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Prime Minister inspected solid waste landfill Central Abaco District Council will oversee its management



The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, came to Abaco on July 29 to inspect the new solid waste landfill located near Snake Cay. He is wanting the facility to be put into service soon that will allow the Central Abaco dump in Dundas Town to be closed. He was accompanied by the newly appointed Minister of the Environment, the Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux, and members of the Department of Environmental Health. Shown here are Senior Administrator Cephias Cooper of the Central Abaco District, Mr. Ingraham, Deputy Director Thomasina Wilson of the Department of Environmental Health Services, and Dr. Deveaux.

A new solid waste disposal facility for Abaco will be managed by Local Government oversight and is expected to serve as a test model for potential landfill management on other Family Islands.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, Environment Minister Earl Deveaux and officials of the Department of Environmental Health Services traveled to Abaco on July 29 to tour the new facility near Snake Cay and the existing facility in Central Pines, which has been a source of concern for residents bothered by both the condition of landfill and burning that takes place there.

The Central Abaco Local Government District Council has been given responsibility for the site. During a meeting with the Council following the site tours, Prime Minister Ingraham said, "We have chosen the Central Abaco District Council as a test case to operate and manage the new solid waste disposal site which has been constructed by the central government."

Mr. Ingraham pointed out that the current dump site is a hazard and unacceptable, and that the government would like it to be closed in the shortest possible time with the solid waste there to be transferred to the site near Snake Cay.

"The Department of Environmental Health Services," Mr. Ingraham added, "has moved to an advanced stage in firstly,

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Upgrades at the Immigration Department

By Jennifer Hudson

The Immigration Department has recently installed a new system both in its office in the Port Authority building and at the Marsh Harbour International Airport to bring processing up to global standards. Mr. Jerome Hutcherson III, Senior Immigration Officer, recently explained this new system to the media.

"Normally people applying for work permits or resident status drop off their application form with the fee which is then sent to Freeport for processing. However, this week that has changed to the new system which entails finger printing (no ink), an electronic signature and collection of

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Treasury held seminar for government agencies



The Department of Treasury Deputy Treasurer, Mrs. Donna Delancy, met with government agencies on Abaco to stress the importance of being accountable with their finances. The Treasury is introducing many new procedures that are computer oriented. These procedures will be much more efficient. When the systems are fully operational, the agencies will be able to enter their own financing data. See story on page 6.

Crawfish season opens



Crawfish season opened on August 1 with good weather and apparently plentiful crawfish. The fishermen seem pleased with the season so far. Shown here is Brian Higgs with some of the 383 pounds of crawfish he and his dad brought into Marsh Harbour Exporters and Importers.

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Landfill management will challenge Council

During the Prime Minister's visit to the new landfill site near Snake Cay, remarks by Mr. Ingraham and officials of the Department of Environmental Health gave many insights into the landfill operation, the anticipated oversight of the site's operation and implied opening dates.

A major change in the management process has been the transfer of the initial authority from Environmental Health officials to local government. The selection of the company to manage the site will be made by the Central Abaco District Council. Five bids have been submitted, four from Nassau and one from Abaco, to be reviewed locally.

Mr. Ingraham advised Council members that they can accept, modify or reject the bids that would require starting the process again. Council members will soon receive the five bids and a package of documents outlining the scope of work the contractor is expected to do. Once the intended

workflow is known, Council members can begin considering various options.

Three conditions at the new landfill must be revised and work may be underway now to make the corrections - a ramp into the active cell was found to be too steep for trucks, a major road within the site is too narrow for trucks to pass and is being widened and an overflow drain in a water-catchment basin is incorrectly positioned. When these three changes are completed, the landfill will be physically ready for use, leaving only the management aspect to be resolved.

Physically, the single cell now completed is scheduled to last five years. The site can accommodate four more cells giving an estimated life of 25 years. This is all based on a 1997 study of Abaco's trash by a Canadian firm.

It was emphasized several times that the Central Abaco Council is being given total management oversight of this trash han-

dling for one year - from household collection to final disposal at the landfill. It was stated that a technician will be assigned to Abaco to assist with the oversight and proper functioning of this operation.

Mr. Ingraham hopes that this new responsibility is handled well as he wants a show-case operation which can be implemented in a similar fashion on other Family Islands. Central Abaco's landfill is the first to become operational on a Family Island and the first to be entrusted with local management oversight.

Different areas at the site are designated for batteries, hazardous substances, tires, white goods (refrigerators, washing machines, etc), and other items. A separate salvage yard may be established for junk cars to accumulate for later crushing.

Government hopes that Abaco responds with a variety of collection and recycling operations. For instance, a new chipping

machine is ready to convert pallets, trees and yard debris into useful mulch to be recycled into the Abaco environment.

The mechanics of all this recycling have not been worked out and are not expected to be implemented on opening day. These are some of the issues that local government can work on.

Dates for the transfer of trash to the new site were not specified but the phrase "as soon as possible" was heard frequently. The end of August was casually mentioned once or twice.

Little was said relative to the work required of a contractor at the site. It was stated that three machines would be needed, a D8 to compact the refuse, a dump truck and front loader to spread two inches of crushed rock over the ten-foot finger of trash expanding across the 400-foot width

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The Prime Minister, Environmental Minister Earl Deveaux and Environmental Health officials inspected the Central Abaco Dump and were pleased at the improvement made there during the past few weeks. Hopefully, it will be closed within a few weeks when the solid waste landfill will be opened.



The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham met with the Central Abaco District Council after viewing the solid waste landfill and Central Abaco dump. He discussed their being given the responsibility of managing the new landfill, from accepting the winning bid to oversight of the facility. He wants the Council's involvement to be a showcase example of undertaking a major project and doing it well. Shown here are Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper, Marsh Harbour Committee Chairman Roscoe Thompson III, Councillor from Marsh Harbour Roger Delancy, Mr. Ingraham, Councillor from Dundas Town George Cornish and Councillor from Marsh Harbour Danny Sawyer.

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Recycling will be introduced slowly

Landfill

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developing the site and secondly, in putting out to tender a contract for the operation and management of the site. It was during the course of considering the tender result that the government decided it may be a good idea to let the District of Central Abaco have responsibility for the site, transfer to them the funding and see the extent to which they are able to manage it effectively and efficiently. If they are able to do so, then we can do a similar exercise with other islands in The Bahamas."

Environmental Health will, according to the Prime Minister, send an officer to Abaco to ensure that the site is being managed according to government requirements. The value of the contract for the operation and management of the site is just over \$500,000.

Minister Deveaux encouraged the District Council members to see to it that waste at the new site is handled in a sustainable manner and advised them to look into the possibility of mulching and other recycling options to cut down on the accumulation of bulk waste.

The location of the new site near Snake

Cay has brought with it some discussion. Mr. Ingraham told the District Council members that the government has approved in principle a development for Snake Cay and that there have been indications that the persons who are interested in the development wish for the waste disposal site to be moved from the Snake Cay road at their cost.

"We would have no objection in principle to that except that we are not prepared to wait in the hope that they may produce the result," the Prime Minister said. "Whenever they are ready to do business, we stand ready to do business with them. I am very happy that we have finally been able to bring relief to the people of Central Pines who have suffered much as a result of the dump site being so close to their homes," Mr. Ingraham said.

Mr. Ingraham continued, "I was amazed today and I want to congratulate this Council for the cleanup they have done thus far. I can recall most vividly passing there many days and seeing the garbage near the road. This has been an annoying thing for Central Pines. and I am happy that we have been able to bring relief."

Mr. Ingraham said the government will create a second Central Pines subdivision



The Prime Minister stressed with importance of managing the new landfill properly. This gives the Central Abaco District Council the biggest project ever given to Local Government, a responsibility that is expected to cost over \$500,000 yearly. It gives Abaco the opportunity to develop recycling and other programs that will benefit the area.

along South Side Road near Murphy Town on 200 acres of land earmarked there.

Ingraham

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of the cell. This seals in odors, assists decomposition and isolates the possibility of fire.

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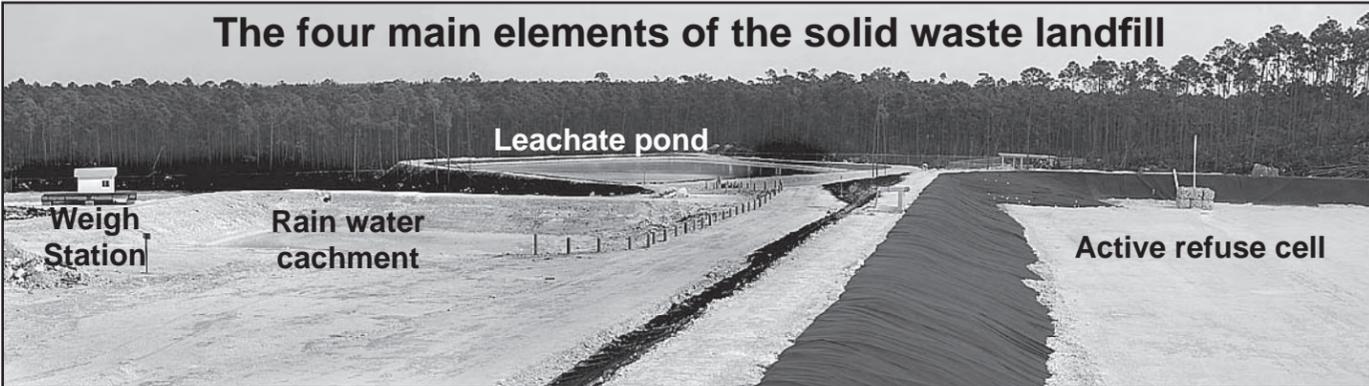
keep the area clean and consider landscaping the entrance.

In keeping with Nassau's fee structure, individuals are allowed 299 pounds of trash without charge.

A question about the landfill's operation interfering with the proposed development at Snake Cay was brushed aside by Mr. Ingraham. His concession to this concern was that the developers, at their expense, are welcome to establish a landfill somewhere else. However, that concern will be no impediment to the present site being opened soon. He said government has spent over a million dollars preparing this site and he wants to see it put to use.

Administrator Cephas Cooper felt Council was given an awesome responsibility to organize the site management and undertake recycling options. It was stated that this was Abaco's opportunity to control the future by designing a functional system.

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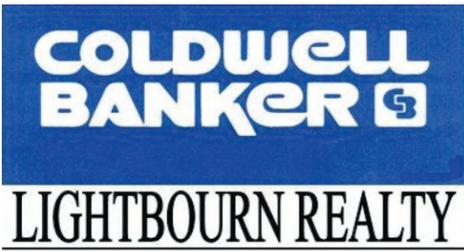


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Government agencies are urged to be ethical

By Samantha V. Evans

The Treasury Department held a meeting with government agencies on July 24 at the Anglican Church Hall in Marsh Harbour. The topic for the meeting was Review of Central Government Operations and the Way Forward. The presenter for the event was Mrs. Donna Delancy, Deputy Treasurer from Nassau. Before the intense presentation began, Administrator Cephias Cooper told the government leaders and representatives to be good stewards of the government's money, especially now that regulations concerning finances have changed to meet the demands of the changing world economy.



Mrs. Donna Delancy

Mrs. Delancy stated that the public service is now under attack, especially the Customs Department (by the Nassau Chamber of Commerce) for the way the agenda of the public service is carried out. She encouraged every public officers to become familiar with the Trust Agenda because all government mandates have now changed. They are required to do more to become e-effective and e-efficient. There are 14 objectives on the FNM Manifesto that they have put in place to restore the people's trust in the government of The Bahamas. It is therefore important that public servants do the job that is required of them to restore trust by locals and visitors alike.

The objectives of this meeting were to sensitise officers to the following: (1) the importance of responsibility and accountability, (2) the significance of complying with controls (ethical standards and values must be upheld). She encouraged them to learn how each manager under them thinks, have an organizational structure and assign authority and responsibility to the staff. They must have competent personnel and account to the people for the affairs that take place under their leadership. (3) They must comply to the government's mandate and ensure that revenue and expenditure are accounted for. The officers of the government have a great deal of responsibility placed on their shoulders especially to execute the goals and objectives of their ministry or department and to carry it out in accordance with the Prime Minister's mandate.

The way ahead for Abaco - as of August 1st, revenue collection must be consolidated by each department and send directly to the treasury. This will no longer be the responsibility of the administrator's office. Secondly, she explained the central government on cash refund receipt formula. The treasury will be expanded to have persons trained for payouts and each agency will be equipped with a competent accounting officer to handle financial affairs. Mrs. Delancy stated that the accounting system for North and South Abaco are now complete and the local government accounting system will come soon. Abaco agencies will soon become fully computerized so that they can take care of their own affairs.

She stated that the revenue from Abaco is good but encouraged agencies to be timely with their deposits. They must note that the Prime Minister discourages the acceptance of personal checks. If personal checks are

accepted and are dishonored, the person accepting the check will be held liable. Additionally, there will be no money for them to handle the day to day affairs of their department so she told them to comply. Agencies will now receive their bills online which will eliminate the mailing system. She explained that persons who do not comply with these new processes will be placed on the side in favor of persons who will comply. Therefore, she encouraged them to become e-commerce literate because every agency will be required to access their documents online. These are the requirements of this Information Age.

She told the agencies to follow procedures and not to take shortcuts because it can land them before the magistrate. Mrs. Delancy explained to them that she has seen it happen many times in her 30 years in the Treasury Department so she pleaded with them to ensure that they do what is required, take their time and do it right! She stated that requirements for traveling locally and internationally to conferences and

to meetings have now changed as well - all travel must now be approved by Cabinet. They must ensure that they operate within a controlled environment. Hence, they must be disciplined in this global world.

The final presentation was on the role of the Ministry of Finance and the Treasury Department officers. Eight roles were outlined including the following which are to (1) supervise (2) provide information and advice on financial matters (3) ensure all financial directives are carried out (4) process and account for revenue and expenditure (5) develop and implement accounting procedures (6) coordinate major accounting projects (7) provide financial reports (8) maintain financial records as submitted.

The agency that was applauded for staying within their budget was the Royal Bahamas Police Force whose financial officer, Cpl. Conrad Jennings, had a balance of \$16 at the end of the 07/08 fiscal year. Marine Resources and the Department of Agriculture were also applauded for staying within their budgets.

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H.G. Christie Ltd. recently honoured its top revenue producing agents. These agents are recognized annually and have set themselves apart by achieving outstanding results through their hard work and dedication. The top producing sales agents for 2007 included Kathleen Albury of Abaco.

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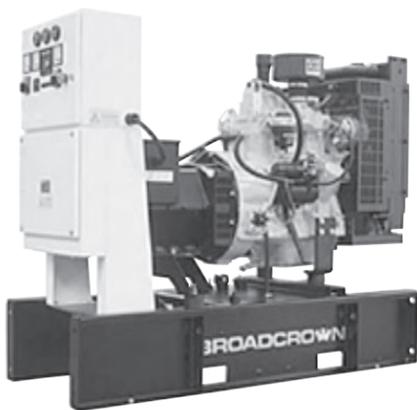
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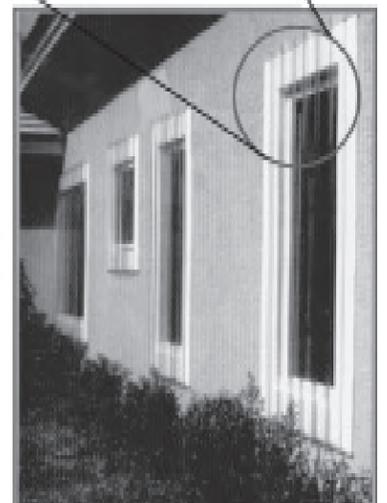
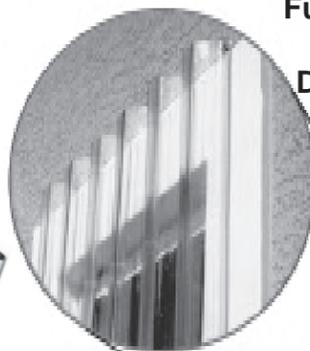
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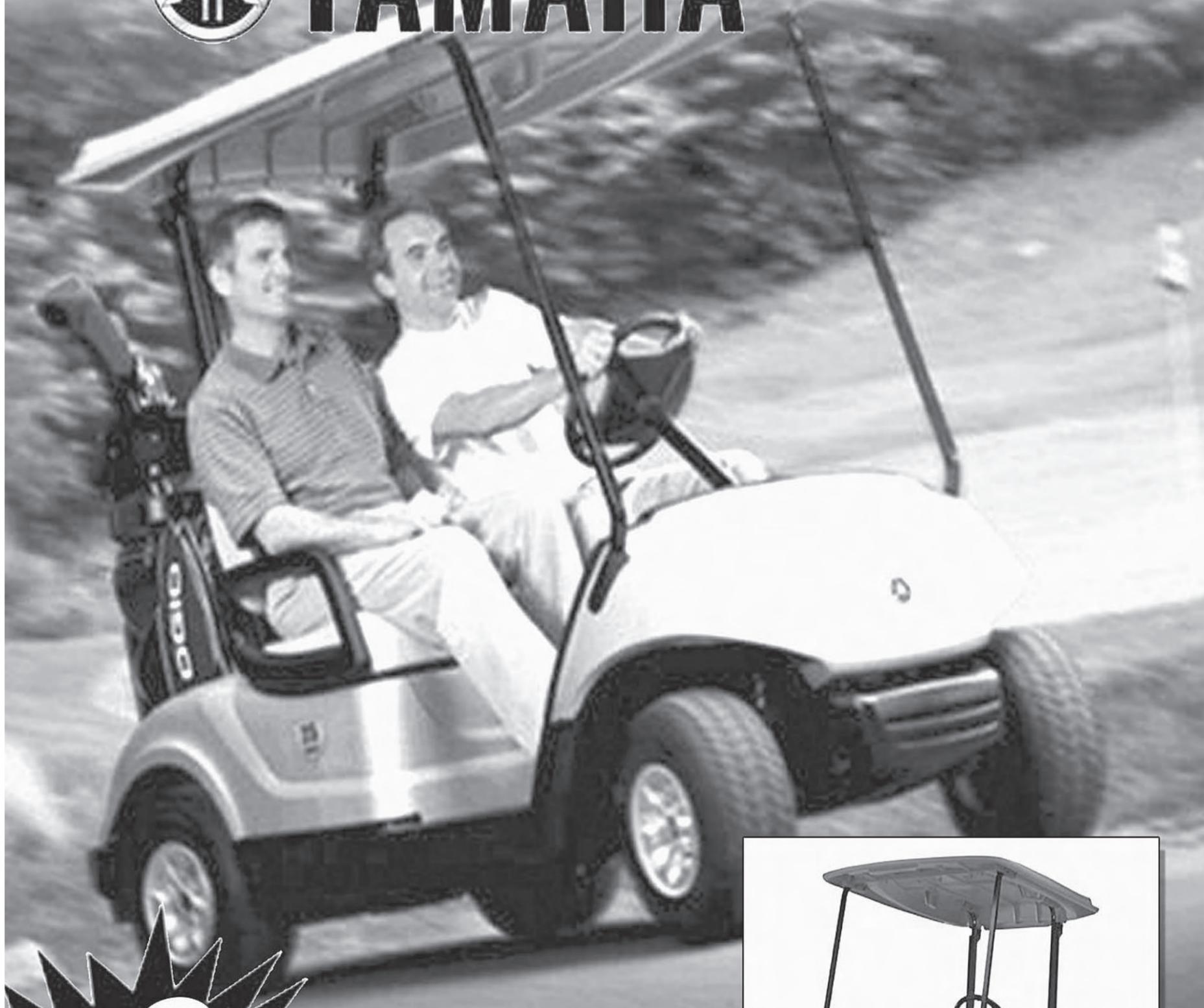
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The Editor Says . . . Landfill will present challenges



The Central Abaco District Council is the largest Family Island District in The Bahamas - largest in terms of budget and responsibilities. Freeport is larger but shares budget and community responsibilities with the Grand Bahama Port Authority.

The Central Abaco Council has just been given a new responsibility, that of assembling and overseeing a management program for Abaco's new sanitary landfill. Government has spent over \$1 million on the state-of-the-art landfill, and it should be in operational condition by the end of August, leaving only the on-site management to be resolved.

Following is an overview of the site and operational procedures as gleaned from officials visiting the site over the past year.

The landfill is in a hilly area containing three constructed cells or shallow pits and a drive-on scale to weigh arriving material. On entering the facility, the first cell encountered is a catchment basin for collecting and disposing of rain water during the rainy season.

Farther on is a lined, mid-sized cell designed to hold the leachate or liquid generated from the decomposing garbage. Extensive plumbing and pumps transfer liquids between this and the primary cell.

The main cell is higher and larger, being 400 feet by 400 feet. Trucks will drive into the cell and tip or empty their loads in long rows within the cell. A large crawler-tractor will walk over the refuse, compacting it. Finally, it is covered with crushed rock to seal the compacted refuse. This cell has been carefully lined with a heavy puncture-resistant plastic so leachate and chemicals of decomposition are prevented from entering the surrounding area.

Separate areas are designated for hazardous materials, batteries, tires and white goods such as refrigerators and washing machines. There may be other specialized storage areas such as one for concrete and construction debris. It is not clear whether junked vehicles will be collected here or stored elsewhere. A new chipper / mulcher is on hand to process yard debris, pallets and possibly scrap construction lumber into useable mulch which can be used to

enhance public and private landscaping. This will greatly reduce the volume of trash at the site.

On seeing the different areas for recyclable items, it might be assumed that persons at the landfill will separate the various items into their various holding areas. This is not the case. Separation must occur at the initial collection stage. Batteries and tires, for instance, must arrive separated and be placed in the different areas by the arriving trucks. Those actively managing the landfill may direct incoming traffic to the correct area. They may ensure that these materials are not dumped in the main cell.

Part of the challenge for Council members will be to review current collection methods to see how separation can be done at the initial pick-up point. Further issues will arise as present or future Councils or the on-site landfill managers sell or otherwise dispose of the collected items for recycling. This may eventually involve a governmental agency for help in disposing of hazardous material while utilizing the private sector for disposal of batteries and other items with a salvage value. It is possible that a management company will be selected with experience or expertise in these matters which would be helpful.

The formulation of new trash handling techniques and recycling options will give our various environmental groups the opportunity to have a voice in the process. There will be many opportunities for private companies or individuals to become involved in the recycling, mulching or other aspects of the landfill operation.

A challenge for Council and concerned environmental groups will be an educational program for the general public.

Tipping fees are the charges assessed to incoming refuse and will be the same as those charged in Nassau with an exemption for household trash weighing less than 300 pounds. Arriving and departing vehicles

are weighed to determine the appropriate fee. It was stated in the spring that the first year's operation would be without any fees while the system develops.

A highway sign indicates the operation will be closed on Saturday afternoons and on Sundays. This was explained as maintenance time to compact and cover the refuse.

It was stated that the successful management person or company would need three major pieces of equipment: a D8 or similar heavy tractor to compress the trash, a dump truck and front loader to bring and spread the crushed rock into a two-inch layer over the trash, sealing it in the cell.

The main cell is expected to reach its capacity in five years at which time another cell will have been prepared to continue the process. Cell sizes and operational guidelines were based on a 1997 refuse study.

Abaco has experienced a huge surge in growth since that study and many have wondered how soon our current volume of trash will fill this first cell. For anyone who has watched garbage and trash accumulate at the present dump, it seems overly optimistic to believe that a 400-foot square will last five years. Effective recycling and mulching will greatly extend the life of the refuse cell.

An initial \$500,000 has been sent to the Council's bank account for managing this landfill. A detailed scope-of-work document, intended for prospective contractors to use in making their bid, has not arrived yet. Until Councillors can study this document, they have no clear picture of the intended landfill operation. Neither are they presently conversant in landfill techniques or management.

All of this represents a loosening of Nassau's grip at the local level. It will require deeper and more thoughtful consideration by Council members as they consider the many options they will be confronted

with. An annual contract of half a million dollars or more will require a tighter, more detailed contract than they are now accustomed to.

Government has recognized that help will be needed to put this program together and keep it working smoothly. Mr. Ingraham stated he is sending someone from Environmental Health to work with the Council to monitor the landfill to see that it is working as intended. We must realize that many changes are likely to be made to perfect the system.

Since the landfill site will, in time, serve the entire island of Abaco, other considerations involve the cooperation and involvement of other districts. It is not realistic that Central Abaco will have a unique trash handling system separate and distinct from North or South Abaco whose trash will first pass through a transfer station. Then there are the containers arriving from the three settlements in the Hope Town District. At some point, it can be expected that Green Turtle Cay's trash will somehow join the system.

Handing the landfill to Local Government in Central Abaco may prove to be the necessary stimulant to forge more cooperation between the various districts. There has been neither reason nor effort for the different councils to work together previously. Success at the landfill site may require island-wide cooperation.

Much as Road Traffic is a single island-wide board consisting of members from the North, Central and South Councils, so it may evolve that an island-wide landfill authority may evolve to synchronize collection methods, separation of recyclable material and other aspects leading to a single, unified solution at the sanitary landfill site.

Stay tuned as local government throughout Abaco enters a new phase and accepts more responsibility.

Letters to the Editor

Appreciates Abaco news

Sir,
Thank you for producing an excellent news paper for Abaco; it certainly makes interesting reading. It is a great way for my wife and me to keep in touch.

