is presently being used for classrooms by the high school. "We plan to break ground for our new high



The two education staff of Friends of the Environment, Mrs. D'Shan Maycock and Mr. Enzil Cooper, have been visiting schools promoting anti-littering and clean-up. Here Mr. Cooper is addressing students of the upper grades at Central Abaco Primary School.

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Graham Real Estate This Week



Turtle Cove Development - Abaco

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

"Surf Shack" This CBS totally renovated two-storey luxury modern home is located on a large corner lot in the prestigious area of Lee ward Beach and Sunrise Point. Both levels include 4 bed / 3 1/2 bath plus above ground pool with wrap around deck. Many, many more features, i.e. hurricane shutters and generator. "A definite must see!"
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"Dream Point" Special CBS split level home located on a corner lot near "The Point" with two choices of direct beach access. Upper level has master bedroom with ensuite bath plus two guest bedrooms and bath. On the split level there is the main entry into a large open living/dining area, modern well equipped kitchen. All rooms open onto a wrap-around partially covered deck overlooking the garden. Ground level has an extra large garage/ workshop with lots of storage.
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school this year," stated Mrs. Albury.

Mrs. Albury is proud of the students' academic success during the past year. Agape students received an overall B- average in the BJC examinations with 100 percent passes in mathematics at grade C or above and 95 percent of social studies at C or above. For the first time ever on Abaco two Agape students took the examination in electrical installation.

"We are also excited that Ms. Elaine's ballet class is now being held at Agape School," stated Mrs. Albury.

Forest Heights Academy has added three new staff members for biology/science, P.E./social studies and Spanish. The student enrollment is up especially in the lower grades. All of the computers in the computer lab were replaced during the first week of term.

A new Prefect in Training programme has been introduced in Grade 11 to prepare those students to take on the responsibility of a full prefect in Grade 12.

An exciting new venture for Forest Heights is that it has become a pilot school in the Eco School programme which is sponsored by BREEF in Nassau. The students look for practical ways to make the campus more environmentally friendly and reduce the use of energy. The aluminum recycling which was already in place at the school is being expanded and other recycling is being introduced. Each student was given a hard plastic water bottle at the beginning of term which they refill and bring to school each day. They are also experimenting with ways to reduce the amount

of air conditioning and lights used. "The children are all very much behind this," stated Mr. Jim Richard, School Principal, who is a very keen environmentalist.

The students began the school year with a fund raiser to purchase school supplies and special equipment for the students of the Inagua All Age School which was badly damaged by Hurricane Ike. Students raised funds from a free dress day and donations and the sum of over \$2,600 was raised in one day.

Boys Reading Challenge Launched

The Boys Reading Challenge will be held October 1-31 at Central Abaco Primary School to promote reading among male students in grades 4-6. Last year a writing component was added which allowed the students to explain, in their own words, how the book read relates to the theme. The Challenge was initially opened to students in grades 3-6 but because many of the students in grade three seemed to struggle through the process, they were excluded. They will be added to the Challenge held in February for the lower primary school. Registration for the Challenge was held in September when 110 boys registered for the competition. During the month of October, the Challenge Coordinator, Ms. Samantha Evans, will explain the theme in detail to the students and motivate them throughout the month to read as much material related to the theme as they can find. Parents are asked to read to and with their children so that at the end of this competition, they will not only win cool prizes, but they will see great improvement in their reading and

writing skills. Persons interested in sponsoring gifts for the Challenge are invited to call the school.

Friends of the Environment Speaks to Students

By Samantha V. Evans

Throughout the month of September, education officers from Friends of the Environment spoke to students at schools across Abaco about the International Coastal Clean Up. Under the theme Let's Make a Sea Change, Mrs. D'Shan Maycock and Mr. Enzil Cooper educated students about the importance of protecting the environment. The focus of the presentation was to sell this idea to them by showing the students that they can be super heroes at cleaning their environment. This initiative was designed for them to pick up trash and get information on the environment and how to protect it. The clean up makes the environment healthier by getting rid of nesting places for pests like mosquitoes and rats. Fewer pests mean fewer diseases. This clean-up also makes the sea safer for animals because when persons litter in the ocean, it makes the sea unsafe for animals to live. The main items left in the sea that hurt and kill animals are cut fishing lines. Coastal clean-ups are important because they keep the islands beautiful especially since The Bahamas is a tourist destination. Seventy-five percent of the residents work in the tourism sector so it is essential that the island is kept clean.

First aid training held

By Samantha V. Evans

September 17 and 18 were set aside to give the custodial staff at the public schools

in Central and Northern Abaco First Aid Training. In an effort to keep the school environment safe, first aid training began in this district last school year. Staff members of each school were given first aid kits for the offices or classrooms. The first training was held at Central Abaco Primary School and the second meeting was held at public schools in the north. First Aid has been defined as the care given to a victim immediately following an accident. The person is trained to keep the victim stable until professional help arrives. The trainees are expected to protect themselves at all times. They were reminded to know their limitations and when to utilize the professionals. The group was taken step by step through the 911 process including which incidents to refer to the professionals for help. Some of the common emergencies discussed during this training were breathing problems, choking, heart attack or chest pain, fainting, diabetes and low blood sugar, seizures and fits, visible bleeding (including nose bleeds), burns and injuries to bones, joints and muscles. They were told what to do and what not to do in cases of emergency.

Five new teachers at Central Abaco Primary

By Samantha V. Evans

At the beginning of the new school year, five teachers joined the staff of Central Abaco Primary School. They are Clarinda Ramsey, Simone Pinder, Celestine Bethel, Anistacia Seymour-Dawkins, and Elspeth Jackson. Each teacher brings with her a uniqueness that helps to further enhance

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Black Sound Lot - Almost an acre with 100+ feet of protected deep water shoreline. GREAT VALUE \$499,900

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the diverse talent that is already there. Clarinda Ramsey is a first year teacher who began her teaching career at Cooper's Town Primary School at the end of the last school. She stated that her experience there was a great start to her teaching career as she learned a great deal and is looking forward to the challenges at this new school site. She has always had a passion for teaching. When she entered high school, one of her teachers encouraged her to follow her dream. She is a grade two teacher at this school.

Simone Pinder is a veteran teacher of 17 years having taught on Inagua and Abaco. She enjoys working with the younger children and especially enjoys teaching grade three-a GLAT grade. Her students have

always received excellent passes in this exam and she plans to continue this excellent streak. Her passion for education has helped her rear her own children who perform well in school. Ms. Pinder was redeployed from J.A. Pinder Primary School and was excited to make the change and to face any challenges that may come along. Elspeth Jackson enjoys teaching and was redeployed from the high school to teach art. She has worked in Nassau and now Abaco and plans to teach her students to appreciate the beauty of their surroundings and to duplicate this beauty on paper.

