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Deveaux viewed three development sites Environmental Minister checked on landfill progress



The Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux, Minister of the Environment, third from the left, toured Abaco for two days and held a meeting on Elbow Cay to hear the concerns of the residents there about a proposed development on Joe's Cay. Here he is speaking to a group at Schooner Bay, a development now underway between Bahama Palm Shores and Crossing Rocks. Those immediately around the table are Mr. Ed. Newell of Abaco Estates Services, Dr. Deveaux, Mr. Orjan Lindroth of the Lindroth Development Company, Mr. Preston Roberts, Chief Councillor for South Abaco, and Mr. Reginald Albury, Chairman of the Cherokee/ Bahama Palm Town Committee. Schooner Bay is being developed by the Lindroth Development Company.

Arriving in Sandy Point mid-morning on September 10, the Minister of the Environment, the Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux, spent two days with his support team reviewing various Abaco areas, predominately those under development. He was met at the airstrip by Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper and a team of Local Government members.

Sandy Point will get relief from beach erosion

The team's first stop was to view Sandy Point's severe beach erosion which began seven years ago with the installation of the Bahamas Fast Ferry ramp. The beach on the south of the ramp is growing while the sand on the north side is diminishing with high tide lapping under the porch of Nancy's Restaurant not far from the ramp. Dr. Deveaux stated that the ferry company is aware of the problem and wants to take corrective action. Mr. Preston Roberts, Chief Councillor for South Abaco, announced that a public meeting has been scheduled for September 30 by Bahamas Fast Ferries to bring its planned remedial measures to the residents' attention.

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Airport runway is very near completion

By Jennifer Hudson

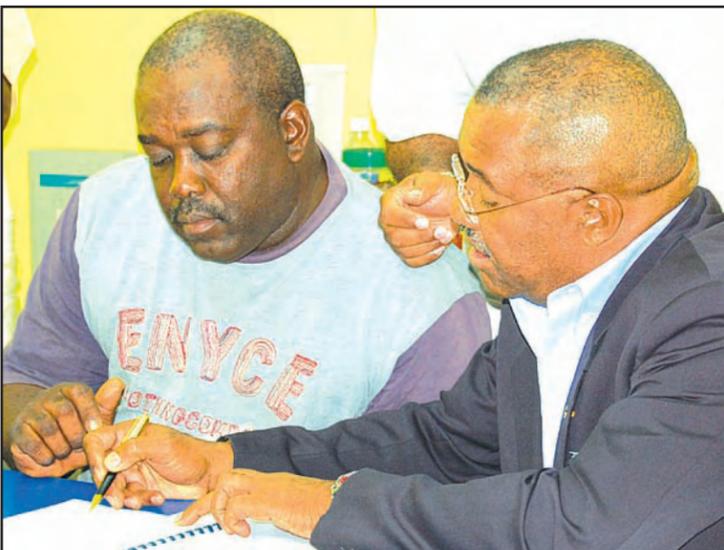
The new 6,100-foot runway at the Marsh Harbour International Airport is now very close to completion. On September 6 Bahamas Hot Mix completed the striping of the runway which is the final stage for which they will be responsible until they begin work on the taxi way. The markings on the runway have now been completed and the

next and final stage will be the installation of the lights but that will not be the responsibility of Bahamas Hot Mix.

Bahamas Hot Mix brought Mr. Gary Oliver to Abaco to complete all of the runway markings. He was previously responsible for painting the lines on the refurbished

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Contract for paving Front Street is signed



Marsh Harbour residents are pleased that finally Front Street is going to be paved. The original road has been torn up and replaced with loose quarry for more than a year and a half, at times not passable by

some vehicles. Minister of Works, the Hon. Neko Grant, signed the contract with Mr. Larry Williams of Dundas Town on September 12 to repave the road with concrete from Arawak Agency to the freight dock. Mr. Williams expects to begin work shortly. Shown here are Mr. Williams and Mr. Grant. See story on page 9

Bahamahost graduates display certificates



Twenty-five persons graduated on September 14 from the 29th session of the Bahamahost course offered on Abaco. The Hon. Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Minister of Tourism and Aviation, gave the keynote address. The graduates are pictured here with Mr. Don Cornish, Abaco's Director of Tourism, on the left and Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, on the right.

By Jennifer Hudson

Twenty-five Bahamahost graduates from Abaco have now joined the growing number of graduates from throughout The Bahamas which now number almost 30,000 - nearly one tenth of the country's population. These twenty-five

graduates received their certificates during a graduation ceremony at the Anglican Parish Hall on September 14.

Keynote speaker for the event was Senator the Hon. Vincent Vanderpool-

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Developers showed Min. Deveaux their projects

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Schooner Bay development is explained

A much longer stop was made at the Schooner Bay development several miles north of Crossing Rocks. This 220-acre development will have a 14-acre marina and 570 house lots in a fully contained Bahamian village setting. Host and developer Mr. Orjan Lindroth of Lyford Cay, Nassau, led a tour of the marina which is being excavated and the roadways under construction.

An hour-long presentation was made in a delightful native-style gazebo by developer Mr. Lindroth. Additional insights were given by Mr. Keith Bishop of Islands by Design and its architect and primary land planner, Andre. Questions were answered and hunger pains were absolved with box lunches prepared by Goodfellow Farms of Nassau.

Minister views Joe's Cay area

After minimal time for the Minister and his group to check into the Abaco Beach Resort in Marsh Harbour, they went in mid-afternoon to Hope Town for a tour of the Joe's Cay area, site of a proposed development.

The group was taken to Mr. Bill Fuller's waterfront property where they could see Joe's Cay, approximately 100 feet to the west. A narrow dock wound carefully through mature mangroves stopping at the edge of the open but shallow water with Joe's Cay a stone's throw ahead.

A second stop was more spectacular.

Continuing south, the group was led to a vacant second homeowner's house with a widow's walk high on the roof. The 360-degree view allowed them to see all of White Sound and approximately eight acres of mangroves on the southern side of Joe's Cay.

The Elbow Cay visit concluded with a public meeting held at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge at 6:30 p.m. with approximately 100 persons attending. The audience was mostly Elbow Cay residents, both native and second homeowners. A dozen or so concerned persons from Marsh Harbour were in the audience. Sitting at the hear table were two principals from Cavalier Construction Company to answer relevant questions.

Dr. Deveaux moderated the meeting. He and his team were discrete in not expressing any opinions and were willing to wait for various documents and stud-

ies to be submitted for review by relevant agencies, both governmental and non-governmental. The residents present seemed pleased that their concerns were heard and will be considered. For more details about the meeting, see story on page 6.

Boat tour shows the Snake Cay wetlands

The next day, September 12, the Minister was taken on a two-hour boat tour of the wetlands south of Snake Cay. Mrs. Kristen Williams and Mrs. Cha Boyce of Friends of the Environment arranged for cave diver Brian Kakuk to meet the group at the Snake Cay small boat landing on the cay's southwest corner. Fourteen people got aboard the flat bottom dive boat for a two-mile southerly excursion through a myriad of shallow channels and tidal cuts between rocks, cays and islands. It was noted that the Ministry of Tourism's slo-

gan boasting of 700 Islands could apply to this area alone.

Every few minutes a cry of "turtle" was heard. Many species of fish were seen on the extensive shallow flats and at the mouths of the several ocean blue-holes. Lush hardwood coppice stands were evident on the protected westerly sides of all the islands.

The meandering excursion presented many opportunities for questions to be asked, opinions to be given and thoughts expressed on the best use of this area's potential. Dr. Deveaux commented that preservation of resources often must be coupled with some type of sustainable use, harvesting, leasing or user fees to justify the costs of protecting or preserving the natural resources. Other innova-

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Schooner Bay is located 20 miles south of Marsh Harbour and is the site of a major development project. The developers hope to create a new town complete with shops, sporting facilities, a school and an organic farm. They will be dredging out a 14-acre marina and will cut an access out through the southern end of the beach. The development will be located at the southern mile and a quarter of Schooner Bay that is shown in the distance. The shops and restaurants will cluster around the marina, forming the core of the town. At this time roads are being laid out and the muck in the existing swamp is being excavated to be saved for future use.

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Min. Deveaux was interested in Abaco projects

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tive revenue sources might be appropriately applied for the use of preserved areas.

Sanitary landfill and BEC projects are seen

On returning to shore, the group split with one member being given a personal tour the old sugar cane fields which are now the focus of Abaco's agricultural growth. Others were met by Mr. Frederik Gottlieb, Chairman of BEC; Mr. Keith Basden, Nassau's BEC General Manager;

and Mr. Phenton Neymour, Minister of State for Utilities; to discuss issues related to BEC's planned expansion of their generation plant in the Wilson City area.

Min. Deveaux spent a few minutes at the new sanitary landfill between Snake Cay and Spring City. There he was met by Chief Councillor for Central Abaco, Mr. Cubel Davis, and Chairman of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee, Mr. Ross Thompson III.

In strong terms, Mr. Deveaux expressed his disappointment that the landfill showed no sign of being readied for use and that it looked the same as he had seen it sev-

en weeks ago. The two local government leaders gave reasons for the delays, a combination of a hurricane threat, incomplete work at the site, a failed visit by Ministry of Health staff and inaction by the Central Abaco District Council. They vowed to see the project get on-stream soon with the Ministry's help.

Before leaving for Treasure Cay, the Minister's group made a short visit to the shore of the Crossing Condo project Near the marsh Harbour ferry dock to see progress there. Foundations are in for the third building and excavations were underway for its dock and shore improvements.

Sandbank Landing site and proposal is studied

A large but under-reported project just outside the Treasure Cay gate was Mr. Deveaux's final Abaco stop. Sandbank Landing is being developed on 129 acres which now includes a man-made harbour. This dormant harbour was an inland swamp that was opened to the sea in the 1970s.

Plans for Phase One will improve 58 acres and include expansion of the marina

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The Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux, second from left, is seen at Snake Cay where he and his team were taken on a two-hour trip through the extensive wetlands south of the cay. These wetlands provide a nursery for fish for a large area of the Sea of Abaco as well as the surrounding reefs. He is shown with John Hedden and David Knowles, Abaco's representative of the Bahamas National Trust.



Dr. Deveaux was impressed with his trip south of Snake Cay with the beauty of the area with many blue holes, turtles and a variety of fish and bird life. Shown here is part of the group that accompanied him: The Hon. Fenton Seymour, Minister of State for Utilities; Mr. Michael Major, Director of Physical Planning; Abaco resident John Hedden; Ms. Raja Smith, Secretary to Dr. Deveaux; Mrs. Cha Boyce of Friends of the Environment; and Mr. Buddy Pinder, fishing guide who knows the area well.

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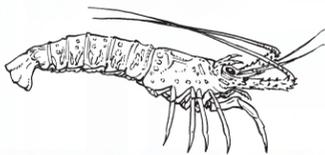


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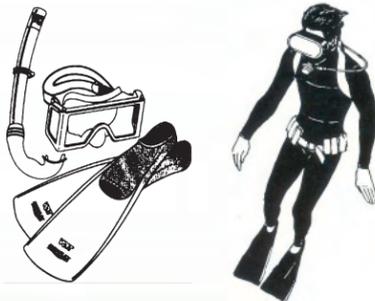
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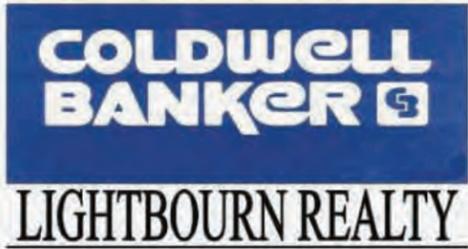
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Minister held meeting about Joe's Cay

By Samantha V. Evans

Five weeks after the community of Hope Town was introduced to the development at Joe's Cay, the Hon. Earl Deveaux, Minister of the Environment; the Hon. Phenton Neymour, Minister of State for the Environment; and a team of seven from Nassau were on hand on September 11th at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge to meet with the residents along with the developers from Cavalier Construction Company. At the outset of the meeting, Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper introduced the team from Nassau and thanked the residents for attending this second meeting regarding the Joe's Cay development. He stated that the developers will be allowed to explain their proposed development first, then Min. Deveaux would chair the meeting acting as a mediator between the two parties.

Mr. Richard Wilson of Cavalier Construction gave the audience a brief history of Cavalier Construction Company which he stressed is Bahamian owned and has been in business since 1956. He stressed that the company is one that has integrity that builds quality condos and townhouses. He explained that it has always had satisfied customers and will continue to develop The Bahamas in the way it sees fit. The company has a lot of repeat clients, Wilson stated, which speaks for the quality of its work. He explained that there will be 19 buildings built in three styles that will be called Loyalist House, Plantation House and Colonial House. He added that everything they propose is in accordance with Town Planning expectations.

Min. Deveaux educated the audience on the history of this Joe's Cay's development

stating that an approval in principle was first given to the developers in 2004. This specified no bridge and no excavation of mangroves. It was brought out that a plan was submitted when permission granted in 2004. Mr. Walter Sweeting, Chief Councillor of the Hope Town District Council at that time, recalled that the plan called for three residences only, one for the owner, a guest house and a house for relatives. The developer then had one year to submit a more detailed plan.

Subsequently, after four years the developers were ready to move ahead. They held a Town Meeting with Elbow Cay residents on July 17 when the residents voiced many concerns. The Minister stated that he received a letter signed by many residents and second homeowners listing their concerns and opposition to the project. Mr. Deveaux took the time to explain to all that the residents have the right to express their viewpoint, and the developers have an equal right to develop their land. He said that he and his team had an opportunity to view Joe's Cay earlier today, and his team is qualified to answer questions about the areas of concern.

The residents were then given an opportunity to voice their concerns once again which had been stated at the

previous meeting. The major items were about removing more than one acre of mangroves, destroying the habitat of many of the animals, fish and birds that live there, the electrical overload that will result in frequent outages, lack of staff housing, proper development and use of the land (including the number of buildings and the size of the boat basin), removal of waste and maintenance of the property once developed. Mr. Wilson explained that the development will create jobs for residents of Abaco and they plan to provide ferry service to get employees from the mainland to

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The Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux, Minister of the Environment, center, was taken to the widow's walk on a home in White Sound to view Joe's Cay and the surrounding mangroves shown at left. Here he is with Bill Fuller, a nearby resident who is concerned about the density of the development and the destruction of mangroves to accommodate a marina.



Dr. Deveaux held a meeting in Hope Town to give the developers an opportunity to describe their project and to allow the residents to voice their concerns. Shown here are Mr. Richard Wilson and Mr. Vernon Wells both with Cavalier Construction, the developing company.



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to 10 acres holding 88 slips. This should be open in a year. Initial development includes a 28-room hotel, nine town houses and 57 condominiums. Forty-five lots will be offered in this phase ranging from large waterfront front lots, smaller beachfront lots, and lots around the marina.

Capt. Chad met the group, displayed development plans, answered questions and will bring relevant issues to the owners' attention. Most questions related to the status of submitted documents and approvals. Sandbank Landing is the development's name with Mariposa being the incorporated name of the developers.

The team left Abaco with a greater appreciation for its diversity, expansion potential and the passion exhibited by residents either for or against various issues.

Included in Deveaux's group were:

- Mr. Ronald Thompson, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of the Environment
- Mr. Philip Weech, Director of the BEST Commission
- Mr. Michael Major, Director of Physical Planning
- Mr. Eric Carey, Executive Director of the Bahamas National Trust
- Ms. Eleanor Phillips, Director for the Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands, The Nature Conservancy
- Ms. Raja Smith, Secretary to Dr. Deveaux
- Ms. Symonette, Secretary
- Mr. Phenton Seymour, Minister of State for Utilities,

Various Abaco persons joined Dr. Deveaux's group at different locations, ranging from local government persons, concerned residents, and representatives of developers.

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the cay. The management team will live in the club house and will have the responsibility to manage the property. He further tried to put their fears to rest by stating that there will be no golf carts on the cay, and so far they have received no approval for an additional beach.

The Minister stated that the development was approved in principle. However, Physical Planning staff at that time did not face the proposed question of the destruction of the mangroves. He explained that with any development if changes are to be made to the environment, they have to ensure his ministry that the environment will be sustained. Presently, the developers were able to explain that they will replace the mangrove two to one on the other side of the cay where mangroves are presently growing, so they assured the residents that all will not be lost.

The Minister explained that when a developer buys land in good faith, he expects to be able to build on it. He told the residents that even though an initial approval has been granted in principle, if a resolve cannot be reached, then they will have to look at other alternatives. One such alternative is for them to raise money and buy it so that it can be zoned as a "no build zone." Finally, the residents made suggestions as to how the developers can downsize the number of buildings so that the size of the boat basin can be reduced and relocated.

Mr. Deveaux stated that his government has put a process in place to protect development in The Bahamas. Now that the Town Meetings have been held, the developers can go about the steps of meeting the Approval in Principle with required environmental studies, and his team can further

access the land to be developed.

When the request for a marina is made, the Minister explained that he and Mr. Neymour will return to consult with the developers. The Minister assured the residents that his ministry has plans to properly assess every aspect of this and any development to ensure that it will be good for the community and the environment. He thanked them for being candid and concerned about preserving the charm of their community.

Also present for this Town Meeting were Mr. Ronald Thompson, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Environment; Mr. Phillip Weech, Executive of the BEST Commission; Mr. Michael Major, Director of Physical Planning in the Ministry of

Environment; Ms. Eleanor Phillips, Director of the Nature Conservancy; Mr. Eric Carey, Chief Executive Officer from The Bahamas National Trust; two assistants from the Minister's office; and Mr. Richard Wilson and Mr. Vernon Wells from Cavalier Construction Company. Hope Town District Council members were also present.

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The Editor Says . . . Getting Nassau's Attention



During the past two weeks, Abaco has had six government ministers visiting for various reasons. This may have been happenstance but implies that Abaco rates government's attention. The fact that the House of Assembly was in recess would give them time to look into affairs of relevance to their portfolios. And - it is interesting that Abaco attracted six government ministers during the same time frame.

- They and their general itinerary were
- The Hon. Carl Bethel, Minister of Education
To preside at the opening of the new Education Office
Visited schools in South Abaco
 - The Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux, Minister of the Environment, spent two days on Abaco
Viewed Sandy Point beach erosion
Visited Schooner Bay development near Crossing Rocks
Saw the Joe's Cay mangroves and moderated a public town meeting
Toured Snake Cay wetlands and extensive creek system
Inspected the sanitary landfill south of Spring City
Viewed waterfront condominium at Crossing Beach, Marsh Harbour
Viewed and consulted on the Sandbank Landing proposed project adjoining Treasure Cay
 - The Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Works and Transport
Looked at progress on the Marsh Harbour airport runway
Signed a contract for paving Front Street in Marsh Harbour
 - The Hon. Phenton Neymour, Minister of State for Utilities
Viewed the Snake Cay wetlands and creek system
Consulted with BEC officials on the new BEC generating plant
Participated in the public meeting in Hope Town on Joe's Cay
 - The Hon. Vincent Vanderpoole-Walace, Minister of Tourism and Aviation
Attended Bahamast graduation
Toured the Schooner Bay project
 - The Hon. Byran Woodside, Minister

of Lands and Local Government

Hosted a Local Government seminar in Treasure Cay for all elected and appointed Local Government members

Visited many areas of concern by Local Government Councils and Town Committees

Met privately with Local Government Councils to hear candid opinions of their concerns.

Abaco's growth has been on a steady upward trend since the two airports were opened in 1958 and 1959. The Abaco Beach Hotel and Treasure Cay Hotel both began in the early 1960s and were major developments for Abaco at that time. Twenty rooms in Marsh Harbour was a leap forward.

Following the opening of these two properties, development continued but in smaller and less obvious modes.

Boutique hotels of five, 10 and 20 rooms sprang up, mostly on the picturesque off-shore cays.

Construction of second homes was slow but steady. Many of these houses became part of the informal rental house pool and their combined rooms soon outnumbered hotel rooms. This was the basis of Abaco's growth pattern through the 70s, 80s and 90s.

Then the Winding Bay development broke ground in the spring of 2003 and began hosting guests in December 2004. This initiative led the way for other developers to think big and bold. The Discovery Land group bought 500 acres on the north end of Guana and began land-cleaning operations in the spring of 2005. They are now well on the way to transforming that parcel into an oceanside golf and marina resort. Their marina may have a soft opening late this year.

The Lindroth group in Nassau bought 220 acres of coastal land near Crossing Rocks and has a complete residential village planned around a 14-acre small boat marina surrounded by 50 small businesses. The intention is to grow a village of resi-

dents, local shops, schools and activity areas, all staffed by residents of the village.

Hanging in the background without a lot of fanfare is a proposed development for Snake Cay's 60-plus acres. Not much has been said publicly of this project but it is believed to be waiting for further government approvals following Approval in Principle of the basic concept.

Another substantial development is the 200+ acre Sandbank Landing development immediately outside the Treasure Cay gate. A 10-acre marina should be operational by the end of next year. A small hotel, town houses, condominiums, and residences will follow. This is under development by the Mariposa Corporation.