My wife and I lived and worked on Abaco from 1967-1972. We taught at the Dundas Town School for four years, and in our final year we moved to the first secondary school on the island at Spring City. We lived initially in the old school house next door to the school and later moved to a small cottage close to the Masonic Lodge in Dundas Town.

We thoroughly enjoyed our days on the island and found the people welcoming, helpful and most friendly. The friends that

we made all those years ago are still the best that we have.

Keep up the good work.

Trevor Ireland

Concerned about airport paving

The Editor,

It takes a great deal of energy these days to actually pay attention to all things political. However, I can muster enough energy to actually write about something that I am concerned about, and I think all Abaconians should be interested in as well.

Quite by casual coincidence, I have come to learn that the new airstrip that is being constructed at the Marsh Harbour International Airport is being paved with a government specified layer of asphalt only one and a half inches thick. When I first heard this, I was instantly alarmed because having a bit of knowledge in things concerning engineering and because I am also a brilliant guy on the whole, one and a half inches didn't sound very substantial to me.

As a comparison, and from what I can glean, the runway at Lynden Pindling International Airport in Nassau, has a thickness of eight inches. Now, of course, the aircraft taking off and landing in Nassau are obviously larger and therefore heavier, thus the runway should be quite a bit thicker than ours needs to be. But given the growth that Abaco has experienced in the last ten years and the assumption that that growth will continue - because there seems to be no end in sight at the moment - it is reasonable, and responsible, that consideration for future growth be figured in now

instead of trying to redo the runway in the near future. Could it be that our illustrious national leaders are attempting to control our growth here in Abaco? But why would they do such a thing?

For decades now Abaco has been dealing with an embarrassing and absolutely inefficient airport. Of all the things that I know of that Abaco needs right now, I would have to vote for the airport facility. And seeing that we are finally seemingly getting some action in this area, it would make a lot of sense to me to spend an extra million dollars - which Abaco can generate quickly, incidentally - and do this thing properly now rather than having to consider shutting the airport down in the future to upgrade in order to accommodate bigger aircraft wishing to establish routes to, or through, Abaco.

Now, it may be that the engineering books state that this thickness of one and a half inches is sufficient for the aircraft we presently accommodate here on Abaco. Perhaps this asphalt is a wondrous substance. And perhaps the government doesn't feel that our projected growth will demand any greater consideration insofar as runway thickness is concerned. Well, take it from me, politicians have a tendency to micro manage things they know little about. And when they finally realize that they may have screwed up, they are all masters of covering their own a**es.

Remember this, my fellow Bahamians, government doesn't GIVE us anything. We pay for everything we get, and Abaconians

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Changes improve the Marsh Harbour clinic

By Samantha V. Evans

In an effort to provide optimum health care services to the residents of Central Abaco and the cays under its management, the new Health Care Administrator for Abaco, Mrs. Sherinette Norville-Smith, assisted by Nursing Officer Genevieve Bowe, have worked extremely hard to ensure that they are compliant to the mission of the Department of Public Health. This department provides public and primary health care services to all persons regardless of age, gender, race, religion or political belief. Many plans are underway to ensure that this takes place. To date, the following improvements have been made in this regard:

Morning devotions begin at the clinic daily at 8 a.m., lasting 30 minutes. The pastors to assist with this are Bishop Clifford Henfield, Pastor Earlin Baillou and Evangelist Cleron Hall.

Pre-clinic talks began on June 30 as well and follow morning devotion at 8:30 a.m. The talks are held Monday to Friday and are lead by the nursing staff and doctors. The topics covered to date include hypertension, diabetes, proper nutrition, antenatal care and pregnancy ailments, managing minor ailments in children, dental services, use of emergency services, healthy lifestyle, accident prevention, and the importance of triage.

Dental days and hours have been expanded. The dentist is available Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday. On Tuesday he is in Cooper's Town.

Clinic hours and schedule have been expanded. Registration for the morning clinic begins at 9 a.m. and registration for the afternoon clinic begins at 1 p.m. The clinic now operates as follows: Monday morning

- general clinic, sick baby clinic and dental care; Monday afternoon - general clinic and dental clinic. Tuesday morning - antenatal clinic and dental clinic; Tuesday afternoon - family planning and dental clinic. Wednesday morning - general and dental clinic; Wednesday afternoon - well baby clinic, general and dental clinic. Thursday morning - general clinic and dental clinic; Thursday afternoon - general clinic, gerontology and dental clinic; Friday morning - general clinic, Hope Town clinic and dental clinic; and Friday afternoon - home visits, records and dental clinic.

Additional clerical staff is being hired.

- Increased nursing staff from four to seven including one nursing officer, one trained clinical nurse and five registered nurses

- Establishment of a local health advisory committee the first week in June. The committee is made up of 15 community-minded citizens and healthcare professions. Meetings are held once per week at the Marsh Harbour clinic. Attending the meetings occasionally are Senior Island Administrator Cephas Cooper and Chief Councillor Cubell Davis.

- Adjustment to fee schedule - Bahamian residents \$10 and non-residents \$30. Public servants are exempt of fees. Other fees can be obtained by calling the clinic.

- Improved services - the registration area and clerical staff have been organized to ensure optimum service. More care is now being taken to ensure that the privacy policy is carried out to focus closer attention on keeping patient files and health care information strictly confidential.

- Patients will no longer be allowed to carry their own files.

- If medication is given, only doctors will be allowed to write patient prescriptions.

- Priority services are now offered for the elderly, infants and babies. However, emergencies take precedence over all other matters.

- More regular training will be made available for the staff on matters of deficiency. The first such training was held on August 8 on womb care. More such training sessions are to come and this effort is being organized by Nursing Officer Genevieve Bowe. She has been assigned to the Marsh Harbour clinic for the past six weeks until a permanent nursing officer has been assigned.

The public is reminded to bear with them as the clinic make changes to better serve them. Patients and visitors are encouraged to be respectful of the staff and the other patients who come to be seen by the doctors. They are asked not to abuse the extended hours. Even though the clinic is now open until 4 p.m., registration for the morning clinic still ends at 11 a.m. Only real emergency care will be offered after clinic hours. Persons wanting to be seen by the dentist are asked to make appointments. Only emergency cases do not require an appointments.



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Central Abaco News

Radio Abaco Off Air Due to Lightning Strike

By Jennifer Hudson

During the months of June and July there have been several lightning strikes to boats and homes throughout Abaco. On July 7 the latest casualty was Radio Abaco which was knocked off air by a lightning strike.

Mr. Silbert Mills reported that at 4.05 p.m. on that afternoon he was in the studio watching what he termed "a mundane squall over Pelican Shores when suddenly everything happened so fast. A flash of lightning marched along the power line sending Radio Abaco off the air." Mr. Mills stated that he lost most of his studio equipment - the on-air transmitter, telephones, computers, everything except for a few things which were saved by UPS battery backup boxes. "I thought I had a reasonably good grounding system as the grounding rod goes down 45 feet into water and is connected by grounding cable to the equipment."

There was, remarkably, no hit to the tower, and none of the electronic equip-

ment on the tower was affected; the antenna and cable are still good. "I have never, in all the times the station has been hit, had a direct hit on the tower," said Mr. Mills.

Mr. Mills stated that he if having to purchase all new equipment. But after being off air for ten days, he was able to begin broadcasting again on a back-up low-powered system which he has purchased so that there will be no more delays. Mr. Mills had backed up all his data and music on hard drives which he had stored away from the property so that he had the resources immediately available to be able to resume service as soon as he procured the temporary the low-power system. A technician from North Carolina was working along with Mr. Norwel Gordon to effect the installations.

"I wish to state my sincere appreciation



Silbert Mills

to Mr. Norwel Gordon without whose expertise I would not have been able to get back on air when I did," stated Mr. Mills, who wished to apologise to his listeners for the break in transmission. "I intend to shut down in future storms so that listeners will not be inconvenienced again," he assured.

Silver Leaf Buttonwood Furniture opened

By Jennifer Hudson

The first Monday of July marked the opening of Abaco's newest furniture store and in celebration the store held a week long Open House offering furniture at a 30 percent reduction in price. Silver Leaf Buttonwood Furniture is located in the new shopping centre between the Auskell Medical Clinic and Seventh Day Adventist Church in Marsh Harbour.

The new store offers everything for the home, and the owners have created a pleasant atmosphere with friendly service. Their main line is from Ashley Furniture which is presently the top furniture company in North America explained Mrs. Vyrona Archer, purchaser for the store which she

describes as "a family affair." Other items are from the suppliers of Pier One such as Ikea. Also in stock are all the other accessories one needs to set up a home including bed linens, towels, table wares, lamps, vases and a wonderful assortment of candles and other luxuries for the home which also make excellent gift items.

The store presently has in stock several luxurious and comfortable couches, beautiful cherry wood bedroom set and dining table and chairs. The room dividers were so popular that they all sold out in the first week, but more will be coming in along with coffee table sets and washers and dryers.

The owners of Buttonwood Furniture recognize that it is becoming more and more expensive for people to go away to shop these days and are trying to keep things realistic and bring in items which are different but affordable. New stock will be arriving on a monthly basis.

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Government clinic offered TB screening tests



To guard against the increasing number of school aged children to become infected with TB, the Department of Public Health offered free Mantoux screening to them on June 30 at the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic. The test was administered by nurses from Nassau who told the parents to keep the results of this test with their children's immunization records. The children who got this test do not have to get it done again until they get to high school. The response to this drive was not as good as expected, but the staff treated those children and explained to them what was

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North Rock has moved

By Samantha V. Evans

North Rock, has moved to Bay Street and Prophecy Drive in Dundas Town. Owners, Shannon and Rosnell Simmons are happy to now have their very own facility. They still provide all of the same services but promise their clients that they will be upgrading to better serve them. The phone number is 367-0166. The store hours are Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and on Saturday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Special Touch Beauty Salon has new owner

By Samantha V. Evans

On June 1st Sharman Davis became the new owner of Special Touch Unisex Beauty Salon in the Abaco Shopping Center. Mrs. Davis has been a beautician on Moore's Island for the past ten years. When she moved to the mainland, she worked at the salon she now owns. Even though she did not expect this to happen, she stated that she took advantage of the opportunity that presented itself. Now that she owns this business, she is much busier since there is a constant flow of clients.

Customers can now see a new and improved Special Touch Salon. She added a fashion and accessories section at the front of the store that sells a wide range of fashion wear including hats, bags, and jewelry. Sharman stated that she has always loved fashion and now she can sell it. The staff at the salon is up to nine including six beauticians, a nail technician, a receptionist and a shampoo girl. The hours of the store are weekdays 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and weekends 8

Police held Town Meeting in Murphy Town

By Mirella Santillo

On July 17th the new Superintendent of Police, Mr. Norville Smith, together with a group of policemen, met residents of Murphy Town at Mt. Zion Baptist Church to discuss crime and crime prevention in that settlement. Insp. Piter discussed crime issues and on the reasons to form a community crime watch. He captured people's attention by strongly reminding them that the island was not as secure as it seemed and by urging them to take precautionary measures. "Don't trust leaving your doors open," he said. "Don't take people at face value. Don't make yourself a target. Make sure your home is more secure than your neighbors' houses but also be your neighbors' keeper by reporting any suspicious incident to the Police. But above all he urged them to develop a crime watch, saying that the police will help them set it up. He warned the audience about receiving stolen goods and about the danger of keeping asue money at home.

Supt. Smith invited the participants to ask questions and make suggestions. These ranged from what to do if you wake up and find an intruder in your house to what if someone tries to break-in while they are alone at home to how to deal with people loitering after dark in your

street while you are trying to enter your home. The answer in most case was to stay calm and not to try to fight an intruder who might be armed and hurt you besides taking your valuables. Whatever the problem, it was recommended to call the police and not to take the law in your own hands.

One member of the community raised the problem of the number of non-licensed vehicles driven by non-licensed drivers with no proper license plates and no vehicle interior visibility. Another resident wanted to know at which point could an officer break up a loitering gathering. Another one had many questions relating to

suspicious activities, particularly suspected criminal activity in the Mud.

Supt. Smith urged people to contact the police every time they witnessed a possible criminal activity or suspect behavior.

ASP Ferguson confirmed that there was a shortage of police officers on the island, but he assured the group, "We will do what it takes to police Abaco."

Supt. Smith assured the audience that its concerns had been noticed and documented and that they will be addressed. "We did it in Nassau, we can do it on Abaco," he concluded.



Police met with residents of Murphy Town to discuss problems of crime. They urged the residents to form a crime watch to keep their community safer.

Fabric store will open

By Julian Lockhart

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in the Spooner Building on Queen Elizabeth Drive. The store will carry the majority of the same goods the store in New Providence carries and gives Abaconians a chance to shop at home.

Store manager Nakia Wong said, "We wanted to offer the people of Abaco all the items they could never get here before. In terms of fabric we will carry all the craft items for jewellery making or anything to do with clothing or sewing. With our being an established company, we will offer a ton of things you cannot find in Marsh Harbour," she added. The store will be able to bring in anything that is needed.

Mrs. Wong said they will feature the different seasons providing Halloween costumes for children all the way to adults. At Christmas they will have an array of decorations, lighting, bows and paper.

Mr. Marvin Pinder, owner of Home Fabrics, will be opening a law office in the back of the building. Mr. Pinder is back on Abaco after a 20-year absence, and his daughter, Holly Pinder, will be making regular trips to Abaco to manage the Marvin Pinder Law Chamber.

Energetic young man heads Murphy Town Committee

By Mirella Santillo

In the Local Government elections Mr. Renardo Curry was elected to the Murphy Town Committee and was subsequently elected as Chairman of the Town Committee, his first public office.

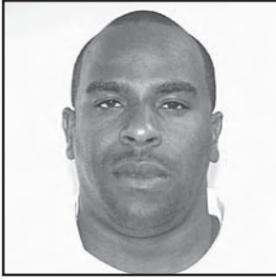
As a resident of the township I was interested in finding out Mr. Curry's plans for the next three years and a meeting took place

to discuss his goals. Although in his thirties and somehow reserved, Mr. Curry projects a determined and solid personality.

He mentioned that his first area of concern was the accountability and fulfillment of the contracts being issued for the general maintenance of the township such as garbage collection, mowing and trimming of grassy area and the bushes along the roads, maintenance of the public parks and the cemetery. He said he was ready to appoint two people to oversee each of these contracts.

His next ambition is to put in place a sports program for the youth and he mentioned enrolling the help of the Youth Coordinator, Mr. Ishmael "Stretch" Morley, to involve the Murphy Town youth in positive activities. A third and immediate project is to renovate the Burial Society which is now used for public meetings and functions. Eventually building a Community Center for Murphy Town next to the playground on Forest Drive will be considered.

Mr. Curry plans to form an association to help with the completion of the various community projects including the development of a cultural park at Coconut Tree Bay. He is determined to address the needs of sidewalks and pedestrian crossings in certain areas and hopes to create a com-



Renardo Curry

puter study lab and a library as part of an after school program.

As of August there will be the implementation of a program whereby people can go to the Committee office two days a week to pick up passports and land applications forms and drop off mail, thus avoiding unnecessary trips to Marsh Harbour.

Fighting crime in the community is another issue that he would like to deal with and he mentioned having held a very successful meeting with the police during where it was decided that police and residents would work together to fight crime and build a community where people would find it safe to invest in a businesses or come to visit.

Lastly, Mr. Curry hopes to be able to develop a community spirit among the residents of Murphy Town, a spirit that would drive them to take part in various projects as volunteers, working together to make Murphy Town a better place to live.

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have paid for this airstrip many times over. There is a saying that states that we get what we pay for. In this instance, I would have to disagree. We deserve only the best because we can afford it and because we have bloody well waited long enough for

it. Got it? Good! Now, will there be a new review of our (Abaco's) needs insofar as this airport thing is concerned? I truly doubt it. The way it works here in The Bahamas is you get what you get, and keep ya mouth shut! Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

William (Billy) Roberts - Someone who loves to travel, but who shrinks in embarrassment when I travel through Marsh Harbour.

Why can't the barge be moved

Dear Sirs:

In your 15 March 2008 issue of The Abaconian, there was a letter to the editor regarding the barge *Bullet Proof* blocking access to the community freight landing at Lubbers Quarters. This vessel is still there blocking accessing and paying no dockage fees - in essence freeloading at the expense of the community of Lubbers Quarters.

In the letter of 15 March it was suggested that either local government or the authorities in Nassau should take some action. Evidently nothing has been done because the barge remains there as it has for the past four years or more.

It is unfair that everyone else on Lubbers pays a fee to the government for their dock space whereas *Bullet Proof* is exempt. Something should be done about this! Where is someone in authority with the guts to act on this?

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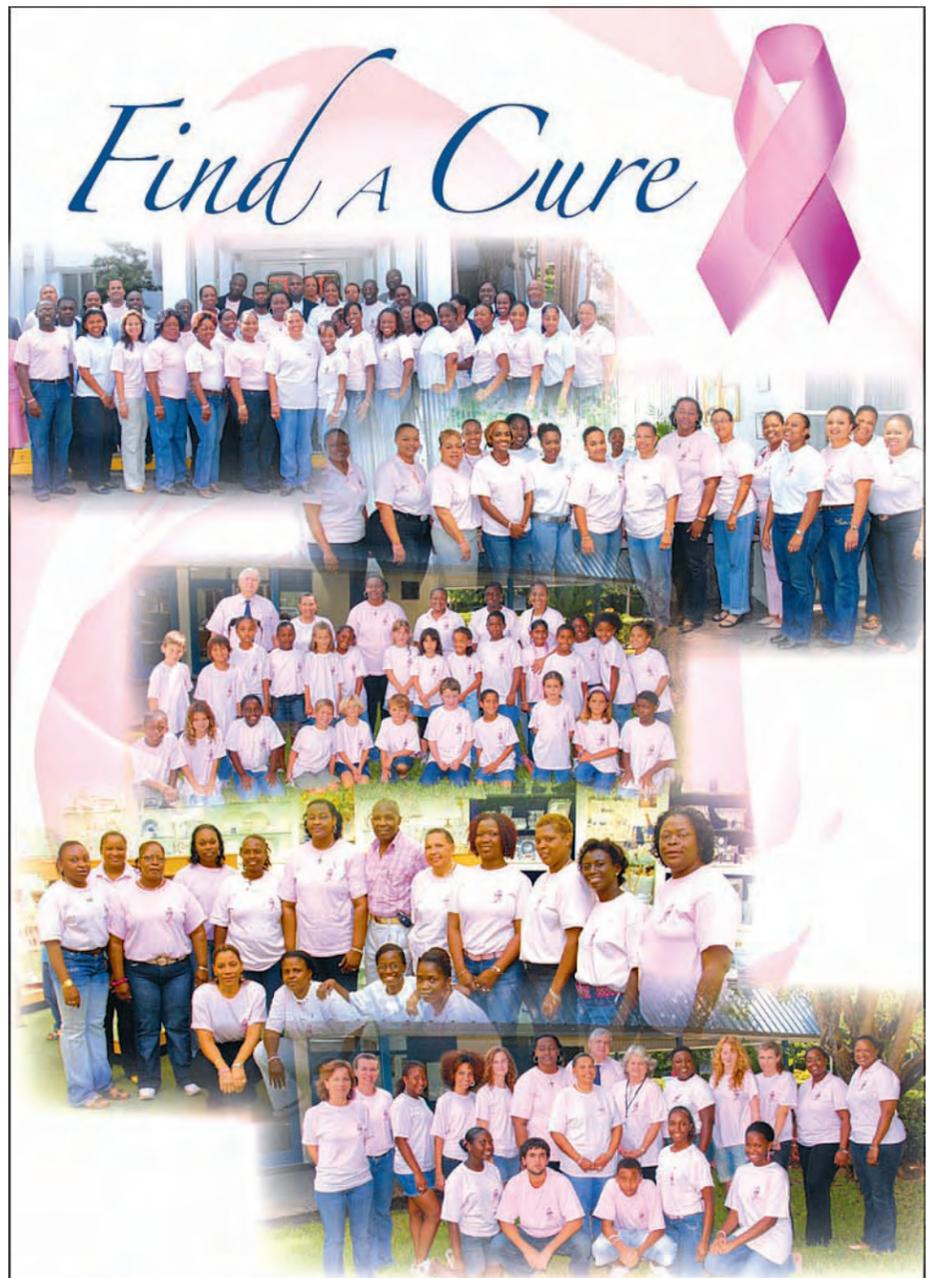
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2008 Keep Abaco Beautiful Awards

The Keep Abaco Beautiful program has announced that it will be naming the winners of the first Annual Keep Abaco Beautiful Awards, recognizing individuals and organizations that have positively impacted their environment. The Awards Ceremony will take place on September 12th at Friends of the Environment Education Center in Marsh Harbour commencing at 12 noon.

The program was officially launched on Abaco in September 2007 in an effort to engage individuals and organizations in activities that would improve their community environment. Keep Abaco Beautiful

is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, an environmental organization based in the United States that focuses on litter prevention, waste reduction and community beautification.

Since the launch of the program, the community of Abaco has taken a greater responsibility towards its environment, which is why the committee for the Keep Abaco Beautiful program found it appropriate to stage an event such as this.

The committee, which is comprised of representatives from the Abaco Tourist Office, Friends of the Environment and other private and public agencies, is calling on

the public to identify individuals or organizations who continue to make an active contribution towards preserving their environment.

Individuals and organizations can be nominated in the following categories:

The Educational Award: This award is the highest honor given by Keep Abaco Beautiful and will be presented annually to one or more schools that have created and sustained an environmentally conscious program with exceptional success. This award is geared towards a school.

Friends of Environment Award: This award will be for a group that has helped build Abaco in the area of environmental consciousness through beautification, litter prevention and promoting awareness.

This award is geared towards a business, either civic, government, youth groups or private.

The Volunteer Leadership Award: This award honors an individual who has given of themselves and goes above and beyond to improve and beautify their communities. This award is geared towards an individual.

Applications for nomination can be picked up at the Abaco Tourist Office or Friends of the Environment office during normal business hours. The deadline for nomination is August 29th. For further information please contact the Ministry of Tourism at 367-3067 or Friends of the Environment 367-2721.

Heal Our Land helps the needy

By Samantha V. Evans

Heal Our Land Family Crisis Center is a non-profit organization founded in June 2001 on Abaco funded by the generous donations of churches, businesses, civic organizations and individuals. It was founded by Mrs. Kathleen Knowles, who has a passion for helping those who are hurting and in need. Hence, her personal motto is "Love is a more excellent way." Her late husband, Mr. Alva Knowles, was the co-founder of the Center who had a passion for the men of Abaco, especially those who were addicted to drugs. They were concerned about the development of persons with life controlling and changing problems such as drugs and alcohol, youth leaders and struggling families.

Their activities from inception to now include helping families in crisis, rehabilitation of alcohol and drug addicts, providing food, clothing supplies and shelter for the needy. They have been able to counsel many people some of whom have admitted to having been on the verge of suicide.

Through the efforts of the Heal Our Land Family Crisis Center, they are seeing lives changed and persons who were once ready to give up and die having been reinvigorated.

They have requested 20 acres of Crown land from government to facilitate the following: a women's crisis center, a juvenile center, a men's center, a facility for the homeless and a disaster center. A sporting facility and a trade center for training in landscaping, mechanics, heavy equipment operations and domestic farming will also be constructed. It is expected that this same concept will be duplicated on every major Family Island as they work towards the fulfillment of their mission on a national level. They are also currently networking with crisis centers in the United States and ministries of like vision in the Bahamas.

They are building a small office and housing unit in Murphy Town that serves

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What are the differences between TDMA and GSM?

TDMA stands for Time Division Multiple Access, a technique for multiplexing multiple users onto a single channel on a single carrier and allocating the channels on an as-needed basis.

On the other hand, GSM, or Global System for Mobile communications is digital technology that puts superior quality and extremely secure mobile voice and data services right in the palm of your hands. GSM has become the world's leading and fastest growing mobile system with more than 2 billion users.

That's why we at the BTC are committed to investing in the latest technology so that the Bahamas and its people continue to grow. GSM will allow Bahamians to communicate on par with global standards.



What are the benefits of migrating to GSM?

GSM technology delivers information, communication and entertainment services to people across the world quickly and efficiently.

You can text your friends directions to the party, take a photo of an engagement ring and send it to your boyfriend, surf the web, email your boss and so much more!

One other major benefit of GSM is its international roaming capability, which lets you continue to use the services on your phone while you're travelling as you would when you're home. There are even more roaming partners with GSM than there were with TDMA; over 142 mobile service providers around the world have roaming agreements with the BTC.

Furthermore, Bahamians will experience even greater coverage across the family islands with fewer dropped calls and improved reception.

You will also now be able to store all of your contacts' phone numbers and details on a portable SIM card; essential when you are changing handsets.

Even more, you can choose the service that's best for you with ideal prepaid, postpaid or business plans that give you even greater value.



Some of the new GSM services include:

- **SMS** - Short Message Service (SMS) allows you to send and receive short alphanumeric messages between mobile phones.
- **MMS** - Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) lets you send pictures, audio files, animation, video and longer text messages between mobile phones or from phone to email and vice versa.
- **Mobile Content** - This is any type of media - music, ringtones, graphics and games - that is viewed or used on a mobile phone.
- **GPRS** - General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) gives you access to the Internet, the ability to receive email, send instant messages and perform other web-based applications all on your mobile phone.
- **Roaming** - This is the ability to use your own GSM phone number in another GSM network outside of your home country or region.