Celestine Bethel is a first year teacher having recently completed her studies at the College of the Bahamas with a Bachelor's degree in Primary Education. She has been assigned to teach grade five, which she enjoys. Ms. Bethel stated that she was determined to become a teacher. As she

grew older, her love for working with children grew and she knew that she had to accomplish this goal. She is excited to finally be living out her dream and is extremely happy to be on Abaco.

Anistacia Dawkins is a veteran teacher of 15 years and began her career in Nassau but spent the majority of her teaching years on Abaco. She taught in Hope Town, Guana Cay, Cherokee Sound and Central Abaco Primary. Her posting for the past three years was in Cherokee and she is happy to be back in Central Abaco. Ms.



Mrs Enid Whyte was presented with a plaque from Success Training College for her dedication to the advance of educational opportunities on Abaco. She is in the center joined by Mrs. Sharon Rolle, coordinator of this program, and Ms. Rachel Sands of the Abaco school office.

Dawkins loves working with children. Her main goal is to promote holistic learning, to inspire them to develop national pride

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Success Training College continues to offer college level courses on Abaco. Classes began the end of September for returning students and the beginning of October for new students. Their orientation was held on September 26.

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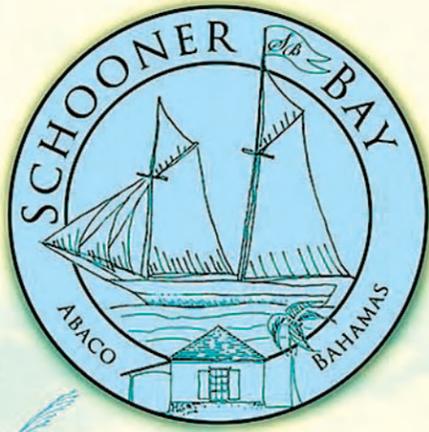
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The time has come and the property has been discovered for this vision to become reality. Located on the beautiful island of Abaco some twenty five miles south of Marsh Harbour, the 220 acres of Schooner Bay have 1 1/4 miles of oceanfront and 1 1/4 miles of harbour front... with one of the best beaches in The Bahamas.

With a reverent respect for environment, design and community, Bahamian developer and community builder Orjan Lindroth and his team of local and international architects, engineers, and consultants have been planning the new Schooner Bay community.

Inspired by the architectural and cultural history of The Bahamas and guided by the design philosophy of New Urbanism, the team has crafted a small harbour town that will become the model for development in the region. Unprecedented in the history of Bahamian development, Schooner Bay will be the first planned and open community designed to attract Bahamian families to live, work, and play in a setting that incorporates the best of our past with the hopes of our future.

Schooner Bay will include a state-of-the-art primary and middle school where principles of holistic life and art will integrate into the fabric of students' education. New economic opportunities and community development will make Schooner Bay a hub for commerce and culture in South Abaco.

Life at Schooner Bay will be centered around the new 14-acre harbour with its mix of shops, restaurants, offices and boutique inns. A range of housing in types, sizes, and prices will all be in close proximity and the village will be closed to cars making walking the preferred means of transportation.

Recognizing the intrinsic values of biodiversity and natural ecosystems, Schooner Bay has made a fundamental commitment to the protection and preservation of all natural resources. Careful building practice guided by LEED principles means that Schooner Bay will produce most of the construction aggregate on site, recycle soil for the entire landscape program and use the seedlings from the preserved Broadleaf coppice to supply landscape material for streets and homes. Sixty percent of the

220 acre property will be preserved as green space and common area to be shared by the community and the indigenous wildlife of South Abaco. At the approach to Schooner Bay there is an extensive agricultural realm to provide food for the village and a greenway of native coppice is designed through the middle of Schooner Bay in order to create a corridor for the resident Bahama parrots that fly through and forage in this area.

At The Commons adjacent to Schooner Bay Village Plaza, the Schooner Bay community is building a regional sports complex with two sports fields, basketball and tennis along with a library center and community hall. The hall will serve as a fortified hurricane shelter with its own water, power and communications system in an emergency. The fire truck will be available for area forest protection. The hall will also be a center for island activities such as functions, weddings and education. The virtual library hopes to link in with the Nassau library system allowing users to log in making every laptop a virtual library. The Farmer's Market provides an area for craftsmen and farmers to hold events and sell their products. The waste

water treatment system will provide re-use water for the common farms along with soil from the solid waste treatment and composting system.

At completion, Schooner Bay will have 570 homes and over 50 businesses all of which will be committed to a minimal ecological footprint. The community is developing many alternative energy systems including ground-source water-cooling in a common loop for the village air conditioning. The buildings are all required to have water collection cisterns and must employ architectural techniques that reduce cooling and lighting energy demand load. The architectural team recently published an award winning book - A Living Tradition - Bahamian Architecture, which outlines many of the design principles to be used at Schooner Bay. The strategy for waste management at Schooner Bay will implement an unprecedented recycling program for all solid waste and the capturing and treatment of waste water. All solid waste will be recycled, reused as compost, or incinerated. This commitment to best practices in environmental design will make Schooner Bay an environmental model for The Bahamas and the region.



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BNT calls for a total ban on the harvesting of sea turtles

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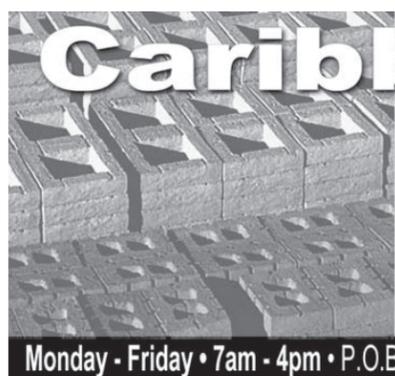
The Bahamas National Trust urges the government of The Bahamas to immediately implement a ban on the harvesting of sea turtles.

As a signatory to international agreements which protect wildlife, including the Convention on Biological Diversity, the harvesting of these endangered species sends a confusing message to the conservation community. Allowing the harvesting also damages our international image and has negatively impacted our Tourism Industry. The desire to protect sea turtles has sadly created a dark economic incentive for fishermen as they play on the sympathies of the public, forcing them to pay large sums of money to rescue captured turtles.

