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Green Turtle opens the New Year with Junkanoo Annual event draws hundreds to view Junkanoo rush



This year's Junkanoo on Green Turtle Cay commemorated the death of Ramona, who was always enthusiastic about Junkanoo before her premature death. The dancers rush through the narrow streets of town attracting many to join them in the unique rhythms of the dance. The elaborate costumes are created by both the adults and children of the community.

By Navardo Saunders

Hundreds of people gathered on Green Turtle Cay again this year for the annual New Year's Day festival and Junkanoo rush. A live band, which performed on a basketball court, captivated the crowd while the Junkanoo group prepared for its much anticipated performance. As the group lined up a short distance from the crowd, everyone seemed to stop, captivated by the large colourful costumes. Some-time after 2 p.m., the sounds of Junkanoo came alive and the thick crowd which clogged the streets gave way to the group.

The first costume, which towered above everything around it, comprised a picture of former group member, Ramona, who recently passed away. The performance was in remembrance of her, who members described as outgoing, friendly and passionate about Junkanoo.

As the dancers made their way through the streets, people joined in, dancing to the pulsating sounds of the goat skin drums, cowbells and whistles.

Ann and Mike Simpson from West Palm Beach said they have made the New Year's festival a tradition. "We've been coming for years," Mr. Simpson said. "You kidding me, who would want to miss this. It's spectacular, especially the Junkanoo. We always have a good time." They were among dozens of people who trailed the

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Golfers compete in fund raising tournament



The Rotary Club of Abaco holds a golf tournament at Treasure Cay annually to raise funds for worthwhile charities. This year Gentry Morris, President of the Rotary Club of Abaco, is presenting the first place trophy to Steve Pedican, who was part of a four-man team, while James Gomez looks on. The others on the team were Mark Morral and Inga Kline. On the right is Carnille Farquharsom and on the left is Brian Thompson. See story on page 14.

Four men charged with murder

On January 8 four men from Spring City were charged with the murder of Adam Evans and taken into police custody. They appeared before the Magistrate's Court on

January 11 to face the charges brought against them.

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Three are rescued from disabled ketch



Three were rescued from this sailboat when it was about 85 miles off North Abaco. The Coast Guard dropped a man into the rough seas at night to help the three swim to where they could be picked up in a basket. The people were all in their late 60s and 70s. It was too rough to save the boat, but two weeks later beached itself on the shore of South Abaco. See story on page 15.

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Native art is displayed in elaborate costumes

Junkanoo

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Junkanoo group as they performed a variety of sounds, including a number of Christmas carols.

Following the Junkanoo group's performance, the band revved up its engine once again and filled the atmosphere with seasonal music, as people continued to have a good time dancing, eating and drinking.

The recreation park on the cay was buzzing with activity as many people lined up outside large tents to buy a variety of mouth-watering Bahamian food including guava duff, lobster salad, and coconut cakes and tarts. A variety of liquor and handmade jewelry were also being sold to eager patrons many of whom traveled

from overseas just to take part in the event.

While the highlight of the festival for most people was the Junkanoo rush, the highlight for many of the young men was seeing several scantily clad models in two-piece bathing suits being filmed by a small crew. As the music played, the models, who are from South Florida, posed for pictures as the colourful Junkanoo costumes stood in the background. The pictures of the models will reportedly be used in a magazine to promote Abaco as an exciting destination.

The festival continued long into the night as people celebrated entering a new year. Hugs, kisses and well-wishes were exchanged throughout the festival, which again was dubbed a success.



The narrow streets of Green Turtle Cay came alive as the Junkanoo rush filled the area. This annual event is always well organized. Many town people have stalls in the park and sell a wide variety of food and drinks as well as crafts, souvenirs and art work.



The dancers with their colourful costumes precede the musicians with their goatskin drums, whistles and cowbells. The tradition of Junkanoo on Green Turtle Cay goes back many decades.



This year's Junkanoo was in remembrance of Ramona Curry, who passed away in the spring of 2009. She was very enthusiastic about Junkanoo. The angel costumes that the young people wore were part of the tribute to her.

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Central Abaco News

Concert benefits dogs and cats

By Navardo Saunders

Scores of people supported a concert to raise funds for potcakes at Abaco Beach Resort on January 6. The fund raiser was organized by the Atlanta-based Royal Potcake Rescue, Abaco Humane Society and Friends of Abaco Animals. The purpose was to raise money for free spay and neuter clinics on the island.

"There are so many stray animals here on Abaco and there are not a lot of resources so that we can get some of the animals spayed and neutered," Judy Marshall of Royal Potcake Rescue explained. "Tonight we're having a benefit with a band from Atlanta called Banks and Shane. We're selling raffle tickets and we're also giving

away for each paid admission a commemorative issue potcake stamp signed by Alton Lowe."

Ms. Marshall was pleased with the response from the public. "The local community has been great," she said. "We got a lot of people from Abaco Beach Resort here tonight. In fact, we have people here from all over the island. We have about a group of 20 people that came all away from Atlanta just for the concert. So it's been great."

Ms. Marshall stressed that it is important to spay and neuter pets. "It's extremely important," she said. "If you have been around Abaco and you've seen the dogs and puppies running around the streets; there are so many of them that they can't get enough to eat. They are very malnourished and they're suffering. What we're

trying to do is get them spayed and neutered and for the little ones that are adoptable we try to find homes for them. We just want to kind of balance the population so that there aren't so many. I think it also helps with the tourist population, too, so that when they're driving around, they don't get all upset seeing the poor dogs starving on the streets. It just gives a good image for Abaco."

Ms. Marshall urged residents to spay and neuter their pets. "Don't breed puppies," she said. "There are so many puppies out there we have trouble finding homes for them all. The best thing you can do is take them to Dr. Bailey's office or Dr. Hanna and get them spayed and neutered. If you can't afford it, let us know we'll help. That's what the money we're raising tonight is for is to help pay for that. So there really is no excuse to have your pet not spayed or neutered."

According to Ms. Marshall a lot of raffle tickets were bought for a number of prizes. "There are going to be a lot of happy people tonight," she said. "The grand prize is one week on Elbow Cay plus airfare from Florida. There's two raffle tickets. There's a \$10 ticket and a \$5 ticket. The \$5 ticket the grand prize is three nights at a North Carolina Mountain Cabin plus we've got about 15 other prizes in each category. Tonight for all the attendees we're giving away the potcake stamp signed and framed. It was all donated."

Attendees, which included two potcakes, danced the night away to the soothing sounds of the four-man band Banks and Shane. Everyone seemed to have a good time supporting the worthy cause. They did the electric slide and other moves as

the band played. Some people danced with the two potcakes while others joined the band on stage for a moment or two. The party continued late into the night despite the cold weather.

Organizers intend to have other such fund raisers in an effort to put a dent in the growing number of stray animals on the island.

Security at Marsh Harbour airport

By Navardo Saunders

Security at Marsh Harbour International Airport or rather lack of it has some airport employees and passengers concerned about their safety. Security concerns were heightened recently when a visitor traveling on a international carrier revealed to ticket agents that he had ammunition in one of his bags, which was already on the tarmac.