Where persons can go to make the switch?

Visit any Cyber World or BTC Wireless Dept. in New Providence & the Family Islands. Please note, we are only porting postpaid customers at this time.



More shopping locally for building materials

By Jennifer Hudson

Within the past few years the local economy has benefitted greatly from a big swing in residents buying locally to build their homes. Abaco Ace Hardware and Standard Hardware, the two major suppliers of building materials on Abaco, have both noted a sizeable increase in sales of lumber, steel, concrete, shingles, siding and hurricane shutters. Sales on hurricane shutters have also increased since the government dropped duty on this item.

Several factors have contributed to this upswing in sales.

Many contractors and also persons building their own homes with whom I have spoken say that they have been very dissatisfied with the materials they have had shipped from Lowe's or Home Depot in the United States. What they received has often been substandard causing them to believe that the companies have just offloaded their junk onto the Bahamian customer. Often the lumber received appears to be rejects and is unusable but the Stateside companies know that the customer here is not going to go to all the trouble and expense of sending it back. Materials purchased locally can be returned for exchange without any problem if they are found to be not up to standard.

Once the goods purchased abroad arrive here, there is a storage problem. Builders are finding that their materials are constantly being stolen from the site. Even when supplies are kept in secured containers, they are not safe. Recently, there has been a spate of people driving around at night and cutting through the locks on the containers to steal the goods. Materials purchased locally can be bought as needed

to avoid the storage and stealing problem.

Goods purchased abroad must all be paid for at one time whereas locally they can be purchased gradually and arrangements can be made for the customer to have an account at the store so that they can pay at the end of each month as long as they are in good financial standing.

Banks prefer to loan money for goods bought locally.

If goods are purchased abroad, there is the headache of transportation and Customs clearance and duty, not to mention the inordinate amount of time people often have to wait and dozens of phone calls they have to make before the store even dispatches the order.

People have been finding that it is just as cheap to buy here when they take into consideration the amount of money that has to be paid for shipping, brokerage fees and Customs duty plus the cost of transportation to and from the States, car and hotel costs while over there.

Purchasing Manager for Abaco Ace Hardware, Mike Malone, stated, "Abaco Hardware has become more builder friendly. Customers can see a good deal locally and they feel more confident. A person can bring their plans to us and we will do a 'take off' for them, tell them what materials they will need and give them a costing. We give good discounts here and people can get their stuff as they need it. We will also special order for people so anything they need that we don't have we will get for them within two to three weeks."

There is still a tendency for persons to bring their appliances and furniture from the United States. But if any of it comes in damaged, as it often does, then the cus-

tommer is stuck with it or has to go to the trouble of shipping it back. Whereas, if it is ordered and purchased through one of the stores here and arrives damaged, the store is responsible for its replacement.

Several of the customs brokers and shipping agencies state that they have seen a decrease in the amount of basic building materials being brought in by individuals, showing that 'locals are now buying locally' although the amount of appliances and furniture being purchased away remains pretty much the same. Local persons tend to only bring in appliances if they can't find what they want here. While Arawak Agency sees many second homeowners

shipping huge container loads of materials in to complete their entire house, Mr. Malone at Abaco Hardware has noted more second homeowners now buying locally than before. "This has been a shot in the arm for the community," he stated. "When products are bought locally, the profits are passed on down the line. All purchases for Winding Bay were made locally."

The bottom line is that Abaco can supply everything to build a house from the ground up and purchasing locally can save a lot of headaches and is really no more costly than purchasing abroad. Stores here are very pleased to see this new trend.



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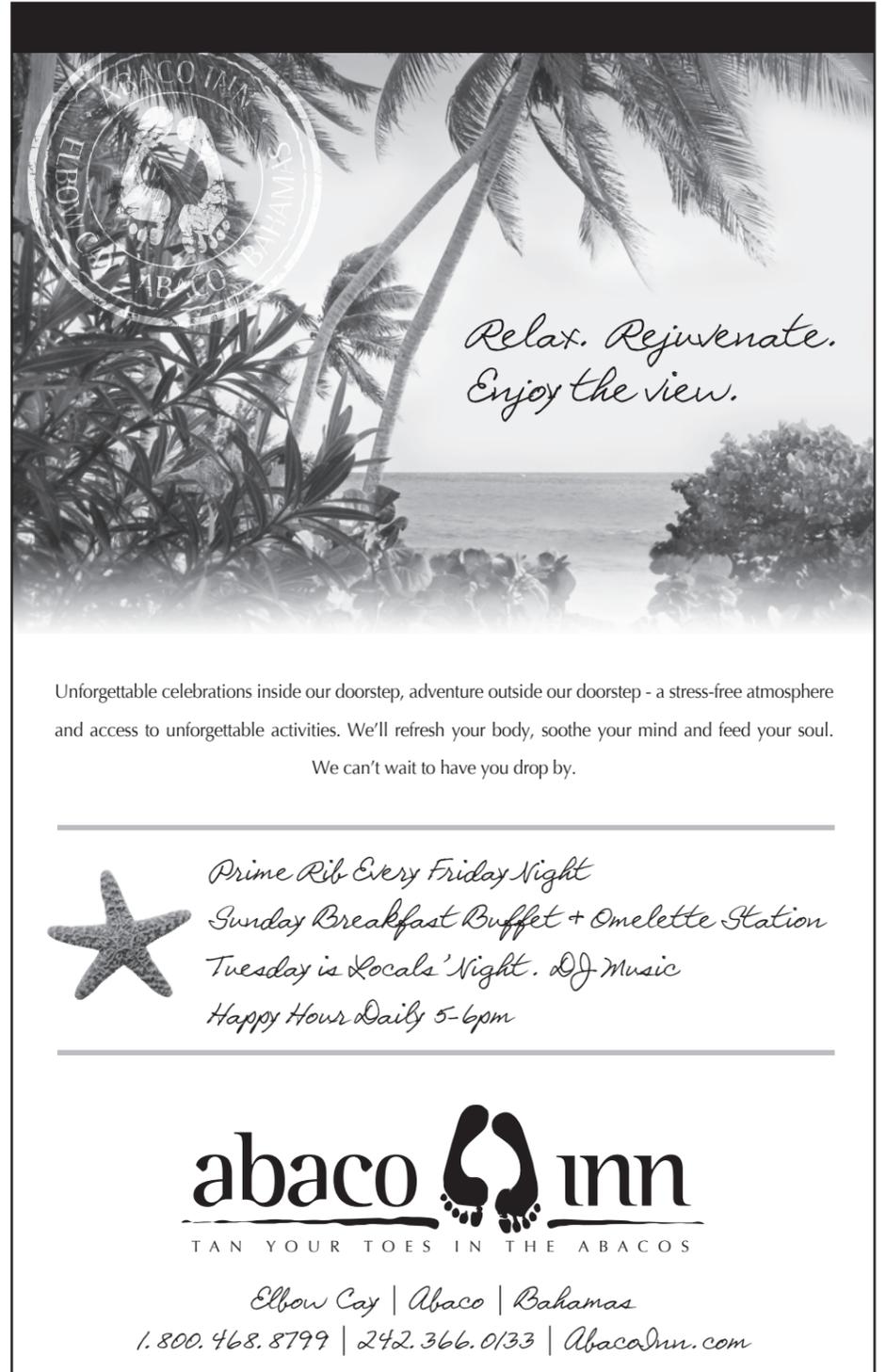
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Obituaries of Family and Friends

Funeral service for **Beverly Smith**, 73, of Cooper's Town was held at the Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town on August 2. Rev. George Rolle officiated assisted by Rev. Archilaus Cooper. Interment followed in the Cooper's Town Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her sons Millet Kemp, Mosell, Gary and Ashley Smith Sr.; daughters Udean Rolle, Norma Williams, Melonie Bootle-Pedican and Yourlanda Thurston; adopted sons Audrick McKenzie and Desmond Bootle; adopted daughter Florina Cornish; grandchildren Raquel Clement, Kendra Higgs, Almata Curry, Cindy Huyler, Hilary, Christopher, Michael, Michael R., Melinda, Tina, Levita, Justin, Stephana, Dashna, Kingsley and Jason Kemp, Robert Russell, Leona Dell, Angie, Inga, Bev, LaNita, Leon, Deon, January and Maxwell Rolle Jr., Mosell Jr., William and Cliff Smith, Clifford Hannah and Corneka Grant, Latoy and Jerusha Williams, Shane, Simone, Stephan, Severiano and Michael Pedican, Chris Nesbitt, Orlando and Christian Smith, Pedra Thurston, Antwanee and Shemeko Smith, Ashley Jr.; Asheene, Andre and Ashmarie Smith; great-grandchildren Dawnish and Canisha Rolle; great-great-grandchild Angel Rolle; sisters Vivian Cornish, Winifred McDonald, Louise Wright, Orlean Rolle and Shirley Kemp; brothers Edward "Bolla," Alexander "Gevie," Ronald and Rev. George Rolle; sons-in-law Maxwell Rolle, John Williams, Stephen Pedican and Pedro Thurston; daughters-in-law Sophia and Kendra Smith; brothers-in-law Joseph Wright and Neville Kemp; sisters-in-law Chriscola, Maggiedell, Vernita and Icelean Rolle; nieces; nephews; grandnieces; grandnephews; godchildren; and many

other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Deloris Al-lardyce Johnson Pinder**, 91, of Sandy Point was held on August 2nd at St. Martins Anglican Church in Sandy Point. Fr. Earl Hepburn officiated. Interment followed in the Sandy Point Public Cemetery.

She is survived by adopted children Cyril "Fella" Gardiner, Sandra Pennerman, Sybil Johnson, Deloris "Bunny" Culmer, Calvin Walker (deceased), Garnet and Irvin Saunders (deceased); stepchildren Beulah Robinson, Melanie Badmus, Bernus and Stephen Pinder; grandchildren Michelle, Barry, Phedra Rahming, Kenisha Gardiner, Diane Curtis, Bridgette Davis, Charlene Darling, Sheryce and Vakelle Dorsett, Kela Sands, Mary McPhee, Stephanie and Dorothy Walker, Clint and Cyril Gardiner Jr., Macho Dorsette, Randus and Lynden Ranger, Don, Duane, Dylan and Drumieko Pennerman; uncle James "Buck" Johnson; nieces Miriam Pratt, Dorothy Simon, Candace Russell, Arlene Major, Sada Johnson, Rosalie and Delores Johnson, Judy Green, Pamela Johnson, Ruth Derico and Lina Thompkins; nephews Leon and Maxwell Sweeting, Dennis Johnson, Wilfred and Kenneth Johnson; grandnieces Laurie Johnson, Keisha Russell, Noella Smith, Eudene Brown, Barbara Archer, Sharon Hield, Janene Arnett, Beryl Pugh, Allison Makera Middleton, Stephanie Wright, Sandra Sampson and Sheena Simon; grandnephews Peter and Phillip Butler, Tony Simon, Kevin and Marlon Roberts, Ralph Middleton, Spencer, Ricardo and Erskine Arnette; daughter in-law Lucille Walker; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral of **Aremetha "Mama" Dames**, 84, formerly of Moore's Island was held on August 2 at the St. Matthews

Baptist Church in Moores Island. Pastor Geneva Williams, Pastor Nixon Simms and Pastor Preston Knowles officiated. Interment followed in the Moore's Island Cemetery.

She is survived by her children Atlee Davis, Leotha Reckley and Margret Jones; adopted children Mornette, Tornette, Barbara, Doranda and Rolanda; brother Leon "Old Bone" Swain; sisters Minerva Davis, Latisha Swain and Emily McBride; brother-in-law Henzel Davis; sons-in-laws Edward Reckley and Roger Jones; grandchildren Tyron, Ruth, Chad, Marion, Dentry, Bernard, Michael, Antone, Stephanie, Synovia, Oprah, Meko, Cedric, Glen, Trevor, Julie, Melissa, Edward, Aysha, Michael, Beorha, Robert, Senera, Ginger, Creighton, Ivy, Lindy, Clint, Oralee, Roger and Raquel; great-grandchildren Khalid, Gabrielle, Raheem, Edward Jr., Razario, Edreka, Renee, Miranda, Marion, Tyrique, Chelsey, Tahanyah, Tyrone Jr., Ryan, Antone Jr., Antonia, Trika, Denika, Keya, Jaheim, Javon, Darrinae, Damahya, Daranika, Gleniah, Glenise, Glenneisha, Lateria, Lateika, Talia, Trevor Jr., Samantha, Tameka, Cedetra, Marissa, Dino Jr., Lorenzo, Laron, Delano, DeNage and Taron; great-grandchildren; nephews Aaron, Jermaine, Virgis, Eigene, Steve, Tony and Ednell; nieces Lillian, Patsy, Netta, Aline, Annalee, Peggy, Tara, Vernell, Janice, Jenise, Garnell, Angie and Charity; and many other relatives and friends.

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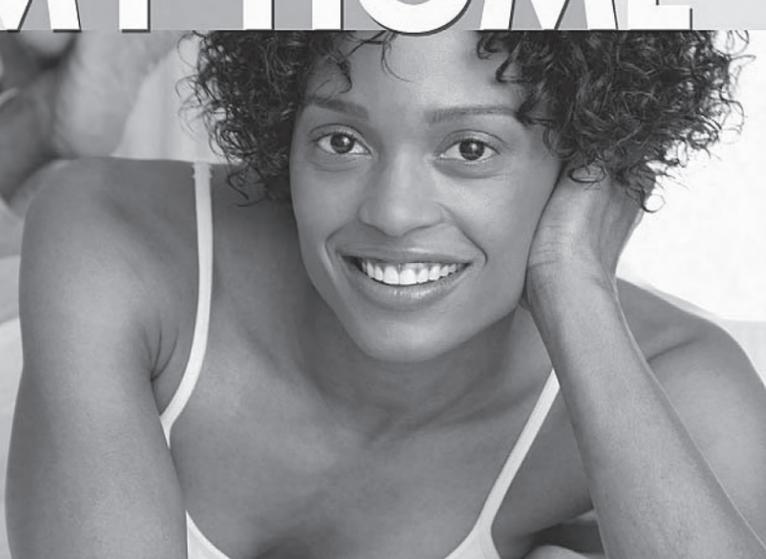
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as their administration facilities for the time being. Later it will be converted to a temporary shelter for the homeless once the major developments are complete. Since June 2001 Heal Our Land has been operating out of the personal home of the founder. They have fed, housed, clothed and came to the rescue of many persons in need. They are looking forward in the next few years to having the office completed and professionally functioning. To construct the office building and outfit it will cost approximately \$110,000. Presently, they utilize various forms of media advertising to make their plea known to the public. They approach businesses to assist with food donations. However, it is there hope that the businesses will commit to making monthly food donations so that they will have a more consistent flow of food items to aid the families they assist.

Their goal is to get the entire community involved because all families are in need of some kind of help. Together they can build healthier families and a stronger nation. The directors of the organization are Jerry Cornish, Vice President; Mildred Ferguson, Executive Director Family Crisis Division; Cleola Pinder, Secretary Executive Director Women's Abuse Division; Lawrence Arnett, Executive Director Pastoral Division; and Cynthia Wood, Executive Director Hospitality Division. They also have a host of counselors and volunteers who help meet the needs of the Abaco community. They can be contacted by calling 225-4575, 225-2165 or 367-3181.

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Arizona's Group Study Exchange Team Visited Abaco

By Tonia Ferguson

The Rotary Club of Abaco welcomed extraordinary guests to their weekly meeting in June. In attendance was the Group Study Exchange Team from District 5490. Rotary International District 5490 represents cities in Arizona. The Group Study Exchange Program of the Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women. It allows those selected to study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas. A group study exchange offers a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills, work on team building and increase self-confidence. The program is designed to have an invaluable influence by creating networking opportunities.

The team included Team Leader Mark Carpenter, a Rotarian, and a police lieutenant with Glendale Police Department; Katie Carmack, a medical social worker specializing in assisting elders facing terminal illnesses; Mishay Tribble, an elementary school administrator at Murphy School District in Phoenix, Arizona responsible for Pre-K to 8th Grade; Cynthia Weaver, public information officer (public relations); and Wendy Horner, elementary school teacher. Their travels took them first to the Cayman Islands, then they traveled to Nassau. After leaving Nassau, they came here to Abaco. They remained at each stop for approximately one week, spending their time in the homes of Rotarians. Like this, they would experience first hand the country's culture. They visited their various vocations and participated in cultural events.

While on Abaco, Past President Bryan

Thompson and his club members rolled out the red carpet for the team. On the morning of their arrival, they were taken to Golden Grouper Restaurant for breakfast native style. A day was spent at Winding Bay. On Friday, Cacique Nominee Glenda Knowles treated the team to a tour of Abaco's wild horses and blue holes.

From Treasure Cay they took the ferry to Green Turtle Cay. There they took a walking tour of historic New Plymouth including the sculpture garden, the Albert Lowe Museum, the Old Gaol and other historical sights. Alton Lowe himself hosted this. On Saturday the team traveled to Hope Town where they visited the Wynnie Malone Historical Museum and took a walking tour of the area. On Saturday evening the team attended a farewell party hosted at Government House.

While the team immersed themselves in our culture and sites of interest, they also visited areas related to their vocations. Some of these places included Abaco Central High School, Forest High Academy, the Ministry of Tourism, Department of Social Services, Cherokee All Age School, St. Francis de Sales School, Central Abaco Primary School and Abaco Police Station.

District 7020 which includes the Bahamas sent a GSE Team to Arizona for the period May 10th - June 8th. The team included Dr. Bridgette Rolle, Government Policy Worker at the Ministry of Education; Erica Rolle, Branch Manager, First Caribbean International Bank; Elsie Bain, College of the Bahamas librarian; Clint Higgs, mathematics and computer science secondary educator; and James A. Pinder Primary School teacher, Tonia Ferguson. The team was involved in similar activities as the team that visited Abaco.



A group of six Rotarians visited Abaco as part of an exchange program designed to help them know more about the lives and culture of other Rotarians and know more about their counterparts in the host countries. They are shown here at Government House in Marsh Harbour, guests of Senior Administrator Cephias Cooper and the Rotary Club of Abaco.

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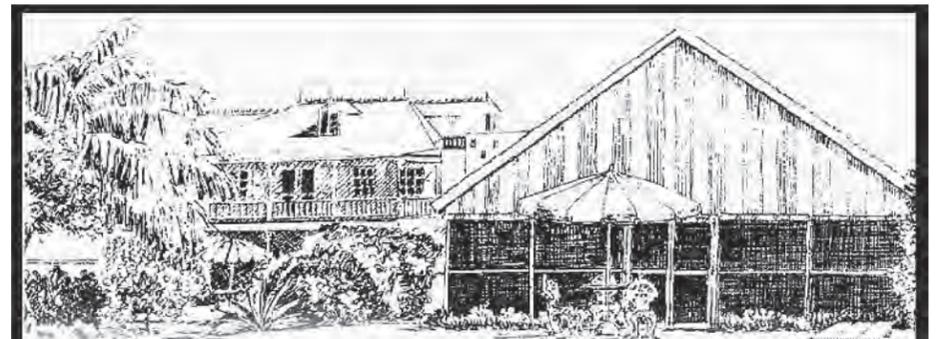
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Councils have a challenge to protect Abaco's environment

By J.F. Hedden

In my last article on Snake Cay I quoted other projects slated for the area including Channel Cay. While Channel Cay may be in the midst of redevelopment I have been informed that the project I should be referring to is, in fact, Cornish [one peppercorn] Cay. My error and apologies.

Secondly, I have attended several meetings over the last few weeks where it has become quite apparent that there is a general lack of understanding in the mind of the general public as to what mangroves actually do for the natural world. I will therefore beg the publisher of The Abaconian to reprint an article written, some 10 years ago as part of a series on the Pine Forest. This article was intended to be educational only in a land building sense and so does not approach the physical landscape effects of the wetland community, the effects on storm protection, fresh water conservation and buffering. It does not approach a detail of the biological communities and their growth and changes with time.

Thirdly, and more lengthily, local governments throughout the Abaco chain are faced with many challenges and opportunities, least of which is regime change. New councils, committees and boards give a fresh look to the whole concept of local

government. In addition, the opportunities offered by the Prime Minister, the newly formed Ministry of the Environment, the challenge of the new landfill and the questions posed in dealing with very many new development projects places all Abaco communities and their councils in the position of actually starting to make positive impact on the decision making processes for their districts.

The Snake Cay landfill is to be managed completely by the Central District Council including the award and oversight of operator contracts. This presumably will include the two transfer stations set in the north at Cedar Harbour and in the south near Cherokee.

The landfill is new, without any previous waste, and so presents a unique operator's challenge. Should it be managed in a similar manner to the old Central Pines unit (no sorting) or will it be set up to deal with composting, pre-sorted waste (settlements), bin collection from settlements and an efficient system for separation of toxic and hazardous waste?

The Central District Council will be obliged to become intimately involved with the setting up and operation of a landfill with the potential to be environmentally conscientious and compatible. In addition, the settlement town commit-

tees and area councils will be responsible for the handling of refuse before it enters the Abaco landfill system. This in itself will require coordination and cooperation between all the district councils which to date has not happened.

New development projects also afford an opportunity for increased communication between local island councils and the central government in Nassau. Councils and communities need to continue with their concerns for aesthetic, cultural, economic and environmental impacts of proposed projects.

Communication with the Ministry of Environment is essential both from a town committee perspective and the islands of Abaco perspective. This will help in local decision making processes as well as for overall regulation by the environmental ministry. Don't forget that this ministry deals with just about every aspect of planning, development and operations for these proposed projects. This includes such mundane things as zoning, infrastructure such as roads and utilities, residential congestion and parking, waste management, marine impacts, wetland management, marina operations and management of pump-out stations and environmental impacts of the various projects.

As you can see, communication and ac-

cess to the relevant information are essential to ensure the overall welfare of the various communities affected by any proposed project. It is therefore quite important for a good two-way flow of information between the developers and the communities involved. Interaction between local townships will also assist in developing a working and efficient oversight process.

The general public to date has not supported the local councils; rather they have been allowed to function without any expression of concern from the community. For the local councils to be effective it is essential that local populations make positive contributions to the governmental processes. To date we have stood by and said, "Ain't nothing I can do to change it" and "It's a shame I won't be able to go there any more, I could almost cry."

The island of Abaco has been given an opportunity by the central government of The Bahamas. It is now up to the island of Abaco and its various communities to make an impact on the decision-making processes. It is the island of Abaco that must deal with the results of decisions made on its behalf. It is therefore important, and essential, that everybody on the island becomes involved. If we don't, then we deserve whatever else we may get.

Ministry of Youth Junkanoo Summer Camp was held

By Samantha V. Evans

The Ministry of Youth Junkanoo Summer Camp began on July 7 at Central Abaco Primary School under the leadership of Mr. Colin Curry. Mr. Curry is a dedicated and skilled junkanooer who had a great plan to expose the young people to the art and craft of junkanoo and some of the skills associated with making a great Junkanoo costume piece. Approximately 30 students attended the camp that included sports activities.

The instructor for the camp was Mrs. Diane Williams, a teacher who is well trained in art and crafts. She was assisted by two summer students. The supervisor of the site was Ms. Eunice Mills who ensured that the camp ran smoothly and that the instructor had all that she needed. The camp lasted for four weeks before breaking for the summer. The camp ended with the students taking a field trip to Hope Town.



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The Mangrove Community (Wetlands)

By J.F. Hedden

The first of a series of articles about the ecology of the Bahamian (Abaco) pine forest. In this series of articles we will eventually have a good look at the pine forest community of Abaco and so try to understand its ecology and its position in the living web of the Abaco environment. However, to understand how the pine forest survives, we must understand a little about ecology, its terms and words. We must also appreciate that ecology is an imperfect science.

We all know that scientists dream of being able to perform all sorts of experiments in a well equipped laboratory where every imaginable scientific device is available for use in a well controlled artificial environment giving exact and perfect results every time!

Ecological experiments are unfortunately not like that. The laboratory is the natural living world outside where all sorts of uncontrollable events take place. The length of time of the experiment may be anywhere between several hundred years to over many thousand, making it unusual for one scientist to begin and end the observations. On top of that, the scientists did not even design the experiment, and it was already taking place when they arrived in the laboratory!

Ecology is such an imperfect science that ecologists are unable to predict accurately what will be the long term effects of modern (last 100 years) physical activities by mankind in the form of pollution, population manipulation and breeding, and topographical changes (roads, concrete, cities, deforestation among others). One thing we do know is that a global environment means that NO geographical area and

NO (political) nation is isolated from the world environment. In other words, what we do to nature here in Abaco will have an effect through winds and the Gulf Stream on Florida and the U.S. east coast, Iceland, western Europe and the British Isles.

More towards the local scene let us demonstrate some basic ecological principles through observations of a living system. We will use our Abaco wetlands (Marls, south side, north side, west side, according to where you are from!)

The Bahamas is made up of many islands the windward side of which are formed of ridges (hills) laid down as sand dunes by winds some 100,000 years ago. On the leeward side the shallow sea and shore is populated by four different types of "mangrove." (Sorry, taxonomists.) These colonisers slowly but surely over the years turn open salt water wilderness into dry land wilderness! A short journey into the mangroves anywhere here will show you what is happening.