The sea turtles in The Bahamas are a regional resource - their extensive migrations means turtles move through the

waters of many nations throughout the Caribbean. Increasingly, Caribbean nations have banned the harvest of sea turtles in their waters. The Trust feels The Bahamas should join with our neighbors in protecting this shared resource.

The Bahamas must recognize and honor the pledge it made by signing the Convention on Biodiversity, which was that we work to avoid the extinction of any more Bahamian species. The taking of sea turtles - a globally endangered species - violates the spirit of that pledge. The BNT joins The Bahamas Sea Turtle Conservation Group, The Nature Conservancy, The Bahamas Humane Society, Friends of the Environment and BREEF in the call for a total ban on the harvesting of sea turtles in The Bahamas.



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Remarks were also presented by Mr. Cephas Cooper, Island Administrator, who stated how proud he is of the young professional team in Marsh Harbour and this new and very improved facility. He made a point of encouraging first time home and property owners to take advantage of the government's amendment to the Stamp Tax effective on July 1 which offers Stamp Tax exemption to first time buyers for homes under \$500,000.

The ceremony opened with a delightful and unique rendition of the National Anthem performed by three talented Royal Bank of Canada staff members. During the proceedings the audience was treated to three varied and enjoyable performances by the Every Child Counts School and a boys' choir and a combined choir from the Central Abaco Primary School. Both schools were presented with a cheque from the Royal Bank of Canada.

Following the ribbon cutting guests were invited on a tour of the spacious new facility after which they enjoyed a reception with entertainment.

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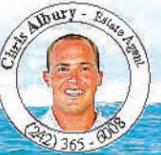
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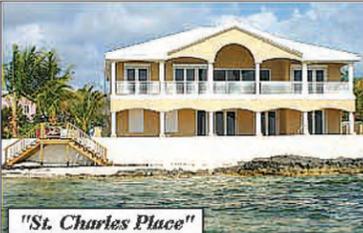
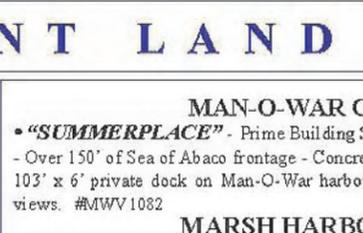


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<p style="text-align: center;">GREAT GUANA CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "SEA-TO-BAY" - 11.5 Acres - 1,198' of Waterfrontage - Over 500' of Protected Boat Basin Frontage - Superb Building Sites - Good elevation - Fabulous Views - Perfect for development or Elegant Private Estate. #GGV1008 - \$9,995,000. • "SANDCASTLE" - 2 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths. - 960 s.f. Residence - Covered Porch - Land - 5,000 s.f. - Dock Access - Furnished. #GGH1011 - \$375,000. 	 <p>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' x 84' - 8,064 s.f. - Great Restaurant or Retail #GGH1109 - \$1,200,000.</p>	 <p>Great Guana Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath - 768 s.f. Residence - 336 s.f. Open Deck - Central Air - Beachfront - Central, Convenient Location - Fabulous Ocean Views - Fully Furnished #GGH1108 - \$699,000.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">SCOTLAND CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "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 cistern - Fully furnished - Runway & Dock access - #SCH1093 - \$895,000. 	 <p>Man-O-War Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. - 1,921 s.f. Residence. - 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath - 400 s.f. Guest Cabin - 172' Ocean Beach Front - 1.189 Acres - Beautifully Landscaped - Semi-Private Dock - Fabulous Views #MWH1019 - \$1,165,000.</p>	 <p>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. - 842 Acre - 100' Ocean Beach Front - Private Dock On Creek - Fabulous Views #MWH1018 - \$1,250,000.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TILLOO CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "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. 	 <p>Man-O-War Cay - 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 - \$525,000.</p>	 <p>Man-O-War Cay - Settlement - 4 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths. - 1,240 s.f. Residence. - 0.3213 Acre - 14,000 s.f. - Hillside for great Ocean Views. - Beautifully Landscaped - Fully Furnished & Equipped. #MWH1020 - \$592,500.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">WOOD CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "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. 	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">★ VACANT LAND ★ VACANT LAND ★</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;">GREAT GUANA CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "BLUE LAGOON" - Parcel # 45 - Orchid Bay - 43,480 s.f. - 0.9982 Acre - 190.88' on Sea of Abaco frontage - prime building site - +/- 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. - .0152 Acre - 45.47' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Prime building site - can carry a private dock - 180 degree views - underground electric and paved road. #GGV1091 - \$375,000. • "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. 	<p style="text-align: center;">GREEN TURTLE CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "CONCHED OUT" - offered in 1 to 4 prime sites - 100' - 460' of water frontage - Atlantic Beach and Sea of Abaco frontage available - 10'-32' elevations - 360° views - Very private Area #GTV1008 - \$546,000. - \$3,000,000. • "PLAYING HOOKY" - 15,948 s.f. - 0.3661 Acre - Prime Building Site - Unobstructed views of Coco Bay - Public Dock Access - Beach Access - 50' from Coco Bay Beach. #GTV1080 - \$625,000. • "COCO BAY VIEW" - 32,690 s.f. - 0.7567 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access - Good Elevation. #GTV1009 - \$291,000. • "COCO BAY BREEZE" - 19,558 s.f. - 0.4490 Acre - Prime Building Site - Dock Access - Beach Access. #GTV1007 - \$167,500. • "CASUARINA" - 8,126 s.f. - 0.1865 Acre - Corner lot - Prime building site - Central location - Short walk to Bita Bay Beach - Snorkel right off shore #GTV1074 - \$112,500. <p style="text-align: center;">LYNYARD CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "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. <p style="text-align: center;">MAN-O-WAR CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "GRAND BOIS" - Rare Prime Ocean-front building site - 0.51 Acre - 125' Atlantic Ocean frontage - Central Location - Fabulous Ocean Views - Lush Native Foliage. #MWV1081 - \$695,000. 	<p style="text-align: center;">MAN-O-WAR CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "SUMMERPLACE" - Prime Building Site - 10,719 s.f. - 0.246 Acre - Over 150' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Concrete Seawall on Sea of Abaco - 103' x 6' private dock on Man-O-War harbour - Fabulous Sea of Abaco views. #MWV1082 - \$395,000. <p style="text-align: center;">MARSH HARBOUR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GREAT ABACO CLUB - Parcels # 6A and # 7A - # 6A - 9,243 sq.ft. - # 7A - 13,845 sq.ft. - Private Dockage - Great Sea of Abaco Views. # 6A - #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. <p style="text-align: center;">SAND BANKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Sand Banks Creek - # 2" - 47,524 s.f. - 1.091 Acres. 108° of frontage on Sand Banks Creek, 540' in Depth. 80° on S.C. Boodle Highway - #ACV1113 - NEW LISTING - \$108,000 <p style="text-align: center;">SCOTLAND CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "141 Hillside Developer Parcels" - Over 1/2 Acre with beach access. Aircraft Landing Rights and Boat Slips available NEW LISTING - Priced from: \$170,000 - \$438,000 • 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
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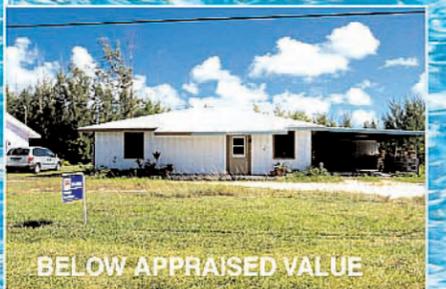
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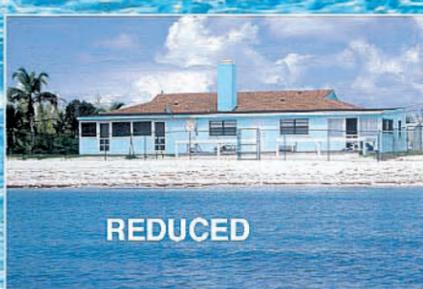