Then there is the fact that domestic passengers are not searched like they are at the Lynden Pindling International Airport, leaving the door open for drug and weapon smuggling. Airport employees said this puts their lives, the lives of passengers at the airport and passengers and crew on board the plane in grave danger. They say a passenger could hold up the airport or airplane if it is somehow discovered that they are carrying illegal substances or weapons.

The local police has a K-9 unit that is stationed at the airport from time to time. We are told that additional officers would have to be trained in order for there to be

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Four musicians of the Atlanta-based Banks and Shane band entertained a crowd at the Abaco Beach Resort on January 6. The band was brought here to raise funds for the humane groups to have spay and neuter clinics in several communities. The population of stray dogs and cats is increasing throughout Abaco.



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Minister supports use of renewable energy sources

By Navardo Saunders

Minister of the Environment, the Hon. Dr. Earl Deveau, said residents who prefer to use renewable energy sources instead of diesel or bunker C will have the support of the Bahamas Electricity Corporation. "We are well advanced in considering options for renewable energy," he said on December 12 at the \$105 million power plant under construction at Wilson City. "The plant, the site and the transmission lines will be here to accommodate all of the options we think are feasible, at any scale, to integrate into the grid."

"If any of you here have a wind turbine, solar panel, wave energy technology or anything you believe is feasible, you are free to make a presentation and a proposal to BEC for a portion of this land and surrounding land that we could integrate into the grid," he told a group of residents who gathered at the plant to ask government officials, including Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, questions about the plant.

"Whether we put it here or elsewhere, it has to be transmitted to the homes and businesses through the lines, so it has to enter the grid," Mr. Deveau continued. "The plant would have to be here as a permanent option or a stand-by option whatever decision we make with respect to the source of energy."

BEC has available to it technology that produces steam, Min. Deveau said. "They're producing boilers now that are capable of using any source of energy -



The Hon. Earl Deveau

biomass, diesel, garbage - you can put them in a boiler and produce steam. That is also being looked at. I don't say these things

to you to suggest that by Christmas you will have a boiler here eating your garbage. The options have to be explored against the technology and the price of electricity delivered to your homes."

Min. Deveau said the government has been mindful of the criticisms, the concerns and the comments from residents about the uses of both bunker C and diesel as opposed to renewable energy sources. "As a result of the care, we have asked BEC and a consultant hired by the IDB. In fact, just yesterday I met with the regulatory person so that we will have the law in place to accommodate independent power producers anywhere. That will come on stream around the same time this plant comes on stream. So that if you're in Hope Town, set up a windmill of one megawatt and you are energy efficient and want to sell some to your neighbour, we would have a means in the law to accommodate that." Min. Deveau warned, however, that it is not simple nor is it easy. But the government is exploring many options to meet the demands for renewable energy sources.

His address at the power plant comes on the heels of the announcement he made recently that there are plans in place to make the Bahamas completely independent of fossil fuels within the next 15 years.

He admitted that in a country nearly 100 percent dependent on fossil fuels, with the third highest greenhouse emissions of all sovereign nations in the Caribbean, behind only Jamaica and the Dominican Republic, he has his work cut out for him.

Min. Deveau revealed that the government is in negotiations with a company that is developing a Path to an Energy Secure Bahamas in face of great challenges. The company is developing an integrated grid and central storage facility that will allow BEC to draw on natural and existing sources of energy from wind, water, waves, sun and waste to greatly reduce our dependency on fossil fuels and eventually eliminate it altogether.

This will enable BEC to generate five per cent of power from waste to energy sources within two years and by 2015 each BEC power plant with less than 20 MG demand will have 50 percent of it power supplied by renewable sources.

"Accordingly, we must develop an energy plan based upon clean energy that capitalises on our abundant resources: wind, water, sun and recyclable waste," he said. "The benefits of clean energy will be tremendous in terms of preserving our most precious natural resources, the envi-

ronment, reducing our exposure to volatile energy prices and simultaneously preserving our foreign currency reserves."

Arraignment

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According to Magistrate Crawford McGee, the charges were that Jemeco McKenzie, Shawonan Pinder, Zhivargo Bootle and Jerann Delancy intentionally and unlawfully caused the death of Evans on July 16, 2009.

The men were not required to enter a plea and, in view of the serious charge of murder, were not granted bail but remanded to Her Majesty's Prison at Fox Hill on January 11.

Family members and friends who sat in the court were distraught over the news. Some wept openly while others hurriedly exited the court to express their discontentment to the throng of people that had gathered outside.

McKenzie, Pinder, Bootle and Delancy were charged along with two others, Mario Delancy and William Watkins, who are currently in prison. All six men are scheduled to return to court on February 3.

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The Editor Says . . . Our busy cultural calendar



Abaco has a busy calendar and long history of cultural events for public enjoyment. However, our archipelagic nature makes it difficult to take it all in.

The 2010 cultural season starts promptly on New Year's Day in Green Turtle Cay with its annual Junkanoo Rush. In contrast to traditional Junkanoo events that take place at night, this one parades its bright colors, costumes and band in bright afternoon sunlight. Somewhere between 1,000 and 2,000 people lined the streets to watch the rush. As typical of many Abaco's events, everyone attending, except Green Turtle Cay residents, must arrive by ferry or private boat.

In mid-February Man-O-War Cay stages its annual Flea Market to benefit the school. It is more than a huge flea market. It offers games, crab races and a large selection of arts and crafts, food and a wide assortment of household and marine items. More than the market atmosphere is the home-coming aspect with visitors and residents of nearby islands arriving to greet old friends. All non-residents of Man-O-War must either use a ferry or private boat.

In late February Marsh Harbour hosts a full blown Junkanoo Rush held after dusk. On Friday the school groups parade in the early evening. On Saturday night the adult groups show their stuff with floats and elaborate costumes. The adults tend to organize later in the evening.

For both of these nights there will be food and drink for sale at stalls lining the area between the Post Office and the Chemist Shop in Marsh Harbour. Traffic will be rerouted to facilitate the two parades. The Junkanoo is a good show and we recommend you attend. For this event the logistics work the other way with residents and visitors on the cays arriving by ferry or their own boats.

The Wyannie Malone Historical Museum in Hope Town stages a Heritage Day in early March that is well attended. Its program includes historical talks, persons dressed in period clothing and many historical displays. The event often stages demonstrations of common activities of bygone days. The museum is open and welcomes

visitors. This is a daytime event and interested persons can use the ferry to get there.

Last year in early April Man-O-War hosted its first Sojers Day with skits by school children, historical presentations and a walking tour of many of the town's historical buildings. We believe the residents intend to make this an annual affair. This is a daytime event and ferries bring visitors and residents from many other communities. Sojers is the corrupted name for soldier crabs (hermit crabs), the nickname given Man-O-War residents in years gone by.

A new arts, crafts and agricultural exposition is in the planning stages for early April in Marsh Harbour. This is to be modeled after a similar and larger annual exposition held in Nassau. Years ago the Abaco Rotary Club held successful annual agricultural shows and arts and crafts exhibitions. Hopefully, the committee will pattern this new event after the very successful Rotary event. School children were encouraged to submit crafts in many areas and their entries were judged. The adult entries were also judged. Many Abaconians have ribbons stashed away that they won in these island wide exhibitions.