A marina and residential development is quietly underway on Lynyard Cay. The privately owned Cornish Cay has changed hands and is undergoing a substantial expansion, again without fanfare. Both of these are about 15 miles south of Marsh Harbour and both fall under the administrative care of the South Abaco District Council headquartered in Sandy Point.

To encourage development in the North, the Prime Minister announced a 10-acre inland port will be constructed by government a few miles north of Cooper's Town. This is intended to spur growth and reduce freight costs to residents in North Abaco.

This is not a comprehensive list of the developments either underway or scheduled. Residents in some towns are anxiously awaiting announced projects to get underway for anticipated jobs and economic growth. Other towns are trying their best to hold development at arm's length or moderate the size and future impact to their area.

Some Ministries, education and utilities for instance, do not control growth but do their best to keep their level of service consistent with the demands of a growing society. Ministries and departments that actually exert some control and influence over growth have a harder time. This in-

cludes those departments and agencies responsible for town planning, for resolving environmental concerns, for determining the appropriate use of Crown Land and for approving coastal development.

Approvals at the local level are not generally viewed in a context beyond the local community's borders. Central government must take a broader view which may override local concerns. Consideration is given to the injection of foreign capital, job creation, the potential for increased tourism and other issues related to the nation's economic and environmental health. Local and national interests are sometimes at odds with each other.

The approval process begins at the local level by local government. Local approvals range from excessively lenient to very stringent depending on which community is in charge and the nature of the development. Small projects essentially are dealt with at the local level. As the size of the development increases, the various stages of the approval process are scrutinized by higher authorities and public meetings may be in order.

In Central Abaco, Local Government has been handed a new level of responsibility, issuing the landfill management contract and overseeing the operation. Those in local government, both elected and appointed persons, are now being admonished to exert more of the influence which they are responsible for. This includes reviewing and considering broader elements of the plans they are approving.

Abaco's growth curve continues to climb but this growth is increasing at an accelerated rate. Earlier growth was steady and incremental. Present trends indicate a shift to relatively quick and massive projects. There are many local concerns over the size and immediate impact these larger projects will have on Abaco's future.

It bodes well for Abaco that various ministers are showing their concerns for our future.

Letters to the Editor

Frustrated by BTC's lack of service

Dear Editor,

Today I called 914 for telephone repairs. I pressed 3 for internet service, then 2 for technical support. A recorded operator stated that their offices were closed and would I please call back during regular business hours. This call was made on a Monday morning at approximately 11 a.m. the 11th of August, 2008, which is a normal business day.

I continued to try to reach the emergency repair line several times during the course of the afternoon and up to 6 p.m.

to no avail. We are fortunate, indeed, to have such high tech telephone and internet services here in The Bahamas from BTC, when it is working. So, what is the problem?

However, today's subscribers depend on their telephone and internet service for their business. When it is down, those businesses are literally losing money. Everything comes to a standstill. We all need to stay connected.

I hear many complaints from various different sources about the service BTC is providing (or not providing).

BTC is suppose to be the expert. Do they know what they are doing? Do they need better equipment? Do their employees need more training? Whatever it is, get on with it. We pay for a service and we expect to receive it.

Sadly, we, the customer, have no alternative because BTC has no competition.

Appalled by lack of service

Is the Front Street part of Marsh Harbour?

Dear Editor,

Thanks for the space of a letter.

It was 64 years ago that the Front Street in Marsh harbour was built of concrete and withstood many hurricanes including Floyd in 1999. But by this time the street needed another dose of concrete. I understand that it was to be re-done a few years ago but due to arguments wether to use tar or concrete it was forgotten.

Why doesn't the community who wants to use the road to go to the BIG freight dock, complain about this situation. Is it because they feel it's no use to complain? I love living on the Front Street and love to look out over the harbour and used to like to walk along Front Street. But now it's necessary to get a dingy boat for one particular spot . . . if it rains, especially.

Another think; the work that was done a little over two years ago was "hurried up" to make an impression some and it back-fired, leaving the road in worse mess than most hurricnaes had left it. The quarry was left along the sides of the road, we had to close off our gate to the street. When it rains, the milkywater from the quarry rock runs down the crossroad at our side gate and driveway.

I ask this question of the Local Government or community. Is the Front Street reckoned to still be a part of Marsh Harbour or not?

We would appreciate it if Local Government would look into solving how this much needed road could be finished. It is long overdue.

We will be keeping a sharp eye on this situation. By the way, I am a Bahamian.

Sincerely,
Carolyn A. Lowe

[Ed. Note: Subsequent to receiving this letter, a contract was signed to repave this road.]

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Contract is let for Marsh Harbour's Front Street

The government signed a contract for \$162,343 with Larry Williams of Larry's Construction Company to resurface 2,000 feet of Front Street in Marsh Harbour from Arawak Agency to the freight dock. The contract includes removing existing pavement and quarry, leveling and compacting the base and install six-inch concrete

slabs. Mr. Williams will also install lighting. The work will be completed within six months.

Front Street has been in a deplorable state for several years. About a year and a half ago, a contract was awarded but work was not done satisfactorily. It has been unpassable for some vehicles.

Abaco can expect a sustained period of improving the infrastructure with many projects, according to the Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Public Works and Transport. "We are going to be extremely busy here in Abaco," Mr. Grant said during signing ceremony last weekend. "The Infrastructure Crusade launched on Eleuthera last month continues on Abaco. Abaco contributes substantially to the consolidated fund. It is only fitting and proper that you get first class facilities and infrastructure," he added. "I congratulate Mr. Williams for winning the bid through a transparent procedure," said Mr Grant.

Mr. Grant and his team, which included Permanent Secretary Anita Bernard; Acting Director Gordon Major; Under Secretary

Ursilla Chisholm; and John Schaefer, the Ministry of Works' Area Engineer for Abaco, also viewed Marsh Harbour's new 6,100-foot runway. They were accompanied by Senior Administrator for Central Abaco, Mr. Cephas Cooper. "The runway is almost completed, and we are working on building a new terminal equipped with

a control tower," said Mr Grant. "Additionally, we will be doing extensive road works throughout Abaco where needed."

The contract was welcomed by Central Abaco's Chief Councillor Cubell Davis, Jr, and Marsh Harbour Town Committee Chairman, Roscoe Thompson III.



The Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Works and Transport, is viewing the mess on Front Street. He was on Abaco to sign the contract to have the street paved as it was originally, with concrete. Shown here are Mr. Cubel Davis, Chief Councillor for Central Abaco; Mr. John Schaeffer, resident engineer on Abaco; Mr. Ross Thompson, Chairman of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee; and Mr. Grant.

A ban is requested on the harvesting of sea turtles by BNT

Provided by the Bahamas National Trust

The Bahamas National Trust is urging 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 to 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 migra-

tions mean 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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Runway

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Sir Lyndon Pindling International Airport on New Providence and the painting the lines on roads through Abaco several years ago.

Firstly, the threshold markings at each end of the runway were completed. The stripes were outlined and then alternate ones were filled in with white traffic paint using a power laser. This resulted in five-foot-wide "piano keys." The centre lines were then painted in, each one 103 feet long and two feet wide with a 100-foot gap between each. Edge lines were painted which are solid one foot wide lines with no gaps. Yellow taxi lines have been painted on the aprons. Also numbers have been painted on the runway which indicate to the pilot which part of the run-

way he is on.

Mr. Oliver explained that after marking and preparation, a base coat is painted onto the tarmac. Once that is dry, then a special top coat is applied which includes extremely fine glass beads which make it shine so that it can easily be spotted by the pilots. As he made his way along the runway painting in the final coat with the power laser, Mr. Oliver was followed by an assistant with a machine which laid down the glass beads that adhered to the wet paint.

The workers worked extremely hard to get all of the striping finished between Tropical Storm Hanna and the threat of Hurricane Ike. Following Hanna the entire area surrounding the airport and the new runway was totally under water but the new runway stood high and completely dry.

Masons and others will assist fire department

By Jennifer Hudson

A 'family fun' fair is scheduled for October 25 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 next to 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 is 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 Township, who was also helping out. Mr. Thompson decided that he would like to assist the Masons on the project. Since then even more people have come on board including the Rotary Club of Abaco and the entire fire department."

All monies from the fair will go towards finishing the Fire Department building which is still in need of much work to be done. According to Fire Chief John Hall the sum of approximately another \$100,000 is still needed to finish the building. "A few

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Bahama Hot Mix continues to work on the Marsh Harbour International Airport. It brought Gary Oliver to Abaco to paint stripes on the runway. He used a power laser for the first coat of paint and was followed by an assistant who has a machine dispensing fine glass beads to adhere to the surface of the first coat.



Mr. Harlin Johnson, Manager for Bahamas Hot Mix on Abaco, updates Public Works and Transport Minister Neko C Grant on readiness of the new Marsh Harbour runway. Mr. Grant was on Abaco to sign the contract to have Front Street in Marsh Harbour paved.



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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 under the Marsh Harbour traffic light. They only ask people to donate 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 and help 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 certificates 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.

Mangoes Restaurant is under New Management

By Mirella Santillo

As of August 1st Mangoes Restaurant

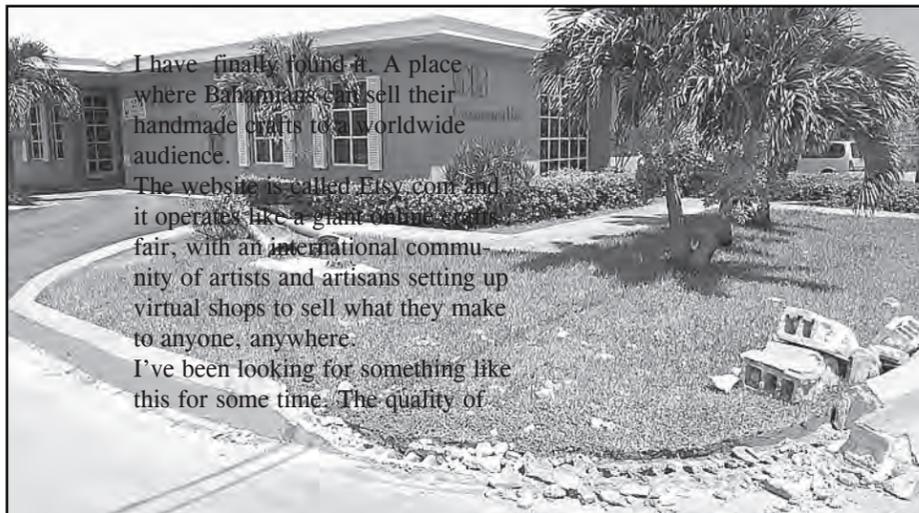
and Marina has been under new management. New ideas and new concepts usually give existing businesses a positive lift and it should not be any different in this case. Although not a restaurateur by trade, Mr. John Neophytou is well known in Marsh Harbor, having managed the Abaco Beach Resort for several years. He is very excited about his new venture and ready to accommodate the local market. He wants Mangoes to be the place that the locals patronize. For this reason, the restaurant will be open all year round regardless of the slow season and all day from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. A bar menu will be available all through the day.

The menus will feature Bahamian as well as exotic cuisine offered during an Italian night or a Greek night for example.

Mr. Neophytou visualizes a versatile and relax atmosphere where people will be able not only to enjoy their food but also their surroundings. He plans to create an outdoor sitting area on the deck with sofas and armchairs and set tables around the pool for more casual eating. Presently the bar offers Happy Hour from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, but eventually it will be every night.

Some redecoration will take place and local artist Marjolene Scott has been retained to give her input. Sunday brunch is under consideration. Mr. Neophytou invites you to enjoy the new menu and the revamped atmosphere and socialize at the bar while watching the sunset.

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I have finally found it. A place where Bahamians can sell their handmade crafts to a worldwide audience. The website is called Etsy.com and it operates like a giant online craft fair, with an international community of artists and artisans setting up virtual shops to sell what they make to anyone, anywhere. I've been looking for something like this for some time. The quality of

On September 12 a vehicle crashed into the cement curbing at Commonwealth Bank in Marsh Harbour. It drove far enough into the yard to knock down both flag poles.

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Farewell to Margaret Symonette

By Jennifer Hudson

A farewell party was held for Deputy Administrator, Mrs. Margaret Symonette, on the evening of September 10 at the Island Administrator's residence to thank her for her exemplary service to the people of Central Abaco over the past one year and two weeks. Mrs. Symonette left Abaco on September 12 to take up the post of Island Administrator on Crooked Island. A large number of local government officials and present and past heads of government departments gathered to bid her farewell.



Assistant Administrator in Central Abaco, Mrs. Margaret Symonette, has been transferred to Crooked Island. A farewell party for her was held at Government House to give people a chance to bid her farewell. She is shown here with her pastor, Fr. Earl Hepburn.

In his comments Island Administrator Mr. Cephas Cooper praised Mrs. Symonette for her dedication to her work and said how much he had enjoyed working with her and how busy he had kept her. He also said how much he will miss her and even more so because there is no replacement in sight for her, and he will have to do all the work himself.

Presentations of gifts and heartfelt good wishes by Mrs. Yvonne Key; Cubell Davis, Chief Councillor for Central Abaco; Jeremy Sweeting, Chief Councillor for the Hope Town District Council, assisted by Glen Laing; Renardo Curry, Chairman of the Murphy Town Committee; and Island Administrator, Cephas Cooper; followed the meal. Among the gifts was a painting of the Elbow Cay lighthouse and a locally crafted half boat model given by Mr. Jeremy Sweeting. He expressed his appreciation for all the help Mrs. Symonette had given to him and his constituency and how she had attended all of their meetings. "It was as if she was our own Administrator on loan from Mr. Cooper," he stated.

In her vote of thanks, Mrs. Symonette said how much she had loved Abaco and that she hoped she had touched many lives here. She hails from a

large family of boys and said that is why she had veered towards a job which is usually undertaken by men.

Father Earl Hepburn, who had been her Parish Priest during her time here, said how much he hated to see her leave, but there was consolation in the fact that instead of being an assistant, she will be in charge of the whole island. Before coming to Abaco, she was the Administrator for San Salvador.

New restaurant opens

By Samantha V. Evans

On August 30th the Blue Marlin Restaurant opened for business adjacent to the B&L Plaza on Don MacKay Boule-

vard. Owner Karen Demeritte stated that the restaurant specializes in native dishes, specifically old-fashioned Bahamian cooking. Some of the dishes include steamed sausage and grits, banana pancakes with bacon or sausage, boil and stew fish and stew conch.

Ms. Demeritte explained that she grew up on the Berry Islands with her grandmother who owned a restaurant so she comes to this business with a wealth of knowledge. She will feature a Bahamian dessert daily including the favorites like

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The Hon. Bryan Woodside, Minister of State of Local Government and Lands, looked at several proposed projects in Murphy Town. Here he is on the front street about a half mile from the Shell depot where the residents would like to develop a park with gazebos and vendor stalls for crafts and food to attract visitors. Shown are Chief Councillor Cubel Davis, Administrator Alexander Flowers from Nassau, Administrator Cephas Cooper, Mr. Woodside, and Murphy Town Chairman Renardo Curry.



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guava duff, potato bread and coconut tart. Her appetizers will include onion rings and conch fritters. Customers can sit in to eat or call in a pickup order. Blue Marlin has kids' specials on Friday from 3 p.m. and on Saturday from 12-6 p.m. The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on week days, 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is 367-2002. The store manager is Ryan Saunders and the chef is Adrianna from the Hummingbird Restaurant.

Brothers United is launched

By Samantha V. Evans

A new initiative was launched on September 13th that focuses on bringing Christian men together to do good work in the lives of boys and young men. Thanks to the commitment of numerous churches in the community, pastors and laymen gathered together at Strong Tower Community Church to begin the Brothers United initiative. Pastor Stephen Knowles, the leader of this initiative, encouraged the men to begin by praying for men all across the Bahama Islands from the Prime Minister and his Cabi-

net to the men in prison to those strung out on drugs. In order for this initiative to be successful, it will require them to pool their resources, time and talents by putting them on the table and serve up a godly meal to males on Abaco.

The morning began with extensive prayer session. All of them were of the same belief that men need guidance and mentoring all across this country. As part of this initiative the senior pastors will train and mentor the boys and men and help deliver their communities from poverty, drugs and unnecessary despair.

Pastor Knowles explained that for many years he realized that The Bahamas was in dire need of such a gathering of men. In order to help them change their circumstances, Christian men will have to help because they cannot do it alone. Hence, there is great strength in numbers.

He explained that the girls are soar-

ing in school while the boys are lagging behind. Crime is escalating and the males are at the helm of this type of activity. Instead of working, the males are the ones seen sitting on the street corners drinking and smoking all day and all night. Too many fathers are absent from the lives of their children. All of this needs to change.

After the session, the team ate breakfast and engaged in their first community outreach project in Murphy Town which was to break down the building that housed Mr. Ben Curry's general store. Still living in the Curry home is Mrs. Alma Curry, widow of Ben Curry, who was a respected elder in the community but now deceased. The lawn was mowed, the garbage collected and the rubbish removed by members of the Brothers United team. The cleanup ended late in the afternoon.



Brothers United, an initiative of Strong Tower Church in Dundas Town, is a group of men and their sons who met for prayer and a breakfast followed by a work project in Murphy Town. On September 13 the group demolished Ben Curry's General Store that was quite delapidated. The debris more than filled a trash container. The men cleaned the yard and mowed the grass for Mrs. Curry, leaving her yard very tidy.

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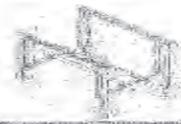
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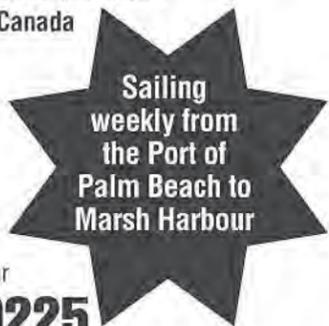
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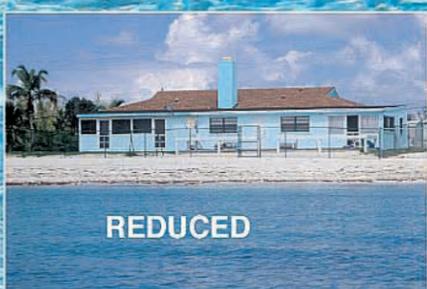
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Green Turtle Cay

By Annabelle Cross

The summer of 2008 officially started after a month of school exams, graduations and award ceremonies. Eight Tiny Turtles moved on to first grade and fourteen 6th grade students of Amy Roberts Primary are now attending secondary school on the mainland of Abaco. Eight GTC students completed their high school education and entered the work force or went on to college. After a month filled with school activities, the students and teachers were happy to start their summer holiday!

New Council is elected

Local government elections were held at the end of June and at the end of the

day the five men elected to the local District Council were Gregory Curry, David Bethell, Donald Outten, Freddie Sawyer and Roddie Sawyer. Mr. Curry and Mr. Outten were the only members of the former Council reelected to another term. Mr. Bethell is no stranger to the Council, having served prior to the 2005 election. After the swearing-in ceremony, Gregory Curry was elected as Chief Councillor and David Bethell is Deputy Chief Councillor. The Council held its first town meeting to introduce the new members and personally thank people for supporting them. They all pledged to do their best for the community. The budget for Green Turtle Cay has been increased to \$350,000. An addition to the Administrator's Building is almost complete and will be used as a hurricane shelter if necessary.

Summer Activities

The summer of 2008 was a busy time on GTC as people enjoyed the beautiful weather and a break from work or school routine. Regatta Time In Abaco brought hundreds of visitors to the island. Despite the high cost of fuel, RTIA 2008 attracted a large fleet of participant and spectator boats. The annual Cheeseburger In Paradise Fiddle Cay Party began the series of parties for participants and

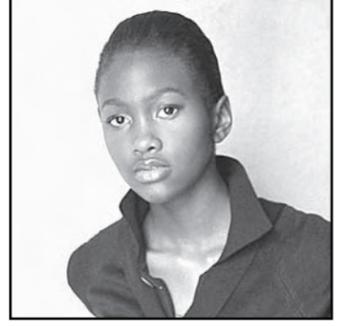
other visitors. The first race was held on July 4th with the race course in an area between GTC and the mainland of Abaco. After a lay day, race two began off GTC and ended off Guana Cay where onshore festivities awaited participants. Bristol Wines & Spirits sponsored the award party at Settlement Point on July 4th as well as a lay day party at the Green Turtle Club.

The Independence committee organized three events to celebrate 35 years of Bahamian Independence. An ecumenical service was held on July 6th at Settlement Point. On July 9th residents and visitors enjoyed an evening of food and fun at Settlement Point followed by a flag raising ceremony at midnight at Quincentennial Park. The flag raising ceremony was well attended and Officer Scott went through the flag raising routine while the crowd sang the National Anthem. As the flag raising ended, the sound of goat skinned drums could be heard from the nearby junkanoo "shack" and everyone made their way to join in a junkanoo rush. Children and adults who had fought to stay awake were now wide awake as they rushed around town. After a few hours sleep, most people enjoyed Independence Day at the beach.