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North Abao News

By Vernique Russell

Town Meeting Held

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, the Hon. Zhivargo Laing, and his team recently held a town meeting in Cooper's Town at the S.C. Bootle High School to discuss the advantages and clear up misconceptions of The Bahamas joining the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). Minister Laing did an excellent job in conveying the information to those attending the meeting. Many left feeling confident that when the Bahamas joins, it will be beneficial to the people. Chief Councillor for North Abaco, Mr. Steve Pedican, is pleased about the Bahamas joining this partnership and thinks that this change will be good for the country.

New Restaurant

Opens in Treasure Cay

Heavenly Manna will be the newest restaurant in Treasure Cay when it opens later this month. It will feature a variety of cuisine from all over the world including Chinese, Italian, Jamaican and Bahamian. The restaurant is in the Brent Lowe Plaza near the Treasure Cay airport and will be open from Monday to Sunday.

Beach Party

The North Abaco Summer Festival & Power Boat Race committee invites the general public to join them this Discovery Day at the Public Beach in Treasure Cay for another exciting Beach Bash. The committee will once again host one of its exciting beach parties to raise funds for next year's summer festival. The beach party will be held on October 13th beginning at Noon. The committee is looking forward

to seeing you on the beach.

Fair Announcement

There will be a fair on October 13th at the Cabana by Spanky's in Treasure Cay beginning at 11 a.m. The public is invited to stop by and feast on the scrumptious delights that will be for sale.

School News Coastal Clean Up

International Coastal Clean Up Day was observed by schools in North Abaco that participated by cleaning their local costal areas and their surroundings. The staff and students of the El Shaddai Christian Academy took to the streets of Dormy Villas where they conducted a clean up campaign. The students of the Cooper's Town Primary School collected many bags of garbage from along the water front in Cooper's Town and the students of Sherlin Bootle High School were busy beautifying the Public Beach above Blackwood that the school adopted last year. Mrs. Laura Davis, one of the organizers of the clean up effort, is appealing to residents of North Abaco to please keep their surroundings clean. We are all responsible for the well keeping of our area. Mrs. Davis thanks the schools and individuals that participated in the clean up effort.

Treasure Cay Primary Assists Residents in Inagua

Principal Myrtis Russell of the Treasure Cay Primary School and her staff are lending a helping hand to the residents of Inagua, the island that was struck and badly damaged by vicious Hurricane Ike. With this in mind the school is reaching out to help by collecting funds to send to assist

in any way possible. The school is leading by example and is demonstrating what it means to be our brother's keepers.

PTA President Resigns

Mr. Clayton McIntosh of Cooper's Town has served as PTA president at the Sherlin Bootle High School for several years now. He and his team have achieved many accomplishments. But he is now resigning to allow another person a chance to serve. Mr. McIntosh thanks the parents for their support and wants them to support the school and work with the new president.

Seminar

The Principals, Teachers and Facility Management Teams of North Abaco were given some sound motivational tips by Master Motivator, Mr. Spence Finlayson, from the Phoenix Institute in Nassau. Everyone present at Treasure Cay Community Center on August 28th enjoyed the presentation and certainly must be motivated for the new school year.

Fun Run & Walk

El Shaddai Christian will host a Fun, Run and Walk competition on October 18th to promote a healthy lifestyle among

persons of all ages beginning at 7 a.m. and will be followed by a short You and Your Health Education session. The starting point will be at the parking lot at Golden Harvest. Free blood pressure and glucose testing will be offered and a breakfast will be served. The entry fee for children under the age of 10 is \$5 and for those between the ages of 11 and 17 it is \$8. Registration fee for adults is \$15. The registration fee includes a free T-shirt and a water bottle container. There will be lots of prizes and giveaways. For further information please contact the school at 242-475-7247.

Church News

Church Opened for Prayer & Counseling

Cities of Refuge Non Denominational & Restoration Ministries announces that its doors are opened for prayer and counseling weekly. Midday services are held on Tuesday and Fridays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Persons can visit the church between these hours to pray and seek God or

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for godly counsel. Pastor Bridgette Mills is inviting people who are burdened and depressed to stop by and experience a fresh touch from the Master.

Prayer Breakfast

Realizing that without God nothing is possible, the staff of S.C. Bootle High School started the school year once again by invoking the presence and guidance of God at that institution. It was back-to-school time again and the faculty began with a prayer breakfast held on August 26th. Prayers were offered for students and staff by various ministers from North Abaco. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a reception that served scrumptious chicken souse.

Outreach Service Held

The monthly outreach service that unites the churches in Treasure Cay was held on September 6th at the United Baptist Church. The well attended service was an outpouring of the power of God and intimate worship experience for the worshippers. The

outreach service is a monthly worship experience that was formed to reach the lost souls of the community. The next service was held on October 4th at the Don Corbett Basketball Court.

Men's Conference

End Time Harvest and its affiliate churches celebrated their 10th Annual Men's Conference at the church in Crown Haven under the leadership of Senior Pastor Bishop Tyrone Mills. Speakers for this year's conference included ministers from local and national churches. The highlight activity for the conference was a gospel concert featuring the Singing Prophet, Bishop Lawrence Rolle, of Nassau. The conference began on September 22nd and climaxed on September 28th.