Green Turtle Cay comes to the forefront again in late April with its two-day Island Roots Festival. This is always worth attending. The organizers have an abundance of games, crafts, skits and interesting speakers.

Cherokee Sound organizes a variety of special events at random times. These can include sea shell exhibits and marine-oriented art work, an antique show, a doll show, community yard sale and others. Its Cherokee Day events are always enjoyed by hundreds of friends and visitors.

Tourism schedules Goombay/Junkanoo evenings in June and July. These are fun-filled evenings on the Marsh Harbour waterfront in Goombay Park just west of the port facility.

Several towns hold varied homecoming

events on holiday weekends. Sandy Point has an extensive weekend with family and friends coming on a Fast Ferry from Nassau. Fox Town has a similar weekend with guests typically coming from Grand Bahama.

Regatta Time in Abaco has a variety of open parties and social events between the American Independence on July 4 and the Bahamian Independence on July 10. The events are open to the public even though the focus of the event is to promote visitor cruising in our waterway. The venues change nightly to accommodate the boaters and the race schedule.

North Abaco stages a popular power boat race at the end of July which always draws a large crowd. This is held off the Treasure Cay ferry landing with the crowd using the shore facilities and parking offered at that site.

The schedule of events then takes a break until Hope Town's Box Cart Races at the end of November. This attracts both eager participants as well as spectators from many communities.

The Every Child Counts school in Marsh Harbour has had several smaller versions of this event. We are not aware of any other area in The Bahamas that has a similar event.

The largest event of the year is the annual Christmas Festival now held at the BAIC site beside the Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour. It is estimated that as many as 2,000 people attend this annual event. It is packed with craft stalls, local foods, art work and a variety of entertainment.

Scattered within this mix are smaller local events, many art shows and fund raising events for local causes. Hope Town stages a chili cook-off to benefit its fire department. Various groups host localized art, crafts or cooking events. Included in this category are the Cancer Society, humane societies, volunteer fire departments and others.

Beyond these major events are many

smaller events with an entrance fee or request for a donation. One of the larger of these is the annual art show at Abaco Beach Hotel which is organized this year by the Bahamas National Trust as its first fund-raising event on Abaco. It is to raise funds for the benefit of Abaco's national parks. It is always well attended and an opportunity to view or purchase outstanding art work.

Friends of the Environment hosts a formal Reef Ball in early March and a week later Pathfinders Scholarship Fund holds its highly successful and unusual auction for raising scholarship funds. These funds assist students to study in colleges abroad. Both of these are held in the Pavilion at Abaco Beach Resort. The Pathfinder's auction is by invitation, there is no charge, but it is quietly understood that the attendees intend to generously support the auction's goals.

It is likely that Abaco has more cultural events than any other Family Island.

A shortage of street-lights

On returning from Cherokee's Christmas Eve program, I swung through Spring City and counted the street lights. It was not a scientific count, but I came up with 43. For a town with a possible 140 - 150 houses, that is almost one light for every three houses. The town is well lit.

In contrast, I can find only one street light in the entire Sweeting Village area. The entrance on Don MacKay Boulevard is not lit at all and offers no night-time recognition. The entry road passes through a narrow cut with rock walls on the left and right. A pole and transformer are at the top of the hill but there is no light on this crest.

Located in the Sweeting's Village area is the New Vision Ministry building where as many as 250 parishioners hold services or social functions.

Spring City's good fortune may be related to the number of BEC employees who live there.

Letters to the Editor

A plea to Abaco drivers

Dear Editor

I have just rewritten my will for the third time this month after another near death experience on the roads of Marsh Harbour. Instead of accepting my eventual demise, and, being a proponent of preventive care, I appeal to the driving public of Abaco.

I am a biker . . . as in bicycle. I fight for my place on our highways every day. We are all aware of the poor state of repair of our roads. The next time you drive, take note the left margin of the highway. That is my road. It is uneven and pocked with puddles and potholes. I ride on 1 1/4 inch

wheels at 100PSI. I feel every bump and rise. Gusts of wind may blow me a foot left or right. I must swerve to avoid holes and unexpected obstructions. If I hit a pothole, my bike and I will be severely injured. If a motorist hits me . . . I'm dead.

Please be aware and take caution on the road. Don't cut me off . . . don't pull out in front of me or turn left in front of me. Use your turn signal. Stay off your cell phone. Please don't text while driving. If you want to honk your horn to alert or hail me, please don't do it right beside me. It makes me jump out of my skin. Slow down. No one needs to drive 60 mph anywhere on the roads of Abaco, let alone on the airport road.

Please . . . Don't pass too closely. I ask . . . I beg . . . please, give me at least three feet clearance while passing me. Remember, your outside rear view mirror, and the trailer you pull, stick out farther than you know. Treat me as you would any slower moving traffic. If you cannot safely pass, wait until the oncoming traffic clears.

Biking is fun; it is great exercise; I have saved hundreds of dollars in fuel for my truck. I would love to encourage others to join me. However, I cannot recommend bicycling for commuting, exercise or pleasure on the roads of Marsh Harbour until the pavement is repaired and motorists treat others on the highways with courtesy and caution.

Signed: Don't Wannabe the Healthiest
Dead Man on the Side of the Road

A letter to the PM

Dear Editor,

Would you print the following letter addressed to the Rt. Hon. Hubert Alexander Ingraham.

Sir,

This has been an interesting five years and as you are well aware, the people of Abaco, friends and residents, do not lack in opinions. Unfortunately, all too often many of the most strident voices have no economic stake in their position.

The Bunker-C versus Diesel controversy is unique in that it is within your power to actually find out what the people who have an economic involvement really think. While some have voiced a willingness to pay more for diesel, we think it is only fair that you ask all involved if they are willing to do so.

If Bunker-C is really as bad as some have said, it will probably be desirable to replace all of the fuel sources in The Bahamas. However, if the new generators can meet stated emission standards, then please allow us, the people who pay the bills, to choose if we wish to pay more to burn diesel. Fortunately, this controversy can be easily and democratically resolved by including a simple yes or no ballot with the next BEC billing.

Respectfully,
Harry Weldon
White Sound, Elbow Cay

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A sad, sad situation

Dear Editor,

I am somewhat dismayed at the lack of compassion displayed at a recent town committee meeting at which it was unanimously requested that a single mother's home be knocked down.

The building in question was brought to my attention early in October 2008, two months after I arrived on Abaco. When I first went to investigate the building, the walls were up, the roof on and much work done on the interior. My immediate thought was why this wasn't brought to the attention of building control when construction began, especially since the primary opponents to this building were her neighbors?

I am not a supporter of illegal construction, and I will take whatever action within my power to stop it. However, I thought in this case some consideration should be given to the woman's circumstances. Shortly after I investigated the site and a stop work order was put on this building, the woman's husband attempted to kill her with a machete. Thankfully, a good neighbour came along and saved her. The husband was sent to Fox Hill and later deported to Haiti, leaving her to support four children and her blind 71-year-old father. As she could no longer afford to pay her rent on her income alone, she was forced to move into a two-room shack in the Mudd.