The summer of 2008 will be a memorable one for three young ladies who spent their summer in New York City. Blair Johnson, Jasmine McIntosh and Tyece Mc-



Blair Johnson

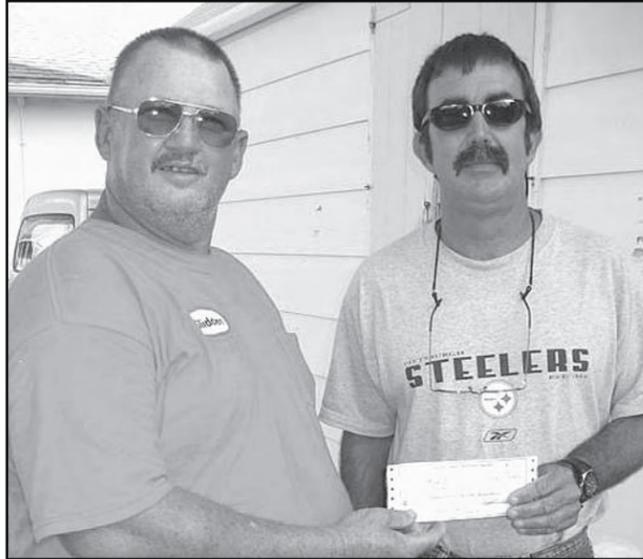


Tyece McIntosh

Intosh were chosen by Cameo Model Management to travel to New York where they were exposed to the modeling and fashion industry. The girls were all photographed by professional photographers to compile their portfolios. This was Blair's second summer in New York. In 2007 she won an International Model Competition and was a model for The Limited Too catalog. Congratulations to our beautiful young ladies!

New arrivals

Four new bundles of joy were welcomed by excited families this summer. Otis and Edris Curry welcomed their third daughter, Dajah Otisha Curry, on June 22nd. Jason and Stacy Lowe's fifth child, Elye Floyd, was born on June 24th. Vince and Reneka Cooper welcomed Vendesha Vashti, their first child, on July 21st. T'Mia Moriah arrived on August 15 the fourth daughter for Maxwell and Leiner McIntosh. Babies and moms are all doing fine. Congratulations to the happy parents, siblings and grandparents.



Mr. Junior Roberts, Fire Chief of the Green Turtle Cay Volunteer Fire Department, and Mr. Randy Sawyer, a fireman, have a check for more than \$10,000 collected for hurricane relief on Inagua.

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A special wedding

Roger and Suhe Bethell were married on August 8th in a lovely ceremony officiated by Rev. Charles Carey. An afternoon storm threatened to interrupt the ceremony on the beach, but guests braved the light rain as the couple exchanged vows under

umbrellas held by the best man and maid of honor. After the ceremony, guests gathered on the patio of the Green Turtle Club to enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and a champagne toast to the couple.

Roger and Suhe and their guests joined in the Junkanoo rush as the Little Island Slammers Junkanoo group made their way across the patio. Suhe's family is from Venezuela and her family and friends

could relate to and enjoyed dancing to the Junkanoo beat! Only the insistent call to the dining room for the reception dinner could convince the bridal party and guests to take a break from the junkanoo rush. A delicious dinner was prepared and served by the staff of the Green Turtle Club. The wedding cake, made by the bride's family, was served as dessert! The couple had a photo taken at every table with their family and friends.

After dinner there was more Junkanoo music, followed by The Gully Roosters. Dancing continued until late into the evening. Roger and Suhe are residing in the West Palm Beach area where they met while attending college. Roger is the son of David and Kathleen Bethell. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bethell!

Tropical activity

There was a lot of tropical activity during the month of August. First there was Fay, which did not pass directly over Abaco but had feeder bands that brought rain. Then Hanna, Ike and Josephine lined up in the Atlantic and seemed to be headed our way. Hanna threatened to interrupt the opening of school, but its erratic path took it west, south and east before making its way up our chain of islands. On September 4th Hanna breezed through Abaco causing only minimal flooding and damage. The official track of Hanna shows that it passed miles to the east of Abaco. However, residents of GTC and boaters in the Munjack Cay area say that between 2:30 and 4 a.m. on September 5th the winds calmed and the

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The wedding of Roger and Suhe Bethell took place on a Green Turtle Cay beach on August 8. Roger, the son of David and Kathy Bethell, met his future wife while attending school in West Palm Beach where the couple will reside.



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skies cleared as if the storm had completely passed. Shortly after 4 a.m. the wind began to blow from the opposite direction, gusting to almost hurricane force. This lasted until after daybreak. But we are all grateful that Hanna was only a storm and also that Abaco was not in Ike's path.

Hurricane Ike caused a lot of damage to the island of Inagua. On Abaco we remember the devastation caused by Floyd in 1999 and all the help that we received. It was now our turn to give back by helping those in need.

The local District Council held a community meeting on September 11th to discuss what could be done to help Inagua. It was decided that cash donations would be solicited and passed on through the local Volunteer Fire Department to Bishop Johnny Lowe, who had been in contact with officials in Inagua. There is a need for building materials.

Bishop Lowe will see that any donations received will be used to purchase necessary building supplies. By the end of that same week more than \$10,000 had been donated by the community of GTC for hurricane relief in Inagua. Amy Roberts Primary also had a dress-up day and all donations are for the Inagua All Age School.

School news

School began on September 1st but was closed on September 4th and 5th as Hanna passed thru Abaco. Amy Roberts Primary is in the final stages of installing brand new, top-of-the-line playground equipment. The PTA worked hard all last school year to raise the funds for the playground.

With the help of volunteers the area was cleared and properly prepared for a playground. The students can't wait to climb, slide and swing!

Island Roots Committee is making plans

The Island Roots Heritage Festival Committee is already planning the 6th annual Island Roots Heritage Festival to be held the first weekend of May 2009. The committee has organized a contest to design the T-shirt and commemorative booklet cover for the 2009 festival. The contest is open to all 7-12th grade students in the public and private secondary schools of Abaco. The student with the winning design will receive a laptop computer!

The committee is planning the annual Guy Fawkes Family Fun Night to be held on November 8th. There will be the usual food, fun, bonfire and Guy competition. The winner of the T-shirt design contest will be announced.

We are now into what seems to be the hottest days of summer. Thankfully, our electricity has stayed constant and uninterrupted for most of the summer! We seem to be paying more and more for electricity each month, so it's good to at least have what we're paying for. The days are now getting shorter and there are signs that tell us fall is near. It is very quiet on GTC and restaurants and other businesses are taking this time to have a break and do necessary repairs before the holiday season.

Great Guana Cay Guana Hideaways

By Jennifer Hudson

The quiet community of Guana Cay has

experienced major growth over the past few years, some of which has not been popular with a number of residents. However, Guana Hideaways, presently under construction, has met with their approval. "We are just a small Mom and Pop Bahamian-owned business and the people seem very happy to have us on island," stated Peggy Thompson, wife of Chris, developer. Chris and Peggy own Hope Town Hideaways to which Guana Hideaways will be a sister property.

This new Guana Cay project stands right at the entrance to town on the left side of the ferry dock. The area had been neglected since Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and left with one derelict building, some patched up docks and a broken down sea wall. Chris purchased the land and marina, which once belonged to the Guana Cay Club and commenced his project for the enhancement of the entrance to Great Guana Cay. He has been supporting the Junior Sailing Programme on Guana Cay by giving a percentage of the dock revenues to that organization.

This derelict area was not a picturesque sight as one approached Guana Cay. "What it

seemed to say was 'Welcome to Guana Cay, a wreck,'" stated Mrs. Thompson, so she and her husband decided to do something about improving it. Their idea is to have the shoreline resemble a part of the village with each attractive villa uniquely different, completely separated and landscaped. "The designs will adhere to historic Bahamian influence and utilize as many

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Hope Town, Man-O-War and Guana Cay all have active junior sailing programs that are involving many young people. All three clubs are using Optimist dinghies that are used extensively in sailing programs for youth. The three groups compete against each other and the leaders are finding that the young people are very enthusiastic about sailing.

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'green' features as possible," stated Mrs. Thompson.

Permission has been granted for five cottages, but the decision has not yet been finally made as to whether to build only four in order to allow for more lush landscaping of the grounds between each cottage. Since Mr. Thompson also owns the property immediately behind the ten-foot road, this will allow for an area to house a back-up generator and air conditioned storage units out of the public eye. Boaters will have the option of one of these storage units for the convenience of storing their boating, fishing, dive gear and cleaning supplies instead of having to cart them backwards and forwards from home all the time.

The week-long vacation rental cottages will be one and two storey clapboard houses with all upscale amenities. They will consist of two bedrooms and two bathrooms in addition to the living areas with an extra sleeping area in the loft. In order to make these as "green" as possible, solar panels will be used and a special hot water

system which will not use much electricity. "It is all about water and electricity conservation and environmentally friendly products wherever possible," stated Mrs. Thompson.

The marina was completed last month with 36 deep water slips on the north side of Guana Harbour Club, later Guana Beach Resort, adjacent to Guana Grabbers. It is expected that mostly runabouts will frequent the marina which will also have a lift, but vessels up to 100 feet are welcome. There will eventually be an office for the manager who will also serve as dock master and caretaker. Peggy and Chris Thompson are avid boaters and say that they realized that Guana Cay has miles of beaches but limited safe dockage. "Our goal is to offer some slips to homeowners so that the marina will become sort of like a yacht club for Guana," stated Peggy.

The Thompsons are very happy to have their nephew, Darvin Curry, as project manager. "Darvin is a recent college graduate, who has returned home to find work and is doing a super job," they say. It is hoped to have the electricity and water in by Christmas and then the

phase with the rental cottages will begin. "We are just tweaking the plans and are on schedule or even a little ahead," they were pleased to add.

Three junior sailing programs

By Matt McCoy

Volunteers, sailing enthusiasts, parents and children are working together to create an Abaco-wide junior sailing program to create a means for Bahamian children to learn to sail and ensure that sailing, an important part of the Bahamian culture, doesn't fall by the wayside.

The Hope Town Sailing Club began its junior Optimist sailing program with Optimist dinghies three years ago, and now programs on Man-O-War and Guana Cay are starting. All three islands competed in the Derek Lee Regatta this spring in Hope

Town, which was a great success and had 12 Optimists and over 25 kids competing! Marsh Harbour and Green Turtle Cay are moving forward in the creation of sailing programs.

In order for these programs to be successful a group with representatives from each community have joined together to form the Abaco Junior Sailing Association. The goals of the organization are to hire a full-time sailing instructor for Abaco, provide an educational framework for the programs and organize inter-island sailing events.

Although each community program will have different experience levels and educational needs, having a common instructor will have many benefits. Primarily, it will ensure that all programs are up to the high-

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Bahamahost graduates found program beneficial

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Wallace, Minister of Tourism and Aviation, who was making his first official visit to Abaco since accepting his new portfolio. In his message to the graduates, Mr. Vanderpool-Wallace said, "It is my pleasure to congratulate you on your accomplishment.

The Bahamahost programme is about exemplary service, and as graduates of Bahamahost you have joined an elite group of professionals who can be credited with having helped to pave the way for quality service in the tourism industry." He informed the graduates of several points which are critical for the country to be effective in tourism, the most important of which he stressed is visitor expectation.

"We are not even close to what our potential as a country is," stated the Minister. "The wealth of a nation comes from intangibles, and the most important of these is skills towards a common purpose. We must build skills to be effective in tourism and must make certain that people have the skills necessary. One of the greatest skills in tourism is personality. People must be rewarded for their skills on the front line, and we must stop allowing excuses for bad service to pervade our life. Quality service is anticipating the needs of customers and providing them before they know that they want or need them."

Mr. Vanderpool-Wallace ended his words to the graduates by telling them that his new slogan for tourism in The Bahamas is "Why anybody would want to fly beyond us is beyond us."

The Hon. Vanderpool-Wallace was accompanied by Mrs. Diana Black-Brooks, Senior Manager Training and Education Department who introduced him as speaker.

Marcus Sands, a Grade 11 student of St. Francis de Sales School who is Junior Minister of Tourism for Abaco, welcomed the dignitaries and graduates reminding everyone, "Tourism is the wheel that drives this economy and tourism everyone's business."

In his opening remarks, Mr. Don Cornish, Director of the Abaco Tourist Office, asked the graduates to consider how we can best prepare for the future of a growing Abaco. "We must be equal to the task of the coming decade. This must not only be your motto but your commitment to us to share the challenge of the 21st century, and you must develop skills to allow us to be successful," he encouraged.

Ms. Dushinka Roberts of the Training and Education Department, Abaco Tourist Office, in her Bahamahost overview, stated that this year on October 3-5 the Bahamahost programme will celebrate its 30th anniversary. She feels strongly that Bahamahost graduation should be a prerequisite before hiring employees for work in hotels and should be compulsory for all expatriates and mandatory for all students graduating from school. The Bahamahost programme is already in place in the S.C. Bootle High School and this year will begin at the Abaco Central High School. "Good customer service is the livelihood of any business," she stressed.

Graduate Debbie Patterson received a standing ovation for her description of her Bahamahost experience which really touched the audience and was described by Master of Ceremonies Cephias Cooper as a "Wow experience." She described how,



The Hon. Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Minister of Tourism, was the keynote speaker at the graduation of the Bahamahost group. He is on the left with Debbie Patterson, who was named the top student because she had the highest score and showed the greatest participation. She spoke effectively about her Bahamahost experience. Also speaking at the graduation was Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco.

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Viewpoint . . . The need for sporting facilities

By Julian Lockhart

The 2008-09 school year has kicked off, and thousands of students have returned to school for another year of hope and a vision of a better life with a great education. Students from throughout Abaco will converge on the many schools throughout the island and cays and teachers are ready for what they are hoping is a great year.

With the Olympics recently ending and The Bahamas once again showing it can hold its own against larger countries on the track with two gold medals, it left me thinking why Abaco, which is the third largest island in population, was not represented. Abaco has sent its own to represent The Bahamas against the world at the Olympic level with Savetheda Fynes and Troy McIntosh most recently winning medals at the top of their respective sports.

But there is no one in the pipeline to take the place of these retired athletes. It has to do with the fact that schools are opening once again but no viable sporting programs and facilities in place. Abaco has its disadvantages when it comes to inter-school sports because students have to travel from the far south in Sandy Point and Moore's Island to the north in Crown Haven or come over

from one of the cays by ferry. Because of this students have to leave school right after the bell sounds and thus can't stay behind to compete in after school sports. Even if they could, where would these student-athletes train or practice. Abaco coaches are proud and do not want their young athletes to leave Abaco to go to New Providence or Grand Bahama, but at the end of the day it is for the betterment of the student-athlete.

Abaco has one substandard track, which needs drastic repair or just a tear up job and start over with a track that will not leave young athletes with shin splints and other leg injuries. There is one basketball gym on the island and that is part of Agape Christian School. It is a nice gym, but it still does not have a wooden floor, and it is not open for anyone to go and practice, train and compete in.

Then there is hardly any consistent competition amongst their peers for these athletes, and they rarely have opportunities to test their skills against other athletes at the same level as they are.

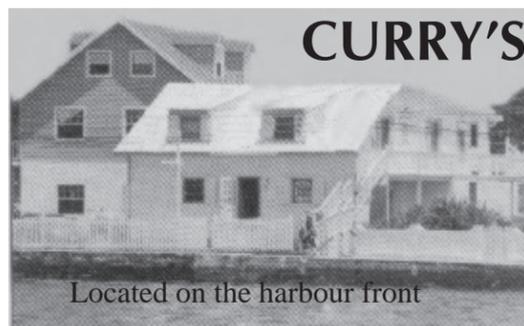
Government has promised new tracks, gyms and fields and has done so for decades and yet Abaco is still left lacking of proper facilities. The coaches are here, but

there is no sense having good and dedicated coaches when their efforts are deterred by the lack of facilities. So school is once again starting and students are either excited or dreading to go back, but a staple of a good education with a strong athletics program will once again be lacking.

So if I was a parent of an athlete who has shown an ability to run fast, jump high or long or shoot a basketball with consistency, I would do my best to get him into a school in Grand Bahama, New Providence or the United States. This is the only way these student athletes will have a chance to consistently develop their skills and take them

to a new level. They just do not have the competition or the facilities here in Abaco to do so.

Once coaches realize it is not a slight against them and it is for the betterment of the athlete, then Abaco will once again see athletes from Abaco represent the island at the Olympic level and produce some of the best the country has to offer.

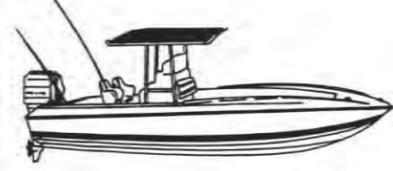


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Weddings Threatened by Hanna and Ike

By Jennifer Hudson

Two uninvited wedding guests who were certainly not welcomed by the brides and grooms were Hanna and Ike. As Hanna progressed on its path towards Abaco with Ike on her heels, two wedding couples at the Abaco Beach Resort were anxiously watching and hoping and praying that their weddings would still be able to go ahead on the weekend.

When I spoke with Resort Manager, Mr. Bob Kramm, midweek, he said that he and his staff were doing all they could to ensure that these couples had a happy wedding despite the weather. It would certainly be memorable, but it needed to be unforgettable in a good way. If the storms were to come over Abaco, the hotel had several contingency plans in place for their guests, and it was arranged that the couples could hold their ceremonies in "Camp Hanna" which was the designated shelter in the Below Decks.

I spoke with both brides who had come to Abaco hoping to be married in the beautiful tropical sunshine to get their feelings about their unscheduled changes of plan. Diana Tarok and Frank Wilmott were scheduled to be married at 4 p.m. on Friday, September 5. While admitting that she was very disappointed at how her plans had gone awry, Diana was trying to be as optimistic as possible about it all. She and her fiancé had traveled all the way from Connecticut for their wedding which they had been planning for six months.

Fourteen close family members had originally planned to be here for the wedding, but they all cancelled because of the storm. Diana was sad not to have any family here and said that she would love to have had her mother and father here as it was her first time getting married. Her fiancé was sorry not to have his brother present to stand as his best man. Since the wedding would not be the family ceremony they had hoped for, Diana decided not even to wear her long white bridal dress but instead to get married in another short, white dress that she happened to have in her suitcase. "Everyone at the hotel has been really nice, and I have made peace with the situation since Wednesday," she stated.

Kirsty Rhodes and Jake Siegel traveled to Abaco from Oregon for their wed-

ding on Saturday, September 6. They and twelve guests from Oregon, California and Wisconsin decided to go ahead with their plans and come despite the fact that they all knew that the storms were coming. "My Dad used to live in Miami and has experienced storms so he told us that if it was just a tropical storm, the weather would be bad for a day but then it would clear up. So we decided to come anyway.

All three of the groomsmen got here but two of my bridesmaids didn't make it so another friend is going to stand in," said Kirsty. "The wedding is scheduled for 5 p.m. If the weather improves enough, we will go ahead and have the wedding on the beach as planned, but maybe we will have to have it inside. Everybody is taking it very well."

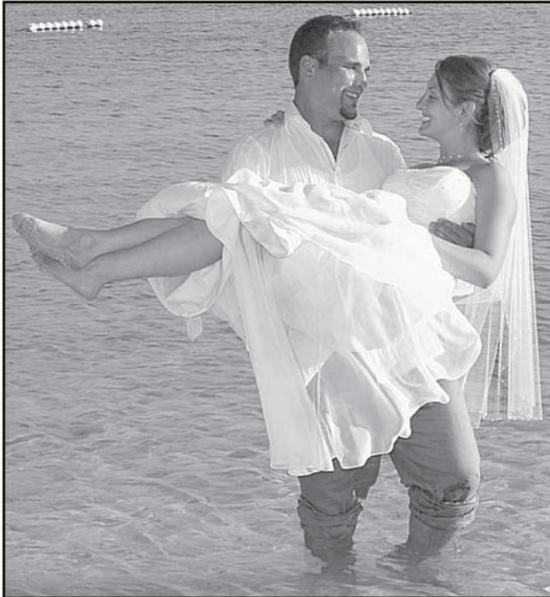
Kirsty and Jake had booked to spend their honeymoon week at the resort. But with the threat of Ike making things not look too good, they decided to change

plans. Just a few hours before I spoke with her, they had hurriedly booked a flight to Cabot San Lucas to leave the day following the wedding. "This is a beautiful resort; everyone was so accommodating and friendly. We will definitely come back," said Kirsty.

Post Script

Diana and Frank were married in the hotel lobby as the weather was wet and windy. Pastor Baillou officiated and members of the hotel staff acted as witnesses.

Kirsty and Jake were able to have the beach wedding they had dreamed of because by Saturday the storm had passed, and it was a beautiful sunny day. Kirsty wore a long white dress with train while her groom wore khaki pants and white dress shirt. They stood barefoot with the sand between their toes.



Kirsty Rhodes and Jake Siegel had a beach wedding after all on the Saturday after Tropical Storm Hanna had passed.

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“Learning to sail teaches responsibility, discipline and instills a sense of pride, lessons that will stay with those students for life,” says Hope Town instructor Matthew McCoy.