Full Gospel Celebrates Its Silver Jubilee

Senior Pastor Stafford Symonette and the members of the Full Gospel Assembly of God Church in Treasure Cay cordially invite the public to join them for their 25th Church anniversary events that will be ongoing during the month of October. The

organizing committee has planned lots of exciting events. On October 25 the committee will host a Gala Banquet in the Spinaker Restaurant. The committee members are selling tickets for the event. Dedicated and long serving members will be honored. That Sunday a special church service will climax the month of celebrations. For further information, persons can contact the church office at 365-8097.

Congratulations

Ms. Rochelle Gibson and Mr. Remano Bain exchanged vows and committed their selves to being lifetime partners at St. Mark's Baptist Church in Crossing Rock on September 13th. The ceremony was followed by a beautiful reception at Alice Bar. The couple will reside in that settlement. Congratulations to the couple on their union.

AA and Al Anon Meetings

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

The AlAnon group of Marsh Harbour meets the third Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Marsh Harbour Community Library.

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

The AA group and the AlAnon group meet in the Treasure Cay Community Center on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

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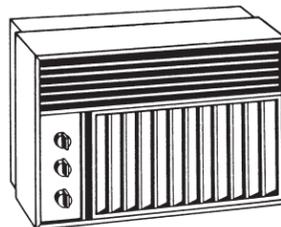
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and to have a sense of belonging. This year her main focus is to teach the children how to become good stewards of the environment.

Students were welcomed back

On September 12 St. Francis de Sales School held an opening mass to welcome the students back to school and to encourage them to give of their very best this school year. The focus of the service was on St. Paul who encouraged hundreds of persons to change their lives and to serve God. He was chosen as someone for the students to emulate. Principal Kumar and Counselor Johnson gave the students the some serious advice for this new school year.

- Decide to do their very best at all times.
- Remember the school motto and honor it.
- Avoid getting into trouble with class or schoolmates.
- Take part in the exciting school activities and competitions.
- Avoid negative peer pressure.

On September 16 and 17 parents and their children gathered at St. Francis de Sales Church to discuss ways for them to motivate and support their children this school year. Teachers told parents about requirements for the school year, difficulties and challenges they noticed the students presently have, and the importance of students following the school rules. The teachers assured the students and parents that deviant behavior or non-compliance would not be tolerated. Parents were given the opportunity to ask questions and address

the concerns they may have. The evening was very interactive which gave teachers and parents an opportunity to meet and to discuss pertinent issues at the beginning of the school year.

Parent Night was held

By Samantha V. Evans

Every year Central Abaco Primary School holds Back-to-School Night at which time parents get to meet the teacher of their children. On September 22 the school administrators provided parents with an opportunity to do just that. However, before they met with the teachers, Principal Eunice Mills and Senior Master Leroy Thompson spoke to the parents about issues of concern. Even though this was not a Parent Teacher Association meeting, the principal told the parents that students are expected to abide by the school rules including the uniform rule, which some students have been breaking. She gave them several alternatives to utilize until physical education uniforms arrive. She told them that regular uniform must include a crest, which can be purchased from the school. Since it is still very hot, she told them that the school has exempted ties until the weather changes. Additionally, parents were reminded that the school day begins at 8:45 a.m. and not 9 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. Ms. Mills encouraged parents to comply with this rule.

Mr. Thompson told the parents to check with the office before they enter the school premises. He explained that the school has the responsibility to ensure the safety of students and teachers so they are asked to not visit classroom unannounced or during instruction time. Parents were asked to dress appropriately when they visit

the school grounds so that they will not be a distraction to teachers and students. Thompson assured parents that all of these requests are to comply with creating an environment that is conducive to student learning. At the end of this brief session, parents were introduced to the teaching staff and directed to the classrooms of their children.

Success Training College Held Orientation

By Samantha V. Evans

After months of promoting the programs offered by the extended learning program of Success Training College, Mrs. Sharon Rolle, coordinator of this program, and Ms. Rachel Sands from her office on Abaco held an orientation meeting with new, returning and prospective students on September 26 at Central Abaco Primary School. More than 40 adults were in attendance with more than half them ready to begin the fall semester as new students and the remaining students about to begin their second year.

Mrs. Rolle who told the adult students that they have made a big decision to pursue a degree and that Success Training College, through this extended learning program, is the best college to help make this happen. She assured them that Success Training College has an excellent track record of producing lawyers, bankers, business people and engineers all across The Bahamas. She stated that the first year on Abaco had been very successful. Numerous persons expressed interest in the Computer Information Systems program, the Accounts program, and the Early Childhood Educa-

tion program. Since all of the students take the same basic courses for the first year, all programs would be entertained at this time. Ms. Rolle explained that at the beginning of their second year, if they do not have a local quota for all three programs, they can either change their major or travel to Nassau to complete the remaining months of study. However, the school will continue to promote all three programs with hopes that all of them will be offered. The second Business Administration program has a full contingent of students and both groups will complete their studies on the island.

Ms. Rolle told the students that knowledge expands their knowledge base and vision as well as strengthens their mind. Classes will be on Saturdays from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at Abaco Central High School unless otherwise changed by the coordinators or instructors. The coordinators are Mrs. Enid Whyte and Ms. Barbara Williams, who work extremely hard to ensure the success of this program.

At the end of the meeting, students registered for the Fall Semester classes and learned when their classes will begin. Classes for the returning students began on September 27 and classes for the new students began on October 4th. Students who are interested in enrolling in any of the four programs mentioned should contact Mrs. Enid Whyte, Mrs. Barbara Williams, or Ms. Samantha Evans.

School Repairs at Central

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Abaco Primary School

By Samantha V. Evans

Every year the Ministry of Education makes repairs to the public schools to make them as inviting as possible for the students. This school year attempts were made to do the same thing but as usually the budget dictated what could be done.

In an interview with Mr. Colon Curry, who was in charge of the repairs for government schools, he outlined the work that was done at Central Abaco Primary School. This included painting the exterior of the building, purchasing and installing window cranks for all classroom windows, installing lighting around the school building, fixing the water problem to ensure that all bathrooms are working and replacing door knobs and other fixtures. Mr. Curry explained that even though the teachers would have liked the classrooms to be painted, this is something that is done every two years and not every year, so he encouraged them to keep the classroom walls and baseboards as clean as possible.