Given the advanced state of construction when I met this building and the owner's dire circumstances, my recommendation to the town committee was to allow her to live in this building on her property until she could save enough so that she could do something on the foundation for which a permit did exist. As well, she would be required to do whatever modifications and improvements to the building and property to make it acceptable to her neighbors. The building that was constructed is not unsalvageable and can be made to look presentable.

Knowing the good heart of the Bahamian people, my sincere expectation when I initially offered my recommendation to the town committee was that they would show some leniency towards the woman. Thus, I was very surprised and disheartened when the town committee offered no other option except to knock the building down; they did not even consider the possibility of moving the building farther away from the property boundary.

I fully realize that illegal building is of epic proportions on Abaco and with the public's assistance we really need to clamp down on this problem. But is this the time to take such draconian action or is it the time to show some compassion?

For goodness sake, give the woman some viable options.

John Schaefer

Wants explanations from BEC

Dear Mr. Ralph,

After reading your January 1st issue online, I was left a little bewildered by the Prime Minister's comments regarding billing increases for using diesel vs bunker-c. I would also love for someone to explain to me how New Providence subsidizes our normally ridiculous electricity bills.

After over 15 years in Abaco I can tell you that no one in Nassau that I know of pays more for electricity than we do. The normal calculation to comparative electricity use has us at least 30 percent more than the consumers in the capital. I would also appreciate very much an explanation as to why our electricity bills will increase so much by using diesel in leu of bunker C. We are presently using diesel now so what is the difference? Are we, the consumers, now burdened with helping BEC pay off this new power plant? Isn't this new plant simply the cost of doing business.

I can assure you that whenever I upgrade equipment in our water plant or bring in another drill rig to help cover demand increases, I couldn't get away with making my customers foot the bill through price increases. But I guess that's the difference between having competition and being a government owned monopoly!

Another point I would like to make is that all the citizens of The Bahamas should be terrified at the thought of BEC or any other government-run corporation policing the inevitable fuel spills and the necessary steps of containment and clean-up. BEC should be made to put up a multi-million dollar bond to someone like Friends of the Environment who can then purchase the necessary equipment needed for fuel and oil spill clean up. I remember the last fuel spill at the Green Turtle ferry dock entrance. A few thousand gallons of fuel were spilled when a tanker flipped. The subsequent clean up consisted of fencing the area off!

Further more, these funds should be readily available. Just use our deposits that we never see a dime of revenue from although BEC is making millions off of them every month!

Having said all of this, please let me explain something. This letter in no way is an attack on the hard working men and women of BEC. The same workers that rain or shine, day or night work selflessly to keep our power on. The government of The Bahamas needs to take full responsibility for its bad decisions, but that may take a whole new cabinet position as this would be a full time job!

Jeremy Wong

Big countries take advantage of small ones

Dear Editor,

I hope that by the time this letter is published BEC will have decided to use diesel instead of Bunker C, the waste product of oil refineries.

Corporations of industrial nations dump waste products in their own countries until the citizens pass laws prohibiting the contamination and health hazards. Then the corporations dump the waste on less industrialized nations who are either unaware of the hazards or have no laws to protect them. The pesticide DDT was found to cause birth defects and cancer, so it was outlawed in the United States. The manufacturers of DDT simply sold it to the farmers of Central America. The parts of outdated computers give off radiation so the old computer parts are now dumped off the African coast, contaminating the local fishing grounds.

Bunker C, causing acid rain, cancer and asthma (especially in children), is no longer welcome in Europe, as these countries boast about their renewable solar and wind power plans. In fact, the Chancellor of Germany often appeals to the world to follow its energy example to thwart Global Warming. So now a corporation in Germany hopes to dump the antiquated waste product in the less informed and less protected Bahamas.

And what is highly suspect is that the Government of The Bahamas claims that burning diesel will be more expensive than burning Bunker C. How can that be possible when burning Bunker C requires a system for warming the asphalt-like product to get it to flow out of the delivery ships, dockage and wharfs for the ships, and a system to store the highly toxic waste for Bunker C in its incomplete combustion. Diesel can be trucked down from Marsh Harbour and has little waste.

The Bahamas should not be a toxic dumping ground for Europe or anyone else.

Concerned citizen,

Jill Maraghy, Little Harbour

Why would diesel make electric bills higher

Dear Sir,

The Prime Minister has more or less promised to use diesel rather than HFO

fuel at the Wilson City power plant, which is wonderful news. It is, finally, a step in the right direction after so many missteps during the planning of this plant.

However, the logic behind his threat to charge Abaco consumers more for using diesel escapes me. Abaco is ALREADY being run on diesel. So why should we suddenly have to pay more for something that we already have? One would hope that the new power plant will be more efficient than the old one, so it should actually take less diesel to produce the same amount of electricity.

While I can believe BEC's claim that their overhead is higher on Abaco than New Providence - simply because the population is far more spread out, necessitating a costlier distribution network - I have a problem with being told that BEC customers in New Providence are subsidizing Abaco to the tune of \$8 million a year. What about the \$38 million that Abaco sends to the Public Treasury every year? Just who is subsidizing whom here?

Using diesel rather than HFO will also make the construction of the plant substantially cheaper. There will be no need for a centrifuge, sludge tank, incinerator, heated pipeline or 106-foot stacks. In fact, BEC could save millions by forgetting the pipeline and dock altogether and trucking diesel from Marsh Harbour to the plant. The infrastructure for this is already in place - we have the trucks, we have the off-loading facilities, the tankers are already familiar with the route. There would be far less chance of a potentially disastrous oil spill.

Let's do the right thing here - it's still not too late.

Yours truly,

Alison Ball

(living on solar power on Abaco)

New plant is regressive and short sighted

Dear Sir or Madam:

I continue to have concerns regarding the Wilson City power plant. To this time, I have tried to limit my public statements to medical and health concerns. I have left others, more qualified and informed, to speak to the economic and environmental issues. I have tried to be open-minded and

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This building is the subject of a controversy. Some want the house demolished as it was converted to a residence from a storage shed. The storage shed was built until a proper home could be constructed. The foundation for the main house is complete. However, the husband was deported to Haiti, leaving his wife to support four children and her blind 71-year-old father. They have moved into the shed as they have no money to pay rent.

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a K-9 unit there during the hours of operation.

Airport employees point out that Marsh Harbour International Airport is the second busiest in the country behind only Sir Lynden Pindling International Airport with hundreds of passengers arriving and departing daily.

They say it is high time that security officers who check bags like they do at the Gand Bahama International Airport and Sir Lynden Pindling are stationed at Marsh Harbour International Airport for everyone's safety. Government officials have said at this time there are no security officers stationed at the airport because of a lack of space but have promised to have security stationed at new, state-of-the-art airport terminal which has been on the

drawing board for years.

Government recently announced that it would construct a new office complex to house many agencies at a cost of \$25 million. Many residents have called on the government to put the complex on hold for now and build a new airport terminal since the terminal is more vital to the island's economy.

A petition is expected to be in circulation later this year with hundreds of names of people who would prefer a new terminal. The petition is expected to be presented to Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, MP for North Abaco.