The first major donation to the association came from the Hope Town Box Cart Association, the group responsible for organizing the annual soap box derby in Hope Town to benefit youth sports. A bare bones budget of \$35,000 has been put together to get the program started. Each community is responsible for purchasing its own boats and will contribute towards the Abaco-wide program, but in order raise all of the money needed additional support is required.

The Abaco Junior Sailing Association is looking for additional volunteer and financial support for this program. Your contribution will help to make this program possible and will make a difference in the lives of children throughout Abaco.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Matthew McCoy in Hope Town (kairosmatt@yahoo.com), James Pleydell Bouverie (seabell@coralwave.com) in Man-O-War or Rhiannon Thomas Bethel in Guana.

Sustainable Living on Lubbers Quarter

By Mirella Santillo

In view of the higher price of fuel and the energy crisis confronting most civilized areas of the planet as well as the threat of global warming and pollution, many are considering renewable energy and sustainable living as an alternative to traditional modes of energy and food supply. What is sustainable living? According to Wikipedia, the web encyclopedia, “Sustainable living is the lifestyle of an individual or a society that can be sustained with limited exhaustion of natural resources. This life often requires trade-offs such as transport, housing energy and a diet that favor sustainability.”

Renewable energy is the use of alternatives to fossil fuel to produce electrical power or combustible power. They include biomass, bio-fuel, hydro-power, solar-power, geothermal, wind power or ethanol derived from plants or trees. Renewable technologies are suited to small off-grid applications such as rural areas or island living where government-supplied power is often unavailable or unreliable and expensive.

An illustration of sustainable living is demonstrated on Lubber’s Quarter, a barely populated cay located between Hope Town and the main island of Abaco. Lubbers Quarter is the home of Moon Rise, a rental cottage built on six acres running

from sea to sea.

As you step on the dock on the north of the island, you immediately step back a few decades in time. Amidst tropical trees and flowers two wood structures linked by a breeze way greet you: on one side a bedroom ventilated by two screened walls and a ceiling fan. On the opposite side, outside stairs lead to a great room built on top of the breeze way, surrounded by a porch offering an unobstructed view of Elbow Cay and the Sea of Abaco. Drop into a hammock and watch the bananaquits and doves feed within reaching distance. Enjoy the cool breeze. Forget about work, rush hour traffic, phone calls, the stress of modern day life style.

Shower in a garden room amidst climbing vines and air-plants. Farther down the way, an “out-house” with full plumbing features a water-conserving toilet.

In spite of the remoteness and the primitive look of the premises built of natural material, you will still enjoy some of modern life amenities and comfort. Electricity

is supplied by solar powered batteries, producing enough electricity for lights, fans and to run the pump that brings the rain water collected in two huge cisterns to the various rooms. A refrigerator and a stove are fueled by propane so the food you brought with you will keep well and your beer will stay cold. A ten-minute walk will take you to the other side of the island to a beautiful white sand beach where the only sounds come from the birds chirping and the in and out rush of the tide. What a great get-away for a vacation! The principle can be applied not just to a vacation spot but to a more permanent way of life.

There are bananas and coconut trees on the property. The soil seems rich enough to grow a few basic vegetables and the sea abounds with fish and conch. Lubbers might not be the place to live year around, but this type of living can easily be duplicated in a less remote location. The owner of Moon Rise built the cottage in the early 80s as a get-away from New York’s hustle and bustle.

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Health advisory committee is formed

By Samantha V. Evans

In an effort to improve healthcare services provided by the Marsh Harbour government clinic and its affiliate operators, an Abaco Health Advisory Committee was formed. The committee is made up of members of the community, various sectors of healthcare and the media. The first meeting was held this past summer when emergency procedures were discussed, and it was agreed that it needed to be streamlined. The full layout of the clinic was discussed to make it more patient-friendly and to improve the flow of services offered.

Mr. John Pintard and Dr. Marc Binard agreed to work on drawing a layout for the proposed emergency room and its entrance. This emergency room will replace the present registration and pharmacy space. The public can be assured that the clinic will be better equipped, have adequate staffing and measures put in place to improve patient service. At the next meeting Dr. Binard informed the committee of his plans to secure equipment for the emergency room. However, he told them that even with donations, there will still be an outstanding amount of approximately

\$50,000. He was able to locate a builder to renovate the clinic when the committee is able to cover the cost of material. It is estimated that the cost to renovate the entire area including the equipment will be about \$150,000.

Some of the concerns brought up at this meeting included the change of location of the EMS facility away from the Marsh Harbour clinic, the archaic equipment being utilized at the clinic, inadequate staffing, absence of proper trained personnel to answer the clinic phone after hours, lack of customer service, lack of staff training, lack of patient advocates and lack of pre-clinic talks. Some of these have already been addressed to date.

All subsequent meetings were held to update the committee on the progress of the plans to renovate the clinic, to distribute the community and staff surveys, to discuss the plans for the Chief Medical Officer's (CMO) visit, and to prepare the report of the committee's plans for the Minister of Health who has expressed great concern in the efforts of the Committee and has plans to meet with the body in the near future. The Chief Councillor for Central Abaco, Mr. Cubel Davis, pledged his support of

their efforts. He invited the Administrator and the appropriate members of the committee to make a presentation to the Council so that they can assist in whatever way they can.

During the summer the Chief Medical

Officer visited Abaco to meet with the committee to get an update on their plans. The committee is presently on break while plans and the report are being completed. The committee is expected to resume meetings in October of this year.



A committee has been formed to improve the Marsh Harbour government clinic. Its goal is to make emergency services better, improve equipment and generally give better service. The committee includes, l. to r., Mrs. Samantha Evans, Dr. Shirin Swarna, Ms. Bernadette Hall, Mrs. Ruth Pinder, Guy Toothe, Mrs. S. Norville-Smith, Chief Councillor Cubel Davis, Nurse Daniel Ekpa, Dr. Benerji Swarna, Mrs. Leann Kaighin.

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Viewpoint . . . Cable service is terrible

By Julian Lockhart

Is it just me, or is Cable Bahamas doing a great job of trying to force Abaconians to switch to satellite and Batelnet. Over the past month cable on Abaco has been going down on a consistent basis. Internet access has been shaky at best with consistent drops in service. Channels keep going off in the middle of programs and the entire system goes down for hours.

A couple of years ago Cable Bahamas closed its office on Abaco and told Abaconians that they can pay their bills through the bank and get service by calling the Grand Bahama office. Yet there are thousands of subscribers on Abaco.

Abaconians have consistently complained on how difficult it is to receive service. When someone calls the toll free number, the answer he gets is that service is coming and that the requests have been

forwarded to Grand Bahama.

Cable Bahamas is not saying what the problem is whether it is technical or if it need to upgrade equipment on the island because the problem is not occurring in New Providence or Grand Bahama. Yet, Abaconians continue to pay their bills for substandard services and this is not a government agency but a private enterprise.

It is time for Cable Bahamas to put an office back on Abaco and give the locals the same service as New Providence and Grand Bahama, considering the number of patrons they have on the island.

I am sure I am not the only person on Abaco who would like an answer to what the problems are and to what is being done to fix them. Why it has taken so long for a technician to arrive from Grand Bahama and why doesn't the head office send someone from New Providence and get the job done.

It is tiresome finding a good movie or starting to watch the game to have consistent breaks in service and have to miss part of the program. The sad part is there is no other choice for cable programming. Unless one decides to switch to satellite he is stuck until enough people stand up and complain on a consistent basis to force a change from Cable Bahamas.

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Letters From Page 8

Have the tourists deserted Abaco or has Abaco deserted the tourists?

Dear Editor,
This may sound like a crazy question, but have you been out and about looking at all the CLOSED signs on businesses. Especially the restaurants! And it's not just the mainland of Abaco, it is also on the cays. By the time this gets to print, I'm sure slowly, very slowly the local businesses will reopen. But not before much speculation and talk. And by talk I mean most of the Abaco internet message boards have several postings asking "What is open in Abaco." If the answer is nothing, then who in their right mind would make Abaco their vacation destination? Why go somewhere if you can't even get a meal. And we all know when you are on vacation, most of us eat out regularly.

We all need a vacation. A break from our very busy everyday lives. But what would it be like if everything at your vacation destination was closed? And unnecessarily. We can run our businesses on a scaled down work force until the tourists figure out we are at least trying. Our staff can also take staggered vacations. That way we all get the break we need and deserve, just not all at once. I am a business owner and the tourist industry doesn't directly effect me, but the trickle down effect has crippled my business. If the tourists don't spend their money at the restaurants or the food store or anywhere locally, then the locals don't have the income to spend either. So these closures affect everyone.

Abaco is growing, and we can see that in all the new developments, commercial buildings, single family and multi family structures being built. So it is important to make our Abaco a welcoming place. The Sun, Sand and Sea are what draws the tourists and second homeowners to our shores, but it is US that make it a place that they want to come back to or invest in. Maybe it is time to start some forward thinking and change some of the old habits. We will all benefit from keeping our business doors open year round.

Hungry patron

Albury's Ferry assistance was greatly appreciated

Dear Sir,
On behalf of the electricity consumers of Elbow Cay and Man-O-War Cay and the entire traveling public, I wish to thank Albury's Ferry for its generous assistance to the community last Friday and Saturday. [September 5 and 6 immediately after Tropical Storm Hanna passed] Even before the rough seas and high winds had abated it provided free transportation to the BEC repair crews in order to restore electricity to Elbow Cay and Man-O-War Cay. Some of these areas had been without power for more than 26 hours. In addition to this emergency service, the ferries ran their regular schedule the next day free of charge to all passengers.

The owners, operators and crew members are to be commended for their selfless actions and community spirit.

Yours sincerely,
C. Vernon Malone

BahamaHost From Page 20

though she was reluctant when first told she would need to take the course to become a Ministry of Tourism tour guide, she found it extremely informative and motivating, and it strengthened her patriotism.

A well performed skit with a Bahama-sair check-in desk as its setting was presented by the graduates which depicted in a very amusing way what is a very serious subject - the contrast between good and bad customer service. It clearly portrayed what to do and what not to do.

Brief congratulatory remarks were offered by the Member of Parliament for South Abaco, Mr. Edison Key.

Certificates were presented to the graduates by Ms. Dushinka Roberts and Mr. Key and a special award for the student who had achieved the highest score and shown the greatest participation in class went to Debbie Patterson.

Following a recitation of the Mission Statement and singing of This Land Is Our Land by the graduates, the ceremony closed with a prayer by Bishop Anthony Campbell, one of the graduates.

Swimming coaches attended world clinic

The 2008 American Swimming Coaches Association World Clinic was held in Las Vegas from September 2 to 7th and was attended by nine coaches from Swift Swimming Clubs of which four were from Abaco. The coaches train all levels of swimming from the learning to swim, the Swim America program, the Masters swimming program and fitness level as well as competitive swimming. This year's clinic had a special attraction as the coaches got to hear from Michael Phelps's coach Bob Bowman. Coach Bowman spoke on Ten Secrets to Success which revealed some of the work and goal setting that went into producing Phelps's eight gold medals at this year's Beijing Olympics.

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

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Restaurant Guide

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

Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
Curly Tails	\$\$\$ 367-4444
Gino's	\$ 367-2002
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Hummingbird	\$\$ 367-2922
Island Cafe	\$ 367-6444
Jamie's Place	\$ 367-2880
Jib Room	\$ 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	..... 367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Pop's Place	\$ + 367-3796
Poppa Georgio's	\$
Sea Shells	\$ 367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ + 367-4005
Snappas	\$ 367-2278
Subway	..... 367-2798
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074

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

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

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

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

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

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

Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	..... \$ ..... 365-4389
Laura's Kitchen \$ 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant \$\$ 365-4625
Plymouth Rock Cafe 365-4234



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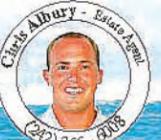
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 <p>Elbow Cay Hope Town - 4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Bath - 2,200 s.f. Residence - 1,000 s.f. Porches & Decks - Boat House & Private Dock on the Harbour - Fabulous Harbour Views - Great Rental History #ETH1104 - \$1,150,000.</p>	 <p>Great Guana Cay - 12.5 Acre Estate - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bath - 1,760 s.f. Residence - Covered & Open Decks - 593' of Ocean Beach - 664' on Sea of Abaco - Fabulous Ocean Views - Private Boat Basin #GGH1096 - \$8,995,000.</p>	 <p>Great Guana Cay - - 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths. - 1,686 s.f. Residence - 725 s.f. Open Decks. - 80' of Prime Beachfront - Over 1/4 Acre - Superb Ocean Views - Semi-private Dock - 30 KW Aux. Generator - Great Rental History #GGH1075 - \$1,380,000.</p>
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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 style="text-align: center;">NEW</p>  <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 style="text-align: center;">NEW</p>  <p>Great Guana Cay - - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Baths. - 768 s.f. Residence - 336 s.f. Open Deck - Central Air - Beachfront - Central, Convenient Location - Fabulous Ocean Views - Fully Furnished #GGH1108 - \$699,000.</p>
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 <p>Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. - 1,150 s.f. Residence - 760 s.f. Covered Porch - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath - 490 s.f. Apartment - Workshop - Great Views - Near Settlement #GGH1015 - \$550,000.</p>	 <p>Great Guana Cay - - 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths. - 2,212 s.f. Residence - 848 s.f. Covered Decks. - Land - 9,700 s.f. - 2 Central A/C Units - Storage, Generator Shed - 12 KW Aux. Generator - Income Producing - Ocean View #GGH1105 - \$491,000.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAN-O-WAR CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "HARBOUR LIGHT" - Dickie's Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,560 s.f. Residence - 1,040 s.f. Verandahs - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Guest house - 1.824 Acres - Entire S.E. - Point of Dickie's Cay - Private Dock. Auxiliary Generator - Superb Views - Furnished. #MWH1099 - \$2,200,000. • "VIKING" - Dickie's Cay - 5 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths. - 3,360 s.f. Residence - 1,200 s.f. Covered Deck - 0.84 Acres Sea-to-Sea - Private 136' Dock - Auxiliary Generator - Superb Harbour Views - Furnished. #MWH1001 - \$1,995,000. • "FRESH WIND LANDING" - Dickie's Cay - 3 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths - 2,460 s.f. Residence - 1,400 s.f. Porches-Decks - 1 Bed, 1 bath Shore Box - 7,500 s.f. Land - Private 93' Dock. - 40 KW Aux. Generator - Superb Harbour Views - #MWH1107 - \$1,200,000. • "SCHOONER'S LANDING" - Five Oceanfront Condominiums - Three - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath - Two - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath with Bunkroom. - Central A/C - Fully Furnished Equipped - Fresh Water Pool On-Island Management - Great Rental Property. #MWH1069 - 73 - from: \$395,000 to \$455,000.
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 <p>Green Turtle Cay - 5 Bedrooms, 4 Baths - 4,977 s.f. Residence - 3.5 Acres - Sea-to-Sea - 120' Ocean Beachfront - 200' on Coco Bay - Private Dock on Coco Bay - 15KW Aux. Gen. - 600 GPD. Watermaker #GTH1097 - Four Possible Sale Options - From: \$848,000 - for 1 acre w/dock lic. on Coco Bay, to \$3,490,000 for entire Estate</p>	 <p>Green Turtle Cay - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath - 1,455 sq.ft. Luxury Villa - Covered Screened Porches - Land - 7,554 sq.ft. - Deeded Dock - Boat Lift - Golf Cart Garage - Complete Renovation 2007 - Tastefully Decorated - Auxiliary Generator - No Expense Spared GTH1098 - \$995,000.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW PRICE</p>  <p>Man-O-War Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath. - 660 s.f. Residence. - 240 s.f. Studio - Dock House - Land - Sea-to-Sea - 36,775 s.f. - 8442 Acre - 100' Ocean Beach Front - Private Dock On Creek - Fabulous Views #MWH1018 - \$1,250,000.</p>
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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 Eastern Harbour - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,030 s.f. Residence - - 1,290 s.f. Covered Deck - 0.877 Acres - 82' Ocean Frontage - Semi-Private Dock, - Superb Ocean Views #MWH1076 - \$1,550,000.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEW PRICE</p>  <p>Man-O-War Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. - 1,921 s.f. Residence. - 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath - 400 s.f. Guest Cabin - 172' Ocean Beach Front - 1.189 Acres - Beautifully Landscaped - Semi-Private Dock - Fabulous Views #MWH1019 - \$1,165,000.</p>
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<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 - 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;">TREASURE CAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "PINAPPLE POINT" - 32 Luxury Condominiums - 16 - 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath - 16 - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath - 1,035 sf to nearly 1,500 sf - Waterfront on Treasure Cay Lagoon - Each unit with private dockage up to 70' Pre-Construction Prices start at: #TCH9000 - Low \$500's 	 <p>Man-O-War Cay - Settlement - 3 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths. - 1,200 s.f. Residence. - 192 s.f. Studio Snore Box - 0.23 Acre - 10,056 s.f. - 17 KW Aux. Generator - Beautifully Landscaped - Partially Furnished #MWH1024 - \$525,000.</p>	 <p>Marsh Harbour - Sunrise Bay - 4 Bedrooms, 4 Baths - 4,468 s.f. New Residence. - 1,742 s.f. Covered Verandahs & Balconies. - 0.3394 Acre - 14,787 s.f. - Swimming Pool - 30 KW Auxiliary Gen. - Boat Slip. #MWH1084 - \$2,700,000.</p>
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<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. - 0.152 Acre - 45.47' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Prime building site - can carry a private dock - 180 degree views - underground electric and paved road. #GGV1091 - \$375,000. • "Cottage Parcel # 10" - Orchid Bay - 14,574 s.f. - 0.3346 Acre - 82.20' on the Sea of Abaco - Great Views - Orchid Bay amenities. - #GGV1077 - NEW LISTING \$366,000. 	<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. #MWH1081 - \$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 Seward on Sea of Abaco - 103' x 6' private dock on Man-O-War harbour - Fabulous Sea of Abaco views. #MWH1082 - \$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 <p style="text-align: center;">PRIVATE ISLAND - LITTLE BAHAMA BANK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "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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New Education office was officially opened

The Hon. Carl Bethel praised Abaco for outstanding accomplishments

By Jennifer Hudson

Officially opening the new Abaco office of the Department of Education in the Josh-Hann Plaza in Marsh Harbour on September 12 was the Minister of Education, the Hon. Carl W. Bethel. "I commend Mrs. Lenora Black, District Superintendent for Abaco Schools, for setting a new standard of excellence in the way Abaco's Department of Education presents itself to all in our community. Mrs. Black's main focus is the achievement of the children in an environment conducive to learning and the department offers an improved standard of service and leadership in the district," he stated.

Min. Bethel mentioned Mrs. Black's focus this year on parental involvement and stated, "Parental involvement is critical to the success of a student. We urge parents to take an active role in the education of their children. Help children with their homework, supervise their access to

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The Hon. Carl Bethel, Minister of Education, came to Abaco to officially open the new Education office in Marsh Harbour located on Don MacKay Boulevard in the Josh-Hann Plaza. He was very pleased with several schools on Abaco for their high BJC examination results, in particular S.C. Bootle High School for 97 percent of its students making a grade of C or better on the math exam. Shown here are Mr. Patrick Bethel and Mrs. Sybil Ferguson, two outstanding educators who cut the ribbon during the ceremony; Administrator Theophilus Cox; Mrs. Lenora Black, Abaco's Education Superintendent; Mr. Carl Bethel; Mrs. Elma Garroway, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education; and Administrator Cephas Cooper.

Local government seminar reviews rules

Elected members of Local Government and appointed board members attended an Induction Training Seminar on September 18 at the Spinnaker Restaurant in Treasure Cay. The Hon. Byran Woodside, Minister of State for Lands and Local Government, was the keynote speaker. It was designed to define and explain the various duties and responsibilities of the town committees, councils and boards.

Local Government came into being in 1996 and elections of town committees and councils take place every three years. A training seminar after each election is usually held either locally or in Nassau to teach those new to the system the way that local government works. Each participant

was given a folder that included copies of the Local Government Act the manual of local government procedures and acts that are relevant to local government.

Mr. Woodside in his speech lost no time in telling the group that they must adhere to the letter of the law in the Local Government Act and adhere to the guidelines in the Manual, that they were empowered with a high level of authority to make decisions on behalf of the people they serve. And with this authority comes a high degree of accountability.

He mentioned that the public is allowed to sit in meetings to observe. For the town

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Minister views site of proposed project



Minister of State for Local Government, the Hon. Bryan Woodside, in white cap, accompanied local government members on a tour of Dundas Town and Murphy Town to understand to goals they want for their towns. Here Cay Mills is describing to Mr. Woodside a proposed project at Brown Bay Park that would extend a seawall and create a beach for local residents. Between the two men is Administrator Cephas Cooper and to the right is Administrator Alexander Flowers from Nassau.