It all begins with the long floating seedling, possibly a foot long, which arrives (perhaps from Andros or Eleuthera) bobbing up and down on the ocean and becomes stuck in the mud not too far out from the shore line. This seedling soon roots and grows into the familiar RED MANGROVE which really does walk across the shallow water by dropping new roots from its twisting trunk. Soon this tangle traps debris, leaves, garbage and bits of wood providing a home for crabs, sponges, algae, fish, crawfish, oysters and such. Water movement quickly becomes restricted, more solids are deposited and before long a muddy slop is formed.

However, the red mangrove doesn't like this new environment it has created and so

withers away and is replaced by the just as familiar BLACK MANGROVE. These are identifiable by the short breathing shoots they send up from their roots through the mud and into the air, making the mud flats look like a forest of sticks. The roots underneath further bind the mud mass together forming a semi hard ground, which by now has become unsuitable for the black mangrove.

The WHITE MANGROVE then moves in and displaces the black mangrove forest. The white mangrove is distinctive with its salt releasing glands at the bottom of the leaf on its stem. Over time the ground becomes hard and solid and inhospitable for the white mangrove, which itself is displaced by the hardy salt tolerant BUTTONWOOD with its attractive leaves and trunks. Over time this solid land experiences rainfall and movement of fresh water under it, changing the soil from salt to fresh. The buttonwood can no longer survive and so relinquishes this land to the first of the mixed coppice type vegetation.

So, over a period of years we have moved from an open salt water community

to a solid rock-land community in five definite steps. This orderly change in communities is called ECOLOGICAL SUCCESSION. It begins with the PIONEERING STAGE of the red mangrove and progresses through the SERAL STAGES to the mature CLIMAX of the coppice. The whole grouping of seral stages is called a SERE. Remember that this succession is equivalent to the life (larval) stages of an insect, finally ending in the mature adult. In fact, the whole interaction between plants, animals and physical environment of the community is regarded as a living organism rather than a hodge podge of different life forms. These factors show us that we have, in fact, a dynamic balance (growing and changing) rather than a static (stopped) balance of nature. This, of course, means that the system is healthy.

Remember the above terms and ideas and think about the following two questions.

1. Is global warming taking place?
2. Would global warming have an effect on the ecological succession of the mangrove community ?

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Steve Burrows Creates Sculptures on Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

Mr. Steve Burrows is well known in Nassau for his numerous large sculptures which can be seen as landmarks throughout the island of New Providence. Probably the most well known is his large conch shell on the entrance road to the Sir Lyndon Pindling International Airport but there are also another two shells, a lobster, pigeon, flamingo, dragon and red bat which bear testimony to his creative skill. All of these sculptures stand very tall, but the largest is the dragon reaching a height of 32 feet and weighing 25 tons. A huge 21-foot iguana, given as a gift from the Bahamian people, graces the museum in Hartford, Connecticut. Prior to its shipment to Hartford, the iguana stood in Central Park, New York, for six weeks.

We have one of Mr. Burrows' sculptures here on Abaco; his replica of a Bahama parrot welcomes visitors to this island every day from its roost on the

roundabout at the entrance to the Marsh Harbour International Airport. This parrot, which stands seven and a half feet tall, was constructed in 1991. For many years it stayed in Nassau, but when Mr. Bill Johnston of Marsh Harbour, whose father was also a well known sculptor, saw it he thought that its rightful place should be on Abaco, the home of the Abaco parrot. So he persuaded the powers that be to have it shipped to Abaco.

Mr. Burrows, who is a Mechanical Engineer formerly employed by the Bahamas Electricity Corporation in Nassau, now resides in Marsh Harbour and is the Consultant to the Corporation's General Manager for Maintenance and Operations on Abaco. In his spare time Mr. Burrows continues his hobby of constructing these sculptures. He is presently working, at the request of the Prime Minister, on the replica of a slave for the Pompey Monument in Steventon, Exuma. He began this

project in April and expects to have it completed by the end of September when he will immediately begin working on two sculptures he has been asked to do by Abaco residents. The first will be a larger than life wild boar followed by a large blue marlin, one for a private home and one for a business.

All of Mr. Burrows' sculptures are constructed from bits of scrap steel since "there is no marble here to chisel and copper and brass are too expensive," he states. He cuts the scrap into small pieces the shape he needs then welds them together and uses a grinder to smooth and shape where necessary. The final coating is a plastic bondo finish since Mr. Burrows says that this material allows him to mold it and create all of the muscle and texture details. His welding skills were learned years ago in Switzerland while on one of his assignments for the Bahamas Electricity Corporation.

Mr. Burrows does not charge for any of his sculptures though he does like his clients to make a donation to charity or provide scholarships for students. "I would like to see young Bahamians doing this, but none seems to show an interest," he laments. "It involves hard work and knowing several different skills." His reason for doing all of this he says is "Life is short and we should all do something to mark our existence."



Mr. Steve Burrows is shown working on his newest sculpture, the figure of a slave that will be on display at the Pompey Monument on Exuma. He is currently living on Abaco and does his creative work in his free time from his consulting work with the Bahamas Electricity Corporation.

New craft store will open

By Julian Lockhart

Home Fabrics has been synonymous for decades in New Providence for quality goods, trinkets and great fabrics. Home Fabrics with its fabrics, crafts material and inspiration will be opening its first store in Marsh Harbour on September 1st in the Spooner's Building on Queen Elizabeth Drive. The store will carry the majority of the same goods the store in New Providence carries and gives Abaconians a chance to shop at home.

Store manager Nakia Wong said, "We decided that we wanted to offer the people of Abaco all the items they could never get here before. In terms of fabric we will carry all the craft items for jewellery making or anything to do with clothing or sewing. With our being an established company,

we will offer a ton of things you cannot find in Marsh Harbour," she added.

The store will be able to provide local craftsman all the raw products they will need to perfect their craft and will be able to bring in anything that is needed.

Mrs. Wong said they will feature the different seasons providing Halloween costumes from children's sizes all the way to adult costumes. At Christmas they will have an array of decorations, lighting, bows and paper.

Mr. Marvin Pinder, owner of Home Fabrics, will be opening a law office in the back of the building. Mr. Pinder is back on Abaco after a 20-year absence, and his daughter, Holly Pinder, will be making regular trips to Abaco to manage the Marvin Pinder Law Chamber.

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Abaco Beach Resort has new manager

By Jennifer Hudson

Mr. Robert (Bob) Kramm took over as Chief Operating Officer/ General Manager of Abaco Beach Resort on April 1. He is a highly accomplished hospitality and service industry leader with experience in luxury and full-service hotels, resorts, large property management and professional sports and entertainment. His career includes 15 years with the Marriott and Sheraton Corporations and 13 years with the Huizinga Sports and Entertainment Group. Prior to coming here he was COO for Old Bahama Bay in Grand Bahama for three years and was with the Compass Consulting Group which he formed and which managed properties in The Bahamas and the Caribbean.

Mr. Kramm is pleased to be a part of Abaco Beach Resort which he describes as "one of the highest potential residential and real estate destinations in The Bahamas." The reasons for this he cites as

- a very, very rich legacy well known both locally and within the international community
- an ownership which is very committed to quality
- a staff and management team in which he has a lot of confidence to elevate the level of service and guest experience for real estate owners and resort guests.

"I am committed to the resort and its development," stated Mr. Kramm. "I have formed an Organizational Development Group which will work directly to elevate service and hospitality to be the best in The Bahamas. We will be bringing in a new Vice President of Human Resources and Community Relations in August. The local community will see new and exciting entertainment coming on stream in October and an Open House will be held to which we

will invite the business and government community.

"All of the upgrades planned for the resort will be carried out by a design-phased programme so that they will not interfere with the resort community. The new structures will not be at the focal point and once those are completed, then transition will take place from the current structures to new structures. Expanded beach, pool and restaurant facilities will be created for resort and club members. There are plans for the construction of 100



Robert Kramm

luxury condominiums. Nine are completed and four have already been sold. A sales promotion will officially begin in late September or early October.

"The Sunday Brunch will 'kick off again' in October, this time as a 'Sunday Gospel Brunch' at which three- or four-member gospel groups or church praise teams will perform. About 50 or 60 churches have been asked if they have teams which would be willing to participate and positions are still open."

Mr. Kramm has organized two additional teams, Bahama Buddies and the Abaco Beach Resort Care Team, to enhance the experience and camaraderie at the resort. Bahama Buddies is a team of young people who will work with visiting children to provide native Bahamian activities for them such as snorkeling a reef and conch crack-

ing. The Abaco Beach Resort Care Team is a management and staff volunteer group responsible for priorities such as clean up and self help projects. "Later we will engage with the community in community service projects and will ask members of the public to join us in projects within the community. We were able to send a team to help firefighters at the recent Maxwell's fire," Mr. Kramm was pleased to add.

"I will be initiating major improvements to the professional side of Human Resources training, and we will offer more professional recruiting, training, development and career opportunities. We currently have several positions open, and we invite persons who are interested in employment at the resort to contact us," stated Mr. Kramm.

A Young Lad With a Goal

By Jennifer Hudson

Jordan LaRose has only just become a teenager, but he shows more maturity than numerous people many years his senior. Jordan is spending his summer working as the youngest employee at the Abaco Beach Resort and was introduced to me by the General Manager, Mr. Bob Kramm. Mr. Kramm took an immediate interest in Jordan when the lad courageously approached him to ask for a job. "I was not making enough money as a boat washer to take care of my mother so I decided to ask if I could have a job which paid more money," explained Jordan.

Jordan is a 13-year-old student at Agape Christian School. He previously attended Abaco Central High School; but after an

incident there almost caused him to lose an eye, he was provided with a scholarship to Agape by a generous benefactor. "I like my new school because there are more rules here which help you to learn better, and I am getting mostly A grades now," he proudly stated. Jordan's father died when Jordan was five years old in a drowning accident. "It was tragic and I still miss him," said Jordan, "but I had to get over it and get on with my life." Maria Rose, Jordan's mother, has five children to support which she finds hard to do on her small pay cheque so Jordan, as the oldest boy, feels that it is his responsibility to help pay for food and clothes.

Jordan just oozes personality and on

meeting him one is immediately captivated. Mr. Kramm was so impressed with his outgoing personality and charming smile that he felt that, not only did he want to help Jordan, but that Jordan would be an asset to the resort. He spoke with the Labour Board and learned that Jordan could be legally employed under certain conditions such as not lifting any heavy objects or working after dark. So, Jordan was delighted to be hired, and Mr. Kramm is delighted to have him on board. "I think he will be very good in this business and he

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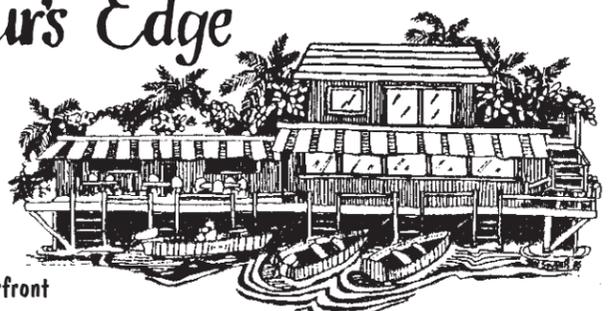
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On July 14th, 2008, we four Green Turtle Cay high school students, Amber Newbold, Kevanna McIntosh, Shanae Knowles and Sonya Cooper, had the pleasure of being hosted by The Bahamian Ambassador to the United States in Washington, DC, Cornelius A. Smith and his wife Clara (Knowles) Smith.

Our spectacular day began at the residence of Ambassador and Mrs. Smith. When we approached the front door, we were warmly greeted by Mrs. Smith. She had graciously insisted that we visit with her at the official Ambassador's residence before meeting with the Ambassador at the Embassy. As we entered the residence, which is also in Washington, D.C., we were each presented with beautiful roses which had been cleverly decorated with lollipops attached to the stems. This wonderful gesture made us immediately feel welcome and at home. Mrs. Smith is the great aunt of Shanae and made us all feel like "amily."

The official Ambassador's residence is owned by the government of The Bahamas and occupied by whoever is the appointed Ambassador of the Government of The Bahamas to the United States. The house serves both a personal function of allowing the Ambassador's family to reside in Washington, D.C., and also permits the family to appropriately host many official and social functions which the Ambassador is charged with carrying out.

After introductions, Mrs. Smith took us on a tour throughout the residence which will be her family's home for the next three

years. The house was well furnished and very pleasing to the eyes. Mrs. Smith's decorating touches made it a perfect reflection of the people of The Bahamas.

On Bahamian Independence Day the Smiths had hosted a celebration for 70 people in the lower level of the residence. The room was still neatly decorated with Bahamian flags and colors. This almost made us feel like we were actually in The Bahamas - more on that later. Mrs. Smith had herself personally prepared the food and refreshments for this large group, proving that the position of Ambassador's wife is not just an honor, but one of hard work as well!

We were invited into the living room and quietly waited for Mrs. Smith to formally seat us. As we got settled, Mrs. Smith offered us her specially prepared appetizers and spoke at length about her extensive travels and her many duties as the wife of the Bahamian Ambassador.

We viewed a very informative family slide show which documented Ambassador Smith's presentation of his Letters of Credence to the President of the United States, George Bush, in January of 2008. Letters of Credence are formal documents sent by one head of state to another, granting diplomatic accreditation to a named individual to represent, or be the ambassador, of one country to the other. Acceptance of a Letter of Credence by the receiving nation is not always guaranteed, but the good relations between the United States and The Bahamas made this an unlikely event. This centuries old custom and real world event has great significance in the diplomatic community. Ambassador Smith's "credentials" were warmly accepted by the President of the United States, making Mr. Smith the formal

Ambassador and focal point of all diplomatic representation between the two nations.

Mrs. Smith spoke to us personally about our future roles as young, modern Bahamian women and the challenging responsibilities that this would entail. Her final words to us were "I'm very much looking forward to spending the next three years in Washington with my husband representing the Bahamas."

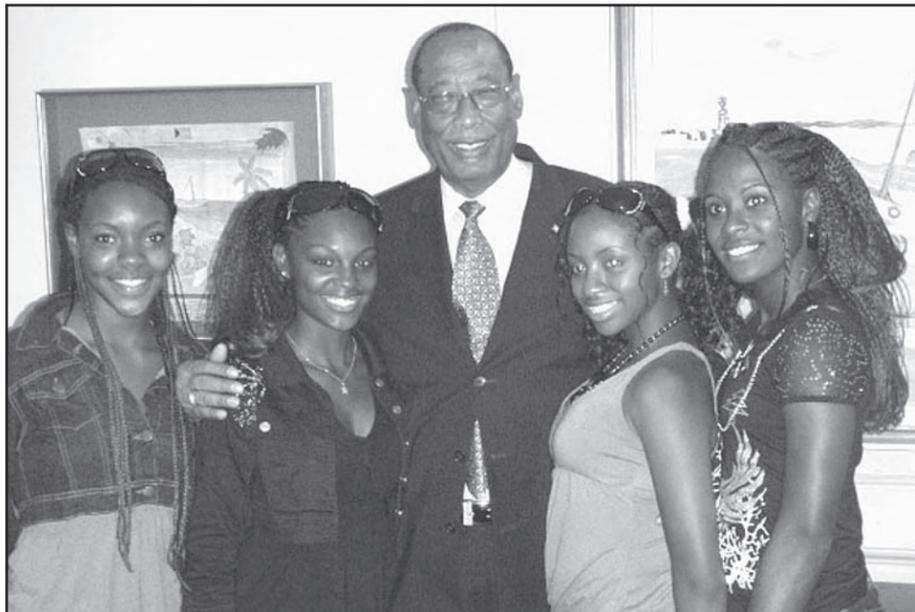
Even with all these responsibilities, Mrs. Smith shared with us her excitement about having just enrolled in a local university to undertake a course in theology. She is a very accomplished woman and a great example to us young Bahamian women.

As Mrs. Smith waved us good-bye from

her front stoop, we departed on the short drive to the Embassy of The Bahamas. It is located on prestigious Massachusetts Avenue in a lovely area of Washington known as "Embassy Row." It was thrilling to see the embassies of many nations in such a small area. Without even having to see the address, we knew that we had arrived at the right place when we saw the Bahamian flag displayed in front of the building. The sight made us feel proud to be a Bahamian.

We rang the front door buzzer and were promptly invited inside the Embassy. Obviously, Mrs. Smith had thoughtfully called ahead to alert the Ambassador that we were

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Four girls from Green Turtle Cay were hosted by a couple in Washington D.C. this summer. While they were there, they visited the Bahamian Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Cornelius A. Smith. He is shown here with Sonya Cooper, Amber Newbold, Shanae Knowles and Kevanna McIntosh.



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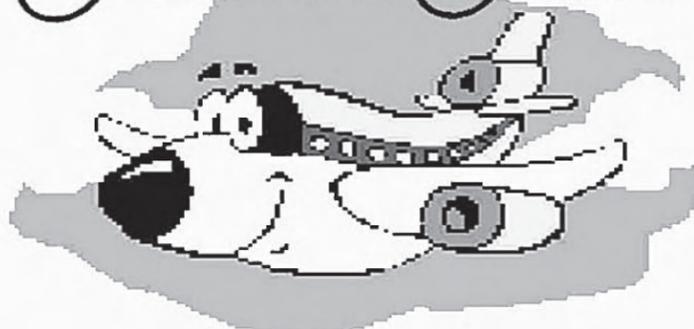


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Embassy

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on our way. You never want to be late for a meeting this important, and it was clear that diplomats prize punctuality. We felt so special and honored to be welcomed in this way and were glad to have arrived on time despite the heavy traffic.

We were lead to a conference room that was tastefully decorated with Bahamian paintings, straw work and junkanoo costumes. There Vice Consul Monique D. Major-Vanderpool and Counselor for Economic and Commercial Matters, Chet Neymour, introduced themselves and sat with us for a long while.

They both assist the Ambassador in many matters but also have their own responsibilities. Vice Consul Major-Vanderpool focuses on consular, educational and cultural issues, and insures that Bahamian nationals receive equal treatment while in the United States. Counselor Neymour is an economist who deals with economic and trade matters. Both discussed their goals for The Bahamas and their reasons for serving. Then it was time to meet Ambassador Smith himself. As he entered the conference room we all stood to show a sign of respect. After introductions and warm welcomes, he began to explain to us the day-to-day public role and responsibilities of the Ambassador and his Embassy staff. The Embassy provides travel documents for Bahamians who might happen to lose them while on a trip to the United States. Another service is to assist if a Bahamian gets into difficulties while visiting the United States. They also assist non-Bahamians with getting visas to enter the Bahamas. Last, but not least, the Ambassador and his staff promote services which encourage people to visit The Bahamas and make us known throughout the world. Ambassador Smith told us of the newest Em-

bassy of the Bahamas in Beijing, China, which was opened in January 2006 and was just staffed by the first Bahamian Resident Ambassador, Ms. Elma Campbell, in time for the Olympic Games.

All of these activities are in addition to his very important and primary role of being the diplomatic representative of the Bahamian government to the government of the United States. One of us asked if he really enjoyed his job. His reply was that to do his job one had to love people, thoroughly study world history, be very knowledgeable about current international events and love discussing important matters at length. In short, he was very happy and honored to have this great job which gave his family the opportunity to serve the people of The Bahamas and to see the world. Ambassador Smith offered us memorable personal words of advice, telling us to be "selective and disciplined as we make our choices in life."

In closing, he left us with a valuable fact that we shall not ever forget. His exact words spoken were, "As an Embassy, this soil is now considered Bahamian soil." In other words when you are on this land and in this building, you are in full protection of Bahamian law and sovereignty.

So, we did visit The Bahamas while traveling in Washington, D.C.

Our Embassy visit was arranged by Nia Knowles of Green Turtle Cay (Shanae's mother). Our two-week visit to Virginia was hosted by Bob and Danielle Koury. We had many experiences which included ice skating, seeing Showboat at a dinner theater, camping in the Shenandoah National Park, visiting the African Museum of Art and the Smithsonian, riding a subway and petting cows on a working dairy farm.

J. Hutcheson explains Immigration changes

Immigration

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certain information. This is handled by Ms. Maggie Cornish, who enrolls the individuals at the Immigration office," explained Mr. Hutcheson.

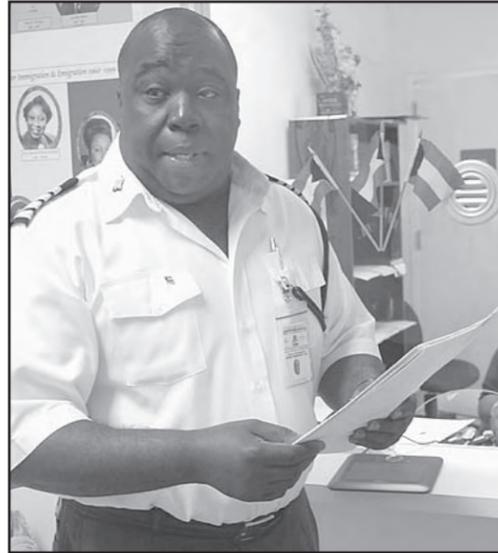
"Coming in at the airport, it is now like traveling to the United States; passports will be swiped and cards scanned. Based on the information received, the officer will then determine if the person can be admitted. All of the new machine-readable passports will be swiped but the old Bahamian passports cannot be swiped. Unlike the United States, visitors at the airport will not be finger printed." Mr.

Hutcheson asks, "The public please be patient and bear with us. The system is presently slow and at the airport there may be back ups."

Mr. Hutcheson further explained, "For persons applying for work permits or resident status, once Ms. Cornish has taken the information, finger printed the person and scanned the electronic signature, a receipt slip is given to the individual with the applicant's ID number showing that the application has been made. The application is then in the system, and it is much easier to do follow ups. All documents scanned are held in electronic files. We also have a separate back-up system ready to be used in the event of several persons applying at one time. This is all about speeding up the process, and we always know where a file is and at what stage of processing. This will make it easier on the Abaco public. A person can apply for a work permit for somebody without that person being present. Then if the permit is granted, the recipient will then be fingerprinted."

"The Immigration Department in Nassau has 'real time' access to everything in the Abaco office. This new system will be of great value to national security as we will know who is coming in, and we will be able to reduce the number of restricted persons; the system will pick them up," stated Mr. Hutcheson.

"We want to let the Abaco public know about the new system in the main office and at the Marsh Harbour International Airport," he stated. The system is already in place in Nassau, a system was recently placed in Freeport and now Abaco is the next island to receive one."



Immigration officer Jerone Hutcheson informed the media on changes in the the processing of applications for people applying for Bahamian status and for everyone coming from the States. The new systems are in keeping with international regulations.

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Viewpoint . . . Problems with domestic tourism

By Julian Lockhart

The Ministry of Tourism has tried to push domestic tourism for many years, but the concept of Bahamians traveling within their own country has not caught on as much as some would have thought it should or would. Besides regattas and homecoming events, domestic tourism is a novelty and one that has a lot of problems that need to be addressed before the average Bahamian decides to visit another island in The Bahamas instead of the United States.

Abaco has some of the most beautiful beaches in the world, amazing boating, fishing and diving. From Crown Haven in the north to Sandy Point in the South and all of the cays surrounding Abaco all have something different to offer. People travel from all over the world to visit Abaco because of its natural beauty and relaxing resources.

What surprises me the most is how many Abaconians do not even realize how beautiful their own island is. I have heard so many Abaconians say I have never been to Sandy Point or I have never been to Hope Town or why would I go over to Green Turtle Cay. The list can go on and it is a bewilderment to me. How can Tourism sell domestic tourism to Bahamians when so many Abaconians have the opportunity to visit what is right in their back yard, yet do not take advantage of the opportunity.

The Treasure Cay beach has been in the top 10 in the world for a long time. New Plymouth on Green Turtle Cay is an one of the interesting historical sites in The Bahamas, there is the Hope Town Lighthouse, famous Nippers Bar on Guana Cay and the tranquility of Man-O-War. How

easy is it to take a ferry ride over to one of these cays or go for a drive with the family from one end of Abaco to the other to see what your island has to offer.

When I moved to Abaco, I tried to visit everywhere and was amazed at the natural beauty and all of the attractions Abaco has to offer.

Even if people decide they do not want to visit what is right in their back yard, they can visit Long Island, the Exumas, San Salvador or any of the other islands in The Bahamas and be blown away with how each island is different and offers its own unique flavor.

There are some difficulties with domestic tourism, especially with how BahamasAir does not help facilitate it. To go from Abaco to Long Island one would have to buy a plane ticket from Abaco to New Providence and then New Providence to Long Island and spend \$400 to do so. It is cheaper to fly to the United States. BahamasAir doesn't want to change its way of doing business to make it easier for Bahamians and visitors to fly within the Bahamas.

If one decides to pay what it costs to fly to one of the other Family Islands, he is then stuck trying to find acceptable accommodations that are within a reasonable price range. Family Island hotels and lodging houses can become very pricy and do not take into consideration that they could attract a lot of Bahamian patrons if they would lower their prices considerably in the off-season.