Moving generators caused business disruption

By Mirella Santillo

The generators for the new BEC plant being moved from the freight dock through

Marsh Harbour town en route to Wilson City became an attraction for many people who gathered along the side road from December 14 to December 17 to watch the enormous convoy go by. And many had free time on these days since power was cut along Don MacKay Boulevard for several hours to allow technicians to adjust the overhead cables, forcing some businesses to close for several hours.

School traffic was heavily disturbed on the first morning with cars stopped or re-routed by the police at the S.C. Bootle Highway intersection to allow the transformers to proceed.

On the first day the first load of generators was transported with a convoy that stretched on Don MacKay Boulevard, immobilizing traffic. The power was cut that day for seven hours along Don MacKay and in Spring City, an action that subsequently proved unnecessary. According to some BEC employees, the first day was a rehearsal session to determine what should be done the following days when the rest of the generators and the huge engines were hauled.

It did go smoother on subsequent days. Motorists had already been warned to use an alternative route and the power cut was reduced to approximately four hours each day.

The passage of the trucks, however, affected many businesses to various degrees of inconvenience that did not have generators, whether through loss of business or the impossibility to perform any work without electricity. Some of the schools on that route closed early: Forest Heights Academy began the Christmas vacation two days early and Agape Christian School

allowed high school students to leave early after taking their examinations. Other managed to carry on with the regular schedule in spite of not having any electricity.

Most of the business owners, though, agreed that it was small inconvenience to put up with if the new power plant was going to be as efficient as promised.

Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Seminar Held on Amended Laws

By Samantha V. Evans

The Department of Social Services held a Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Seminar on December 8th at the Anglican Parish Hall in Marsh Harbour. Present to facilitate the workshop was Attorney Kayla Green-Smith from the Attorney General's office in Nassau. According to Charlamae Fernander, the purpose of this seminar was to inform persons about the Acts and their implications. The purpose of the Acts is to protect those who need protecting in society. These Acts were revised to address the crisis of violence in the country and the rise of crime. Both Acts are very extensive so Attorney Green-Smith went through them, focusing on those sections that pertained to those in attending the seminar.

Mrs. Smith began by going through the Child Protection Act, 2007. This Act was revisited to address issues related to children and the obligations under the United Nations Convention Rights of a Child. A few of the areas that stood out specifically covered the rights a child actually has which includes their right to be protected

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One of the engines for the new power plant is shown being moved through Marsh Harbour. The truck is at the corner of Crockett Drive and Don MacKay Boulevard. The high loads required that electric lines be cut in several areas, turning off power to schools, businesses and homes.



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and not discriminated against, the right to attend school and to be taken care of properly by the parent or guardian. She discussed the role the parent has towards the child as well and the employment of children. She explained that the law states that children under 16 years of age should not be employed but allowances are made for children who have after school jobs packing groceries and the like. It further stated that disabled children should be afforded the same rights as normal children.

A new addition to this Act speaks to unwed fathers now being able to apply for custody of their child. Mrs. Smith discussed fines and jail time that can result if persons refuse to report abuse and those for false reporting of abuse.

Finally, the Domestic Violence Act 2007 was discussed by attorney Mrs. Smith. It came into effect December 1st, 2008. Domestic abuse is on the rise in the Bahamas. In recent years the number of cases of abuse ranged from 1138 to 1477. She noted that domestic abuse can happen to anyone—male or female. It addresses ways a person can be abused such as emotional

and psychological, harassment, stalking, financial, and how such a person can obtain an order of protection.

The persons in attendance were members of the juvenile panel, educators, counselors, pastors, law enforcement officers, medical officers, social workers, and concerned citizens. These two Acts further spell out the responsibilities of Social Services and the police when responding to such reports of abuse. Mrs. Smith stated that even though the law mandates all of these things, realistically, she realizes that some of these agencies do not have the resources to make them happen in a timely fashion. It is important that all agencies are aware of these amendments to the Child Protection and Domestic Violence Acts 2007 so that they can act responsibly.

Art for the Parks Abaco

The Bahamas National Trust, Abaco Beach Resort, local artists and corporate supporters are coming together to provide an opportunity for residents and visitors to Abaco to view the works of over 30 talented Bahamian artists on January 29, 30

and 31. All proceeds from the Art for the Parks Festival will go to support the six national parks on Abaco.

The Festival will open with a special gala evening on January 29th from 6 to 8 p.m. Special ferries have been organized for Man-O-War Cay and Hope Town both leaving at 5:30 p.m. and returning at 10:30 p.m. Admission on Friday evening is \$10.

“Some of the most talented artists in The Bahamas will be displaying original artwork, oils and acrylics, vibrant watercolours, hand-turned wood products, dazzling jewelry and fabulous fabric art,” said Lynn Gape, Deputy Director of the BNT.

Saturday event will begin at 10 a.m. and in addition to the arts and crafts exhibition, there will be a children’s crafts area which will provide young people a chance to create their own unique pieces of art. According to Monica Higgs, Children’s Crafts Coordinator, “We have



The Department of Social Services held a seminar to inform the public about new legislation that affects child abuse and domestic violence. Attorney Kayla Green-Smith from the Attorney General’s office, second from left, was the presenter. Others in the picture are Social Services personnel: Charlemae Fernander, Assistant Director, Janette Evans, Edna Charlot, Selva Sawyer, Kimrice Miller and Barbara Williams.

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some really fun crafts for the young people to make and are looking forward to this event which will provide much needed funding for the Abaco National Parks.”

A special food court will provide a chance for guests to sample food from around the world. Food from the Bahamas, Germany, Italy and Japan (Sushi) with a special dessert station will be available for sale throughout the day.

Local charities have been invited to participate in the event as well. The event will give them an opportunity to showcase their good works and inform people of their plans for 2010.

Sunday will open at noon and close at

5 p.m. Admission on the Saturday and the Sunday will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

The BNT will be on hand to talk about its plans for the national parks on Abaco and will be running special tours to the Abaco National Park on Saturday and Sunday in the early morning. The tours will be led by parrot biologist Caroline Stahala. For more information about the tours e-mail: bntmembership@bnt.bs

For more information about Art for the Parks Abaco. Call Abaco Beach Resort at 242-367-2158, BNT's Abaco office at 242-367-6310 or BNT's Nassau office at 242-383-1317.

Contact Lynn Gape, lgape@bnt.bs: 393-1317 for more information.

Christmas service is held for boaters

By Samantha V. Evans

For the fourth year Friendship Tabernacle Church hosted a Christmas service at Long's Landing in Marsh Harbour for the boaters on December 20th. Pastor Mills stated that at a time when many persons do not have food or a clean change of clothes, we must remember that Christmas is the time to give. He added that as we reflect on the historic birth date of Christ many years ago, it is important to note that the King brought havoc on the community during that time by ordering that all babies under the age of two be killed. A time that

was to be celebrated with joy and gladness brought sadness to many families. While Jesus was born in an unmarked location, the king was more concerned with protecting his position as leader. Pastor Mills stated that redemption came to this earth because King Herod did not find the baby Jesus who was the savior of this world. The thousands of babies who were killed became martyrs for the protection of the divine birth. He encouraged those in attendance to let Christmas bring them joy rather than sadness since there has been enough sadness associated with this day already. He thanked Kenny Long for allowing them to use the property and Patty Toler for telling the boaters about the service.