Royal Bahamas Defence Force Band presents a concert

September 27 • 7 pm
Abaco Beach Resort
Tickets \$25

Hurricane victims on Inagua will receive assistance



Students of Angel's Academy in Marsh Harbour collected money outside Price Right for disaster relief for the residents of Inagua. The students first decorated the pails used at several locations for raising money. They are shown here with the principal of the school, Ms. Barbara Johnson. All monies collected will be given to NEMA for distribution on Inagua.

By Jennifer Hudson

A call-in show on Radio Abaco was organized by the Central Abaco Disaster Relief Committee on September 19 to raise funds for the hurricane victims of the southeast Bahamas. The goal was to raise \$15,000 during the two-hour show. By the time the show went off air the sum of \$15,875 had been pledged

and Mr. Roscoe Thompson, Chairman of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee who was assisting in hosting the show, pledged the amount needed to round the figure off to \$16,000. Mr. Silbert Mills of Radio Abaco and Pastor of Friendship Tabernacle Church, said that he hoped

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New Education office is spacious

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the Internet, turn off the television, read with your children, set good examples and support your community school in its visions, goals and objectives," he urged. "I am very impressed with Mrs. Black's vision and her goal which states *Excellence for each student in each classroom in each school*. I thank Mrs. Black for bringing back visionary leadership to this district and for championing the cause of children to reach higher heights and be all they can be.

"I want to let the students know how proud I am of the Abaco district which has been making national headlines during the past year. Firstly with a student from the St. Francis de Sales School winning the National Spelling Bee and then a student from the Hope Town Primary School

being named Student of the Year," said Mr. Bethel. He praised the S.C. Bootle High School, Forest Heights Academy and Agape Christian School for their excellent results in the BJC examinations. "This has set a standard of educational excellence that all must emulate," he said. He then informed students of the emphasis now being placed on getting Family Island students into the College of The Bahamas. Students with five BCGSE passes at C or above including mathematics and English will receive free tuition at COB and can also receive help with travel if they cannot afford it.

To all the children Min. Bethel said, "You are a child of the universe with a right to be here. You can be all you want to be if you embrace all that is done for you and can achieve your dreams through education."

Following the official opening, a tour of schools in South Abaco was planned for Mr. Bethel since he had toured those in North Abaco during a previous visit. He stated that his plan is to identify ongoing problems to make every school conducive to learning and mentioned especially the new technical block, administration offices and staff room which will be constructed at the Abaco Central High School at a cost of over \$1 million.

In her remarks and introduction of the Minister, Mrs. Elma Garraway, Permanent Secretary with the Ministry of Education who has spent many years as an educator, said that it was a very special day for her to see the progress in the Abaco District and for the students to see how proud everyone is in Abaco's success. She applauded the vision, stamina and high expectations of the Education Department. Mrs. Garraway threw out a challenge: "I would like to see if we can have an 'All Bahamas Public School Merit Scholar' from the Abaco District. This looks very possible from what I have seen today," she stated. A Merit Scholar receives \$30,000 a year to attend any of the best universities in North America.

In her vote of thanks, Mrs. Lenora Black thanked the students for making the opening ceremony a most memorable event by performing with excellence and the teachers for preparing the students. On behalf of the 5,000 plus students and 200 plus teachers of the Abaco District she expressed gratitude to all for sharing in this historic occasion and in an emotional recognition of her Education office staff she thanked them from the bottom of her heart.

Mrs. Black presented a cheque to

the Minister of an initial donation in the amount of \$3,128.60 collected by the boys and girls of Abaco as a token of goodwill towards the school children of Inagua to assist in the rebuilding of their school. "The Abaco District has been shaken to the core by numerous monstrous storms, and we want to show empathy for our colleagues," she avowed.

The cutting of the ribbon across the door to officially open the Education Office was performed by veteran educators Patrick Bethel and Sybil Ferguson following an Act of Dedication by Pastor David Cartwright of Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel.

Many students from schools across Abaco performed in various roles at different stages during this delightful and impressive ceremony. Santrecia Hield from the Moore's Island All Age School and Anthony Young of the S.C. Bootle High School performed very confidently as moderators and young Jonnahaj Bootle of St. Francis de Sales School, who is known for her prowess as a public speaker, delivered the welcome address. She urged all students to read as many books as possible saying: "Let us tie up the lion of illiteracy and render him powerless in The Bahamas." Prefects from the Abaco Central High School formed an honour guard for the Minister of Education as he made his way to the platform.

The musicians of the Wesley College Band did a superb job of keeping everyone entertained while awaiting the commencement of the ceremony. Their music was interspersed with the song *Look Where God Has Brought Us* performed by the stu-

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Students from several schools entertained the audience at the opening of the new Education office on September 12. Here the students of J.A. Pinder Primary School in Sandy Point are singing. The entertainment included several pieces played by the Wesley College School Band, the only school band on Abaco.

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Agape Villa Murphy Town #503 Two free standing structures containing four one-bedroom, one bathroom apartment units that are fully furnished with central air conditioning. Sits on 15,000 sq. ft. Landscaped. All units are rented. REDUCED \$270,000 net. Person purchasing this will have an instant business.



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



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Duplex and house #507 two 2-bedroom one-bath apartments and house with 2 bed and 1 bath. Sold together. Priced at \$307,400



Duplex Murphy Town #501 2 story, 2 bedroom 1 bath up and down. \$160,000 net



Great Business Opportunity #506 for someone wanting to purchase a restaurant that is ready to go with all the necessary equipment needed to operate this lovely building, has sea views, is on 100'x120' lot. Priced \$424,000. Buyer will pay 5% gov. stamp tax and own legal fees.



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



Four bedroom, 4 bathroom house, #505 with covered back patio, covered entryway with huge columns. House is 4,000 sq. ft. situated on 1/4 acre of property in Bahama Palm Shores. Central air conditioning, Jacuzzi tub in master bath.



Appraised at \$600,000 REDUCED \$402,800

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

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

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

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

Triplex 3 - 1 bed/1 bath in Murphy Town \$160,000

Two lots 84 ft. x 100 ft. near Treasure Cay, one mile northwest of Treasure Cay School. \$55,000 each net

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

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.
 4 lots 10,286.1 sq. ft. \$59,659 each
 2 lots 12,086.1 sq. ft. \$70,099 each

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

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

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SANDY POINT #4575
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BEACHFRONT LOT with about one hundred feet of beach frontage and the property depth is about four hundred and eighty feet. **\$580,000.**
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TILLOO CAY #3738
LOT 10 - BEACHFRONT. Located in a protected cove in Tilloo Beach Subdivision with a community dock. **\$299,000.**
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TILLOO CAY #1600
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LOTS & ACREAGE

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

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Rules for local gov. members were reviewed

Local gov. *From Page 1*

committees and councils one important function is to allocate funding in a responsible way. He encouraged them to be receptive to the advice offered by the administrator who is the central government representative.

Mr. Woodside told the group that the work of the statutory boards is very important for the smooth development of our communities. He encouraged them to set aside partisan politics and work together for the good of the communities. He concluded with the statement local government is best for the people because it is the government that is nearest to the people.

Also speaking at the seminar was Ms. Donna Delancy, Deputy Treasurer, who admonished the group to be disciplined in taking care of their communities. They need to know the controls. They have a mandate from the people and they must carry it out. The stakeholders need to know that local government has carried out their mandate.

Ms. Delancy feels there needs to be changes in the audit reports that will show if they do not follow the guidelines they have. The Treasury produces the final accounting at the end of the year. She also urged them to work closely with the administrators who are ultimately responsible for the expenditures of the local government funds. They must follow the law. If they want to deviate from the rules, they must get permission in writing from the proper authority.

Ms. Delancy explained that government revenues are down and that local government members can be helpful in collecting funds due government. Each district has a budget, and the members must be committed to following this plan. Any changes must be authorized by the minister. Government has a system of purchase orders in place which is a control mechanism. This guarantees that the money is in place to pay for specific items. Three quotations are required for all work. They need to make sure work is done satisfactorily before authorizing payment. She recommended that

they show convincing justification of their requests for funding. She explained that the system stays in place; it is permanent even though the people change.

Also speaking at the seminar was Administrator Alexander Flowers, who served in Central Abaco several years ago but is now in Nassau. He reviewed the general concepts of local government. He pointed out that local government is subordinate to central government and central government will step in when necessary. The local government members must consult with the people that elected them and they must follow the policies and advice of central government. Mr. Flowers emphasized that any contracts they make must be able to stand up in court. If they make a decision that someone does not like, they can be taken to court.

Mr. Flowers explained that councils in Schedule 2 districts appoint board members. He urged them to choose interested persons who will be willing to perform. The board members should have vision and be capable of making good decisions. Another duty of the councils is working with the budget. Councils do not necessarily receive the money that they requested.

The groups have to adjust to the new figure and must exercise prudence and fair play when dividing up the funding. Mr. Flowers spoke briefly about the relationship of the councils and administrators. Councils must take the advice of the administrators as they represent central government. However, the administrators must respect the authority of the town committees and councils.

He reviewed the functions of the Statutory Boards. The Road Traffic Board is composed of members from the three councils on mainland Abaco and deals mainly with taxi franchises. He also reviewed the duties of the Hotel Licensing Board. Inspections of hotels are made by the fire inspectors of the Police Department, Environmental Health checking kitchens, dining facilities and sanitation, Works checking the integrity of structures and Tourism the overall condition of the hotel. The local boards follow up on these inspections and are empowered to grant licenses when the business is in compliance. The boards also see that the hotels submit the room tax that

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The Hon. Bryan Woodside, Minister of State of Local Government and Lands, was the guest of honour at the Local Government Induction Training Seminar held on September 18 at the Spinnaker Restaurant in Treasure Cay. He spoke to the group admonishing them to go by the law and the guidelines and encouraging them to have vision. He is shown here on the right. Others at the head table included, left to right, Administrator Benjamin Pinder of South Abaco, Ms. Donna Delancy, Deputy Treasurer, Chief Councillor Preston Roberts of Sandy Point.



The Dawkins Sisters of Murphy Town entertained the Local Government members with selections that were well received. They sang during breaks that were included in the six hour seminar.

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New! Seven lots. Good buildable land. Lots range in size from 10,000 sq. ft. to 19,175 sq. ft. Priced from BS\$84,000 to BS\$244,000 with all closing costs included. Located in quiet residential neighborhood with short walk to Coco Bay Beach.

- **New!** Spacious furnished home 2 bed/ 2½ bath, 1/3 acre, A/C throughout. Located in quiet residential area near Coco Bay Beach, Atlantic Ocean Beach and public dock and ramp. \$399,000 plus 2% legal fees
- 1/4 acre lot just 300 ft. from Gillam Bay Beach. Purchaser must be prepared to build immediately at his cost. Approved house plan provided by seller. House will offer outstanding views of the Sea of Abaco; Gilliam Bay and Pelican Cay. \$399,000.00 plus 12% closing costs
- 19,171 sq.ft. lot within walking distance of Coco Bay Beach. Located in high end quiet neighborhood with close access to resorts and a public dock. BS\$250,000.00 with all closing costs in.
- Three bedrooms two bath house with swimming pool thirty feet above and overlooking the Sea of Abaco. Newly built and never been occupied. Tile floors throughout. Central A/C. W/D. Landscaped. \$1,560,000.00 with all closing costs included.
- One half acre lot near the Green Turtle Club and a public dock. Offers possible view of White Sound from as yet unbuilt house. Parcel priced at \$170,000.00 firm with all closing costs in.

ON SCOTLAND CAY:

- Beautiful lot located in protected bayside cove on the Sea of Abaco. 117' of waterfront by 193' deep. Dock possible. \$550,000.00 plus 7% to close.

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Featured Properties

NORTH ABACO #2075 - 2 bedroom 2 bath cottages, great income producing property. 3 units can be purchased individually starting at \$125,000 or all units \$350,000

TREASURE CAY #1434 "Colette's Cottage" \$200,000

BAHAMA CORAL ISLAND #2250 Lots starting from \$25,000

MARSH HARBOUR • #699 Triplex \$425,000

- #2081 "Sunrise Bay" Lot #2. \$250,000
- #698 2 bedroom/ 2 bath home in private location, awesome view of Sea of Abaco and Hope Town light house. \$650,000

YELLOW WOOD #759 corner lot \$**SOLD** interior lot \$71,000

"CASUARINA COTTAGE" #1873 2 bed 1 bath cottage on the canal. \$200,000

BAHAMA PALM SHORES

- #1975 Lots starting from \$25000
- #1795 2 bed 1 bath house with cottage, steps from the beach. Reduced from \$295,000 Now \$235,000

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TREASURE CAY

"Argyll House" # 483 - Elegantly furnished, elegant 4 bed, 5.5 bath, 6,900 s/f Ocean Blvd. estate on 1.6 landscaped acres with 153' beachfront. Includes vehicles & 2 additional residential lots - **REDUCED TO \$3,995,000.**

"Peace & Plenty" # 1059 - 7 bed, 4.5 bath, 2 storey furnished Ocean Blvd. home. 163' of beach frontage, 1.453 landscaped acres, magnificent sea views, superior finishes. **\$3,800,000.**

"Final Approach" # 601 - Recently renovated, furnished canal front 2 storey, 5,500 s/f 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath private home on large property, 100' private dock, 4 car garage **\$2,625,000.**

"Another World" # 1007 - Ocean Blvd. 4 bed, 4.5 bath, 3,500 s/f furnished beachfront home, pool, patio & garage on 1.2 landscaped acres. Excellent rental income history. **\$2,500,000.**

"Trident House" # 317 - Superb 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath fully furnished, 3,500 s/f beach front home. **NOW \$2,200,000.**

"Fish Tales" # 808 - Elegant 3 bed, 3 bath furnished canal front home, 3,430 s/f under roof on 15,493 s/f landscaped parcel. 90' deep water frontage & dock. **\$1,725,000.**

"Flip Inn" - Windward Beach # 1008 - 2 bed, 2 bath beach home, plus garage on 2 parcels. Recently refurbished, tastefully furnished. 180' sandy beachfront **\$1,725,000.**

"Porter Place" - Brigantine Bay # 868 - Newly constructed, furnished 3 bed, 3 bath canal front home, 3,040 s/f under roof, double garage, 165' of dockage, new boat lift. **\$1,600,000.**

Palm Bay Harbourfront Home # 2 # 1071 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath new, 2,077 s/f, unfurnished waterfront home. Private garage, private boat slip with 20' beam. Fantastic panoramic water views **FINANCING AVAILABLE! REDUCED \$995,000.**

"Laguna" Galleon Bay # 745 - 3 bed, 2 bath single storey, 1,550 s/f canal front home, furnished, elevated landscaped lot, carport & garage, deep water dock with boat lift. **\$985,000.**

"The Cottages" # 535 - New 3 bed, 2 bath beachfront cottages, 1,300 s/f living space on main level, plus 970 s/f lower level. Superior construction/finishes. Fantastic Views **10% DOWN-FINANCING AVAILABLE \$900,000.**

"Sea Cliff" # 733 - Exquisite Design, Fabulous Location, Water Views, 3 bed, 3 bath, 2 level home, 2 car garage on 1 acre elevated property. Elegantly furnished, 150 steps from beach. Excellent rental income history. **\$799,000.**

Golf Course Home # 1081 - New in 2008, 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,400 s/f unfurnished home, modern, open kitchen includes major appliances, granite countertops, 10,000 s/f parcel adjoining golf course. **\$305,000.**

"Home, Sweet Home" # 784 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,240 s/f furnished home on 13,500 s/f lot, close to beach. Adjoining lot also available. **\$268,000.**

Royal Poinciana Beachfront Condominiums -Phase 4 # 716) Premier 3 level, 3 bed, 4.5 bath, plus loft newly built condos on Treasure Cay Beach. 2,860 s/f under roof, attached garage. 644 s/f covered/open balconies/porches. **\$2,075,000.**

Bahama Beach Club 2083 - # 1079 - 4 bedroom, 3 bath ground level Phase 5 tastefully decorated & furnished condo. 1,645 s/f living space plus screened lanai overlooking beach & community pool. Includes garage. **\$1,210,000.**

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

Bahama Beach Club 2020 - # 1139 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f 2nd level beachfront condo, Stunningly furnished, elegantly decorated. Superior beach & ocean views. **\$1,035,000.**

Atlantis Condo 2112 - # 929 - 4 bed, 4 bath 2,000 s/f 2 level furnished waterfront condo on Brigantine canal, great water views, includes 2 large boat slips. Beach nearby. **\$865,000.**

Royal Poinciana #2612- # 972 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 2nd level, furnished beachfront condo, fully renovated & re-furnished in 2000. Golf cart garage. Great sea & beach views. **\$865,000.**

TREASURE CAY

Atlantis Condo # 2201 - # 1175 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f, 2nd level furnished waterfront condo. Recently renovated, well maintained. Includes storage garage & private boat slip/dock. Near beach. **\$460,000.**

Atlantis Condo # 2202 - # 987 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level furnished waterfront unit, includes boat slip & golf cart garage. "Turn-Key", Near Treasure Cay Beach **\$499,950.**

Atlantis Condo # 2203 - # 1000 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level furnished waterfront unit, includes boat slip & golf cart garage. Overlooks Brigantine Bay, Near beach **\$499,950.**

Atlantis Condo # 2209 #770 - Elegantly furnished, well maintained 2 bed, 2 bath 2 level condo on Brigantine Bay. Includes boat slip & finger dock for 32' boat. **\$495,000.**

Beach Villa 507 # 782 - Newly renovated, 2 bed, 2 bath 1,150 s/f villa, plus 592 s/f patios. Tastefully furnished. Many extras. Close to beach, marina, golf course. **\$490,000.**

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

Brigantine Beach Condo # 369 - 2 bed, 2.5 bath furnished townhouse, ocean views, close to beach, furnished, excellent rental history. **REDUCED TO \$398,000.**

Mariner's Cove Condominiums

1181 - 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 level, 1,650 s/f furnished harbour front condo. tastefully refurbished. **\$649,000.**

959 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level furnished condo, overlooks marina, includes full size garage. **\$299,000.**

454 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level, poolside condo **\$295,000.**

928 - 2 bed, 1 bath 2 level unit, overlooks harbour **\$279,000.**

985 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level "turn-key" harbour front end unit, Refurbished in 2000 **REDUCED TO \$271,500.**

655 - 2 bed, 1 bath condo with marina view **\$274,000.**

455 - 1 bed, 1 bath, ground level, poolside **\$185,900.**

Beachfront Parcel - Ocean Blvd. # 876 - 1.5 acres with 100' of beach frontage, on spectacular Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. Gorgeous beach & sea views. **\$1,510,000.**

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

Windward Beach # 999 - 12,750 s/f Beachfront parcel with 85' of frontage on Sea of Abaco. All utilities available, great building site. **\$845,000.**

Windward Beach # 1090 - 12,100 s/f Beachfront parcel with 85' of frontage on Sea of Abaco. Native stone/concrete bulk head. All utilities available, great building site. **\$845,000.**

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

Windward Beach # 817 - Half acre waterfront parcel directly on Sea of Abaco, 124' beach frontage. Newly installed sea wall. All utilities available. **\$482,000.**

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

Galleon Bay # 1061 - 10,751 s/f cleared canal parcel with 80' of sea-walled protected deep water frontage. Generous 145' depth. All utilities available. New "T" Dock. **\$375,000.**

Galleon Bay # 422 - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot. 88' + protected canal frontage, all utilities available. **\$350,000.**

Rock Point Waterfront Parcel # 783 - 12,200 s/f lot near entrance to Treasure Cay Marina. 90' newly installed sea wall. Cleared, all utilities available. **\$289,000.**

St. Andrews Drive Lot 1 # 1076 - 14,700 s/f residential parcel adjacent to 14th tee of golf course. Quiet community, all utilities available, short walk to Treasure Cay Beach **\$76,925.**

SCOTLAND CAY

Sea of Abaco Lot Q1 # 845 - 25,658 s/f lot, 172' water frontage in quiet cove, good elevations, native vegetation, access privileges to Atlantic Ocean beaches. **\$559,000.**

GREAT CISTERN CAY

"Paradise Point" # 659 - Furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2,400 s/f waterfront home with porches & balconies on 1/2 acre. 193' elevated Sea of Abaco frontage, Fantastic views. **\$684,000.**

TURTLE ROCKS

"Turtle's Rock" # 1062 - 3 bed room, 2.5 bath furnished home on 1.18 acre parcel with 102' sandy beach frontage. Built in 2000, Very private area. **\$795,000.**

LEISURE LEE

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

Residential Parcels

823 - 10,708 s/f canal lot w/130' frontage & 105' deep water dock w/ water & electricity, Fantastic beach nearby **\$345,000.**

886 - 12,828 s/f canal lot, 100' sea wall, 50' dock **\$329,000.**

602 - 15,334 s/f canal corner lot w/197' seawall **\$299,500.**

704 - 10,400 s/f elevated canal lot w/104' frontage **\$265,000.**

1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed **\$249,500.**

811 - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot, near beach **\$107,000.**

998 - 13,459 s/f canal view corner lot, near beach **\$ 96,500.**

567 - 2.139 acres on highway near Leisure Lee **\$149,700.**

GUANA CAY

"Ridge Runner" # 1185 - 6 bed, 4 bath, 3,100 sq. ft. furnished home includes main house, separate master suite, guest cottage, pool & dock situated on 1.74 elevated acres with 330' of shoreline. Superb panoramic water views. **\$2,599,000.**

Atlantic Oceanfront Parcel #746 - Approx. 1 acre residential parcel, 154' elevated shoreline near Orchid Bay community, great ocean views. **\$395,000.**

NORTH ABACO

Boiling Hole Parcel # 1022 - Total 11 acres sea-to-sea from Sea of Abaco to bay side. 153' high rocky shoreline on Sea of Abaco. (Also available in smaller parcels.) **\$394,000.**

Boiling Hole Lots # 1030 - 2 Sea of Abaco waterfront parcels on Great Abaco Highway. Choice of 73' or 80' rocky shoreline, utilities available, great sea views. **Each \$95,000.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

"High Point" Seaview Lot # 684 - Hilltop 0.405 acre parcel on White Sound Bluff overlooking Sea of Abaco, Fantastic Sea Views, Privacy, near beach **\$725,000.**

BAHAMA PALM SHORES

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

Ocean View Lot - # 1036 - 17,650 s/f parcel with unobstructed Atlantic ocean view, just across street from beach. **\$190,000.**

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Min. Woodside urged local government to be exemplary

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they have collected to the administrators' office each month. Before a hotel can have its annual license renewed, the board sees that it is in compliance with all regulations and its business license is up to date. Hotel licenses expire annually on March 31, giving the hotels a three-month period to comply.