So until BahamasAir and the hotel owners realize they are competing against the cheaper rates to travel to the United States for domestic tourists and thus have to be more competitive with their rates, then

domestic tourism will continue to falter. And what a shame as Abaco has so much to offer and such captivating natural beauty that all Bahamians should have an opportunity to partake in.

In the meantime, it is still cheap enough for Abaconians to take a drive or a ferry ride to see what draws thousands to our shores every year.

Exciting Archeological Finds at Spencer's Bight

By Mirella Santillo

Marsh Harbour's amateur archeologist, David Bethel, has been roaming the island for over 25 years finding clues of its history based on the artifacts he finds. He has discovered evidence of Lucayan Indian villages, pirate hide-outs, Loyalist settlements long abandoned as well as more recent venture left-overs. But still, he keeps looking for more evidence. He is certain that the soil and the sea hold still more mysteries.

During the last few months his search was centered around the Spencer's Bight area and his labors were soon rewarded by the discovery of a multitude of items that he thinks date from the late 1700s.

I could not resist his invitation to view this most recent find and was amazed by the display of close to a dozen thimbles, an array of military and civilian brass and pewter buttons among them a pewter button with a crown and the initials RP (corresponding to a military regiment) as well

as military and civilian belt buckles, a large number of musket balls of different caliber, some dented with what, according to Mr. Bethel, could be teeth marks. The largest piece was the plate of a musket decorated with some kind of bird, possibly a Phoenix. There were a number of pewter seals, a latch, a lock plate.

Most interesting were a coin minted in 1772 under the reign of George III (the effigy of the king was on one side of the coin) and a quarter of a Spanish Piece of Eight, also minted in 1772. But the most puzzling piece was a small silver button engraved with a crown and the logo "Honi Soit Qui Mal y Pense" Evil be to him who evil thinks), the motto of the Royal Order of the Garter. This little button, the smallest of the lot will doubtless be the starting point of a lot more research.

Mr. Bethel has assumed that most of the objects he found probably dated from between 1784 to 1789.

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is very responsible," stated Mr. Kramm. "I am grateful he went through all that for me," responded Jordan

"Presently, Jordan is in a training programme for 90 days," explained Mr. Kramm. "He is doing well, arrives on time and is doing good quality work. He presently helps with preparing for functions and handing out and collecting towels but will later head up the Bahama Buddies programme. He will meet with the children at the resort and accompany them snorkeling, fishing, bike riding and showing them native Bahamian activities such as cracking conch, then keep in contact with them via email. Once school resumes in September Jordan will be able to work a couple of hours after school a few days a week.

In addition to an amazing personality, Jordan has talent. He enjoys singing and dancing and aspires one day to "be a star." His singing talent will be used at the hotel for the singing of the National Anthem when needed and he may sing at the Gospel Sunday Brunch. "I would like to be a pilot but first I hope to start a business like a real estate company so that I can earn enough money to support my mother and know that she is taken care of while I am away," he vowed. This young lad is so focused that each time he receives his pay packet he puts some into the bank, pays tithes to his church and gives the rest to his mother



Jordan LaRose is shown here, center, with a group of visiting children. He was accompanying them, introducing them to Bahamian ways.

to buy groceries.

It was quite amazing to watch this remarkable 13-year-old walking around the resort pool area with a huge smile on his face with poise and self assurance greeting the guests and engaging people of all ages in conversation. "I am really enjoying it and am very excited. I have never had this much self confidence in my life and this is just the beginning. I know I have a long journey ahead but I will give it my best," he beamed.

Jordan has certainly made a big impression on me and Mr. Kramm and is obviously loved by the resort staff. With his attitude he deserves to go a long way and I will follow his career with interest.

New air service to North Florida



Craigs Air Center is now providing service between Marsh Harbour and Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Daytona. The company is using 19-seat Beech B1900 planes that come in on Thursdays through Mondays. It has provided service to passengers who previously used Vintage Props and Jets that declared bankruptcy last month. The phone number is 904-641-0300.

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Friends of the Environment's Summer Camp in South Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

Approximately 20 children between the ages of 7 and 13 years enjoyed a summer camp at Sandy Point from July 3 to August 2. The sessions, which were held in the J.A. Pinder Primary School, ran Mondays through Fridays from 1-4 p.m. "The camp has been very successful," stated Olivia Patterson, Programme Coordinator for Friends of the Environment, who is camp organizer. "Many of these kids have been coming every year since the camp first started in Sandy Point in 2003."

The camp, which began as the Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Sandy Point Environmental Camp, last year combined

with the Friends of the Environment when it began its educational programme and commenced summer camps in Marsh Harbour and North and South Abaco.

Ms. Patterson was assisted in the running of the month-long summer camp by a student from Marsh Harbour and volunteers from the Earth Watch Project. The campers learned about the life cycle of the conch along with Bahamian legislation regarding the conch and studied live conch. They snorkeled around coral reefs, explored mangroves, went bird watching in the pine forests and studied the Abaco parrots. A highlight of the camp each year is a boat trip to look for dolphins.

"It is very good that all of the ecosystems are so close by so that the children of Sandy Point can easily be taken there. Although they live so close to these ecosystems, they don't normally look at the environment except when they go swimming which they love to do," stated Ms. Patterson.



Sandy Point youth enjoyed a month-long summer camp where they study a variety of topics about their environment. They are taken on field trips to the reefs, out in the ocean, in pine woods and in mangroves. Here they are studying life in a tidal pool. The camp is a joint effort of Friends of the Environment and Bahamas Marine Mammal Research.

Farmer shows off large watermelon



Lernis Cornish proudly displays one of the watermelons that he grew on his farm. It weighed about 40 pounds. Mr. Cornish grows a variety of crops in winter and summer.



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

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

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

Airlines Serving Abaco	
Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
Craig Air Service - Jacksonville, Datona	904-641-0300
Southern Air - Nassau	367-2498
Twin Air Calypso - Fort Lauderdale	367-0140
Vintage Props & Jets - New Smyrna B.	(closed 18 Jul08)
Yellow Air Taxi - Ft Lauderdale	367-0032
Local air charters serving Bahamas & S. Florida	
Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-3450

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

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

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

Abaco Ferry Service	
VHF Ch 16 • Scheduled service discontinued until Nov 1, 2008	
Available for charter service	
Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16	
Marsh Harbour > Hope Town	7:15 am 9 10:30 12:15 pm* 2 4 5:45
Return	8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm* 3 4 5 6:30
Marsh Harbour > White Sound	Contractor's special - Mon - Fri 7 am Return 5 pm
Marsh Harbour > Man-O-War	10:30 am 12:15 pm 4 5:45
Return	8 am 11:30 1:30 pm 5 pm
Marsh H. > Guana Cay (& Scotland Cay with advance notice) from Conch Inn	* Not on Sundays or holidays
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock)	10:30 1:30 pm 3:30
Return	8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45 pm
Same day fare • Adult prepaid oneway \$16 / Round Trip \$22, •• Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free	

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride	
Green T Cay to Treasure Cay Airport	8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30
T Cay Airport to Green T Cay	8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5
New Plymouth one way adult \$10 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$15 • Extra to some G T Cay docks	

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16	
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay	Sunday Lv 12 & returns 4:45 p.m. \$25 RT
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town	Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm \$35 RT
T Cay to Guana Cay Sunset Cruise	- Fr \$25, call for time

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

Bahamas Ferries Sandy Point to Nassau under 4 Hr. Call Sandy Point 366-4119 or Marsh Harbour 367-5250 for sailing dates • Adults \$95 RT, \$55 OW • Cars & trucks	
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Abaco Marinas - Slips Fuel Phone	
Walker's Cay	
Walker's Cay	Closed
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	.45..... F..... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	.32..... F..... 365-4271
Black Sound Marina	.15..... 365-4531
Other Shore Club	.12..... F..... 365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	.10..... F..... 365-4033
Treasure Cay	
Treasure Cay Marina	150..... F..... 365-8250
Man-O-War	
Man-O-War Marina	..26..... F..... 365-6008
Marsh Harbour	
Boat Harbour Marina	183..... F..... 367-2736
Conch Inn	.....75..... F..... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	.36..... F..... 367-2182
Marsh Harbour Marina	52 F 367 2700
Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	.....16..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	..... 366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	.....6..... F..... 366-0154
Sea Spray	.....50..... F..... 366-0065
Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina	..75..... F..... 365-0083
Guana Cay	
Orchid Bay	.....32..... F..... 365-5175
Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

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

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

Bonefish Guides	
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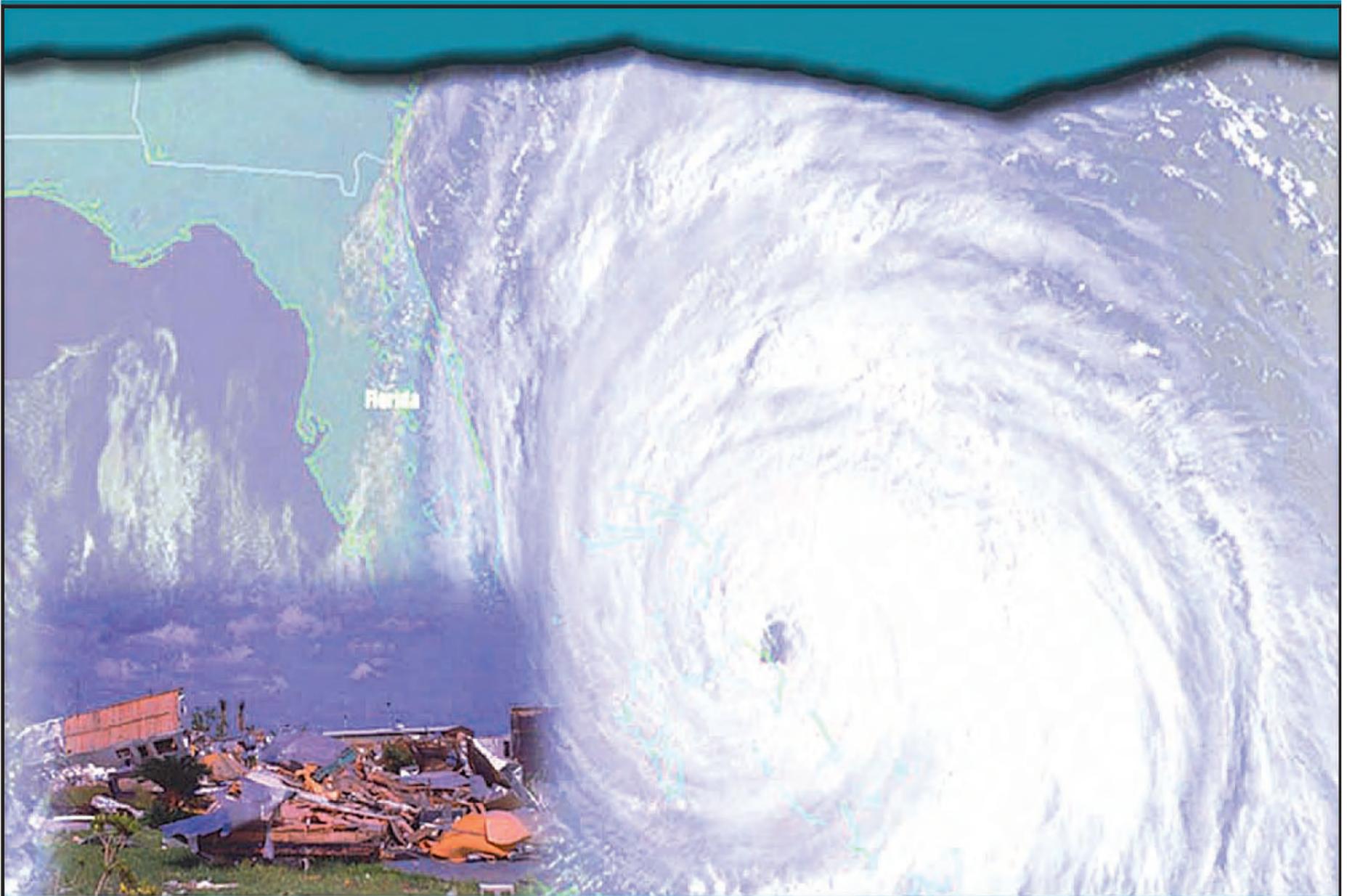
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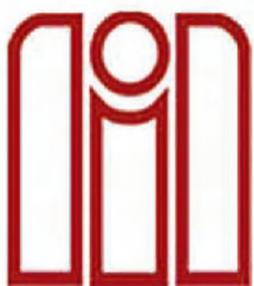
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Robert Sweeting is honoured for long service FNM leaders showed their respect for his dedication



Abaco showed its appreciation of the service and dedication that Robert Sweeting gave over the years to Abaco. He served as Member of Parliament for South Abaco and Central Abaco for 15 years and has always worked to make Abaco better. Many members of the Free National Movement attended to add their accolades to the evening. Shown here are Attorney General, the Hon. Michael Barnett; the Speaker of the House of Assembly, Mr. Alvin Smith; former Member of Parliament Mike Lightbourn; Minister for National Security, the Hon. Tommy Turnquest; former Member of Parliament, 91-year-old Capt. Leonard Thompson; the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham; Mr. Sweeting; Member of Parliament for South Abaco, Mr. Edison Key; Minister of Housing, the Hon. Kenneth Russell; the Minister of Labour, the Hon. Dion Foulkes; and Chairman of the Bahamas Electricity Corporation and former Member of Parliament, Mr. Fred Gottlieb. Also present were Chairman of the Free National Movement, Senator Johnley Ferguson, and former Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Frank Watson.

By Jennifer Hudson

Supporters, family and friends of Robert and Maggie Sweeting packed the pavilion at the Abaco Beach Resort on the evening of July 26 for an appreciation dinner to honour Mr. Sweeting for his dedication to the Free National Movement and to the communities of South Abaco. Prior to the commencement of the formalities, Mr. Sweeting toured the marquee greeting and shaking hands with all who had gathered to honour him.

Many were the accolades heaped upon Mr. Sweeting's head by several speakers who paid tribute to him. He was described as "a loyal soldier, a committed man, a tenacious debater, a good Member of Parliament, hardworking, generous, fiercely loyal, honest, trustworthy, courteous, kind and of strong character and integrity."

Keynote speaker was the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, who stated, "Robert is a man well deserving of honour. He loves Abaco and the people of Abaco and has contributed to the progress of Abaco as a businessman, to sports and to the Chamber of Commerce. He was made a Member of the British Empire in recognition of his services to the community. He has never wavered in his commitment to the FNM and never lost heart even in the challenging time of the 1970s. He was among

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Save the Abaco Parrot!

By Jennifer Hudson

Ms. Caroline Stahala presented an interesting talk entitled Bahama Parrot Management and Conservation at the Central Abaco Primary School on July 23. Ms. Stahala has been carrying out research on the Bahama Parrot for the past few years under the sponsorship of the Bahamas Na-

tional Trust and Friends of the Environment and was introduced by Mr. David Knowles, recently appointed Abaco Park Warden for the Bahamas National Trust. She holds a Master's Degree from the University of North Carolina and will be enter-

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Chamber held service training seminar



The Abaco Chamber of Commerce offered a service training seminar for employees of its members. The response was very good with the first session on July 29 being filled, 25 participants. Another session will be held on August 15. Shown here is Mrs. Leazona Richard, Executive Secretary of the Chamber, addressing the group that met in the conference room at New Visions Ministries.

By Jennifer Hudson

Twenty-five persons from all walks of life learned how to give exceptional customer service during the Customer Service Training Seminar sponsored by the Abaco Chamber of Commerce on July 29, held in the New Vision Ministries' Conference Room.

The Abaco Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Bahamas Hotel Association to present a revolutionary Customer Service programme *Quantify the Quality of Service (Q₂)*. The workshops were facilitated by Bridget Murray from Nassau, who is Workforce Development Manager

with the Bahamas Hotel Association, and Simone Bowe, Director of Human Resources and Training at Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club. The goal of the workshops was to enable each participant to leave with the knowledge and ability to "Get an A+ in Customer Service." The workshop, which was attended by employees from both the private business sector and government offices, was highly interactive and encouraged the participants to identify what they considered exceptional customer service, identify its benefits and

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Golf camp introduced boys to a new sport



The Abaco Club at Winding Bay offered a three-week golf camp to a group of boys from Central Abaco. On July the Club awarded them as they demonstrated their skills for their parents. They are shown here with their trophies and certificates along with their coaches, family and the Central Abaco leaders who arranged for the camp. See story on page 25.

Prime Minister Ingraham salutes Robert Sweeting

Sweeting

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the minority in Man-O-War and suffered abuse but never relented. Robert wanted to serve only two terms in the House of Assembly but was persuaded to serve a third term and I thank him from the bottom of my heart. He has always looked after the interests of Abaco, even North Abaco. I salute him and am proud to call him friend and colleague."

In her tribute, Mrs. Mailin Sands of Man-O-War Cay reminded the audience that Mr. Sweeting was persuaded to enter front line politics in the early 1990s and represented Abaco with unfailing devotion until his retirement from the FNM in 2007. She mentioned some of the improvements which had taken place on Abaco as a result of Mr. Sweeting's efforts which included

the paving of the road from Marsh Harbour to Sandy Point, the upgrading of the airport, the introduction of local government, the building of the Central Abaco Primary School and his services as Chairman of the Port Authority. She concluded by thanking him "for a job well done and never letting Abaco down." Then, not forgetting the contribution his wife had made, she thanked Mrs. Sweeting "for lending Mr. Sweeting to South Abaco" and assured them that they are both appreciated.

The evening progressed on a lighthearted note thanks to the off-the-cuff humour of Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Will Stubbs from Freeport. Mr. Stubbs said that he was delighted to be present to celebrate this wonderful man who, for 15 years had been a faithful servant to the people of Abaco. "He made a point of order 863 times in the House of Assembly," he stated.

Mr. Stubbs then proceeded to portray a clever impersonation of Mr. Sweeting. Mr. Stubbs injected his wit and humour throughout the evening, at one point doing a take off of Opposition Leader, the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, which brought people to tears of laughter.

Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Sweeting by ladies from the communities of Hope Town, Man-O-War and Marsh Harbour.

In his response, Mr. Sweeting expressed his appreciation. "So many wonderful constituents have come to pay tribute," and he made special mention of Annie Parotti, Veronica Saun-

The Prime Minister was the keynote speaker at the banquet held to honour Mr. Robert Sweeting for his long years of service in the political arena. Mr. Ingraham, center, is chatting with Mr. Sweeting and his wife, Maggie.



ders and Linda Albury who had "kept the torch burning."



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sweeting were presented with several gifts from the women of Man-O-War, Hope Town and Marsh Harbour. They are shown here with a couple of the gifts.

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Chamber's service seminar proved popular

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learn techniques for dealing with angry or upset customers. The facilitators got their message across and presented much excellent advice while at the same time making the workshops a lot of fun for the participants.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Cephas Cooper, Senior Administrator, reinforced the fact, "This is a very critical time in the life of Abaco and the entire country. So much is on the drawing board for Abaco, but we are not keeping pace socially with the economic advances. At this critical time there are many complaints about customer service and even one customer complaint can have a huge impact on an organization. We must rededicate ourselves to giving the kind of customer service that Abaco deserves and we will all be the beneficiaries."

Ms. Murray and Ms. Bowe are both very dynamic speakers who believe in getting their audiences to think for themselves and learn by interaction. Thus, the seminar included some interesting quizzes, team activities and opportunities for each individual to speak and play an active role. Gavin Knowles of the Sand Dollar Shop termed it "a simpler more laid back approach" and said that he felt, "It was very helpful and gave a better overview on how to give customer service."

Ms. Murray stressed that she was "trying to ram home that customer satisfaction is all about the EXPERIENCE. It is through the entire experience that satisfaction is gained. It is about engaging the whole individual and how you make them feel. Atmosphere is important and all of

the senses must be engaged. Customers will give loyalty to your establishment through good experiences, and you must accept personal responsibility. Smile, greet the customer according to the time of day, engage the customer in conversation and spend some time thinking about what you can improve," she advised. Ms. Murray stressed that good customer service requires team work. "Team work enriches every member of the team and its five elements are Responsibility; Integration; Mutual Respect; Recognition and Cooperation."

Ms. Bowe focused on Communication and Conflict Resolution, laying seeds for thought and getting her audience to analyze the concepts and see how they affect and can be improved upon in customer service. "It is important to remember that we communicate at all times even when we are not speaking," she reminded. "We communicate through body language, posture, facial expressions, eye contact and even how we move our body. When you speak, your tone of voice, speed of speech, pitch and volume all communicate your feelings. Even your hair, make up and the colours you wear play a part," expounded Ms. Bowe. "The inside and outside of your business - whether it is clean, dirty, organized or disorganized - also communicate an image. Communication is seven percent words used and 93 percent what we do not say."

Ms. Bowe expressed regret that some organizations pay little attention to training and development. "Standards need to be put in place by the company; otherwise, employees will just do what they think."

Following the seminar, participants were invited to evaluate the workshops and

present their feed back. "This was a wonderful experience and very educational," stated Tishura Mills, nurse at the government clinic. "It opened my eyes to ways in which I need to change and how I can improve, and I learnt that first impressions are very important." Melinda Williams from the Ministry of Tourism felt that it was informative, and she was able to see how important quality service is.

At the close of the workshop each participant was presented with a certificate of participation.

This seminar was part of a series of workshops. The first was held the previous evening at Abaco Groceries for its employees, and another seminar identical

to the one held at New Visions is planned for August 15. Ms. Murray stated that seminars may be held once a month, and these would be open to the community. "These seminars are not just for people in the hotel industry. We are pleased to see employees from the Ministry of Tourism, banks, nurses, insurance companies, retail establishments, restaurants and the Treasury taking part in this seminar," stated Ms. Murray. "We cannot just sell sun, sea and sand any more because that can be found everywhere. The Ministry of Tourism is now selling SERVICE. We are competing with the world," she stressed.



Ms. Bridget Murray, a Workforce Development Manager with the Bahamas Hotel Association, was one of the presenters. She was lively and energetic, making the learning seminar very interesting.

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- 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
#EHTH1104 - \$1,150,000.



Prince's Trust
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.



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

GREAT GUANA CAY

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



Art Cafe
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.



Beach House
Great Guana Cay -
- 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.
- 768 s.f. Residence
- 336 s.f. Open Deck
- Central Air
- Beachfront
- Central, Convenient Location
- Fabulous Ocean Views
- Fully Furnished
#GGH1108 - \$699,000.



Junkanoo Splash
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.



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

MAN-O-WAR CAY

- **"HARBOUR LIGHT"** - Dickie's Cay - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,560 s.f. Residence - 1,040 s.f. Verandahs - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Guest house - 1.824 Acres - Entire S.E. - Point of Dickie's Cay - Private Dock. Auxiliary Generator - Superb Views - Furnished. #MWH1099 - **\$2,200,000.**
- **"VIKING"** - Dickie's Cay - 5 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths. - 3,360 s.f. Residence - 1,200 s.f. Covered Deck - 0.84 Acres Sea-to-Sea - Private 136' Dock - Auxiliary Generator - Superb Harbour Views - Furnished. #MWH1001 - **\$1,995,000.**
- **"FRESH WIND LANDING"** - Dickie's Cay - 3 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths - 2,460 s.f. Residence - 1,400 s.f. Porches-Decks - 1 Bed, 1 bath 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.**



Sonn Light
Green Turtle Cay
- 5 Bedrooms, 4 Baths
- 4,977 s.f. Residence
- 3.5 Acres - Sea-to-Sea
- 130' Ocean Beachfront
- 200' on Coco Bay
- Private Dock on Coco Bay
- 15KW Aux. Gen.
- 600 GPD - Watermaker
#GTH1097 - Four Possible Sale Options - From: **\$848,000** - for 1 acre w/dock lic. on Coco Bay. to **\$3,490,000** for entire Estate



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

SCOTLAND CAY

- **"SUMMER CAMP"** - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,300 s.f. Residence - 300' of Ocean Beach - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Guest House - "Playhouse" with Bar - Covered & Open Decks - Fabulous Ocean Views #SCH1094 - **\$2,140,000**
- **"BLESSING HOUSE"** - 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1600 s.f. of residence - 785 s.f. wrap around porch - 23,938 s.f. - .549 Acre land - 180 degree views - 250' to the Atlantic Beach - 240 s.f. garage - 28,000 gallon cistern - Fully furnished - Runway & Dock access - #SCH1093 - **\$895,000.**



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



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

TILLOO CAY

- **"BOUNTIFULLY BLESSED"** - 2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath - 800 s.f. residence - 3.75 Acre, sea to sea - 109' of frontage - on Sea of Abaco - 106' on Atlantic - Boat basin with lift - 170' of dock - Swimming Pool - Approved plans for 3/2 New England Style cottage #TLH1086 - **\$1,595,000.**



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



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

TREASURE CAY

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



Paw-Paw Patch
Man-O-War Cay -
Settlement
- 3 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths.
- 1,200 s.f. Residence.
- 192 s.f. Studio Shore Box
- 0.23 Acre - 10,056 s.f.
- 17 KW Aux. Generator
- Beautifully Landscaped
- Partially Furnished
#MWH1024 - **\$525,000.**



St. Charles Place
Marsh Harbour -
Sunrise Bay
- 4 Bedrooms, 4 Baths
- 4,468 s.f. New Residence.
- 1,742 s.f. Covered Verandahs & Balconies.
- 0.3394 Acre - 14,787 s.f.
- Swimming Pool
- 30 KW Auxiliary Gen.
- Boat Slip.
#MHH1084 - **\$2,700,000.**

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GREAT GUANA CAY

- **"BLUE LAGOON"** - Parcel # 45 - Orchid Bay - 43,480 s.f. - 0.9982 Acre - 190.88' on Sea of Abaco frontage - prime building site - +/- 15' elevations - Orchid Bay amenities - Allows for private deeded dock - mature trees. #GGV1087 - **\$940,000.**
- **"112-112A"** - Fabulous waterfront building site - Two parcels containing a total of 69,197 s.f. - 1.588 Acres - 241' of Sea of Abaco Frontage - great elevations to 42' above sea level GGV1112 - **NEW LISTING \$850,000.**
- **"AERIE"** - Parcel # 58 - Orchid Bay - 174,775 s.f. - 4.012 Acres - Orchid Bay amenities. - One of the Highest Points in Orchid Bay - Fabulous Panoramic Views. #GGV1077 - **\$850,000.**
- **"CLAIRE'S BEACH"** - Beachfront Building Site - 31,243 s.f. - 0.717 Acre - 117' Beach Frontage - Dock Access - Good Elevation - Superb Ocean Views - Lush Vegetation, #GGV1006 - **\$790,000.**
- **"SECRET BEACH"** - 16,500 s.f. - over 1/3 Acre - 100' of Ocean shoreline - Over 200' of depth - Prime Ocean-front building site - Good elevations - Deeded dock access. #GGV1092 - **\$375,000.**
- **"CAPTAIN'S COVE"** - 6,653 s.f. - 0.152 Acre - 45.47' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Prime building site - can carry a private dock - 180 degree views - underground electric and paved road. #GGV1091 - **\$375,000.**
- **"Cottage Parcel # 10"** - Orchid Bay - 14,574 s.f. - 0.3346 Acre - 82.20' on the Sea of Abaco - Great Views - Orchid Bay amenities. #GGV1077 - **NEW LISTING \$366,000.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

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

LYNYARD CAY

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

MAN-O-WAR CAY

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

MAN-O-WAR CAY

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

MARSH HARBOUR

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

SAND BANKS

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

SCOTLAND CAY

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

Abaco parrot population is declining

Parrots

From Page 1

ing Florida State University in the fall to work towards her doctorate. Her studies all focus on the Bahama Parrot.