Pastor Silbert Mills held a Christmas service for boaters on December 20 at Long's Landing in Marsh Harbour. This is the fourth year that he has held this service.

Man-O-War will hold 24th annual Flea Market

The Man-O-War Flea Market will hold its 24th fund raising on February 13. This much anticipated event will include a raffle, an auction, crab races, a white elephant table with new and used items, a used book stall and art work along with great Bahamian food and gourmet food from The pantry.

Anyone who wants to sell can set up a table. However, the school requires that no one sells any food and drink and those are reserved for the school. The charge for

setting up a table is \$10 and the school asks that 10 percent of the gross sales be donated to the school. Those wishing to reserve a location can call the school at 365-6049.

Albury's Ferry will be running special ferries at a discounted rate to Man-O-War from Marsh Harbour. If you plan to go, Albury's Ferry would appreciate your letting it know so the company can plan for an appropriately sized boat.

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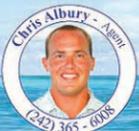


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Great Guana Cay
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 - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bath
 - 1,760 s.f. Residence
 - Covered & Open Decks
 - 160' of Ocean Beach
 - Fabulous Ocean Views
 - Additional Land Available
 - Boat Slip Available
 #GGH1129 - **\$1,975,000.**



Green Turtle Cay
 - 50 % Shared ownership
 - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
 - 1,355 s.f. of Residence
 - Covered Screened Porches
 - Land - 0.54 Acre
 - 253.06 of water-frontage
 - Two Docks 36' - 170'
 - 56,000 gallon cistern
 - Generator House - tool shed
 - 50 KW diesel Generator
 GTH1137 - **\$625,000.**

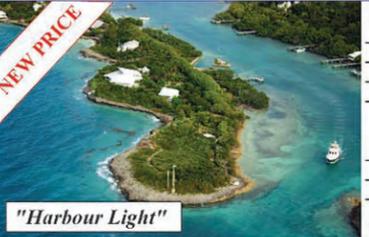


Man-O-War Cay Eastern Harbour
 - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
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 - 82' Ocean Frontage
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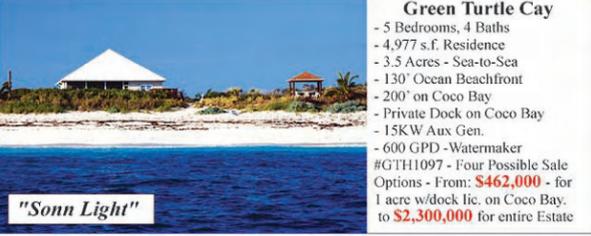
Green Turtle Cay
 - 12,091 s.f. - 0.277 Acres
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 - Sea of AbacoViews
 - near New Plymouth
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Man-O-War Cay
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 - 1,040 s.f. Verandahs
 - Land ± 1.824 Acres
 - Entire S.E. Point of Dickie's Cay
 - Private Dock
 - Auxiliary Generator
 - Fabulous Views
 #MWH1099 - **\$1,850,000.**



Great Guana Cay Orchid Bay
 - 4 Acres
 - ± 70 ft. Elevations
 - 6 Bedrooms, 4.5 Baths
 - + 3000 s.f. Residence
 - Swimming Pool
 - 1200 gal. Watermaker
 - Auxiliary Generator
 #GGH1142 - **\$2,300,000.**



Green Turtle Cay
 - 5 Bedrooms, 4 Baths
 - 4,977 s.f. Residence
 - 3.5 Acres - Sea-to-Sea
 - 130' Ocean Beachfront
 - 200' on Coco Bay
 - Private Dock on Coco Bay
 - 15KW Aux Gen.
 - 600 GPD - Watermaker
 #GTH1097 - Four Possible Sale Options - From: **\$462,000** - for 1 acre w/dock lic. on Coco Bay. to **\$2,300,000** for entire Estate

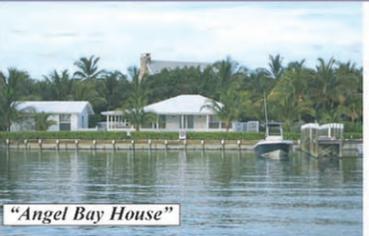


Man-O-War Cay
 - 2 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths.
 - 1,220 s.f. Residence.
 - 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.
 - 532 s.f. Guest House
 - Land - Sea-to-Sea
 - 32,571 s.f. - 0.74 Acre
 - 165' Ocean Beach Front
 - Private Dock
 - Fabulous Views
 #MWH1134 - **\$2,100,000.**



Great Guana Cay
 - 5,000 s.f. - 0.114 Acre
 - 960 s.f. Cottage
 - 2 Bedroom, 2.5 Baths
 - Guana Seaside Village
 - Near Atlantic Beach
 - Ocean Views
 - Rental History
 #GGH1011 - **\$340,000.**

MAN-O-WAR CAY
 • **"SAILOR'S REST"** - Dickie's Cay- 768 s.f. Residence- 3 bedroom, 1 Bath - 710 s.f. of open and covered decks - 224 s.f. - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Guest House- 84 s.f. deck - .365 Acre Sea to Sea - 260' waterfront - private dock. **Built in 60's by William H. Albury #MWH1144 - NEW - \$775,000.**
 • **"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 - #MWH1001 - **\$1,995,000.**
 • **"FRESH WIND LANDING"** - Dickie's Cay - 3 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths - 2,460 s.f. Residence - 1,400 s.f. Porches-Decks - 1 Bed, 1 bath Snore Box - 7,500 s.f. Land - Private 93' Dock. - 40 KW Aux. Generator - Superb Harbour Views - #MWH1107 - **\$1,200,000.**
 • **"SUNSPLASH"** - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,921 s.f. Residence. - 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath - 400 s.f. Guest Cabin - 172' Ocean Beach Front - 1.189 Acres - Beautifully Landscaped - Semi-Private Dock - Fabulous Views - #MWH1019 - **NEW PRICE - \$840,000.**



Man-O-War Cay
 - ± 0.975 Acres -
 - 100' Ocean Beachfront
 - 127' Creek front
 - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
 - 1,336 s.f. Residence
 - 88' dock, 35' T
 - Auxiliary Generator
 #MWH1139 - **\$2,150,000.**

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

GREAT GUANA CAY
 • **"CLAIRE'S BEACH"** - Beachfront Building Site - 31,243 s.f. - 0.717 Acre - 117' Beach Frontage - Dock Access - Good Elevation - Superb Ocean Views - #GGV1006 - **NEW PRICE \$667,000.**
 • **"SEAVIEW"** - Dolphin Beach Estates - 136' prime waterfront - 0.557 Acres Containing 24,292 s.f.- Shared dock access Superb elevation - Fabulous Views of Delia's Cay and the Sea of Abaco. 8' depth at MLW at shoreline. A private dock can be built on the property. GGV1118 - **NEW LISTING \$624,500.**
"LOST SHAKER" - Dolphin Beach Estates - Oversized beach-front parcel - 36,839 s.f. - 0.8457 Acre - 65' of Beach-front Good elevations for superb ocean views. Lush Native Vegetation. # GGV1000 - **\$545,500.**