Additionally, the school custodians can play a very important role in keeping the school classrooms and environment in better condition by wiping the walls and baseboards to remove scuff marks, removing spider webs, removing dirt from window panes and sills, cleaning the counters and cabinets and using clean water to mop each classroom. It is his hope that the school building and classrooms will be kept in better condition so that the same repairs will not have to be made every school year.

College Entrance Exams

Available on Abaco

The following college entrance exams are available for Abaco students during this academic year. Please note that all exams will take place at Forest Heights Academy.

SAT I (Reasoning Test)

The SAT I (Reasoning Test) is designed to evaluate a student's mathematical and verbal skills. It consists mostly of multiple-choice questions. The questions in the math sections cover arithmetic, algebra, and geometry, as well as logical reasoning, probability and counting. The questions in the verbal sections fall into the following categories:

Analogies - These questions test a student's knowledge of the meanings of words and ability to see relationships in pairs of words.

Sentence completions - These questions test a student's knowledge of the meanings of words and the student's ability to understand how different elements in a sentence fit together logically.

Critical reading - These questions measure a student's ability to read a passage and think about it.

For more information on the SAT tests, including registration and preparation information, visit www.collegeboard.com. The cost is \$71 (standby students please add \$38). The Forest Heights Academy center code is 89104. The SAT is offered on December 6, 2008 (deadline November 5) and May 2, 2009 (deadline March 31).

ACT Examination

The ACT differs from the SAT I in

that it is a subject-based test, rather than an ability, or aptitude, test. It consists of multiple-choice questions covering four areas: (1) English; (2) mathematics; (3) reading; (4) scientific reasoning. Although the SAT I is more popular, some students prefer to take the ACT instead because they feel more comfortable with its knowledge-based format.

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Stealing - A boat trailer was stolen from the Ambassador Inn sometime between July 24 and 27.

House breaking and stealing - An apartment in Murphy Town was broken into during the day of July 31. A satellite receiver and laptop computer were stolen.

Drug possession - A Dundas Town man was arrested after midnight on August 1 when found near the Surf Side Bar with 11 packages believed to hold cocaine and \$1344 in cash.

House breaking - A resident of Central Pines awoke during the night of July 31 to discover a tall dark man searching her bedroom. He fled when she screamed.

Shop breaking and stealing - Mangoes Restaurant was broken into during the night of July 31. Eleven bottles of liquor were stolen.

Shop breaking and stealing - The Fisheries office in Cooper's Town was broken into and ramshacked sometime between July 17 and August 4. Two air compressors seized by Fisheries Officers were stolen. Documents were destroyed by bleach being thrown about the office.

Threats of death - A customer of the Fourth Quarter Sporting Bar was threatened with death about midnight on August 3 causing him to fear for his life.

Threats of death - About sundown on August 4 a young lady of Marsh Harbour was threatened with death by her ex-boyfriend who wanted to continue a relationship.

Stolen vessel - A 32-foot Regulator boat with twin 250 HP Yamaha engines was stolen from Sea Spray Marina on Elbow Cay during the night of August 4. A tracking device alerted the owner's family in the United States as to the boat's loca-

tion and the U.S. Coast Guard was notified. The boat was subsequently found near McLean's Town on Grand Bahama by Freeport Harbour Patrol. The boat was beached and a suspect fled into the woods.

House breaking - A Sandy Point house was broken into during the night of August 4. Over 500 pounds of lobsters were stolen. Subsequently, three men were arrested near the Winding Bay resort when found by police discarding bags of lobsters in the bushes. Two were from Dundas Town and the third was from Sandy Point.

Attempted stealing - A Marsh Harbour man was found in a docked rental boat at Rich's Rental in Marsh Harbour at 1 a.m. on August 6 and appeared to be trying to steal it. Two men fled the scene but were followed, allowing the police to arrest a Marsh Harbour resident. A second Marsh Harbour man was later arrested.

Burglary - A Spring City woman awoke about 2 a.m. on August 7 when an intruder attempted to raise her night dress. He fled when she shouted.

Shop Breaking - During the night of August 7 a burglar broke into a grocery store on Elbow Cay and stole a small sum of money.

Shop Breaking - The Abaco Inn on Elbow Cay was broken into during the night of August 7 although nothing appeared to have been taken.

Shop breaking - Vernon's Store in Hope Town was broken into during the night of August 7 and the cash register was stolen.

Unlawful Sex - A Moore's Island mother reported that her teen age daughter disappeared during the night of August 4 for several hours. The girl denied having sex but a subsequent medical exam confirmed

the possibility.

Stealing from a vessel - While at the Conch Inn Marina on August 8, the yacht Magnolia was boarded sometime after midnight and the owner's wallet was stolen along with a cell phone.

Stealing from a vehicle - Four rims and tires were stolen during the night of August 8 from a car parked at an apartment building in Murphy Town.

Causing harm - A little after midnight on August 11 a man entered the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic with an apparent stab wound to his face. It was subsequently determined that his girlfriend in the Mud had chapped him on his face during an argument.

Unlawful Sex - The police were called to investigate a 15-year-old girl who appeared to be having a miscarriage at 3 a.m. on the morning of August 11. She admitted to having sex with a man of the Mud after running away from her stepfather's home.

House breaking - On returning home August 11 after a 30-minute errand, a Marsh Harbour woman found two people who she identified leaving her house who then fled on being seen. A check inside found items missing. Two young men from Dundas Town were subsequently arrested.

Vehicle fire - At 1:30 a.m. on August 12 a car was found on fire in front of the owner's residence in Dundas Town. The fire was extinguished, but the vehicle suffered major damage.

Arrests for shop breaking - On August 13 three men were arrested for previous burglaries in Hope Town to Vernon's Store, Abaco Inn and Sweeting's Grocery. Those arrested were residents of Hope Town.

Stealing from a Vessel - At sundown

while docked at the Jib Room Marina on August 12, a yacht owner visiting others noticed two persons leaving his nearby yacht with items in hand. He subsequently found two expensive fishing rods missing.

Building fire - A building on the S.C. Bootle Highway was found to be on fire about midnight on August 13. Firemen extinguished the flames and the police do not suspect arson.

Shop breaking - Lowe's warehouse on Crockett Drive was broken into during the night of August 14 although nothing appeared to have been taken.

House breaking - A Dundas Town residence was broken into during the day or night of August 13. Burglars stole cameras and a cell phone.

Threats of death - A taxi driver received death threats while at the Crossing Beach ferry dock before noon on August 16. An employee of Albury's Ferry was later arrested for making the threats.