She began her talk with a short pictorial quiz to see how many in the audience could identify the Bahama Parrot from other Caribbean species and what other facts they knew about the parrot. She then showed some photographs she had taken around town of various signs on roadsides and businesses which portray the Bahama Parrot in their logo showing what a distinct symbol on Abaco the parrot is.

"The Bahama Parrot is found on only two islands, those being Abaco and Great Inagua," stated Ms. Stahala. "On Great Abaco, which is 1,681 square kilometers and has a human population of 14,000, there are 3,326 parrots, but on Great Inagua, which measures 1,544 square kilometers and has a population of only 1,000 people, there are 11,339 parrots which is three times the number on Abaco. There is a difference between the two populations, however, so if the number of parrots on Abaco dropped, we could not repopulate with parrots from Inagua. Whereas on Abaco the parrot is only found in the national forest of South Abaco, on Inagua they are found throughout the entire island; thus they are easier to protect on Abaco. Their diet is pretty much the same on both islands."

"The parrot is found in the Abaco National Park located in South Abaco which was really created for the Abaco parrot," stated Ms. Stahala. "The parrot is found in South Abaco primarily because of the coppice habitat in which there is an availabil-

ity of food. Right after the devastation of Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne food in the coppice became scarce and so the parrots went elsewhere to find food. Many of them went to Man-O-War Cay where they took up residence in people's gardens and were actually fed by them.

"The parrots have two primary habitats - the pine forest and the hardwood coppice. The pinewoods are where they breed and nest, and the coppice is for foraging. Fires in the pinewoods are really important to the parrots as they clean out the forest floor enabling the parrots to find holes for nesting since they nest in the limestone solution cavities. The parrots go back to the same nest year after year.

However, fires in the coppice areas are devastating as the fruit and berry producing trees are killed, and the parrots are then short of food. We are, sadly, losing coppice all the time due to fires." Ms. Stahala stated that she has tried putting up some nesting boxes to see if the parrots would use them, but so far none has done so.

Ms. Stahala gave an overview of the Parrot Programme. The completed project will contain an assessment of the population of the Abaco parrot, habitats used by the parrots and morphology and vocalization. Currently in progress are an Abaco parrot arboreal nesting study and an Abaco community mentoring programme. A Management Plan will be formulated in the



Caroline Stahala

near future.

"The Abaco Parrot population is steadily declining as the result of various threats," stated Ms. Stahala. "Natural threats include hurricanes, drought, raptors, land crabs, anthropogenic (caused by humans), introduced species (cats and raccoons), trash which brings predators and land development and habitat loss.

"Other threats include fire and lack of legislation. Fire can be both good and bad. It is very important to clear the understory so that the parrots can find holes for nesting, but fires in the coppice which occur in drought years threaten the birds' foraging habitats. Other coppice is being destroyed by developers."

The management strategy is to separate the Abaco and Inagua parrot and address their concerns separately. The current management plan focuses on three subject areas: 1. Predator control 2. Arboreal nest cavities 3. Amelioration of habitat loss.

The goal of the programme is 'To maintain healthy self sustained wild populations of the Bahama Parrot on Abaco and Inagua. Ms. Stahala hopes to do this by:

- Parrot friendly recognition
 - Positive/proactive strategies
 - Precursor to legislation (what we would like to see happen)
 - An immediate programme in place
 - Individual and corporate involvement
- In regard to Parrot Friendly Recog-

niton, Ms. Stahala has been extremely pleased that developers of the Schooner Bay project have "done the right thing and made provision to protect the parrots by preserving a green area within the planned community. "They sought the input of an expert as to the best size and location of the parrot protection area. They are a model and will be used as an example," stated Ms. Stahala.

The presentation concluded with a plea from Ms. Stahala for everyone to help in protecting the parrots and spreading the word to others. She gave a list of what people can do to help:

1. Have pets spayed and neutered and keep them indoors so that they cannot kill birds.
2. Do not plant or bring in invasive species plants or animals. Cats and raccoons are a major problem but the mongoose which is already in the Caribbean could be a disaster if it came here.
3. Speak out on conservation efforts.
4. Support zoning for parrot friendly developments.
5. Be a parrot advocate.
6. Go to see the parrots in South Abaco; then you will want to work harder to protect these beautiful birds.
7. Support the Bahamas National Trust and Friends of the Environment.

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Newest opportunity
 Canal front condo and cottage units with available boat slips
 Starting at \$680,000 + 14% closing

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"Pineapple Point Resort" - Luxury gated community - Treasure Cay's newest waterfront development. 2 bed/ 2 bath and 3 bed/ 3 bath condos with availability of private boat slips. Pre-construction price starting at \$529,000 net (plus closing costs). MUST SEE! Great investment opportunity and the most spectacular location in Treasure Cay

3. THE COTTAGES

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 Starting at \$900,000 + 12% closing

4. BAHAMA BEACH CLUB

Luxury condominium project on Treasure Cay Beach. 3 bed / 3 bath / Den / Lanai / on-site pool and many other features
 Starting at \$907,500 Plus 14% closing

5. ROYAL POINCIANA TOWNHOUSES

On-site pool and tennis, newly completed luxury townhouse units directly on Treasure Cay each totalling 3 bed/ 4 1/2 baths plus loft bedroom/ den
 Ground floor - garage, 2 bed/ 2 bath with ocean front patio
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 MLS \$2,075,000 + 7.5% Closing

MARINA VIEW VILLA

Recently completed delightful villa with great marina view and access. Modern 2 bed/ 2 bath CBS fully furnished home, 1020 sq. ft. plus porches and garden area. Must see to appreciate. FGS \$555,400

MARINER'S COVE

Townhouse condos with on-site tennis, heated pool, office, laundry
 Marina view, 2 bed/ 1 1/2 bath, fully furnished, never rented, extra features.
 MUST SEE FGS \$295,000

Marina view, 1 bed / 1 bath upstairs - good rental potential \$220,150 FGS

Marina view, 2 bed/ 2 bath and unit - fully furnished- storm shutters- good rental potential \$271,500 + 7.5% closing

TREASURE LANDING

Unit #4 Upstairs 3 bed/2bath fully furnished, direct beach access. Good rental investment
 EXC. \$514,250 FGS

ROYAL PALM

Canal front condos with on site tennis and pool
 2 bed / 2 bath lower unit marina view. Good rental income EXC \$526,350

2 bed/ 2 bath lower unit with marina view. 12 ft. boat slip with 12,000 lb. lift. Never rented.
 EXC \$655,950 FGS

TREASURE HOUSE

Ocean front luxury octagonal units with lagoon/ pool/waterfall. Good rental potential.

Unit #7 Two storey 2 bed/ 2 bath home.
 MLS \$545,000 + 7.5% closing

Unit #9 Two storey 2 bed/ 2 bath home
 \$500,000 + 7.5% closing

BAHAMA BEACH CLUB

Resale condos available in first completed project. Ready to go. Both units never rented but definite potential. MUST SEE PROPERTIES.

Downstairs unit 3 bed / 2 bath with den/ optional 4th bed. Completely and tastefully furnished with many extra features including garage and Ford Taurus \$1,002,000 FGS

ATLANTIS

Canal Front Condos with on site Pool
 Bldg 4 Downstairs 2 bed / 2 bath, totally redone, 12' wide slip
 EXC. \$468,000 FGS

SAND DOLLAR

Unit #3 Ocean front, downstairs 2 bed/2 bath, fully furnished. \$640,000 FGS

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.
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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 + 7 1/2%

SANDPIPER BEACH

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

GALLEON BAY ESTATES

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A guide to hurricane preparations

The origin of many hurricanes

Hurricane season is here

Over the years Abaco has seen many violent storms that have taken many lives. Old timers speak of the severe hurricanes of the late 1920s and 1930s which resulted in several settlements being relocated to safer areas. The residents of Cave Cay, Old Place, Cornish Town and Bluff Point were moved to Crown Haven, Dundas Town and Murphy Town.

In the years between the late 1930s and late 1990s there were few storms of note. Many will remember Hurricane Betsy which was a very severe storm hitting Abaco in September 1965. However, with better forecasting and stronger construction methods people can prepare better with the result that there has been a marked reduction in the loss of life.

Prepare Now

Hurricane preparations must be started now to ensure that we are ready for any storm that threatens. The key to surviving is the preparations you make before hand. After a hurricane is predicted to come close, too many things need to be done in a short period of time and some things are sure to be forgotten or left undone. It is good to prepare now before a storm is predicted.

The tropical waves that march across the Atlantic Ocean, sometimes spawning hurricanes, can be traced back to disturbances in the flow of tropical winds out of East Africa. Somewhere out over the Atlantic, that wave joins with one or more other tropical depressions coming off Africa. Within days, the relatively small turbulence can grow into the tropical cyclone that becomes the hurricane as it crosses the ocean. These then can devastate the Caribbean or North America.

Although many hurricanes that reach this area are born as tropical depressions in the waters off Africa, little is known about why some peter out and others become monster hurricanes on the other side of the ocean. This is increasingly important information to have, and so a team of researchers from NASA and the NOAA have spent months off the African coast trying to find the answer.

These waves are quite innocuous, lines of heavy rain with some thunderstorms. But about 10 percent change character as they move out to sea, develop rotations and start building up power. The big mystery is where the spin comes from.

From bases in the Cape Verde Islands and Senegal, researchers are tracking, measuring and analyzing some of the 60 waves that every year come off West Africa in the late summer and head toward the Caribbean and North America, carried by trade winds.

Most of the time, these weather patterns, formed over the Sudan or Ethiopia

in East Africa, stretch 1,200 to 1,500 miles and last three to four days before they dissipate, unless they grow into something bigger. They get their initial power and instability from the difference in temperature between the very hot Sahara Desert air and the substantially cooler air along the coast of Africa.

A DC-8 jet with advanced atmospheric research instruments has been flying through these tropical waves to take a wide range of measurements. NASA teams studied the phenomenon in the mid-1970s but this year's research could be groundbreaking because of newer instruments. Sensors on the aircraft will measure the sizes and shapes of clouds and airborne particles, wind speed and direction, rainfall rates, and atmospheric temperature, pressure and relative humidity. They will also study air patterns before and after the waves move through.

The research will focus on the aspect of hurricane forecasting that scientists say

remains most challenging, how and why a tropical storm develops the intensity to become a hurricane. Forecasters often get the movement and direction of a storm right, but its intensity remains much harder to predict.

Scientists will also focus on the role of the Saharan air layer that forms over the desert during the late spring, summer and early fall, and generally moves out over the tropical Atlantic Ocean. Its very hot and dry air, strong winds and airborne dust are thought to inhibit cyclone development. There is some evidence that the dust makes it more difficult for rain to form.

There is some general understanding of what is needed to create a hurricane, a particular combination of moisture in the atmosphere, warm ocean temperature and winds. But by going back to the birthplace of about 80 percent of the hurricanes that hit North America, researchers hope to learn much more.

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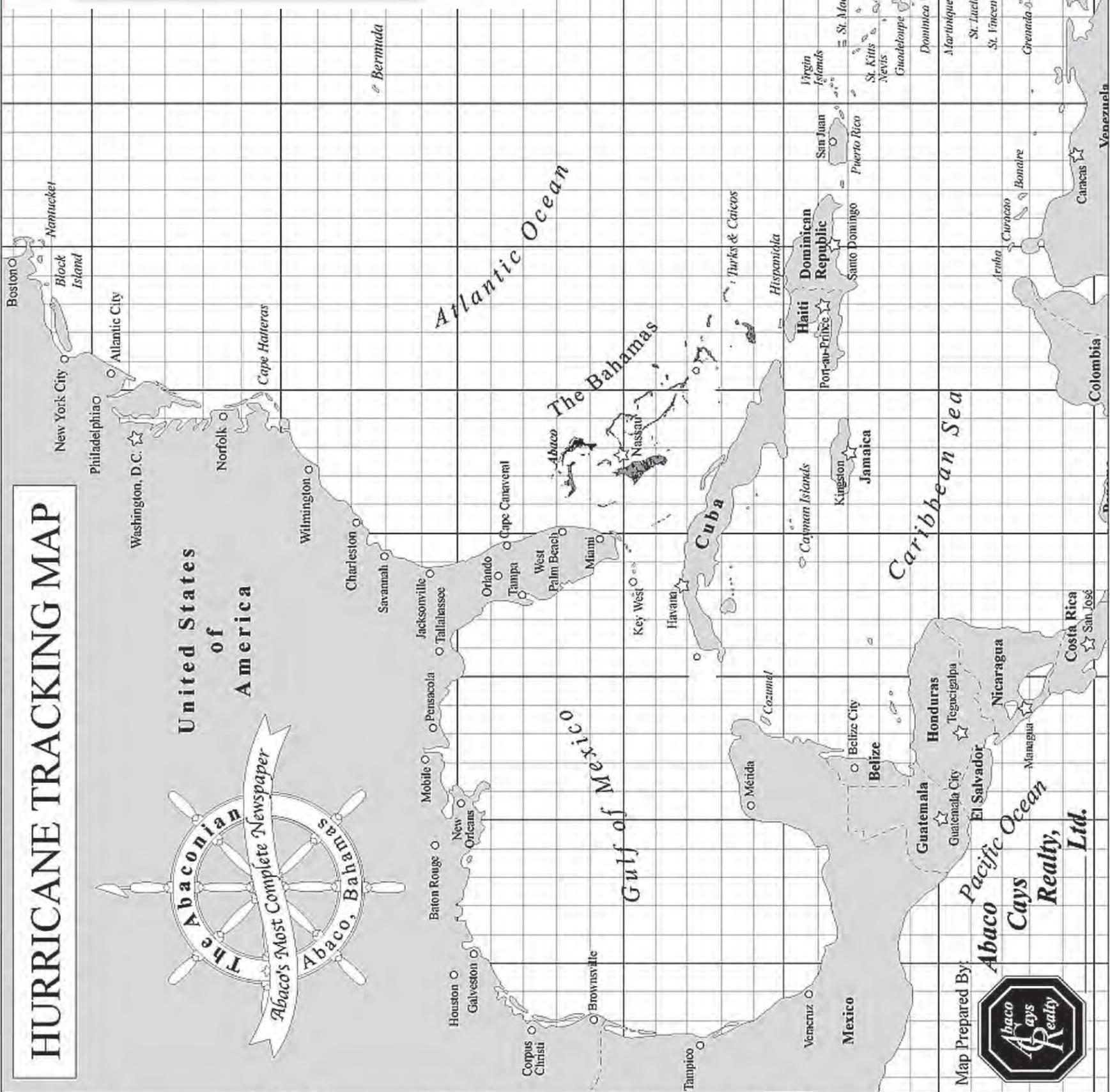


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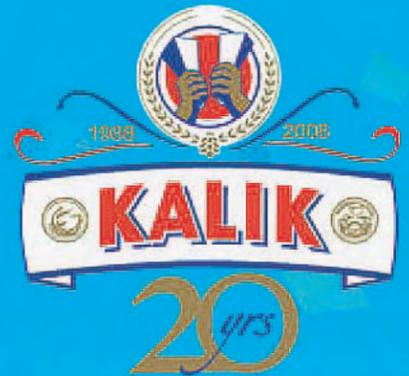
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General information about storms



The birth of a hurricane starts as a low pressure zone and builds into a tropical wave of low pressure. In addition to a disturbance in the tropical ocean water, the storms that become hurricanes also require warm ocean waters, above 80°F down to 150 feet below the surface, and light upper level winds.

A tropical wave grows in intensity and then may grow to become an organized area of showers and thunderstorms known as a tropical disturbance. This disturbance becomes an organized area of tropical low pressure that is called a tropical depression based on cyclonic winds, counter-

clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere. A tropical depression's wind speed is up to 38 miles per hour.

When the average winds reach 39 mph, the storm becomes a tropical storm and receives a name while tropical depressions are numbered.

There are approximately 80-100 tropical storms annually and about half of these storms become full-fledged hurricanes. It is at 74 mph that a tropical storm becomes a hurricane. Hurricanes can be from 60 to almost 1000 miles wide. They vary widely in intensity; their strength is measured from a weak Category 1 storm to a catastrophic Category 5 storm. Only two Category 5 hurricanes with winds over 156 mph and a pressure of less than 920 mb have struck the United States in the 20th century. One of these was Hurricane Andrew that hit North Eleuthera and other islands in The Bahamas before crossing Florida and ending up in Louisiana in 1992. The world's lowest pressures ever recorded were caused by hurricanes.

Hurricane damage results from three primary causes:

1. Storm Surge. Approximately 90 percent of all hurricane deaths can be attributed to the storm surge, the dome of water created by the low pressure center of a hurricane. This storm surge quickly floods low-lying coastal areas with anywhere from three feet for a category one storm to over

19 feet of storm surge for a category five storm. Hundreds of thousands of deaths in countries such as Bangladesh have been caused by the storm surge of cyclones.

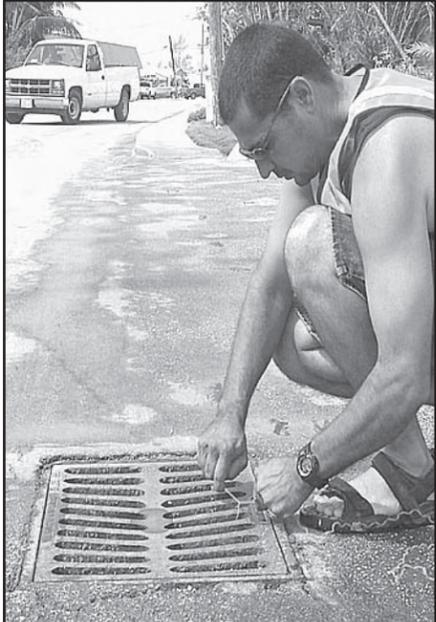
2. Wind Damage. The strong, at least 74 mph, winds of a hurricane can cause widespread destruction far inland of coastal areas, destroying homes, buildings and infrastructure.

3. Freshwater Flooding. Hurricanes are huge tropical storms and dump many inches of rain over a widespread area in a short period of time that can cause flooding.

Hurricanes ultimately diminish reverting to tropical storm strength and then into a tropical depression when they move over cooler ocean water, move over land or reach

a position where the upper level winds are too strong and are thus unfavorable.

Although we can do nothing to affect a hurricane's path or intensity, we can all prepare. We stress with our readers that you use this section of the paper to be your guide to prepare in case we have another hit this year. Preparation needs to begin well ahead of any storm being predicted to affect Abaco.



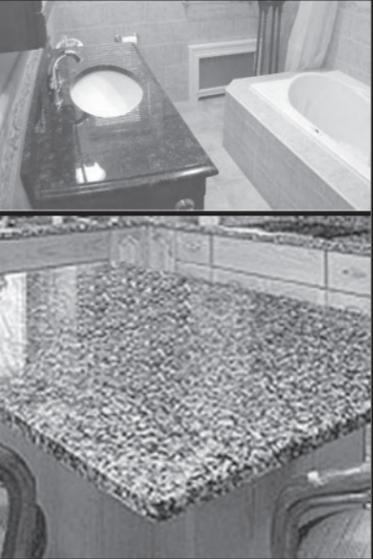
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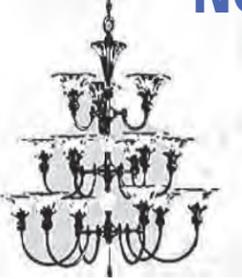
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Hurricane dangers

the 2004 and 2005 seasons," according to Dr. William Gray.

Current conditions in the Atlantic basin are quite favorable for an active hurricane season. The current sea surface temperature pattern in the Atlantic, prevalent in most years since 1995, is a pattern typically observed before very active seasons. Warm sea surface temperatures are likely to continue being present in the tropical and North Atlantic during 2008.

Additionally, the team expects neutral or weak La Nina conditions in the tropical Pacific, which, combined with a predicted warm north and tropical Atlantic, is a recipe for enhanced Atlantic basin hurricane activity.

Hurricane Hazards

Hurricane dangers come in many forms: storm surge, high winds, tornadoes and flooding. This means it is important for you to know what to do in case any of these dangers are present in any storm that affects Abaco.

A storm surge is a rise in sea level near the "eye" of the hurricane. As the storm nears land, this raised level of water becomes a wall of water which is the greatest threat to life and property. Most hurricane-related deaths are caused by the storm surge.

Because of the low pressure in the eye and the high winds, the ocean surface is raised. This arch of water can be as wide as 50 miles. As the storm approaches land this water can be raised up to 20 feet high which destroys buildings, erodes beaches and produces massive floods.

The height of the surge in a particular area is also determined by the slope of the underwater shoreline. A shallow slope off

the coast will allow a greater surge to inundate coastal communities. Communities with a steeper shelf will not see as much surge inundation, although large breaking waves can still present major problems. Storm tides, waves, and currents in confined harbors severely damage ships, marinas and pleasure boats as well as surrounding buildings. The storm surge can destroy the lower floors of some buildings or even destroy the foundations of residences, causing the homes to wash away.

The intensity of a hurricane is expressed in wind speeds and potential damage. High winds of a hurricane move in a large spiral around its eye and can be several hundred miles wide. Hurricane-force winds can easily destroy poorly constructed buildings and mobile homes. Debris such as signs, roofing material, and small items left outside become flying missiles in hurricanes. Extensive damage to trees, towers, water and underground utility lines (from uprooted trees) and fallen poles cause considerable disruption. The strongest winds usually occur in the right side of the eye wall of the hurricane.

Flooding is another danger that hurricanes present. While storm surge is always a potential threat, more people have died from flooding from 1970 up to 2000. Flooding is caused by two situations. Rainfall can be very heavy although heavy rains are not directly related to the wind speed of hurricanes. In fact, some of the greatest rainfall amounts have occurred from weaker storms that drift slowly or stall over an area. The other source of flooding is from the storm surge.

Abaco has suffered from both types of flooding. In Hurricane Jeanne in 2004 heavy rains flooded the entire island, something that many old timers had never seen while Hurricane Wilma pushed water in from the west, creating much damage to Marsh Harbour and other communities.

Tornadoes can also be a threat and Abaco has suffered from several. Specifically, Hurricane Irene in 1999 spawned several tornadoes, killing one woman and damaging many buildings. However, tornadoes are not common at our latitude as they are when the storms developed farther north.

Formation of a hurricane depends on many factors coming together. Warm humid air and warm water vapor supply its energy. There needs to be convection activity and vertical wind motion to take air from sea level to move it up through the system. The wind system must have the right amount of spin or twist which is provided by the rotating earth.

The center of the storm or eye may travel 10 to 15 miles per hour with the storm extending out from the center 150 to 200 miles. Inside the eye is calm and the skies may be clear. But that is deceptive because the wind on the other side of the eye blows in the opposite direction from the first part of the storm. If people do not understand when the eye of the hurricane is passing and they leave a secure location, they may be caught in deadly winds and torrential rain.

2008 Predictions

The Colorado State University forecast team is forecasting 15 named storms forming in the Atlantic basin between June 1 and Nov. 30. Eight of the storms are predicted to become hurricanes, and of those eight, four are expected to develop into intense or major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5) with sustained winds of 111 mph or greater. Long-term averages are 9.6 named storms, 5.9 hurricanes and 2.3 intense hurricanes per year.