Great Guana Cay
 - ± 1.857 Acres -
 - 80,900 s.f.
 - 100' Atlantic Beach
 - 100' Sea of Abaco
 - frontage to build dock
 - Fabulous Ocean Views
 - Additional Land Available
 #GGV1143 - **\$895,000.**

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



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

"Crawl Bight" - Sea to Sea building site - Two offerings - 1. 80,900 s.f. - 1.857 Acre, 100' Atlantic, 100' Sea of Abaco. 2. 321,690 s.f. - 7.385 Acre 300' of Atlantic beach frontage, 300' of Sea of Abaco frontage - Newly built dock - great family estate - #GGV1143 - **\$895,000. - 2,250,000.**
 • **"WIND N' SEA"** - Fabulous waterfront building site - Two parcels containing a total of 69,197 s.f. - 1.588 Acres - 241' of Sea of Abaco Frontage - great elevations to 42' above sea level - #GGV1112 - **\$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 - **NEW PRICE \$700,000.**
 • **"PARCEL B" at PRINCE'S TRUST** - Fabulous Waterfront Building Site - ± 242' Southwest Sea of Abaco Frontage - ± 43,803 sq.ft. - ± 1.0055 Acres - Great Sea of Abaco Views - Beach Access - Boat Slips Available - GGV1131 - **NEW - \$685,000.**
 • **"PARCEL C" at PRINCE'S TRUST** - Fabulous Waterfront Building Site - ± 204' Southwest Sea of Abaco Frontage - ± 54,360 sq.ft. - ± 1.2480 Acre - Great Sea of Abaco Views - Beach Access - Boat Slips Available - GGV1132 - **NEW - \$685,000**
 • **"BLACK JACK'S REST"** - 32,750 s.f. - 0.751 Acre Lot #33 in Orchid Bay with amenities, 120.41' Sea of Abaco Frontage, available to build dock - Private community - GGV1147 - **NEW \$667,000.**

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 • **"CONCHED OUT"** - 30,361 s.f. - 0.697 Acre - 125' of Atlantic Beach frontage - 12' Elevations - Beautiful Ocean Views - Very Private Area - Additional Acreage available. #GTV1008 - **\$379,000.**
 • **"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 **\$595,000.**
 • **"LONG BAY BEACH"** - Incredible beach parcel - ± 26,589 Sq.ft. - ± 0.6103 acres - 60' of spectacular beach frontage - Private gated entrance - Affordable building site for cottage or beach cabana. #GTV1121 - **NEW \$325,000.**
 • **"LONG BAYSOUND"** - Back to nature. - Secluded - 24,565 Sq ft - 0.5639 acres - 105' of Black Sound frontage - Ideal home site - Dock site possible. #GTV1122 - **NEW \$325,000.**
 • **"COCO BAY VIEW"** - 32,690 s.f. - 0.7567 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access - Good Elevation. #GTV1009 **\$291,000.**
 • **"COCO BAY BREEZE"** - Two Prime Building Sites - 2,699 Acre - 2255 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access. #GTV1007 **\$47,500. - Lot**
 • **"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 **\$59,000.**



Scotland Cay
 - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.
 - Bunkroom
 - 1,300 s.f. Residence.
 - 1 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.
 - 224 s.f. Guest Cottage
 - "Playhouse" with bar
 - 1.82 Acres - 300' of Ocean Beach Front
 - Fabulous Views
 #SCH1094 - **\$1,950,000.**

TILLOO CAY
 • **"BOUNTIFULLY BLESSED"** - 2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath - 800 s.f. residence - 3.75 Acre, sea to sea - 109' of frontage - on Sea of Abaco - 106' on Atlantic - Boat basin with lift - 170' of dock - Swimming Pool - Approved plans for 3/2 New England cottage #TLH1086 - **NEW PRICE - \$1,350,000.**

• **"GRAND BOIS"** - Rare Prime Ocean-front building site - 0.51 Acre 125' Atlantic Ocean frontage - Central Location - Fabulous Ocean Views - Lush Native Foliage. #MWV1081 **NEW PRICE \$459,000.**
 • **"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 - **NEW PRICE \$325,000.**

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.**

SCOTLAND CAY
 • **"141 Hillside Developer Parcels"** - Over 1/2 Acre with beach access. Aircraft Landing Rights and Boat Slips available **NEW LISTING** #SC1140 Priced from: **\$170,000 - \$438,000**
"Block Q - Parcel # 1" - Fabulous one-half acre building site - 25,658 sq.ft. - 0.5890 Acre - 172.61' on Sea of Abaco - Hillside - great elevations and superb views of the Sea of Abaco - Shoreline protected by small cay. #SCV1117 - **NEW LISTING - \$485,000.**

Rotarians hold fund raising golf tournament

By Timothy Roberts

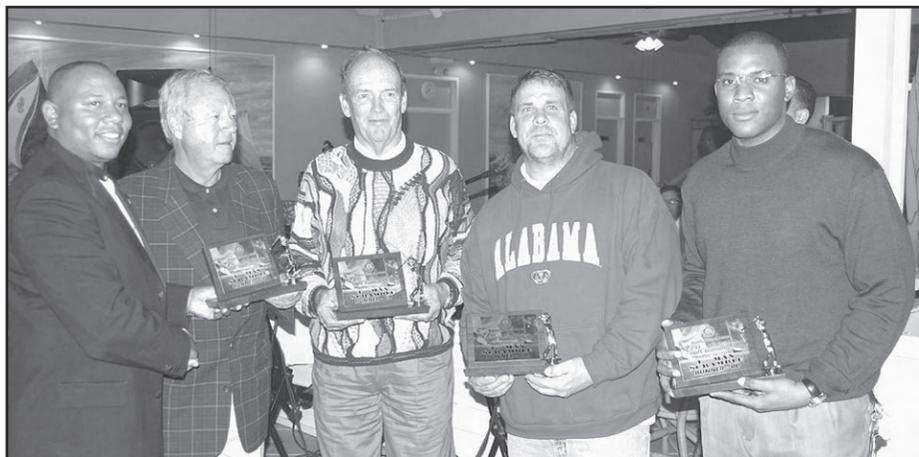
Rain and cold did not dissuade participants of the Rotary Club of Abaco's 7th Annual Golf Tournament on January 9th at Treasure Cay's golf course. The annual golf tournament is held each year to raise money for various charities and programs such as scholarships, libraries, the fire department, youth programs and more. This year's tournament was played in memoriam of past president and friend William Michael Malone, who passed away in the summer of 2009.

Forty-three golfers from Abaco and Nassau, and including a number of second-home owners, were split into teams of four who, as the day wore on, and the rain and cold blew in, played through the bad weather and completed the tournament. Travis Spicer, Rotary Club's secretary, said he had a newfound respect for golfers, calling them

"warriors" for braving the "rain, sleet and Bahamian version of snow."