Attempted suicide - In mid-afternoon on August 16, a woman under stress in the Mud apparently attempted suicide by taking an overdose of pills. She was treated at the Government Clinic, then taken to Nassau for observation.

Stealing from a vehicle - At 4 a.m. on August 17, a patron of Tardie's nightclub on the S.C. Bootle Highway had her car broken into and her purse was stolen.

Burglary - A house in the farm allotments on the S.C. Bootle Highway near the BEC power plant was broken into during the evening of August 16. Stolen were satellite electronics, a TV set and lawnmower.

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Police Crime Report, con't

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Unlawful Sex - A Dundas Town woman returned home in the afternoon of August 18 and found her 14-year-old daughter missing. However, on returning home the daughter had a lot of hickies on her neck suggesting that she had sex. She admitted to leaving with a young man who took her to the Crossing where he attempted to have sex which she resisted stating that her younger sister witnessed this. It was during this time that she received the hickies.

House breaking - During the night of August 18, a house in Central Pines Estates was broken into and jewelry was taken.

Stabbing - A BEC employee from Dundas Town was treated at the Government Clinic mid-morning on August 19 for stab wounds. He was flown to Nassau for further treatment and later was reported to be in stable condition. Apparently he was walking down the stairs of his apartment when an assailant, hiding under the stairs, attacked him with 12-inch knife. He was stabbed several times before the assailant escaped. He got into his truck but soon realized that his injuries were more serious than first thought and he sought help to get medical attention. On realizing the extent of the man's injuries, the person sped up to get to the clinic faster but overturned the car. The victim was taken to the clinic by

another bystander.
Stolen vessel - During the weekend from August 15 to 19, a 24-foot Formula boat was stolen from a residential dock in Marsh Harbour.

Shop breaking - During the night of August 18 a resident of Blackwood had his storage shed broken into and 350 pounds of crawfish were stolen.

Shop breaking - A door was smashed on Fashion Center in Dove Plaza, Marsh Harbour, during the night of August 20. Assorted clothing was stolen.

Stealing - A Spring City woman left her car with her Murphy Town mechanic in May for repairs. She has recently discovered that the car has been stripped of parts.

Threats of harm - About 9 p.m. on August 21 a patron of the Fourth Quarter Sports Bar in Marsh Harbour was approached by three men who he knew vaguely. They threatened him with bottles, a knife and a bat - leaving him in fear for his life.

Assault - On refusing to talk to a young man, a 14-year-old girl in Murphy Town was slapped on her face about midnight on August 21.

Stealing from a dwelling - A town house on Marsh Harbour's Eastern Shore was burglarized during the day or evening of August 18. Cash and an I-pod were stolen.

House breaking - On returning from vacation on August 22, a Cooper's Town resident found that his house had been burglarized. Missing were two television sets, a DVD player and an air conditioner.

Assault with a deadly weapon - A resident of the Sand Banks community was shot at when he was near the Treasure Cay cemetery. He knew the assailant who put him in fear of his life. This happened about 6:30 p.m. on August 16. The assailant was subsequently arrested.

Stealing from a vessel - A catamaran boat docked at Harbour View Marina in Marsh Harbour was entered about 4:45 a.m. by someone who stole a crew mem-

ber's handbag containing cash and documents. A police report was filed at 4:50 a.m. The bag and documents were later found behind a light pole but the cash was missing.

Stealing - A clerk in the Island Grocery store in Dundas Town reported that her cell phone was taken about 6 p.m. on August 22.

Causing harm - A Marsh Harbour woman was stopped mid-afternoon on August 23 in Murphy town by her ex-boyfriend who asked for and was given a ride. An

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Viewpoint . . . Sustainable development and Abaco

By J.F. Hedden

The last few weeks on Abaco have been very fast moving, motivating and varied.

The Abaco Business Outlook Conference highlighted Abaco's growth and direction with relevant presentations by the Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux; hotelier Frank Comito; and local publisher Dave Ralph. All three approached the subject of sustainable development from very different and relevant angles.

Days later the population was regaled with public discussions on the mechanics of physical planning and development with special attention to conserving space and energy through building design and town planning. Presentations were made in Sandy Point and Marsh Harbour by a group of architectural students from Andrew's University, Michigan. This group is working with the developers of the Schooner Bay project designed to present a complete town with business space through environmentally conscious living accommodations, educational, agricultural, infrastructural and leisure systems all in one place.

The crescendo came with the collapse of the U.S. banking system, closely followed by the rest of the developed and industrialised world, and, of course, the impact on the Bahamian economy. It has not stopped yet. This is serious stuff, and the implications are huge, especially for us.

The U.S. economy in its present form is finished. No more an alchemy of wealth and capital creation through speculation, debt trading, paper transactions and continuous refinancing. Next time round the U.S. economy will have to restart with solid investment, genuine rock solid productivity and obviously slower growth.

This means more regulation and controls by governments and independent watchdogs. It also means less available high flying capital for investments in the mega resort developments that have been resurgent in The Bahamas over the last few years.

It is interesting to note that the Bahamian islands are littered with the failed foreign investment projects of the last 60 years, including Andros, Eleuthera, Grand Bahama, Mayaguana, and, of course, New Providence. Today's ongoing projects throughout the islands are threatened by the recent failures of their financial backers. The only thing sustainable about this seems to be their eventual collapse. And I thought only us Bahamians were too "big eye."

Of course, all this means that we have to change our approach to economic development throughout the islands. We must also realise that as the unrecoverable debt eventually overtakes the financial wizardry of the last 30 years, the value of the dollar will sink lower and lower along with our lifestyles. We, therefore, have to do something different and create a more appealing market.

The Bahamas has to rethink and refloat its economy, its job market and its productivity. We have to develop alternative sectors of the economy; we have to rethink the environment; we have to rethink our use of infrastructure, services, space and energy.

We have to rethink education, culture and our unique qualities. In other words, we have to become more attractive and hence more marketable. We as Bahamians understand our own qualities, so we need to develop them ourselves. To date we have allowed and encouraged foreign investment to dictate our economic model

along their needs and conditions, not ours. This has to change if we are to realise long term sustainable growth. Every developed country worldwide dictated its own growth strategy without foreign control. The sad thought is that to date we have not valued our own resources. Our history, thrown away. Our culture, discarded. Our architecture, allowed to rot and decompose. Our intellect, on a flight to Miami. Our resourcefulness, scheming to get it in cost free from Miami.