Administrator Cephas Cooper outlined the responsibilities of the Licensing Boards that issue shop licenses and liquor licenses. The four kinds of liquor licenses are

- General
- Wholesale - in sealed containers and not to be consumed on the premises
- Proprietary Clubs - only for members and their guests
- Hotel - for their restaurants and only served with meals

Shop licenses are issued only once

whereas liquor licences must be renewed annually. These boards also issue music and dancing licenses. These boards need to consult with the town planning boards and with the communities to know what the public desires. The businesses must have a current business license that is issued annually. Mr. Cooper is wanting each town to have an office where forms for these licenses are available. Appeals on any decision can be made in writing to the councils within 14 days. If the council's decision upholds the licensing board's decision, an appeal can be made to the Minister, whose decision is final. Mr. Cooper would like to see each town have a notice board so the residents can see what applications have been made.

The responsibilities of the Port Authorities was presented by Administrator Benjamin Pinder. It was announced that an amendment to the Local Government Act

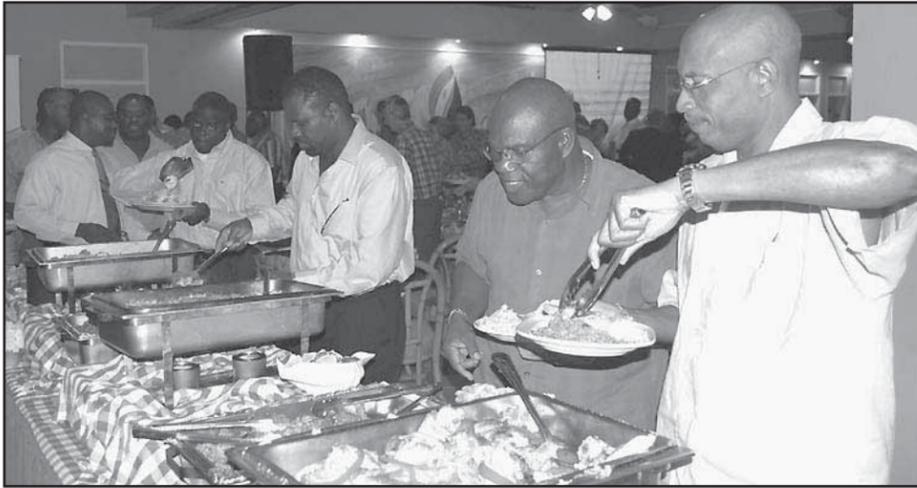
allows the local port authorities to approve wooden docks up to 120 feet in length. They cannot approve any excavation or disturbance of the sea bed. Approvals for all other docks, bridges, jetties, causeways, dredging or reclaiming land is given by Nassau after a local review. All private boat registrations are renewed annually with a deadline of March 31.

The duties of the Town Planning Boards was discussed by Administrator Theophilus Cox. All buildings or additions or demolition of buildings must have prior approval. Three copies of drawing must be submitted with an initial payment. When the plans are approved, final payment is made. Construction must begin within 18 months of approval. Plans for buildings up to 3000 square feet can be drawn by an applicant but must confirm to all requirements. Technicians or draftsmen can draw plans for buildings up to 6000 square feet. For larger buildings over 6000 square feet

the plans must be drawn by an architect. Buildings for gatherings of people must be approved by Physical Planning in Nassau after being review locally. Abaco now has a resident engineer which allows some technical issues to be resolved locally. All plans must be approved by Environmental Health and Works before being presented to the Town Planning Boards.

After the formal presentations the floor was opened for comments and questions. Some of these were questions about specific situations that the members wanted to have clarified. One complaint concerned residents bypassing local boards and getting approvals and building permit numbers from Nassau. Another was about buildings constructed too close to the shore. The answer was that after a building is completed, it is too late to do anything about it. An-

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The Local Government Induction Training Seminar was a six-hour event that included dinner at the Spinnaker Restaurant. The two in the foreground are Committee Member Einar Cornish of Cooper's Town and Councillor Glenn Laing of Great Guana Cay.



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 EXC \$655,950 FGS

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ROYAL POINCIANA

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

2 bed / 2 bath newly renovated, fully furnished end unit includes 2 garages for car and golf cart along with a jeep and a golf cart. Never rented. MUST SEE! Priced to sell \$695,000 + 7½%

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

GALLEON BAY ESTATES

"Gramling House" newly built, 2 storey home located on Galleon Bay canal with a 45' dock. Upper level has 4 bed/ 2 bath. Open living/ dining/ kitchen. Lower level has 2 bed/ 1 bath, laundry room plus covered open boat/ car storage MUST SELL
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LEEWARD BEACH ESTATES

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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!
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Training Seminar reviewed regulations

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other question was about what residences, duplexes and apartments qualified for garbage collection by the town. The answer was that wherever people lived they had the right to having the town pick up their garbage. Another question concerned contracts issued without three bids. The answer was that sometimes that did happen if three bids were not available.

It was asked if the stipend that local government members receive could be increased. It was also brought out that the members of boards are not compensated at all even though many of them work as many hours as those on town committees or councils. There was a discussion about monies owed from previous councils. The instance brought up concerned work done without a contract or signature. Mr. Flowers felt that the councils were required to honour the actions of previous councils.

Mr. Woodside concluded the seminar with an appeal for the group to have a vision for the future. If we want our democracy to develop, the system must be transparent and responsive to the people. He is looking for this group of local government members to take the service they perform to the next level.

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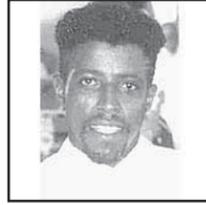
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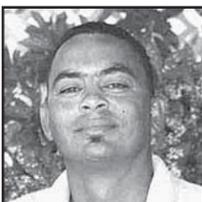
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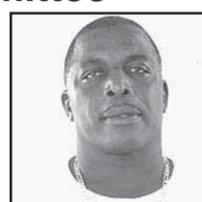



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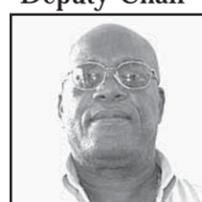
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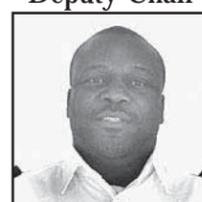
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	<p>Coconut Creek, Marsh Harbour Ref #: 4093 Price: \$65,000 Agent: June Russell</p> <p>Situated in Sweeting's Village, Marsh Harbour this spacious 9,000 square foot lot offers all utilities, and beach access.</p>	<p>Vacant Land Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ref# 3984 - Treasure Cay - 8,900 sqft vacant property just 1 block back from the beach \$48,000 - Contact June Russell • Ref# 3970 - Lubbers Quarters - Ocean View lots starting at \$70,000 - Contact Patti Love 	

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News of the Cays

New Hope Town District Council was elected

Elections were held on August 19 in the three towns comprising the Hope Town District, Guana Cay with one member, Hope Town and Man-O-War each with two members. The elected members were sworn in on August 26 in Hope Town.

After the swearing-in ceremony, the five Councillors elected Mr. Jeremy Sweeting as their Chief Councillor with Mrs. Lana Russell as Deputy Chief Councillor.

Four days later Mr. Sweeting repeated the oaths of office at the buffet dinner reception at the Dock n' Dine Waterfront Restaurant in Man-O-War. Friends and well wishers honoured his second term

in Local Government socializing into the evening

Man-O-War celebrates Chief Councillor

Man-O-War's Jeremy Sweeting was treated to a dinner reception honouring his second term in Local Government. He repeated the oaths of office, then gave a short speech on his goal of "being here to serve all the people."

He expressed his desire to see the White Sound Road on Elbow Cay restored and was proud that all refuse at the Man-O-War dump was being removed and was no longer being burned. He is hoping that Man-O-War can establish a Heritage Day, something on the order of the annual celebrations held in Hope Town and Green Turtle Cay.



The members of the Hope Town District Council were sworn in on August 26 in the Council office in Hope Town. Seated at the table are Lana Russell, Glenn Laing, Harold Malone, Walter Sweeting and Jeremy Sweeting.



Jeremy Sweeting was honoured at a reception in Man-O-War on August 30. It was held at the Dock n' Dine Restaurant that has recently reopened.

About 50 residents attended along with several from Hope Town in recognition of his return as Chief Councillor of the Hope Town District Council.

The rebuilt but presently closed Dock n' Dine waterfront restaurant was used for the buffet dinner prepared by Chef George Albury.

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How would you like to see Abaco move forward?

What does the existing environmental legislation consist of and should it be amended?

What is happening elsewhere in The Bahamas that we can implement here in Abaco?

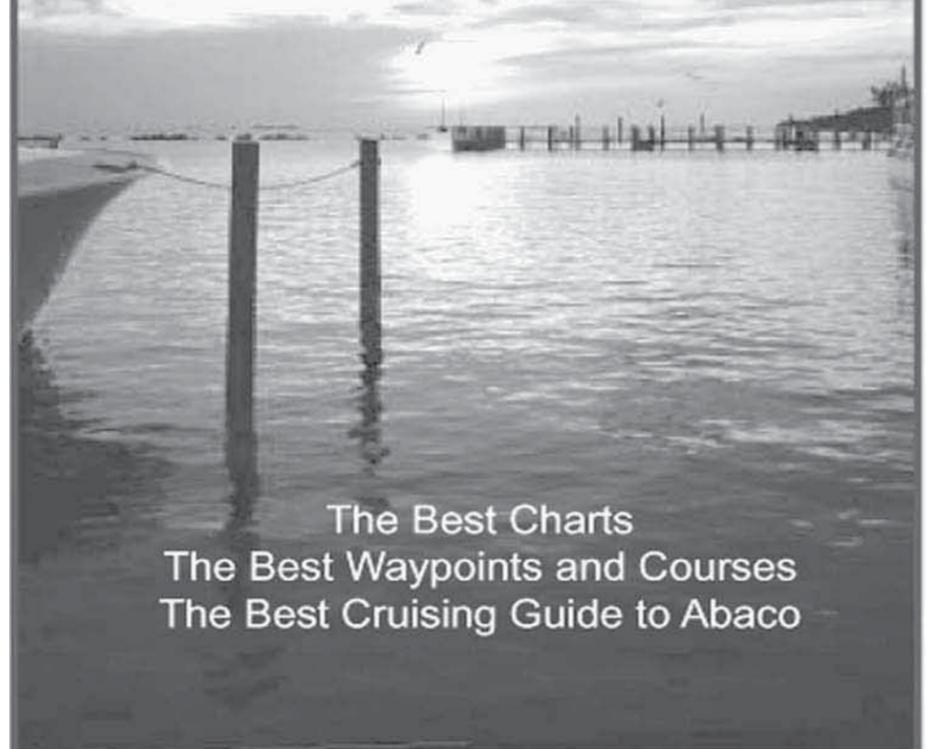
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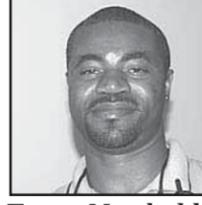


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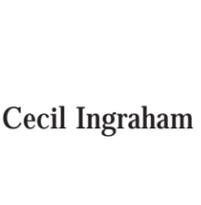
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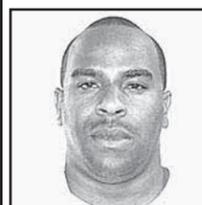


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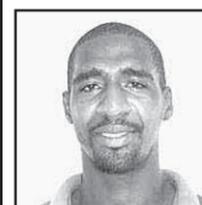
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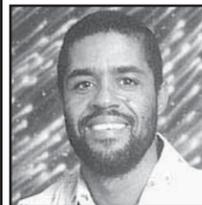
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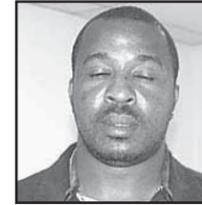
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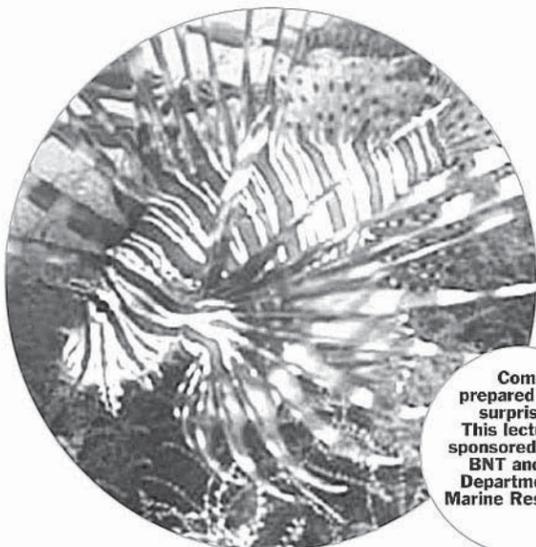


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Public Meeting





Local Government at Work

Hope Town District Council 9 Sept 08

Administrator Cephas Cooper announced that local Port Authorities can now approve wooden docks extending up to 120 feet from shore and for which no dredging is required. Longer docks, concrete docks, solid filled ramps and dredging are reviewed and recommended locally but Nassau still gives the final authority.

A lengthy discussion centered on a metal building that has been passed earlier but was subsequently objected to by neighbours. Effort was made originally to site the building so it was not visible from the road.

Members wanted to know how to apply controls on metal buildings which are generally used for commercial purposes, are much cheaper, and some are more hurricane resistant than conventional construction. Issues over their visible appearance were raised.

Councillor Glenn Laing stated that Guana Cay residents want a town meeting to discuss the garbage situation, particularly relating to commercial and residential collection and its subsequent disposal.

He asked Council to assist Guana Cay in obtaining a taxi plate. This request dates back six to eight years and is still outstanding. There is a national moratorium on taxi plates. However, it was disclosed in a previous meeting that additional taxi plates were issued on Exuma to accommodate the Emerald Bay Hotel.

Tenders must be issued for Guana Cay

public work: garbage, cleaning road verges, cemetery, the school yard and cleaning public buildings.

Previously, Public Health paid to have Elbow Cay's garbage barged to Marsh Harbour. This funding must now be provided for by the Hope Town Council. It is believed that Nassau is sending additional funding to cover this.

Abacays Freight is now paid \$115,000 per year to barge four 30-cubic yard bins from Man-O-War to Marsh Harbour once each week. Additionally, they are paid \$214,400 per year to take eight 30-cubic yard bins from Elbow Cay to Marsh Harbour with two trips each week of four bins each trip. A special truck comes on the barge to move the bins.

Council members had just been informed that a Hope Town charter boat company is advertising marine pump-out services. Members will investigate this to see where the pumped material is ultimately disposed of.

An additional golf cart rental franchise for Elbow Cay is on hold due to objections by present franchise holders who claim they had to observe stringent regulations before being granted their franchise license. They ask why this new applicant is not required to follow the same procedure.

Marsh Harbour Town Comm. 9 Sep 08

We did not attend the previous meeting on August 12 as only Committee members were advised of the meeting.

A letter from Nassau was circulated showing that Yvonne Key's withdrawal of her resignation was accepted.

Local contractor Tim Duggan was invited to answer questions on his proposal

to build two two-story buildings on a half acre lot on the road to the Marsh Harbour ferry dock. Eight apartments would be in the two buildings. Apparently the plan had been approved four years ago by the previous Town Planning Board. Mr. Duggan pointed out that the area has similar apartments.

A letter objecting to the density of the project was submitted which may require a public hearing to resolve.

Members had no objections to the plan as submitted but said it must be approved by Town Planning and conform to all rules and regulations governing that Board.

A letter by the Town Committee to Central Government in support of the Snake Cay project has not yet been sent. It only supports the use of Snake Cay itself and excludes support for the use of Tuggy's and Bunk's Cays.

Photographs were passed around by Councillor Mike Malone to Committee members showing various places in Marsh Harbour which could be improved for ei-

ther little cost or by appropriate pressure on others such as the removal of the two burned fuel trucks behind the Shell station, installing a stop sign on the new landfill road and cleaning and painting the water tanks at the airport.

Approximately 1000 road signs are now ready to be assembled by Three D's signs for the four area towns. The Committee wants to check on the status. However, Administrator Cooper suggests they wait as Council is also investigating.

The filthy condition of the Crossing Beach restrooms was disclosed. Since July 1 others assumed responsibility and the doors are no longer locked at night. Mrs. Key will resume responsibility and see that they are locked and properly maintained.

Bids were opened for emptying the 30 cubic yard bins at the ball field by the Mud settlement. E and D Waste will remove and empty them as needed for \$100 each with an upper limit of \$800 allowed in total each

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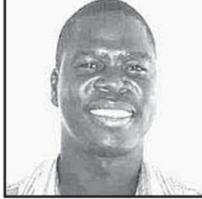
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BAIC team visited Costa Rica

Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) Chairman Edison M. Key and his team recently made a formal visit to the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) in Costa Rica. Mr. Key met with Director General Dr. Chelston W.D. Brathwaite and other senior members of IICA to discuss BAIC's interest in IICA's assistance in several areas including sheep and goat rearing, added value to fruits and vegetable, greenhouse development, tissue culture and assistance in procuring planting materials.

Mr. Key and his team examined the latest techniques in food production including models of low tech hydroponic farming that could be used as a part of the backyard gardening system being encouraged by the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources.

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Town Planning

10 Sept 08

Members met in mid-afternoon to review and approve the plans for the expansion of the Bahama Hot Mix yard at the Marsh Harbour airport round-about. A building had been previously approved but concerns were raised about a main en-

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trance on the Capt. Ernest Dean Highway. This was discussed with the management of Bahamas Hot Mix, and it was agreed to shift the entrance so the trucks would enter the highway on the existing road to the East of the round-about.

Town Planning members have been asked to pay more attention to traffic issues which arise from residential and commercial driveways, parking and access considerations to main roads.

Central Abaco Dist. Council 17 Sep 08

Extensive discussions were centered on the improvements to the Marsh Harbour airport terminal. Minor work began a year ago with community donations and labor donated by contractor Guy Toote, who was present and answered questions. Initial improvements were so outstanding that additional changes were added to bring about the building we see today.

However, questions now

arise over the \$99,000 expended for materials and labour. Councillors asked how the situation was allowed to reach this stage with no bids, no contracts and no knowledge until invoices were recently produced. It appears that the contractor has been paid \$55,000 with \$33,000 still being owed.

The work was predominately authorized and completed under the authority of the previous council. Persons on the airport improvement committee responsible for initiating this work will be contacted to help untangle the finances.

Present Council members are asking to see the minutes which authorized and committed Council funding for this work.

A similar situation has arisen over road and traffic signs for the four townships. The previous Council agreed to purchase signs totaling \$120,000 over an extended period

into the next Council's term. Six hundred forty eight signs were to be made.

It was said that the signs were to be paid for as delivered with the present Council having the option to cancel the signs at any time.

The owner of 3-D's Signs was present to explain the situation but objected to the order being cancelled as his letter of acceptance had no such clause. The original contract was for the construction and installation of the signs. However, it was later agreed to only purchase the signs with Council installing them to save money.

Various Council members along with different Administrators have attempted to get signs from the Ministry of Works in Nassau which they make on request. How-

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While on Abaco on September 12 Dr. Deveaux, Minister of the Environment, viewed the new solid waster landfill south of Spring City. He was disappointed that nothing had been done since his previous visit seven weeks ago. He is talking with Marsh Harbour Town Committee Chairman, Roscoe Thompson, III, and Chief Councillor for Central Abaco, Cubel Davis.