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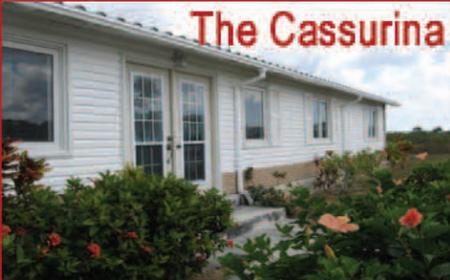
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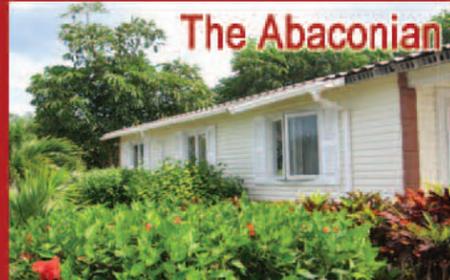
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"Halyard Quay" # 827 - Superior 3 & 4 bed 1,568 s/f & 2,108 s/f waterfront condos, gated community, 15' beam dock slip, private garage **Pre-construction pricing from \$603,000.**

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.**

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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

959 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 2 level furnished unit, overlooks marina, includes full size garage & vehicle. **\$310,000.**

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

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

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

655 - 2 bed, 1 bath 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.**

Beachfront Parcel, Sunrise Point # 1068 - Spacious 19,570 s/f with 100' powder white sandy beach frontage, superior sea views, ideal building site, all utilities available **\$1,445,000.**

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.**

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

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.**

Flamingo Drive Lot 66 #558 - Large lot on quiet cul-de-sac, all utilities available. Ideal home building site. **\$66,000.**

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. **\$759,000.**

TURTLE ROCKS

"Turtle's Rock" # 1062 - 3 bedpomp, 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 & dock **\$392,000.**

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.**

597 - 11,242 s/f canal lot w/171' seawall, sea view **\$265,000.**

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

904 - 16,345 s/f w/ 108' water frontage, sea view **\$165,000.**

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

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.**

Inland Lot - Near Beach (Ref # 756) Large 13,000 s/f lot near white sandy Atlantic Ocean beaches, native vegetation, Good road access. **\$38,000.**

LONG BEACH, SOUTH ABACO

Ocean View Residential Lot # 887 - Elevated, hillside corner parcel, 12,600 s/f +/-, close to sandy Atlantic Ocean beachfront, All utilities available. Ideal building site. **\$179,000.**

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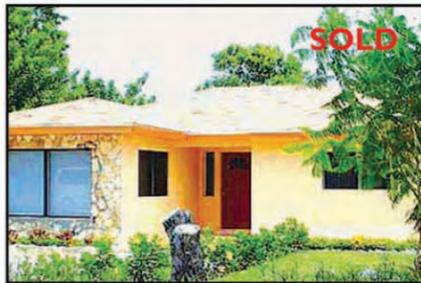
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New custom home overlooking historic Hope Town Harbour, 2 bed/2 bath with dock. Turn key and recent rental history. **SOLD**



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OCEAN FRONT - WHITE SOUND

Lots #13 & #14 with dockage on White Sound Bay **\$495,000** each

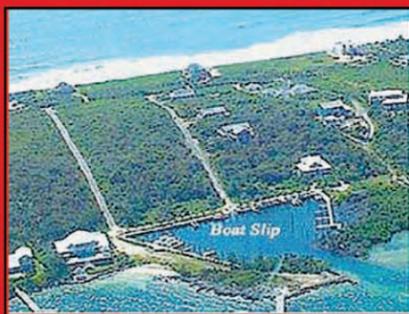
DORROS COVE

Lot #18 with dock slip and ocean views **\$362,000**
Lot #21 with dock slip and panoramic views
Lot #43 with dock slip and ocean/sea view **\$365,000**

OCEANFRONT LOT 47, NORTH END ELBOW CAY

Perfect spot for private home or villas! Great North End beaches and short walk or ride to Hope Town settlement for shopping and multiple dining venues. **\$750,000**

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Lot 6B with panoramic views of the blue Atlantic waters and the Sea of Abaco is offered at \$770,000. Lot 8A views the Sea, marina, and main land Abaco, as well as surrounding cays and is available for \$795,000 "deeded dock slip included with lot"



3B and 4C offer breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean and Cays to the south of Hope Town and are located across the road from the deeded beach access. These lots are offered at \$770,000 each. "deeded dock slip included with lot"



Lot 10A and 9B offer immediate access to your boat at the marina, as well as incredible views of the Sea of Abaco and the prime spot on the island to watch the sunset. Lot 10A is listed at \$825,000 and Lot 9B is listed at \$820,000 "deeded dock slip included with lot"

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LITTLE HARBOUR ON THE SEA OF ABACO

Fabulous 2.46 acre private estate with beach. Located at the entrance to beautiful Little Harbour, this property features unparalleled views including the Sea of Abaco and Atlantic Ocean. Three pods connected with verandahs, comprise over 3,500 square feet of living space. Vaulted ceilings with copulas. Six bedrooms, four baths, laundry room, storage, garage, and backup generator systems. Landscaped beautifully with tropical hibiscus, bougainvillea, silver buttonwood, coconut palms among others. Located in secluded gated community. **If you like going green, there is enough solar power to run this home without the use of the generators. The reverse osmosis system is rarely used due to the massive rain water tanks.**

#13563

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#13515

Price: \$4,250,000



LITTLE HARBOUR

Just under one acre of direct ocean front property. Fantastic Atlantic Ocean views. Power available. Good elevations. Cleared & ready to build.

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CASUARINA POINT

Nice 4 bed, 4 bath furnished home on gorgeous beachfront with views of Atlantic. Generator, cable, phone, fenced, deck, turnkey.

#2818

Price: \$530,000



NEW LISTING

CASUARINA POINT

Beachfront home, 2 story, 3 bed, 2 bath, furnished, master suite with sauna & jacuzzi, workshop, landscaped, bonefishing, deep sea fishing

#13877

Price upon request



NEW LISTING

CASUARINA POINT

2 bed, 2 bath cottage, fully furnished. Built in 2008. Great views, beach access. All utilities, cable, etc. Turnkey.

#13821

Price: \$350,000



BAHAMA PALM SHORES

Lovely well maintained CBS home featuring 3 bed, 2 bath on corner lot 90x150. Enclosed & landscaped property with secluded garden.

#2837

Price: \$350,000



BAHAMA PALM SHORES

Comfortable 3 bed, 3 bath, beachfront home on one acre. Relax & enjoy the Bahamian lifestyle at it's best.

#13180

Price: \$580,000



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BAHAMA PALM SHORES

Fabulous 3 bed, 3 bath, beachfront home with garage. Open concept beach side living on spectacular Atlantic Ocean lot.

#13552

Price: \$580,000



BAHAMA PALM SHORES

1 & 2 acre estate beachfront lots in sea side community. Good elevations, gorgeous Atlantic Ocean views.

#13544

Starting at: \$295,000



NEW LISTING

LITTLE HARBOUR

Two plus acres with 135 ft. of direct water frontage on Little Harbour. Private, gated access.

#13827

Price: 495,000



MURPHY TOWN

Very nice 2 bed, 2 bath home with open concept living, sits on 1.75 acres. Can be subdivided. Great investment opportunity.

#13475

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Opportunity awaits! 40 acres of untouched property with nice coppice growth. Hilltop and waterfront ideal for residential development.

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Storm Terms

When weather reports are given on television or radio, they use terms which we should be familiar with.

- **Tropical disturbance:** a moving area of thunderstorms in the tropics

- **Tropical depression:** an area of low pressure, rotary circulation and winds up to 38 mph

- **Tropical storm:** counterclockwise circulation of clouds and wind speed from 39-73 mph. These storms are given names

- **Hurricane:** a storm with winds of 74 mph or greater

The weathermen also rate the hurricanes in categories according to their potential to cause disaster.

- **Category 1** Winds of 73 to 95 miles per hour. Damage may include flooding of low-lying coastal areas, small boats may be torn from their moorings in exposed anchorages.

- **Category 2** Winds of 96 to 110 miles per hour. Damage will be moderate and may include flooding in low areas, cutting off access through low lying roads and some damage to roofing materials, windows and doors.

- **Category 3** Winds of 111 to 130 miles per hour. Damage will be major and may include high water blocking inland roads, serious coastal flooding, destruction to small buildings.

- **Category 4** Winds of 131 to 155 miles per hour. Damage will be severe and may include cutting off access roads, major damage to lower floors of buildings near shore because of flooding and battering by waves and debris, and collapse of roofs on many small buildings.

- **Category 5** Winds of more than 155 miles per hour. Damage will be catastrophic and may include buildings and roofs collapsing, extensive shattering of glass and windows, small buildings overturned and blown away.

Other Terms

- **Eye:** The center part of a hurricane around which the winds and rain rotate. Winds are light and skies are clear or partly cloudy when the eye is passing through

- **Advisory:** updated information from the US National Weather Service issued frequently as a storm approaches.

- **Gale warning:** wind speed of 39-54 mph

- **Storm warning:** wind speed of 55-73 mph

- **Hurricane watch:** a hurricane may threaten your area

- **Hurricane warning:** a hurricane is expected to strike within 24 hours

- **Storm surge:** begins as an arch of water that sometimes reaches out for 50 miles. It forms over the deepest part of the ocean and combines with the low pressure and strong winds around the hurricane's eye. As the storm moves over more shallow waters, the arch becomes a huge storm surge that can rise up to 20 feet above sea level, producing massive flooding as it moves on shore.

Weather Terms

Names of 2008 hurricanes

Arthur	Hanna	Omar
Bertha	Ike	Paloma
Cristobal	Josephine	Rene
Dolly	Kyle	Sally
Edouard	Lili	Teddy
Fay	Marco	Vicky
Gustav	Nana	Wilfred

The naming of hurricanes

For several hundred years many hurricanes in the West Indies were named after the particular saint's day on which the hurricane occurred. The major tropical storms of recorded history would have names such as Hurricane Santa Ana that hit Puerto Rico with exceptional violence in 1825 or Hurricane San Felipe that hit Puerto Rico in 1928.

An Australian meteorologist began giving women's names to tropical storms before the end of the 19th Century. During World War II this practice became widespread in weather map discussions among forecasters. In 1953 the United States began using female names for storms. The practice of naming hurricanes solely after women came to an end in 1978 when men's and women's names were included in eastern North Pacific storm lists. In 1979 male and female names were included in lists for the Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico. Experience shows that the use of short, distinctive names is quicker and less subject to error than the older method of using latitude-longitude identification methods. The use of easily remembered names

greatly reduces confusion when two or more tropical cyclones occur at the same time. For example, one hurricane can be moving westward in the Gulf of Mexico while at the same time another hurricane can be moving northward along the Atlantic coast.



Plywood shutters are the cheapest way to protect windows. But this shows why people should prepare early. Putting up shutters on second story windows is awkward and very dangerous when the winds begin blowing. This shutter has barrel bolts to fasten it to the building which is recommended. Just nailing plywood on the outside of the window is not recommended.



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Preparation includes shutters

With the current increase in number and intensity of Caribbean region hurricanes, a new focus needs to be placed on preparedness. Even if we have perfect track and intensity forecasts, however, we still need to understand how to respond to the danger posed by an approaching hurricane.

Well built structures still need the added protection of hurricane shutters. Without shutters, substantial damage can still be experienced even if the main structure is not affected, due to window breakage and the intrusion of the hurricane winds and rain into the building. Well designed shutters can result in substantially reduced damages. There are a number of commercial shutters on the market and various handmade plywood designs. It is important for the public to become informed about which types of shutters are the most effective. Obviously, the more effective types of shutters need advanced preparations. It is often difficult or impossible to obtain the materials and to construct or install the shutters

after a hurricane watch or warning is already in place.

What are the most effective shutters?

The best kind are those that are affordable, are easy to install and offer the greatest protection. Which of these properties is most important depends on individual circumstances. For a disabled or elderly person it may be ease of installation with either an automatic closing mechanism or accordion type shutters. For those with limited incomes plywood shutters may be the only affordable option. For most people the best compromise would be steel panels which offer good protection, but are certainly more expensive than plywood.

The most worthless type of protection is the often employed use of various types of tape over the windows. This practice does little or nothing to prevent breakage, may result in large, more dangerous pieces of fly-

ing glass and is extremely difficult to remove after the storm.

Many people cannot afford any type of commercial shutter. Most resort to using plywood attached to the structure using various fasteners. The least effective method, used by many people with minimal time to prepare, is to let the plywood overlap the window opening and attach it to the structure using concrete nails. This technique can cause more

harm than good since in even moderately high winds, most of these poorly-attached boards will be ripped off and become dangerous flying missiles!



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This is the time to begin thinking about the hurricane season and how it might affect us. The season began on June 1 but the worst of the season is from mid-August through mid-September. This does not preclude a hurricane affecting us here before that date or after, as we experienced Hurricane Wilma in 2006 at the end of October.

- You need to consider the following:
- What will you do when a storm approaches?
 - Do you have the supplies you need?
 - Should you leave your home and go to a friend's home or a shelter?

Quick check list of preparations

- Know the storm surge history and elevation of your area.
- Learn location of shelters
- Review needs and working condition of

emergency equipment, such as flashlights, battery-powered radios, etc.

Ensure that enough non-perishable food and water supplies are on hand to last for at least two weeks.

Obtain and store materials, such as plywood and plastic, necessary to properly secure your home.

Check home for loose and clogged rain gutters and down spouts.

Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed. Cut weak branches and trees that could fall or bump against the house. When trimming, try to create a channel through the foliage to the center of the tree to allow for air flow.

Determine where to move your boat to a safe location.

Review your insurance policy to ensure it provides adequate coverage.

Review and Update Your Insurance

Before a hurricane threatens, insurance industry representatives suggest that you do the following:

Read your policy to see exactly what coverage you have.

If you don't understand the policy, get your agent to explain it.

Find out whether you have "guaranteed replacement cost" insurance which is what it would really cost to replace your home and the contents at current value. Or you may have "actual cash value" which is depreciated cost.

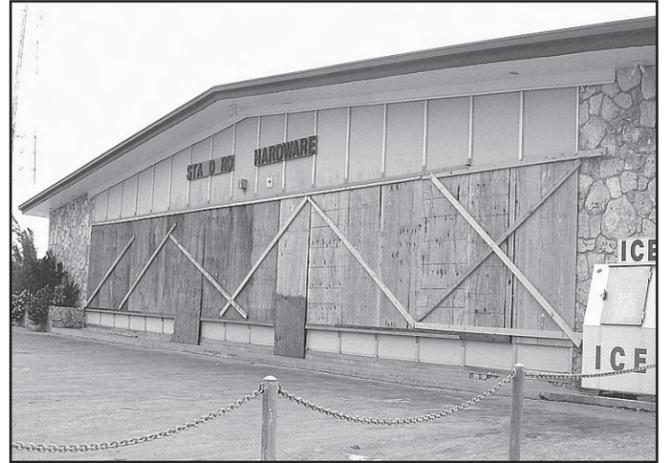
Be aware that your homeowner's policy does not usually cover flood damage. Also find out if the policy covers sewer backup and wind damage.

Know your insurance carrier and make sure that you have phone numbers for the company. Keep your policy in a safe place.

If you rent, be aware that your landlord's insurance does not cover your possessions. You need your own renters' insurance.

Remember when a hurricane watch or warning is announced it is too late to enact insurance policies.

If you are under insured, you may not receive enough payment from the insurance company to replace what was damaged.



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- Check the oil every time you add gas.
- Conserve fuel by alternating appliances. For example, refrigerators can be kept cool by supplying power for six to eight hours a day.

Protect Your Property

Protect your property the best you can. Remember that wind and water are potentially two very dangerous elements of any storm and your goal is to keep both these out of your house. Most damage to homes occurs when a window gets broken or doors blow in, allowing the wind to blow through.

- Check your roof for loose shingles or tiles and make sure they are securely fastened down. Check for other repairs that need to be done.

• Clean your yard of debris that could be damaging in high winds.

• Check around your house for dead or dying trees. Trim shrubbery to reduce damage to the plants. If tree limbs are potentially damaging to power lines, notify BEC to have its crew trim the branches. Do not attempt to do this yourself because of the danger of the live power lines.

• Secure all outdoor furniture, garbage cans and objects outdoors.

Get Necessary Supplies

Buy supplies early at the beginning of the season. These should include a battery-operated AM/FM radio with extra batteries, one flashlight with extra batteries for each person in your family, candles, kerosene lamps, water-proof matches, first aid kit.

Be very careful with kerosene lamps and candles during a storm. If the wind blows something over with a flame, it could start a fire. You do not need to contend with a fire during a storm.

Get your supplies early to avoid a rush and crowded stores just prior to a storm. Also remember that stores could run out of essential supplies that you may want.

Saving your computer files

If there is any chance that your computer may be damaged during or after a hurricane, now is the time to save critical files.

For saving e-mail messages and contacts some programs provide the ability to transport files for storage. Export files you want to a thumb drive or portable storage drive. If you use a financial program like Quicken, make backups of your data that you can keep with you. You may want to keep the installation disks and license codes with you also. Make sure you put all disks and drives in watertight plastic bins or bags.

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son could keep identical data on a computer at work as well as one at home. Thumb drives with USB connectors, also called flash drives or smart drives, can be purchased with several gigabytes of memory. These are an easy way for individuals to backup files to be carried with them. They can be plugged into any newer computer.

It is better to plan now to save important files than to try to deal with problems after a storm.

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1. Remove television antenna with extreme care.

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2: Disconnect all electrical equipment in your house with the exception of a small lamp to alert you when the power is restored.



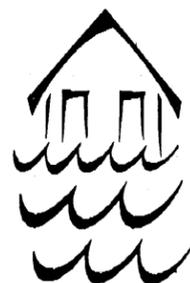
3. Beware of fallen wires, particularly if they have fallen in puddles of water. Stay away from such puddles of water. Do not touch fallen or over-hanging wires of any kind under any circumstances. This could result in serious injuries. **Report all downed lines.**

5. Please call the emergency telephone numbers or the police emergency numbers immediately to report a fire, sparking power lines or other life threatening situations. Also listen to one of your local radio stations for hurricane information.

6. Do not touch a downed power line. If you see one, please report it to the Bahamas Electricity Corporation's Emergency Department, phone 367-2727.

7. If you need to dismantle a building that has an existing power supply, please contact BEC first to get power removed from it.

8. Do not attempt to cut trees which may have blown onto or near power lines. Contact BEC to assist. Also, do not attempt to pick fruit from such trees, especially when they are wet.



• Under storm conditions BEC may stand by on VHF radio Channel 16 .

• Stay away from trees which are in contact with power lines. Bring these to our attention immediately.

• If you experience any unusual electrical conditions during a storm (unusually bright or dim lights, or fluctuating power), turn off appliances and electronic devices until normal service is restored.

• Turn off your main switch if storm conditions cause flooding inside your house. Stay out of water which may be in contact with electricity.

• During storm conditions BEC will endeavour to maintain the electricity supply for as long as possible. However, our main consideration is the protection of human life and the preservation of our operating plant.





Important Papers

It is important that you protect important documents. If you have a scanner, scan all these documents and keep them on a thumb drive or stick drive. Keep them in a waterproof plastic bag and keep the bag in your possession. Some of them can be left in a safety deposit box in bank.

- Birth certificates and passports
- National Insurance card
- Mortgage papers
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- Insurance papers, life, medical, house and car
- Cash or travelers' checks
- Drivers license
- Wills, marriage and birth certificates
- Titles to home and vehicles
- Inventory of your possessions and their value
- Photos of your home and possessions
- Important phone numbers of family and friends
- Financial statements, bank account information
- Copies of recent electricity, phone and water bills
- Legal documents
- Medical records
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- Duplicate prescriptions
- Computer back up
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Plan ahead - prepare well

Past experiences, both our own and the experiences of others, can teach us a lot. Disasters from past hurricanes in The Bahamas and in the States have left us with an idea of how devastating a storm can be and how vulnerable we are. Some of this can be avoided with better planning. We cannot rely on government agencies to take care of us, but we must be responsible for ourselves as much as possible.

In the event of a major storm, we need to make as many preparations as we can to help us get through such a disaster. Here are more tips.

Plan Ahead

Keep your car and boat gas tanks full. For boaters have a supply of 50/1 oil. Plan where you will keep your car during a storm. It needs to be high to keep it from being flooded. But it also needs to be where you can access it after the storm is past.

Persons with a chain saw should ensure that the saw is operational and that a gallon of fuel is on hand.

If you have a stand-by generator, check to see that it is operational and that you have a supply of fuel and oil.

Make arrangements for taking down any antennas on your roof.

Find out where the hurricane shelters are in your community.

See that your LP tank is filled if you use gas appliances.

Do not forget

- First aid kit
- Medicines, prescription and other medicines such as aspirin
- Baby disposable diapers and handy wipes
- Baby food, formula, medicines and other necessary supplies
- Sanitary supplies

Protect Your Pets

If you have pets, remember you have a responsibility to care for them properly.

Plan for a safe place for pets to stay during a storm. They should not be left outdoors.

Never leave your animals behind to fend for themselves.

Never tie animals up or leave them confined in any way, as they will be trapped and unable to flee rising flood waters.

Know your destination ahead of time. Shelters refuse animals so if you plan to go to a shelter, make plans of what to do with your dog, cat, bird or other animals.

Many small animals feel secure in carriers. Get them used to being in the carrier at night or other times so they will be comfortable in it. Keep larger dogs leashed as they can become frightened with the strange sounds and unfamiliar surroundings during a storm. Provide water and food along with your animal's favorite toy or blanket, a towel, and keep on hand enough food for at least a week. Get supplies such as cat litter, trash bags, etc. that will be needed.

Put legible identification tags on them.

Watch for other animals in need, including strays and animals left behind by neighbors. If you see an animal in distress and are unable to help, note the animal's condition and location and call authorities someone from a humane society for help as soon as possible.

Water Supply Is Critical

Have bottled water and extra water in clean containers enough for one week, allowing one gallon of water per person per day. If you use a bath tub or other container for water, clean thoroughly and rinse with bleach. Caulk the drain of a tub so it will not leak. This water can be used for a variety of uses including flushing the toilet. Large new garbage cans can be filled with water.

Older Adults

Senior citizens are especially susceptible to the effects of severe weather. Those who live alone or are without the support of family or friends must take special precautions in the event of an emergency. People who are frail or disabled may need special assistance from family members, friends or social service agencies. Older adults who are also care givers may require outside assistance.

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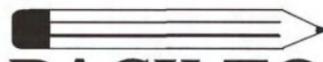
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Boats need special preparation



Storm tips for boaters

Secure your boat before a storm is close, either by hauling it up on land or if you leave your boat in the water, finding a secure place.

All loose items should be removed or well secured. This would include cushions and removable canvass. Sails should be removed if possible. When this is not possible, they should be well lashed to the boom and the boom secured.

A boat on a trailer should be placed flat on the ground, lashed down and half filled with water. The trailer should also be lashed down. The outboard engine and gas tanks should be removed and secured.

Boats, even large ones, should be hauled in a boatyard when possible. Although damage can still occur, at least they do not sink. Arrange early to have your boat hauled as the boat yards are very busy with many boat owners wanting their boats hauled at the last minute.

Boats in storage should be well blocked and stands checked carefully. In heavy rain and wind, jack stands can be pushed into soft ground allowing the boat to rock and eventually fall over. Stands should be tied so they cannot blow over if the boat rocks allowing the stand to be loosened and blown over. When the boat rocks the other way, it will fall on its bilges.

If you leave your boat in the water, the best place is to tie it securely in mangroves. This will require that you use long spring lines, leaving all lines with plenty of slack. Keep in mind that the storm surge can either be several feet higher or several feet lower than normal tide levels, even on mainland Abaco. Do not be caught struggling with your boat when hurricane force winds are already approaching.

Another option for large boats is to tie them off in a canal, run them into mangrove creeks and tie them to as many different trees, mangroves or piling as possible. Every available rope should be used. Rope left in a locker is not offering any security. Every anchor with a rode attached, either chain or rope, should be deployed. This needs to be done early as there are not enough creeks and canals to hold all the boats looking for space.

If you live on your boat, you are urged to get to a shelter. It is not safe to remain on your boat during a hurricane. Your life is more important than the safety of your boat.

Make sure you have a secure supply of gas and oil for your boat after the hurricane is past if you are dependent on a boat for transportation.

Make plans ahead

No one ever knows when another hurricane will affect Abaco. However, it could happen any year and the best way to ride out a storm is to be prepared. The better you are prepared, the better chances you have of coming through with minimum damage and the better you can cope with the problems afterwards.

Make the decision ahead of time as to where you plan to be during a storm. If your house is on low land or you feel it is not built securely, make plans to stay with friends or family in a well built home or go to a shelter.

Decide what room in your house you will use during the hurricane. It is best if you have an inside room with no windows. Put basic supplies in that room along with comfortable seating including pillows. If you have children, include games or other toys to entertain them.

If you have elderly relatives, make sure they are somewhere safe and that someone is with them who can help them during the storm and afterwards.