The hospitality industry will have to change course and move away from the cheap day-tripper product offered to the cruise ship passenger. The industry will have to concentrate less resources on the huge million dollar a job resort developments which do not pump real long term value into the local economy. Bahamians will have to move away from being employed to being the employer, the entrepreneur, the developer, the investor.

Golf courses and opulence and luxuriance do not make money for The Bahamas, but they do consume huge amounts of resources and infrastructural inputs that could be better used elsewhere in local sectors. The creation of lots of low value jobs does nothing for the growth of The Bahamas, in fact, it hinders it. What we need now is good, well planned local investment along smaller scale projects that intimately involve our own communities with the product offered to our visitors. It's called "value for money."

We need better services and trades development, a higher quality educational base, a more valuable productivity mentality, a more ethical approach to our product, more involvement and motivation, more honesty and dignity within ourselves

and more respect for our surroundings and environment. Look at how we live. We are nasty, dirty and lazy; just look at our yards, our forests and wilderness areas, our sea floor and our beaches. We have become fat and complacent.

Maybe Abaco has already started this trend with its approach to growth and sustainability, especially in the cays. Abaco has very few actual hotel rooms for visitors and guests, but it does have volumes and volumes of accommodations in cottages, settlements, rental second home, boat charters and the like. Not only that, people stay a lot longer and they participate in and interact with the community. Want to know why? They are our guests! We try to make them feel at home. And guess what? They want to come back again, and again, and again!

When I was a little kid in Nassau, people were always talking about Hope Town. It was only after I moved to Abaco that I understood why. We don't have tourists here; we have guests and visitors from away.

Nationwide we need to encourage internal investment, change from debt and finance to production base, develop trades and services, improve educational opportunities.

Tourism must move into a different arena, away from the impersonal mega resorts and into the local cottage residential-style accommodations which are smaller, operator managed, culturally integrated and intimately involve the local communities. This will lead to greater visitor and guest satisfaction and inject real value back into the settlements through participation, communication, interaction and involvement.

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We need a smaller model which takes into account our own surroundings, economy, culture, history, personality and character. The small ecotourism units exploiting their immediate environment are a good example.

We also need to develop the support industries such as small scale farms and market gardens, landscaping ventures and nurseries using local product, local handicrafts and souvenirs, local repair and trade shops, cabinet and furniture manufacturing, all of which produce a competitive and high value product. We must be able to provide seasonal fruit and vegetables for the visitors' table along with native meats, fish and desserts. This way we circulate the money in our own economy rather than exporting the 85 percent that we presently do. As a spin off, we will achieve much greater satisfaction for our guests, our operators, our producers, our technicians and our workers.

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Crime

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argument ensued and the man threw a dish of hot grits on her thigh causing pain. The man was later arrested, charged with causing harm and subsequently given bail of \$1500.

Unlawfully Carrying Arms - A Central Pines Estates man was arrested in the Marsh Harbour port during the morning of August 22 for carrying a 7-inch knife.

Causing boat damage - During the night of August 23, a 42-foot boat docked at the Marsh Harbour Marina was entered and someone attempted unsuccessfully to pry open a closet door leaving the area damaged.

Stealing from a vessel - During the night of August 21, someone entered a boat docked at Boat Harbour Marina while guests and staff were asleep. Stolen were a camera, a watch, a laptop computer, cash and a cell phone.

Burglary - An apartment at Regattas in Marsh Harbour was broken into during the early morning hours of August 25. Stolen were a laptop computer and an Apple I-Pod.

Stealing - A walk-in freezer in Wood Cay was broken into during the day or night of August 24 and 83 pounds of crawfish were stolen.

Stealing - Sometime prior to August 20, a fence was cut at the Abaco Club on Wind-

ing Bay and copper wires were stolen.

Stealing - BEC had three tires stolen sometime during the morning of August 22.

Credit by fraud - Armed with a search warrant, a house on Crockett Drive in Marsh Harbour was searched on August 27. A laptop computer, cell phone and I-pod were found which were alleged to have been purchased fraudulently on credit. Investigations are underway by the Commercial Crime Section in Nassau.

Causing Harm - A resident of the Mud was attacked by three men in the evening of August 27. He received lacerations to his face when chopped with a cutlas, and he lost three teeth when punched in the mouth. He was treated at the Government Clinic and advised to see an oral surgeon for dental work.

Damages - After dropping his ex-girlfriend off in Spring City, a Cooper's Town man found that she had slashed his four tires and cracked his windshield by throwing a stapler at it. This event took place about 10 p.m. on August 23.

Attempted burglary - A Murphy Town man awoke about 2 a.m. on August 29 when he heard someone trying to break in through a bathroom window. He threw items at the arm protruding through the window which caused the intruder to flee.

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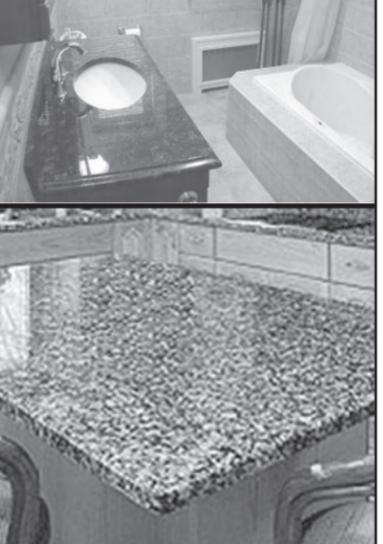
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By mid-afternoon on a Friday Beanie was showing serious signs of pain, shaking and not wanting to move. My first stop was Parrot Cay where friends made VHF radio and telephone calls on Beanie's behalf. After numerous frantic calls I contacted Baer Air in Merritt Island, Florida. Carla Baer organized a charter and we had to rush to be headed back to the US before dusk. A fast boat made the trip to Marsh Harbour and my husband and I were off.

As the sun turned orange and began to drop, we saw the plane taxi to the empty airport. Mr. James Davis's crew cleared the plane and we were off to the States. The plane went directly into Melbourne which was less than 10 minutes from the Animal Critical Care Unit. At about 10 p.m. Dr. Beale had Beanie on the table and determined that Beanie had a ruptured disk in his back. Dr. Beale gave him a big shot,

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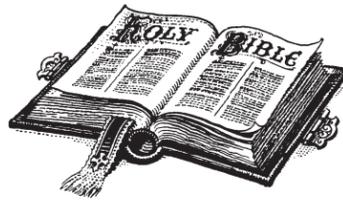
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Answer to previous puzzle

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