The Central Abaco District Council has been put in charge of the solid waste landfill. Ms. Thomasina Wilson, Deputy Director of the Ministry of Environmental Health, is explaining some changes that need to be made to it before it can be used. Listening to her are Anthea Karagiannis, project engineer, on the left and two men from Bahamas Hot Mix on the right.

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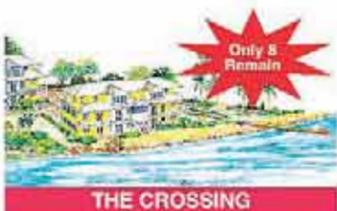


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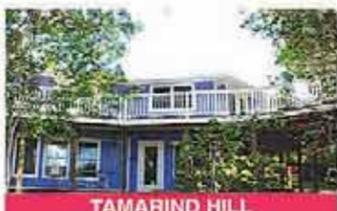


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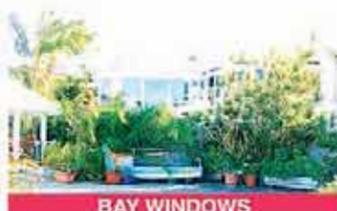


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ever, it has generally been conceded that this is an impossible task with nothing to show for several years of effort.

To date \$59,000 has been paid for signs totaling \$120,000. Regular monthly funding as promised has been withheld by the present Council which did not budget for this expense. 3 D's Sign's last payment was in May by the previous Council. The owner, Desmond Bootle, now asks for payment of \$7,000 to satisfy an overdraft he got to satisfy his suppliers.

Council members are not sure of their options and are quite unhappy on discovering substantial bills owing for airport work and road signs which appear to be obligations by the previous Council.

Mrs. Thomasina Wilson of Environmental Health in Nassau came to assist in issuing tenders for the landfill management contract. Several physical changes must be made to facilitate use of the facility. The major one is construction of a dump pad in the cell for trucks to dump onto and altering the approach ramp somewhat.

Once that is done, the site can be used with several other minor items being able to be modified while the site is in use.

Rewriting the tender documents to suite local conditions should be done in a few days with the final documents prepared in Nassau and sent here for issuing to interested parties. Several Councillors asked that the requirement for a \$50,000 bond

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and liability insurance be omitted to give more persons the opportunity to bid. It was stated that the present dump has been maintained for ten or more years without these requirements. They also asked that the required equipment be down-sized for similar reasons.

Mrs. Wilson stated that these stipulations are required of all contractors and must remain as stated. Processing the tender documents and making the changes at the site can be done simultaneously.

Council members are anxious to see the landfill become operational as maintenance at the present dump is costing \$21,000 each month. Maintaining the present dump has cost \$56,000 more this budget year than anticipated.

Although the discrepancy in volume expected at the new site may be substantial, from 99 cubic yards per week originally anticipated to a more realistic 2,500 or more cubic yards each week, it will affect the workload of a contractor but will not matter to the site. The first cell may fill up sooner than expected but that will be known once it begins operation. There will be enough time to prepare the next cell.

Councillor Cay Mills examined outstanding invoices from Abaco Hardware extending back to his term as Chief Councillor and noted that of the 18 invoices, only three were signed by him. He said the others were forgeries.

Other lesser issues related to employees working without proper contracts or possibly paying twice for the same job.

The meeting lasted just under five hours.

Moore's Island District Council



Dalson Cecil Stuart
Chief Councillor



Lillian Laing
Deputy Chief Councillor



Edward Stuart



Anthony Williams



Tommy Dames

Education

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dents of the J.A. Pinder Primary School in Sandy Point and a recitation *Who Am I?* by students from the Central Abaco Primary School. Before the Minister spoke, a choir of 30 male students from the Central Abaco Primary School greatly impressed the audience with the song. Also attending the opening ceremony were senior education officers, veteran educators including Hezekiah Dean, former Superintendent of Education on Abaco who is now stationed on Grand Bahama, teachers, Local Government officials, members of the Abaco Christian Council and other clergy.

Following the ceremony, the Minister and his party were taken on a conducted tour of the newly opened Education Office after which other guests were invited to follow. These spacious offices now house the education officers and secretarial staff.

Murphy Town

had no meeting

By Samantha V. Evans

A Town Meeting was announced for Murphy Town residents on September 19 by the Murphy Town Township Committee. Town Committee member Sonith Lockhart was at the Burial Society but stated that there would be no meeting.

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Viewpoint . . . Comments on Abaco's immigration problems

By Julian Lockhart

The illegal immigration problem in The Bahamas is getting worse by the day and the Ministry of Immigration or the government of The Bahamas does not seem to know what to do over the long haul to curb the number of illegal immigrants who flock to our shores daily.

Illegal immigrants are taxing our educational system and our health system. Though they play a large factor in the financial stability, how much of the money they make actually stays in The Bahamas?

The problem with so many illegal immigrants landing on our shores daily is we do not know who they are and what are all the reasons they are escaping their country. That could be Haiti, Cuba, Jamaica or any other country in the world.

How do we know if they are rapists, murderers, child molesters or any other forms of criminals making the ocean transit from their island to The Bahamas. So Immigration and the Defense Force have to do a much better job of protecting The Bahamas' borders because it may very well be protecting its citizens from even more criminals.

The largest illegal immigrant population in The Bahamas is Haitian, and it is even more prominent on Abaco with a large percentage of the population made up of Haitians.

Some have made suggestions of round-

ing them up and sending them back to Haiti. But how does that help as the government is spending thousands of dollars to extradite the ones who are here and boat loads more are landing at the same time on the shores of our islands.

Firstly, the Ministry of Immigration needs to speed up the process of giving papers to all the Haitians on Abaco who qualify and do so right away. Once all the Haitian immigrants who qualify have their papers, then it is easier to weed out those who do not belong here and send them back to Haiti.

Once everyone who deserves papers has them, then it is time to get rid of the Mud and Pigeon Peas. It is a disgrace to see the squalor the majority of these Haitian are forced to reside in as they live within these communities.

Government has to identify some other areas where Bahamians and naturalized immigrants can purchase low cost property and homes that offer them more dignity than the conditions they are forced to live in within these numerous communities on Abaco. This way they will be paying water and electricity bills which allow these individuals to leave more of their money in The Bahamas.

Create programs that offer English as a second language, that can teach the naturalized immigrants how to use the banking system, set up a bank account, what is expected to get a loan or

mortgage and the history and laws of the country they now call home. This way the Haitian population can be assimilated into the Bahamian society and feel that they are a part of the fabric they call home. Otherwise they will continue to be a fringe community on the outskirts of what we call our civilization and continue to grow in mass.

Abaco cannot afford to lose the labour the Haitian population offers to the work force as the fabric of the financial stability of the island would fall apart without the numbers that currently man the positions. There are not enough people currently living on Abaco for the number of jobs that are open now and the hundreds of more that will come and that is with the thousands of Haitians that live here.

So once immigration gives status to those who qualify and who have been waiting on their papers for years, then

we can start moving towards a solution to the illegal immigrant problem that plagues our country.

The only solution is assimilation. Otherwise, the only outcome will be anarchy.

Bodybuilder wins again

The 2008 NPC East Tennessee Bodybuilding, Figure and Fitness Championship was held at the Knoxville Expo Center in Knoxville, Tennessee on September 15. Veteran bodybuilder Arthur Elden, now in his 48th year of competitions, placed third in the Masters Over 60 Division. His daughter Wendy, her husband Kevin, granddaughter Jennifer, grandson Patrick and great-granddaughter Lelly made the two-hour trip from their home in North Carolina to see the show.

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

Colyn Llewellyn Rees, 85, of Marsh Harbour passed away at his home on September 12 after a short illness. He was born in Bermuda but made his home in the Bahamas after coming to Nassau as an RAF pilot during World War II. After the war he studied as a professional photographer; however, his love of flying took over and he started the first amphibious airline in the Bahamas, the Nassau Aviation Company, which allowed him to visit many of the out islands. Eventually he settled in Abaco. He renovated and opened what is today the New Plymouth Inn on Green Turtle Cay and ran his own bonefish camp for almost 20 years on the Hilltop in Cherokee Sound. While there he commissioned two fishing smacks, the Pride of Abaco and the Abaco Queen. Eventually he settled in Marsh Harbour where he took up his photography again,



Colyn Rees

printing his black and white photographs of The Bahamas in the early days that would become his legacy.

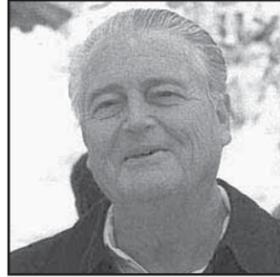
He was pre-deceased by his wife Helen Rees. He is survived by his longtime companion Patricia Albury; his sister Betty Burgess; sons Colyn T. Rees, Robert A. Rees and W. James Rees; daughters-in-law Melanie Rees, Kimberly Rees and Donna Rees; grandchildren Jamie, David, Adam, Christopher, Michelle and Emily; special friends Albert and Jackie Albury, Lloyd Deveaux, Herbert and Minnie Key, Lewis Schneider, Dr. Frank Boyce, Rev. Bob Cornea, Carroll and Lorraine Sawyer, MP. Edison and Kathy Key, Royce Sands, Mailin Sands, Faron Sawyer, William Sands, Donald Smith, Lincoln and Andrea Albury, Stan and Ruby Albury, Joe Albury, Tuppy Weatherford, Sam and Arlene Albury, Maurdee Albury, Rich and Ellen Curry, Marylin Innocense, David and Charlene Bethel and many other relatives and friends.

Those who wish to make a donation in his memory can do so to the Abaco branch of the Bahamas Cancer Society.

G. Garth Sweeting, 86, of Marsh Harbour died peacefully in North Palm Beach,

Florida, on September 14 with Cheryl, his wife of 27 years, at his bedside.

Mr. Sweeting's father was the proprietor of the well-known business in Nassau known as G.R. Sweeting, retailing dry goods and accessories. After leaving school, he joined his father in the business. In the early 1970s the business moved to a new location in Nassau and was known as G.R. Sweeting & Son. When the business was sold in 1987, Mr. Sweeting retired to Hope Town. He enjoyed boating and was an avid tennis player. He and Cheryl loved cruising the "7 seas" where he was able to indulge in his passion for dancing.



Garth Sweeting

Mr. Sweeting is survived by his wife Cheryl; son Peter and wife, Sally Sweeting; daughters Holly Odell and Aletta and her husband, Scott Hanson; grandchildren

Andrew and Blaine Sweeting, Suzanne Mazarella, Raymond Rogers II, Christian and Jeremy Stokes; mother-in-law Reta Paisley; sisters-in-law Leilani Reeder, Terry Pepper and Sandra Tortora; nephews Richard and Charlie Farrington; niece Wendy Bishop; cousins Betty Kenning, Godfrey, David and George Kelly; special friends John Isaac and Mike Lightbourn; caretaker Belison "Billy" Canze; and a host of friends in Abaco, Nassau and Palm Beach.

A memorial service will be held in North Palm Beach on September 27. In lieu of flowers friends who wish may make a donation to the Cancer Society of The Bahamas in his memory.

Samson Fenelus, seven years old, of Marsh Harbour succumbed to his injuries on September 15 after he was hit by a passing vehicle.

He is survived by his father Samuel Fenelus Sr.; mother Marie Eliaza; brothers Samuel Jr. and Ryzen Fenelus; sisters Brianna and Felisha Fenelus; grandparents Sainvil and Manie Fenelus and Philia Alexander Noel; uncles; aunts; cousins; and many other relatives and friends.

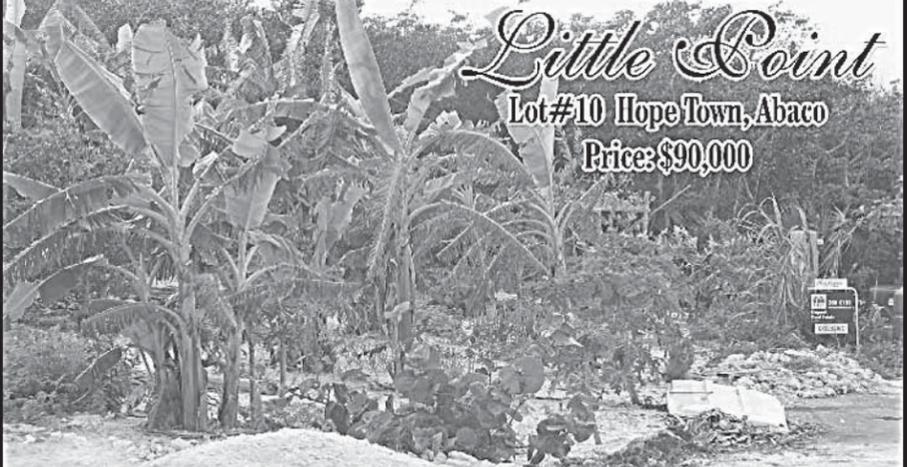



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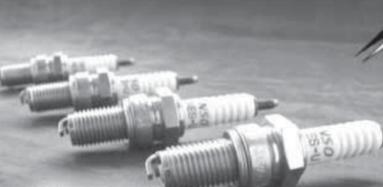


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Radio call-in show raised money for Inagua

Inagua *From Page 1*

that once the churches responded to the letters which had been sent out the figure could eventually mushroom to \$50,000.

"This is Help Hurricane Ike Victims Day and I believe that Abaconians are compassionate and will rise to the occasion," stated Mr. Mills. "We remember what it was like for us here after Hurricanes Floyd, Francis and Jeanne, and we would not be where we are now if it were not for help from others."

Mr. Cephas Cooper, Senior Island Administrator who was also hosting the show, thanked all people who had pledged saying, "This is a heartwarming experience. Things started slowly but they have picked up. Abaconians are a giving, loving people, and they have demonstrated that today. It is always better to give than to receive and we hope people will continue to give."

Mr. Roscoe Thompson announced that the fund raising effort would continue throughout the weekend with government officials and members of the Rotary Club collecting at the traffic light on Friday and

Saturday and with members of the Red Cross Society collecting outside the grocery stores on Friday and Saturday also. Abaco Hardware was thanked for its donation of the collection buckets, and the young students of Angels Academy were thanked for decorating them so beautifully.

It was announced that the contribution of all monies collected would be made to the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) the following Tuesday. Mr. Cooper stated that there will be an ongoing Disaster Relief Fund where people will be able to continue to donate by taking their cheques into the Administrator's Office. "The giving does not stop here today," continued Mr. Mills. "There is great need so please go into the Administrator's office."

Also lending their support at Radio Abaco for the call-in show were Pastor Ed Laroda, Pastor A.B. Lewis, Ms. Salome Gibson from Social Services, Mrs. Barbara Johnson, Chairman of the Abaco Branch of the Red Cross, and Ms. Elaine Martinborough from the Department of Housing.

Thank You, Dr. Boyce

The family and extended family of the late Colyn L. Rees would like to express their sincerest thanks and gratitude to Dr. Frank Boyce for going above and beyond the call of his profession during Colyn's recent illness. His compassionate care was greatly appreciated by all who were involved and we know it was a source of comfort to Colyn to have not only this good doctor but also his good friend by his side to help him during his short illness and especially his last days.

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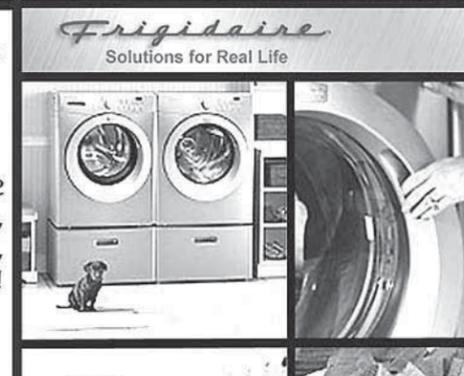
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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

School News

This year's school session opened with 16 students enrolled for primary classes. There will be three new first graders. Robbie Weatherford, Britney Weatherford and Henri Mott. And we welcome a new teacher for grades 1 and 2, Mrs. Catherine Owens. She is a native Abaconian and no stranger to Cherokee as she taught here in the past for a few months. There will also be a new grade 4 student, Coleman Savage, who was with us for awhile last year and will be attending classes again this year. It looks like it will be an exciting new school year.

We said goodbye to Cruz Turnquest, Hayley Sands and Terence Albury, graduating students in June as they will be moving on to high school in Marsh Harbour. Also Autumn Albury will not be rejoining us this year. We also said goodbye to the

lower grades teacher, Ms. Seymour, who now has a new baby and feels the drive back and forth from Marsh Harbour is too time consuming. We will miss her and wish her the best of luck in her new position.

End of Summer Program

The Vacation Bible School ended the summer with a program at the community center on August 29th to show off what the children had learned. Between 15 and 20 girls and boys who attended the local Vacation Bible School put on quite a program for their parents and friends.

Not only did they memorize parts to put on several skits, but also did some very enthusiastic singing. There was not doubt they all had had a good time but were also happy to show off what they had learned and that their spare time had not be wasted over the long hot summer.

Mosquito Control

Our government and the Department

of Environmental Health and Services are helping us control our mosquito problem. With all the rain we have already had this month the mosquito population is up and has become quite bothersome.

However, on my way home from Marsh Harbour this past week I came upon three young ladies who told me they were on a mission, a mission to reduce the infestation and explosion of mosquito larva in our part of Abaco. They were putting out a deterrent in as many of the standing water ponds as possible in our area. Their target that week was along the Cherokee road from the edge of the pine forest all the way into the settlement. Our local mosquito sprayers do their best to keep them under control, but we can also help ourselves by doing our part.

This is a good reminder to all Cherokee residents to check around your own yard and make sure there are no up-turned containers where water might still be standing and the mosquitoes could lay their eggs.

For your information I have been told that Pine Wood Nurseries has a product available to put in wet areas that will also help eradicate them, especially if you think it may be a place harbouring the little pesties.

Coastal Clean-Up

Seeing as how we are right on the edge of the deep ocean and get our fair share of flotsam from the sea, coastal clean-up is an on-going community project. The school children have always done their part as well as many of our residents. The

International Coastal Clean-Up will be taking place on September 20 and Cherokee will again join in on this worthwhile effort to make our beaches more beautiful and a safer place to swim and boat. "What's good for Cherokee is also good for The Bahamas."

Musical Evening of Togetherness

The Assemblies of God in Cherokee hosted a programmed evening of music. Other churches were invited to join in the fellowship on September 14. The festivities went on for over two hours and were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The many different musical renditions were inspirational and up-lifting. Afterwards, a wide variety of delicious refreshments was served.

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Viewpoint . . . Beautification of Marsh Harbour

By Jennifer Hudson

It is gratifying to see people taking a real interest in trying to make Marsh Harbour as attractive as possible. Just recently the Rotary Club of Abaco recognized Yvonne Key and Randy Key for the great contribution they have made in this regard. The community has benefitted greatly from the beautiful plantings Randy Key has placed all along Queen Elizabeth Drive and the Tourist Strip and which he makes sure are always painstakingly kept. The Garden of Remembrance where tourists and locals can sit and relax, enjoying tranquility and sea breezes, we owe to the hard work of Yvonne Key.

The airport roundabout is undergoing a face lift thanks to the Abaco Club on Wind-ing Bay which has adopted the roundabout. The first "revamping" was the trimming back of the bushes. This met with some displeasure from some persons who felt that the bushes were attractive, and they did not like to see them cut so low. However, Mr. Coakley, Grounds Supervisor for the Abaco Club, stated that his reason for cutting the bushes low was a safety issue. "The idea was not only to tidy the bushes but more importantly to provide greater visibility at the roundabout. Previously, it was not possible to see vehicles coming around the roundabout but now that the bushes have been cut there is a clear view of all the traffic," he stated. "These bushes will soon spring again. bush out and produce flowers, but they will be kept low in order to preserve traffic visibility.

In addition to trimming the vegetation and grass, you may have noticed workers from the Abaco Club building a rock wall around the Bahama Parrot which stands on his perch in the centre of the roundabout. "We will build a double wall with a space in between where flowers will be planted to be-tify the area," stated Mr. Coakley. "The

work is progressing nicely; it is making the roundabout more eye catching and setting the Abaco Parrot (which previously was-rather lost among the foliage) off to more advantage."

Another project which has received a make-over recently is the gazebo and pond on Don MacKay Boulevard to the north of St. Francis de Sales School. I had never really paid any attention to this spot other than to notice a gazebo in passing, and I did not know that there was pond behind the gazebo. However, within the last few weeks an attractive pale green sign has appeared saying Owanta's Pond. This led me to want to find out more. Old timer's can remember way back from when they were children there being a well where the pond is now. This well was surrounded by poisonwood trees and so was always known as Poisonwood Well. Later, the spot was dug

out and fresh water, which was only two feet below the surface formed the pond.