Children need special reassurances. It is good to talk with them about their fears and answer their questions honestly. Give lots of verbal reassurances.

Gather clothing, bedding, toiletries and flashlights that you will need for the duration of the storm. Have a battery-operated radio with fresh batteries. If you have a VHF radio, make sure it has its own power supply.

Make sure each person has sturdy shoes for protection after the storm for protection from debris.

A Note to Gardeners

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Hopefully, you will not need to use these emergency items. After the hurricane season is over, you can use most of the items. Some can be kept until another year.

We suggest that you cut this article out and keep it in a place where you can refer to it for help in preparing your house and family for the height of the hurricane season.

Some of these foods require hot water, but hopefully you have planned a way to heat water or food.

Food Requirements

In anticipation of losing power and the use of your cooking gas, be sure your house is stocked with at least a week's worth of foods that will remain edible without refrigeration or foods that will be consumed when opened. They could include the following:

- Cereals and breakfast bars
- Instant powdered drinks, coffee, tea
- Evaporated, sweetened condensed milk or sterilized milk
- Canned or bottled juices
- Cheese and cheese spreads
- Ready-to-eat canned goods like fruits, vegetables, soups, tuna, salmon, chicken, ham
- Canned foods that can be heated in the can.
- Bread, crackers, cookies and other baked goods

Get supplies early

- Fruits and vegetables that will keep for several days without refrigeration. These could include lemons, oranges, apples, bananas, mangoes, carrots, celery.
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Nuts, raisins and dried fruits
- Snack food, ready-to-eat puddings and other foods to give variety
- Drinks which can keep such as sodas, canned or bottled juices, instant coffee.

Some cheeses and fruits keep at room temperatures for several days. Choose foods that can be eaten at room temperature and do not require cooking. Many foods such as pickles, ketchup, mustard will keep without refrigeration. Keep a manual can opener with these supplies.

Keep on hand supplies such as paper plates, cups and plastic utensils, toilet paper, paper towels, soap, large plastic garbage bags, tin foil.

Canned foods can be heated in the can but be sure to remove the label first. They can be eaten right out of the can.

What is edible?

Be very careful about eating foods normally kept in a refrigerator. However, with care some can be used soon after the power goes off. Meats, fish and dairy products usually spoil first. Be especially careful about using meats as there is no way to tell if it is still good or not. Milk spoils quickly but many cheeses keep several days without a problem. Juices, butter, margarine and fruit juices will keep for a few days.

Other Supplies

- Battery-operated AM/FM radio with extra batteries
- Battery-operated flashlights with extra batteries, one flashlight per person

- A camping stove or Sterno stove for heating food. Remember propane stoves and grills will give off fumes when used in closed rooms and may start fires or cause asphyxiation. Do not use these inside a building.
- Chlorine bleach for disinfecting
- Keep mosquito repellent and citronella candles handy.
- Use ice chests for keeping food if ice is available.
- Keep with you two weeks' supply of prescription medicines and remember other medicines such as aspirin.
- Invest in blue plastic tarpaulins and rolls of builders plastic (Visqueen) for covering furniture or damaged roofs or window repair
- Duct tape
- Caulking
- Hammer, nails, crowbar

Last Minute Preparations

Everyone hopes that a hurricane will not affect Abaco but in the case that one does come close or even hits, we need to be prepared and know what we should do during the height of the storm, and afterwards. This gives you some guidelines for last minute preparations and during the storm.

• Make the decision well ahead of time as to where you plan to be during a storm. If your house is on low land or you feel it is not built securely, make plans to stay with friends or family in a well built home or go to a government shelter.

- Put your car on high ground in a place where you can get to it after the storm.
- If you have elderly relatives, make sure they are somewhere safe and that someone is with them who can help them during the storm and afterwards.

• Pregnant women in the last month or at high risk should check with their doctors before the storm. Babies frequently arrive when the barometric pressure is low.

• Children need special reassurances. It is good to talk with them about their fears and answer their questions honestly. Give lots of verbal reassurances.

• Prior to the storm, turn your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings. Freeze water in plastic containers to help keep your foods cold during any power outages.

• Gather clothing, bedding, toiletries, and flashlights that you will need for the duration of the storm. Have a battery-operated radio with fresh batteries. If you have a VHF radio, make sure it has its own power supply independent of household electricity.

• Make plans which room your family will go to, preferably an inside room with no windows.

• Prepare your tub for storing water. Clean it, then wipe it around with a solution of bleach and water, caulk or tape the drain to make it watertight and fill it with water. This water can be used only for washing and cleaning. A bucketful will flush the toilet.



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Shelter essentials



Shelter Essentials

Each community has designated shelters that will be opened before a storm, giving you adequate time to get there safely. Even if you do not plan to go to a shelter, you should keep in mind which buildings will be open in the event you need to get to a shelter. Remember, they do not supply you with food, drink, bedding or other supplies.

If you plan to go to a safer place than your home during the storm, you should remember to take the following with you.

- Your important papers such as insurance policies, birth certificates, passports, deeds, insurance policies in a sealed plastic bag
- Quiet games for children, playing cards or dominoes
- Extra clothing and shoes
- Pillow and light blanket or sleeping bag.
- Folding chair, lawn chair or cot
- Any prescription drugs you may require
- Supplies for any infants such as disposable diapers, formula, baby food
- Toilet paper and other personal hygiene items
- Take all necessary bedding as the shelters do not have pillows, blankets or bed rolls.
- Take all necessary water and food that

you and your group will need for several days. Storms are unpredictable and you do not know how long you will need to stay at the shelter.

Remember shelters do not provide food and water.

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When you do go outdoors, be extremely careful.

Avoid downed or dangling utility wires. Be especially careful when cutting or clearing fallen trees. They may have power lines tangled in them

Stay tuned to your radio for advice and instructions about emergency medical aid, other assistance and general information.

Avoid driving. Roads will have debris which could puncture your tires. Do not add to the congestion of relief workers, supply trucks and law enforcement personnel. If you must leave your home or the shelter, keep your driving to a minimum.

Do not sightsee, especially at night.

During the Storm

Stay in a safe place for the duration of the storm. Do not venture out until the storm is subsiding. If the eye of the storm passes over your area, the wind will lessen and there will be a lull which can last several minutes up to an hour. But then the storm will hit again with full force from the opposite direction. Leave your safe place only if you have an emergency.

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Supervise children at all times, especially if power lines are down.

Be very careful in turning your electricity back on.

If possible, let relatives and friends know that you are safe but keep all phone calls to a minimum.

Find out if your water supply is safe before you use it. Until then, use only the water you have stored for the emergency.

Let officials know if you or someone you know is injured and needs medical help.

Keep receipts for all items you buy before the power is restored. Your insurance may cover the cost of emergency food and ice.

Make temporary repairs such as covering holes in the roof, walls or windows.

Take photographs of all damage before repairs are made.

Always use proper safety equipment such as heavy gloves, safety goggles, heavy boots, long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

Drink plenty of fluids.

Lift with your legs, not with your back.

Be extremely careful with a chain saw and always heed safety warnings.

If there has been flooding, there is a potential for bacterial contamination that can cause disease.

Disinfect any faucet water you drink or use for cooking or cleaning. If you are not sure if the water is safe, bring water to a rolling boil for 10 minutes or use eight drops of chlorine bleach per gallon or use water purification tablets. Let the water sit at least 10 minutes before using. Water saved in clean containers before the storm will be fine for two to three weeks. To be sure, add two drops of chlorine per gallon before drinking.

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- An inexpensive programmable thermostat will set your temperatures automatically so your home will be cool when you are there and save money when the house or business is empty. They operate with an internal battery to keep on schedule. These are available locally.
- Your house will not cool down faster if you set the thermostat at 70. It just wastes money.
- Ceiling fans do not actually cool a room. They just make you feel cooler. Save by turning fans off when the room is empty.
- Try setting your thermostat a few degrees higher and use your ceiling fan to keep cool while you are in the room.
- Clean or change your air conditioning filter once a month. A clogged filter makes your air conditioning work harder.
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Hurricane safety

Chain Saw Safety

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Maintain your chainsaw according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and sturdy shoes.

Protect eyes with safety goggles.

Wear gloves as they will help you grip the handles.

Keep both hands on the handles. Many chain saw injuries result from using a saw with just one hand.

Use the chain saw at waist level or below. Many injuries occur to the head when making overhead cuts.

Be careful cutting limbs that are twisted or caught under another object. They may snap back and hit you or pinch the saw.

Shut off the chain saw when adding fuel or carrying the saw more than 100 feet or through slippery areas or heavy brush.

Do not set a hot saw down on dry brush. A fire could start

To avoid kickback, do not cut with the upper tip of the chain saw.

Be careful of water supply

After a storm you need to take precautions about the water supply. Here are a few recommendations.

- Boil all water for drinking cooking, preparing baby foods, making ice and mixing drinks.
- To make water safe, boil for ten minutes.
- Safe water should be used for drinking, bathing and brushing teeth.
- Water should be stored in clean containers which must be covered.
- Always use a clean dipper for collecting water from storage containers.

Preparation will minimize storm damage

Golf Camp ended with awards

By Mirella Santillo

The pristine golf course of the Abaco Club at Winding Bay was the site on July 31st of a skills competition, marking the end of the three week golf camp that youth from Central Abaco attended daily. Between the emerald green grass of the course and the brilliant blue of the sky, nine nervous young boys stood at the edge of the putting green getting ready to take part in the four events that would give them the chance to win one of the beautiful crystal awards displayed in front of the pro-shop.

Their chaperons, a few parents and supporters gathered to watch as the golf coaches, Mr. Emalcus Hield, Head Pro, and Mr. Frank Austin, Manager and coach, were giving the signal to start.

The 12 and under, armed with their

golf clubs, were given five balls each to participate in the first event which was "chipping." Standing at the edge of the green they were to place the balls in the hole or within a target that had been outlined around the hole for today's games.

As the competition progressed the young men relaxed and improved on their shots so much so that in the following game which was "putting," Austron Johnson made a straight hole, the only one during the morning and a feat that guaranteed him the first place in the over 13 category. The third and fourth events were "long chip" and "long putt," a repeat of the first two games but for a longer distance. Mr. Justin Norvell, Director of the Golf Club, followed the four events,

Please see **Golf Camp** Page 26

Friends held Summer Camp in North Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

Several children from North Abaco enjoyed a Friends of the Environment Summer Camp in Cooper's Town from June 23 to July 30. Thirty youngsters aged 10 to 15 years enjoyed the first camp followed by approximately ten children aged seven to 10 years in the second camp. This is the second year that a Friends of the Environment Camp has been run in North Abaco and Ms. Laura-Lee Davis has been the organizer for both years.

Ms. Davis, a resident of Cooper's Town, ran the two camps single handedly; but being a teacher at the S.C. Bootle High School, she was well able to handle the task. She is a Board Member of the Friends of the Environment and also Chairwoman of its Education Committee.

Although the numbers for the second camp were down from last year, Ms. Davis deemed it a very successful camp in terms of the amount of information learned by these young people, many of whom are already members of the Discovery Club for kids run by the Friends of the Envi-

ronment. The lower numbers were due to extra classes being run for students at the Cooper's Town Primary School for students needing extra help during the same time.

The FRIENDS' campers studied the three marine species - conch, crawfish and grouper - as did those in the Central Abaco camp. They also explored the nearby mangroves and did a clean up of the Cooper's Town coastal front. Recycling was another topic covered, and Ms. Davis stated that this worked in very well as the S.C. Bootle High School, where the camps were held, is a prime location as a recycling programme is already established there. Mr. Huel Moss, Principal of the school, is a marine biologist and so was able to give the campers an interesting demonstration on the different parts of a live conch.

A highlight of the camp was a day trip on a Moorings Catamaran for 33 youngsters from all of the FRIENDS camps throughout Abaco. They enjoyed a day of snorkeling in the Fowl Cay area and a picnic on the beach.



Young people of North Abaco attended a summer camp organized by Ms. Laura-Lee Davis of Friends of the Environment. The camps include many field trips, studies of our important marine life and clean up. This year even including a day-long sailing snorkeling trip with campers from the two other camps sponsored by Friends.

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Golf Camp

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pleased with the skills acquired by the boys during their daily practice.

While the coaches tallied up, a few adults enjoyed themselves with a friendly short game. Then it was time for the results. General Director, Mr. Scott Bragg, addressed the congregation, praising the game and reminded the youths that golf was a great tool for the future. Another Director Mr. Floyd Swain who had been incidental in organizing the program, together with Mr. Hield and Mr. "Stretch" Morley, expressed his confidence that the program would be repeated in the near future. Mr. Hield then called each

player to collect his award.

In the 12 and under group, the lucky winner, Stephen Gardner Jr., was given a large cut crystal cup. d'Andre Vilmar received a pyramid for his second place as was Chris Smith Jr., for his third place win. Joshua Robins placed fourth and received a martini glass. In the thirteen and over first place winner Austron Johnson proudly received his crystal cup trophy. Valentino Mitchell placed second while Nathan Bootle placed third and Kevin Deveaux placed fourth. Again the second and third place winners received a pyramid while the fourth place holder received a martini glass. All the trophies were engraved with the Abaco Club at

Winding Bay's emblem.

The golf camp was part of the Community Footprint program sponsored by the Ritz Carlton Hotel, explained Mr. Justin Norvell, a way to give back to the community. The program was aimed not only introducing the kids to a fun activity but also making them aware that golf, which has become very popular on Abaco, could offer them a career in the future should they persevere.

"You can be proud of yourselves," Mr. Hield told them. "I am impressed with how much you have learnt."

Moore's Island has a Track Star!

By Samantha V. Evans

Twelve year old Daisha Rolle, student who was in grade seven at Moore's Island All Age School last year, won the silver medal in the under 20 division 3000M race and the gold in the under 15 girls 1500M race in Nassau at the BAAA's National High School Track and Field Meet held in May. This young lady is well on her way to becoming an Olympic track star in the future.

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Coronation held for Eight Young Ladies

By Samantha V. Evans

It is refreshing to know that in a world where young people live by the mantra "if it feels good, do it" that there are still young ladies who respect their bodies so much that they have made an oath to keep themselves pure until they get married. To make their decision known to the world, a coronation service was held in their honor at New Beginnings Household of Faith (former Abaco Youth Ministries) on July 20th. These eight beautiful young ladies were a part of Queen Esther's Court. Each of them made her declaration to their family and friends as they explained how their lives resemble that of the Queen.

The first young lady in Queen Esther's court was Valencia D. Duvra, a student of St. Francis de Sales school, who encouraged young girls to not allow the sweet talk of boys to cause them to make decisions that will result in their falling victim to teen pregnancy, STDs, or drugs. Joy Archer, also a student of St. Francis, stated that the qualities of a Queen are many but they must ensure that they are obedient to God because it is better than doing something that will affect them fulfilling their destiny.

Brittany Archer explained the destiny and grace of Queen Esther, stating that everyone has to make decisions in life, but it is important that they make the right ones. Leann Albury, a student of Long Bay School, stated that they must protect themselves at all cost and not give into temptation. Deria Nixon, also a

student of Long Bay School, told them that a queen is well-mannered, well respected, and carries herself with dignity. Oprah Simms, a student of Abaco Central High School, stated that God gave her life and people who love her affirm her beautiful and worth.

Mrs. Lenora Black, Superintendent of Education, gave them five rules to live by. Firstly, she told them to wear their rings with pride.

Secondly, they should reign with the end in mind which means that they must see themselves already as the professional they will become. Thirdly, they must put first things first that includes studying hard to build their career. Next they must be prepared to win and think positively. Finally, she encouraged them to be around people who are of similar faith and characteristics as they are so that they will lift and build each other up.

Mrs. Margaret Symonette, Assistant Island Administrator for Central Abaco, told them to give their best always. They must have a good attitude because it will determine their altitude.

Pastor Emmitt Archer and the visiting pastors blessed the rings before the young ladies put them on the finger reserved for the wedding ring. A reception followed after the service.

Sudoku puzzle - No math required

The numerals 1-9 must appear only once in:

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

The answer will appear in the next issue of this paper. Our first 12 puzzles are rated as easy.

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.

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

Answer to previous puzzle

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VEHICLES FOR SALE

97 Buick LeSabre. Asking \$4000 OBO 367-3197 or 242-465-0971

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01 Dodge Ram, white, V-8 engine, auto transmission, tinted and power windows, A/C. Sirius radio, CD player, plus other extras. \$13,500 OBO Call 577-5693 Day or 365-5189 night



07 Chevy Silverado, one owner, low mileage. Call 367-3197 after 6 pm or 242-465-0971 \$21,000 OBO

Golf cart, 2002 Club Car Villager, gas, 2 passenger. US \$4,500 Call 367-3262

BOATS & MARINE ITEMS FOR SALE



23' Mako, 150 HP Mercury Optimax, only 20 hrs. Stall has factory warranty for 30 months, wash down pump, VHF, radio, fish finder, duel gas tanks and trailer. Call 475-1672 or 577-0313

26' Carver, open cockpit w/ 140 HP Evinrude, 2 burner stove, kitchen sink, sleeps 4, bathroom, head and face basin, fly bridge. \$14,500 Call 475-0266

BOATS & MARINE ITEMS FOR SALE

31' Bayliner Ciera 3055/ 1999 lying Abaco \$35,000 More info www.frankboat.ch



31' Sloop Gilmer design (Southern Cross). Well appointed, DUTY PAID. \$29K Currently in FL. will deliver to Abaco. 321-723-3394 tilloo@earthlink.net



32' Luhrs 2000, twin Cummins 300 HP each, 5 KW Kohler generator, A/C, fridge, microwave, new TV/DVD combo, XM radio, all new canvas enclosure, new drop curtain and aft curtain, new Icom VHF. Call 365-5195 or 577-0332



37' Intrepid, 3 250 HP Mercs, 2004, low low hours. looks brand new. \$180,000 OBO 359-6720



39' Carver Motor Yacht, 2005, loaded, Volvo 350 HP diesels, Zodiac Rib on a hydraulic lift included, under 500 hrs, 2 beds/2 baths, great shape, ready to go. Must see at slip 11 at the Conch Inn. \$395k. Call 386-679-7170

BOATS & MARINE ITEMS FOR SALE



40' Hunter sailboat, 1986, lots of extras, new Awlgrip on deck/ hull, 10' dinghy w/ 9.9 motor incl, 5' draft, DUTY PAID, located in Man-O-War Cay. \$49,500. 365-6076 or 303-888-2211



43' Aluminum hull crawfishing boat, 5000 lb. freezer, Caterpillar 3208, 8KW generator, stabilizers, central A/C, full galley, TV & DVD, sleeps 7. \$35,000 Call 365-5148



44' Sea Ray 44eb 1996, twin low hr 350hp cats, 8.0k Westerbeke genset, beautiful condition throughout. \$149,000 or will trade for open fisherman. Located in Man-O-War harbour. Call Andrew 561-389-8891 or e mail andrewwhyman@aol.com

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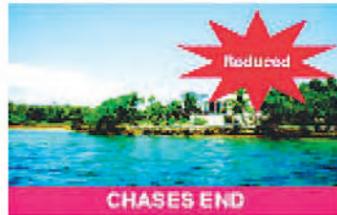
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LUBBERS QUARTERS
Stunning 10,000 sq. ft. hilltop property with views of the Sea of Abaco and surrounding cays. This 2,500 sq. ft. home includes 2 bedrooms, 3 baths, and numerous decks.
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ELBOW CAY
Waterfront property featuring a two storey, furnished 3 bedroom main house, 2 bedroom cottage, garage, shared boat dock, lots of patios, and a generator.
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LUBBERS QUARTERS
Amazing 3.64 acre property featuring three separate cottages totaling 3 bedrooms, a private dock, and views over the Sea of Abaco, Tahiti Beach and Tilloo Cut.
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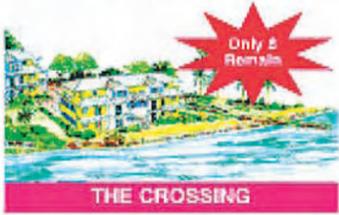
CEDAR COTTAGES

HOPE TOWN
Choose from two 3 bedroom, 2 bath newly built cottages with varied interiors. Enjoy great views of the Atlantic and Hope Town's harbour.
Offered at \$995,000 each Ref. PS10637 & PS10638



SEA SALT

ELBOW CAY
Brand new 3 bedroom, 2 bath home of 1,600 sq. ft. This two storey villa is highlighted by a private balcony, ocean view deck, and is just one lot away from the beach.
\$799,000. Ref. PS10640



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Collection of 2 bedroom condos and 3 bedroom penthouses overlooking the sea in a gated development offering a pool and private beach.
Starting at \$595,000 Ref. AS10690



GREEN AND SILVER DOLPHIN

HOPE TOWN
Waterfront estate with 85 ft. on the Sea of Abaco and comprising a two storey building totalling 5 bedrooms in 2 separate units. Ideal rental business or private family retreat.
\$899,000. Ref. PS10645



VILLA PASHA

GREEN TURTLE CAY
Luxurious Caribbean style beachfront villa on 0.84 acres. This 5,750 sq. ft. home has 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, fully equipped kitchen, and wrap around porches.
\$2,545,000. Ref. TS10581



AEOLIAN

ELBOW CAY
Well located waterfront home featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a well equipped kitchen, large living area, wrap-around deck, amazing views and possible dockage.
\$1,190,000. Ref. PS10585



LAS BRISAS

ELBOW CAY
Fun-filled 3 bedroom, 3 bath, turn-key home on 21,089 sq. ft. overlooking the ocean with decks, loft/office, "widows walk", workshop area, 2 car garage, and 2 dock slips.
\$1,395,000. Ref. PS10700



LONG BEACH
Brand new, two story home with 5 bedrooms and 3 baths in 4,000 sq. ft. of well-appointed space. Set on an 18,700 sq. ft. lot overlooking an incredible beach.
\$849,900. Ref. AS10905



TRESCAPE

ELBOW CAY
Charming 3 bedroom, 3 bath home hidden amid lush trees and vegetation. Enjoy views of the sea, access to the Lucayos dock and the nearby beach.
\$798,000. Ref. PS10596



GUANA RIDGE HOUSE

GUANA CAY
Elevated 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with a 2 bedroom, 1 bath guest apartment and water vistas. Set on over an acre and completed by a deck and protected dock.
\$1,390,000. Ref. AS10945

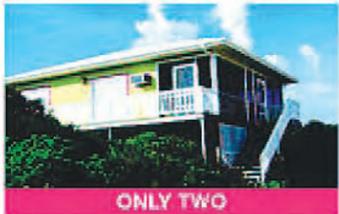


ISLAND PARADISE WEST

MARSH HARBOUR
Centrally located 4 bedroom, 4 bath canalfront home with dock pier, brand new tasteful decor, a large modern kitchen, and a spacious covered back porch.
\$1,250,000. Ref. AS10917



CENTRAL ABACO
5 acre beachfront tract situated between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. Good elevations provide scenic sea vistas. Utilities are available at the nearby highway.
\$650,000. Ref. AS10756



ONLY TWO

GREAT GUANA CAY
Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath ocean view home set high on a hillside. Features include high quality finishes, modern kitchen, a screened-in covered porch, and sun deck.
\$475,000. Ref. AS10968



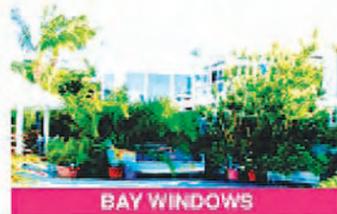
TAMARIND HILL

ELBOW CAY
Elevated 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with a 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment below. Set on an acre of land with gorgeous sea views. A community dock is just steps away.
\$1,295,000. Ref. PS10649



ISLAND PARADISE EAST

MARSH HARBOUR
Offered with brand new tasteful furnishings, this 4 bedroom boater's haven features 10 ft. ceilings, a large covered patio, dock pier, and a relaxing ambience.
\$1,300,000. Ref. AS11006



BAY WINDOWS

ELBOW CAY
Elevated 3 bedroom, 3 bath waterfront home with a 130' dock, relaxing decks, pool, cabana, guest apartment, and a 2 car garage. Nearby a white-sand beach.
\$3,900,000. Ref. PS10639



YELLOW WOOD
Two adjacent lots of 1.033 acres each set between Winding Bay and Cherokee Sound Settlement.
\$100,000 ea. Ref. AS10973 & AS10974



WHITE SOUND
Gorgeous 15,500 sq. ft. beachfront lot with 75 ft. of amazing water frontage, endless views of the ocean, and views of White Sound and Seaspray Resort.
\$395,000. Ref. PS10618



CHEROKEE SOUND
Moderately sloping sea view lot comprising 34,922 sq. ft. with easy access to the beach and the Abaco Club, and all utilities. Ideal setting for your dream home.
\$395,000. Ref. AS10672



TILLOO CAY
16,000 sq. ft. homesite on a quiet and private island community just minutes to Marsh Harbour. Nearby a large community dock. Electricity to be completed soon.
\$150,000. Ref. PS10630

FEATURED RENTAL

This luxurious 2 bedroom, 2 bath vacation getaway sleeps 6 persons comfortably. Features include a private beach just off the covered verandah, and a fully equipped kitchen.
\$2,60/week. Ref. AR10560

YELLOWTAIL COTTAGE
Great Abaco Club, Marsh Harbour

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