Owanta Gottlieb, wife of Dr. Eijnar Gottlieb, Marsh Harbour's doctor in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, was a zoologist and a great lover of plants and living creatures. She filled this pond with fish which she would feed. Some years later a group of men including Mike Malone, Walter Malone, Peter Pinder, Aaron Darville, Larry Sands and the staff of Abaco Shipping built a bridge over the pond and a gazebo with seats so that people could enjoy the area. "Carroll Albury donated all the steel beams for the bridge which was a huge contribution," stated Mike Malone. The Rotary Club of Abaco took over the upkeep of the gazebo and pond and has recently renovated and painted the bridge

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The round-about at the Marsh Harbour airport now has rock walls surrounding the Abaco parrot. The Abaco Club at Wind-ing Bay is maintaining it and has trimmed the bushes. Hopefully, they will bush out and make our island look tropical again. Sculpter Steve Burrows created the parrot.



The community can thank a variety of people for this lovely peaceful pond. It is taken time, money and effort to create and maintain it but it is an asset to Marsh Harbour. It has been named after Owanta Gottlieb, who stocked the pond with fish and plants and saw to its maintenance. It is a fitting memorial to her as she loved the flora and fauna of the island.

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Viewpoint . . . Snake Cay Creeks - Keep It The Same

Provided by Friends of the Environment

Friends of the Environment, along with concerned citizens of Abaco, are encouraging the government to protect the creeks on the eastern side of Great Abaco, from south of the Snake Cay dock area through to the southern end of the Bight of Old Robinson. The idea is to protect the area so it will "stay the same," insuring that Bahamians and visitors will be able to continue to use it for recreational activities to include boating, fishing and camping. Areas to enjoy these activities are rapidly disappearing as Abaco continues to grow. FRIENDS is not calling for strict provisions or for reserving the area as a "no take" park. We would like to see the area "left as it is" for the enjoyment of the users for many generations to come.

Abaco receives over 200,000 visitors each year. Tourists come to Abaco because of abundant opportunities available for diving, snorkeling, sailing, beaching and other marine-related activities. Second to tourism, fishing is the largest industry in Abaco, an important reason why our marine resources need special attention. Eighty percent of all of the marine life that is harvested from the sea grows up in the mangroves. Therefore, in addition to protecting Abaco's land from storms, the mangroves play a vitally important role in the health of the marine ecosystem.

Working towards the goal of protecting marine and coastal areas, FRIENDS has joined with the Bahamas National Trust to protect the Snake Cay and Bight of Old Robinson mangrove creek system and small cays in this area as a National Park. We need to save this important breeding nursery of reef fish and marine life as well

as preserve the many native trees and bird population. Although the area will be designated a National Park, the area will be "zoned" to allow such recreational and cultural activities as fishing, conching, boating and bone fishing. These creek systems are great areas for anyone interested in an eco tourism related business. The areas have already proven popular and have aided in the past success of local companies providing kayaking and bird watching trips. Local bone fishing guides also frequent this area on the east coast of Abaco.

Numerous scientists have conducted research in the creek areas of Snake Cay and Bight of Old Robinson. Craig Layman of the Marine Sciences Program, Department of Biological Sciences at Florida International University, in conjunction with the Bahamas Reef Environmental Education Foundation, (BREEF), has documented that in the rocky shallows of the Bight is one of the highest densities of sub-adult Nassau Grouper anywhere in the Bahamas. Similarly, Queen Conch juveniles are especially abundant in these areas. This area may well support much of the Nassau Grouper fishery along the entire eastern Abaco reef tract. Juveniles of the most critical fishery species in the Bahamas, such as Nassau grouper, Queen Conch, Spiny Lobster and various snapper species are widespread and abundant in these systems. As The Bahamas works towards protecting large proportions of its coastal wetland systems, it is critical to identify those systems most important from an ecological perspective. Scientific research has concluded that this area is a one of the most critical wetland systems on all of the Little Bahama Bank.

Brain Kakuk of Bahamas Caves Research Foundation has been diving and studying these creeks systems as very few people have. He has stated that "the submerged cave systems that lie below the bottom of these creeks are actually localized fractures that are interconnected from Snake Cay through the Bight of Old Robinson and beyond." This is important to know because what effects one system will ultimately effect the other. For example, silting from dredging, oil spills or pollution of one creek will eventually be carried by tidal flow through these underground conduits. This will greatly increase the polluted/affected area and at a much faster rate.

There are currently scientists conducting medical research on specialized animals living on the walls of underwater caves in The Bahamas. These animals are found in great abundance in the underwater caves in and around the areas of Snake Cay and Bight of Old Robinson. Such sites give scientists a greater chance to find potential cures for many modern day illnesses, including cancer, while also giving the Government of the Bahamas revenues in licensing fees and bottom lease agreements. Kakuk has stated that "the underwater caves found in this area are

just what these researchers are looking for."

Abaco is unique and fortunate in that we have a product that is limited, a small area on this earth where the land and sea environments are still relatively unspoiled. As healthy environments are in short supply world wide, this is what attracts the thousands of visitors that we welcome to our islands each year. The Bahamas is coming on stream with the rest of the world in regards to conservation and environmental management. We are in a unique position, as a young country, to be able to learn from our neighbors' progress and mistakes. The citizens of Abaco are proud to call Abaco our home and we have the power to preserve our heritage. We must protect our national pride now and in the future.

Along with protecting these important coastal areas for our own personal recreational use, the protection will also help to secure our now prosperous tourism and fishing industries. We can all work together and support the efforts in preserving our pristine environment so that our children and grandchildren will have a place to fish,

Please see **Snake Cay** Page 26

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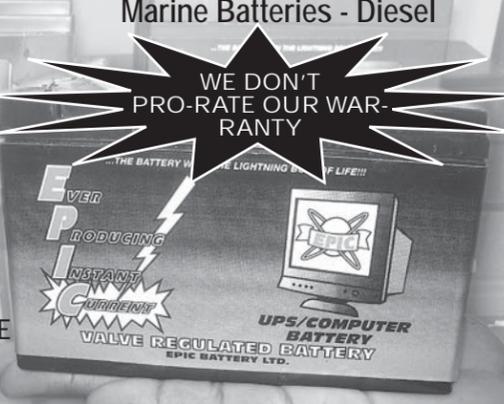
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PROPERTY SIZE: 0.12 acres
LOCATION: Northwestern side of intersection of Inagua Drive & Court #3
APPRAISED VALUE: \$82,250
2. **HAWKSBILL SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 57
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence
PROPERTY SIZE: 5,487 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Abaco Drive
APPRAISED VALUE: \$89,000
3. **QUEENS COVE, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 5 Block 25
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence
PROPERTY SIZE: 0.22 acres
LOCATION: Property is located on Victoria Lane south of Whitehall Place
APPRAISED VALUE: \$170,000
4. **CIVIL INDUSTRIAL AREA, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 6 Block 5
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Split Level, Commercial Building
PROPERTY SIZE: 17,500 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Walton Street and east of Wimpole Street.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$625,000
5. **BAHAMIA WEST REPLAT SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 5 Block 17
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence, 4 beds / 3 baths
PROPERTY SIZE: 0.28 acres
LOCATION: Northern side of a cul-de-sac called Churchill Court
APPRAISED VALUE: \$307,420
6. **BAHAMIA NORTH SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. Unit 304
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Condominium Apartment, 1 bed / 1 bath
PROPERTY SIZE: 650 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Fairway Manor opposite the Golf Course
APPRAISED VALUE: \$65,000
7. **HAWKSBILL SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 124
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence, 1 bed / 1 bath
PROPERTY SIZE: 5,400 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Abaco Drive
APPRAISED VALUE: \$70,000
8. **REGENCY PARK SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 60 Unit 2 / Section III
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Storey Residence, 3 bed / 2 bath
PROPERTY SIZE: 11,340 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Property is 265 yards west of the intersection of West Regency Drive and Brighton Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$132,300
9. **YOEMAN WOOD, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 6 Block 58 Unit 2
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PROPERTY SIZE: 0.27 acres
LOCATION: The property is located at the end of a short unnamed and unpaved cul-de-sac which connects to Birnam Place which connects to Spinney Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$122,000
10. **BAHAMIA SECTION X111**
LOT NO. 1 Block 36
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PROPERTY SIZE: 0.26 acres
LOCATION: The property is located along the northern side of a cul-de-sac on the neighborhood collector street called Yorkshire Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$256,500
11. **GRASMERE, UNIT 1 SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 3 Block 15
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence, 3 beds / 2 baths
PROPERTY SIZE: 13,500 Sq. Ft.
LOCATION: Glenburn Drive & East Indiaman Road
APPRAISED VALUE: \$259,000
12. **GRASMERE, UNIT 1 SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 13 Block 1
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence, 4 beds / 3 baths
PROPERTY SIZE: 18,000 Sq. Ft
LOCATION: North of S. Ringwood Drive
APPRAISED VALUE: \$252,000
13. **CARAVEL BEACH SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 284
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Four-Plex Apartment Complex
PROPERTY SIZE: 12,500 Sq. Ft.
LOCATION: The property is located on Drumfish Street.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$256,000
14. **CARAVEL BEACH SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 75
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Six-Plex Apartment Complex
PROPERTY SIZE: 19,055 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The property is located on Bonita Lane & Bluefish Street.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$567,000
15. **BAHAMIA WEST REPLAT SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 22 Block 16
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence, 3 beds/2 baths
PROPERTY SIZE: 16,300 sq. ft.
LOCATION: On Iverness Lane
APPRAISED VALUE: \$259,000

VACANT LOTS

1. **WINDSOR PARK SUBDIVISION**
LOT NO. 29 Block 10
PROPERTY SIZE: 0.37 acres, Single Family Lot
LOCATION: Southern Side of Dartmoor Way
APPRAISED VALUE: \$33,000
2. **DERBY SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 9 Block 17 Unit 3
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 0.30 acres
LOCATION: Queens Highway & Dagenham Drive
APPRAISED VALUE: \$33,000
3. **DERBY SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 13 Block 2 Unit 2
PROPERTY SIZE: Multi-Family Lot, 17,500 Sq.ft.
LOCATION: Property is located on Heybridge Drive 125 ft. along the waterfront.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$64,000
4. **BAHAMIA WEST REPLAT, SUBDIVISION**
LOT NO. 28 Block 19
PROPERTY SIZE: 0.25 acres
LOCATION: Northern side of Columbus Way
APPRAISED VALUE: \$26,000
5. **VOYAGER BAY SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 1 Block 25
PROPERTY SIZE: Multi-Family, 21,009 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Front or property is located along the curve of Bradfield Lane.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$57,000
6. **LINCOLN GREEN SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 1 Block 12 Unit 12
PROPERTY SIZE: Multi-Family Lot, 21,108 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Intersection of Langton Avenue and Fulston Drive
APPRAISED VALUE: \$43,000
7. **HOLMES ROCK, GRAND BAHAMA**
LOT NO. Tract of Land
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family lot, 0.20 acres
LOCATION: Southern side of Queens Highway / eastern side of PC Plaza
APPRAISED VALUE: \$20,000
8. **REGENCY PARK, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 9 Unit 2
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family lot, 10,764 sq. ft.
LOCATION: West Regency Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$25,000
9. **DEVONSHIRE SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 24 Block 11 Unit 1
PROPERTY SIZE: Duplex lot 11,500 sq. ft.
LOCATION: West on Ashwater Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$25,000
10. **FREEPORT RIDGE SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT**
LOTS NO. 500 and 501
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 0.27 and 0.28 acres respectively.
LOCATION: Property located on the curved section of the a minor cul-de-sac on Penryn Place (unpaved road).
APPRAISED VALUE: \$12,500 EACH
11. **BAHAMIA WEST REPLAT, FREEPORT**
LOT NO. 19 Block 20
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family lot, 0.27 Acres
LOCATION: Western Side of Perth Court cul-de-sac.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$27,000
12. **MURPHY TOWN, ABACO**
LOT NO. 67 Crown Allotment #1 and #2
PROPERTY SIZE: 8,935 sq. ft. and 12,100 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Murphy Town
APPRAISED VALUE: 30,500

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Beautification *From Page 21*

and gazebo.
Owanta's son, lawyer Frederik Gottlieb, donated the sign designating Owanta's Pond in memory of his mother. The sign invites persons to stop and enjoy the pond but "Please do not remove any of the fish or turtles." The pond is attractively covered with a layer of beautiful pink water lilies and is home to a large variety of fish. It is very sad that some people cannot appreciate the beauty of their surroundings and leave it nice for others. Floating on the pond can be seen aluminum cans, potato chip bags and other garbage. Mr. Malone, President of the Rotary Club of Abaco, said that he will have to get a little boat and

put some kids in it to clean up the pond. There is a garbage can there. PLEASE PUT YOUR TRASH IN THE CAN.
The Rotary Club of Abaco is assisting with the beautification of Marsh Harbour in several ways. In addition to the Owanta's Pond project, it takes care of the roundabout at the M&R Food store in a joint project with the Interact Club. Earlier in the year it organized a competition for schools to design and paint anti litter campaign boards. These attractive colourful signs have now been installed along the roadsides urging people to put their trash in cans.
Several business places keep their premises looking attractive with well tended flowering bushes in front which really help

to beautify the township and brighten up what would otherwise be a dreary looking town centre which is sadly lacking in any attractive architectural design. The florist shop, Bahama Petals, is doing its part by adopting the planter opposite the M&R Food Store. There may be others I have missed and I apologize to them but I feel that any person or business playing a part in beautifying the surroundings should be congratulated. Not only does this help to make Marsh Harbour more attractive to our visitors, which we should all work hard to do, but it also provides a more pleasant and uplifting environment for "us locals." The townships of Murphy Town and Dundas Town have also begun making an effort to tidy up their townships and the

new parks and playgrounds along the Dundas Town waterfront are a very pleasant improvement.
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- The numerals 1-9 must appear only once in:
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 - each row
 - each column
- The answer will appear in the next issue of this paper.
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Every Sudoku game begins with a number of squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is largely a function of how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

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

Answer to previous puzzle

4			7			8		3
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5	2		9		4	1		
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The Abaco Club on Winding Bay will launch Give Back Getaways program

Junior Junkanoo groups will Benefit from New Volunteer Program for Club Members

Starting this fall the Abaco Club on Winding Bay will provide members with the opportunity to volunteer their time and contribute to the local community in which they vacation through "Give Back Getaways." This new program was created by the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company through its social and environmental responsibility program, Community Footprints.

While other properties in the Ritz-Carlton family have undertaken humanitarian and environmental activities, The Abaco Club's efforts will be directed at the conservation and advancement of one of The Bahamas' most significant events—Junkanoo. The Abaco Club has been an ardent supporter of Bahamian culture, particularly Junkanoo, since the Club's inception. "Give Back Getaways" will take The Abaco Club's involvement to a higher level as club members volunteer their time and support to the local leaders who work with Bahamian youth in Junkanoo.

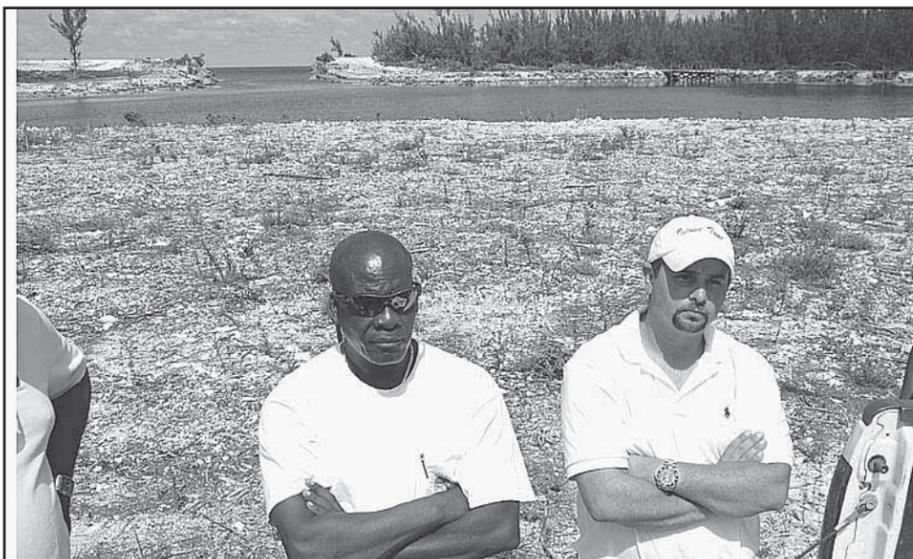
"Give Back Getaways" will be comprised of four components. Initially, a series of workshops will be conducted by the All-Abaco Junior Junkanoo Committee throughout Abaco to inform students and club participants about the history and

social significance of Junkanoo. Technical expertise relating to the music, costume building, art and dance aspects of Junkanoo including the development of themes for the 2009 parade, will also be rendered. Members, guests and the staff of the Abaco Club will assist children in designing costumes as well as rehearsing the music and dance for the 2009 parade. Participants in "Give Back Getaways" will also be able to participate in the decorating of a special float that will be showcased during the parade.

Funds will be raised by the Abaco Club's staff and members for the purchase of materials and instruments. On the night of the parade members, guests and staff will be encouraged to attend and support the children. Finally, the winning groups will be invited to perform at the Abaco Club.

"The Abaco Club has continually supported what we are doing and they recognize the important role culture plays in the community," said Mr. William Davis, chairman of The All-Abaco Junior Junkanoo Committee. "Their sponsorship over the years extends beyond what we see on the night of the parade. It has also assisted in developing the artistic ability of our young people as well as ensuring they have a better understanding of their heritage."

Work at Sandbank Landing is underway



The Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux toured the Sandbank Landing Development, a new development just outside Treasure Cay. Mr. Carroll Lang, left, is shown with Capt. Chad Gulley, who is representing the owners. The developers plan to dig out and enlarge the boat basin that begun in the 1970s. The entrance to the harbour can be seen at the top of the photo. The marina will have 88 slips and the first phase will include a small hotel, townhouses, condos, houses and a club house. The company expects to begin selling next year. The property is adjacent to Carlton Point, the location of the first Loyalist settlement on Abaco.

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Snake Cay

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dive and conch for many years to come. The future of Abaco is in our hands and we must not take this responsibility lightly.

After kayaking through the Snake Cay creeks, one local resident contacted FRIENDS to share his experience. He was impressed with how pure, clean and untouched it was, and stated, "it is an area that promotes family, whether kayaking, snorkeling or handline fishing." He went on to say that his experience in Snake Cay Creek "opened his eyes to what the tourists come here for, and if we lose this beautiful area, we lose everything."

All comments and / or suggestions are welcome by emailing to info@friendsoftheenvironment.org or calling Friends of the Environment office at 367-2721. You can also help protect Abaco's heritage with letters of support for the protection of these valuable creeks.

Two arrested in \$10 million drug seizure

While conducting a routine patrol in the Northern Bahamas on September 19 just before noon, Grand Bahama police noticed a 27-foot go-fast boat acting strangely. On seeing the police, the boat turned and went to Spanish Cay where it was beached and the two occupants ran off.

Found on the boat were 22 suitcases containing 1761 pounds of cocaine. Officers called for assistance and an OBAT helicopter with additional police came from Nassau.

Two residents of Abaco, a man and a woman, were found and taken into custody. The man who was from Little Abaco was charged and remanded to prison in Nassau pending a court hearing on September 26.

Crime Report will be resumed

Beginning in the October 15 issue, the widely read crime report will be resumed. Changes in police staff last January caused it to be omitted for the past nine months. However, we have been assured that the information will be available to us with this next issue.

During this interval, many boats have been stolen some of which have been recovered intact and some were found without engines. Several marinas have had problems with boat break-ins and properties on Marsh Harbour's Eastern

Shore have been burglarized.

All criminal activity should be reported to the police so they can be aware of and alert to developing trends. Even minor break-ins to structures or vehicles should be reported so criminal trends and data can be studied.

We expect to resume publishing this information to alert the public so persons will have a better understanding of criminal activity and any necessary security measures can be implemented.

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International Coastal Clean-Up Day

By Samantha V. Evans

Groups from public and private schools, service clubs and community groups joined together to take part in International Coastal Clean-Up Day on September 20th organized locally by Friends of the Environment. To spread the clean up more across the island, clean ups were also allowed inland in the communities in Central and North Abaco.

Two-thirds of the earth is covered by ocean. It is important to all communities because it provides a lot of the food we eat, the oxygen we breathe and home for 97 percent of living things. Therefore, each person has a responsibility to take care of it. All around the world, coastal clean-ups have been organized for the month of September. Once everyone works together to keep the ocean clean, we can succeed

even better at keeping a green environment. Tons and tons of items are dumped into the ocean ranging from litter to tires and toilet bowls. Garbage bags are considerably harmful to sea animals as turtles can mistake them for a jelly fish, eat them and die. The International Coastal Clean-up is an effort to keep the planet healthy. By cleaning up trash, each citizen is doing his part to ensure that the ocean remains clean and is more resilient to the climate changes, pollution, over fishing and habitat destruction.

Each volunteer was given track cards to keep track of everything they collected while out on the clean up. The cards will be turned into Friends of the Environment office where the data will be compiled and the findings shared with the world.



Volunteers cleaned the roadsides on September 20, International Coastal Clean Up Day. Friends of the Environment organized teams throughout Abaco who cleaned beaches as well as roadways. It will tally up the trash and send the data to a central location to be added to worldwide figures.

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