The events of the day were capped by an awards ceremony and silent auction. The first place trophy was awarded to the team of James Gomez, Mark Morral, Steve Pedican and Inga Kline. In a tie for second place were the teams of James Eastwood, Egon Schnable, Jamal McIntosh and Doug Plowder and the team of Michael Amiss, Paul Bedford, Brent White and Tracy Bedford.

The silent auction featured various items from local businesses and sponsors and helped to raise funds that will go towards the various programs that the Rotary Club is supporting in the coming year. The President of the Rotary Club, Gentry Morris said he found it "especially gratifying" that in these difficult financial times to see the efforts and support from those who participated in helping those in our community in need.



This is one of the two teams that placed second in the Rotary Club's golf tournament held at Treasure Cay on January 9. Shown are Rotary President Gentry Morris giving the award to Egon Schnable, James Eastwood, Doug Plowder and Jamal McIntosh.

South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Away in a Manger

The settlement of Cherokee Sound will be putting on a display of Crèches, Mangers and Nativity Scenes on Sunday afternoon, January 24th between 2 and 4 p.m. at the WW Sands Community Center. The entrance fee will be \$3 for adults and there will be no charge for an accompanying child. Light refreshments will be served. All proceeds will go towards a new table and benches in the Cherokee Public Library and repairs to the Community Notice Board outside.

We are still searching for more items to put on display. So if you own a Christmas manger scene or know of someone who does and would like to share it with us for this first-time event, it would be much appreciated. You would be helping us in our efforts to do these repairs at our library. And we guarantee you an afternoon of fellowship and amazement. Just give Lee Pinder (266-2053) or Peggy Albury (366-2018) a call.

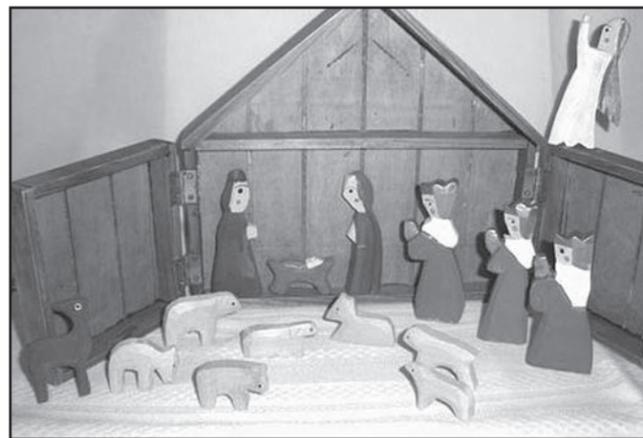
Weather Report

This is just for our second homeowners that look forward to reading The Abaconian back home. Our temperatures have been down in the 60's, but the sun is still shining

brightly and we aren't expecting any snow! So, hurry on back to "The Sunny Bahamas."

School News

Nothing much yet to report for the New Year except that Cherokee Primary School has a new insignia for their uniforms which they are very proud of.



This little hand-carved Nativity Scene was done over 10 years ago as a Christmas gift for a 3-year-old second home boy from Devon, UK. They visit Cherokee every Christmastime and keep the little scene here to enjoy when they come.



This artifact was found by a Cherokee hunter last week. Terry Albury and his two sons, Tyler and Terrence, were chasing a wild hog in the pine barrens south of Crossing Rocks. He stepped on something in the undergrowth and his son pulled out this four-foot long heavy metal spoon. Does anyone have ideas of what it may have been used for?

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Three Rescued at sea off Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

Three Americans were lucky to be safe after being rescued from treacherous seas off Abaco on December 18. The saga began on the afternoon of December 16 when Richard E. Waterhouse III and John Barrett, both in their late seventies, and 69-year-old Sydney-Ellen Lefavour left Jacksonville, Florida, aboard a 42-foot Halsberg Rassy Catch 1982 twin masted sailing yacht with a seven-foot draft bound for The Bahamas.

At 2:40 p.m. they began experiencing trouble with their boat when the rudder began banging, and they called a friend on their single side band radio. At approximately 4:00 p.m. they experienced more problems. At this point, about 230 miles from Marsh Harbour, the problem was with the engine. Apparently, the very rough seas had dislodged algae from around the engine and sucked it up into the engine which then shut down approximately two hours later. They changed the filter which enabled the engine to run for another 40 minutes before shutting down again. It was now late afternoon and the boat had no engine power at all. The weather was so windy that they had to drop most sails and raised a small jib.

At 6:30 p.m. they made a May Day call for help on their VHF. The U.S. Coast Guard picked up the distress signal and dispatched a helicopter and Falcon Jet to Treasure Cay. The jet located the vessel in very rough seas 84 miles northeast of Treasure Cay with no engine power. The jet returned to Treasure Cay where Colin Albury, Chief of Abaco Crash Fire Rescue, was waiting with blankets for the victims as the coastguard did not have any for them. A meeting was held between Mr. Albury and the Coast Guard pilots. It was decided that both the helicopter and the jet would go out to rescue the three people from the boat as back up for each other as the weather was so terrible. The helicopter later returned to Treasure Cay at 11.30 p.m. where it remained on standby with an ambulance and crew.

A water rescue was carried out in which

a diver was put into the water and gave instructions to the three boat passengers who swam out one at a time to a basket lowered from the plane. Each was then lifted into the helicopter. This procedure took three and a half hours and the planes arrived at Treasure Cay airport with the three victims aboard at 2:45 a.m.

All were in good spirits though very cold and upset that they had had to leave all their possessions on the boat except for their passports and medications which they were instructed by Chief Colin Albury to keep with them. One of the male passengers sustained a slight head injury from being hit by the boom and was treated by Chief Albury and then monitored for three hours for concussion. Mr. Albury took the victims to Treasure Cay where he obtained a hotel room for them and they settled in by 5:45 a.m.

The following morning they purchased some clothes and other provisions and then waited five days in Treasure Cay to await news of their vessel. Unfortunately, due to the extremely bad weather, no search vessels were able to go out to look for the boat which was by then 82 miles northeast of Treasure Cay in mid ocean. The three survivors left Abaco without knowing the fate of the boat.

The vessel, which was named True Love, washed up on the beach south of Bahama Palm Shores approximately two weeks later. Isaac Collie found it on the beach in front of his house upon his return from vacation. According to Mr. Collie the port bulkhead was completely broken up and the keel was split, rendering the vessel irreparable and the boat had been ransacked by pirates. The owner, on hearing that his boat had been discovered, flew in to look at it. Up until the accident the owner had lived on his boat for 12 years.

"I was happy to be able to comfort and help the victims," stated Chief Albury, who remarked that they were very fortunate to have been rescued because that was the night that a bad storm, resembling a mini-hurricane, swept through Abaco.

Census 2010 will be this spring

The Department of Statistics will conduct the Census 2010 in May through July this year in a massive exercise to provide socio-demographic data on the entire population of The Bahamas.

A group of trained enumerators will canvass households throughout the country to collect a comprehensive set of household and individual information needed for informed decision making for policy makers and planners in the government and private sectors, researchers, students as well as the public.

Census Day is May 3, 2010. A population census is conducted every 10 years. The last census was conducted in 2000 at a cost of about \$3 million. An estimated \$5 million has been earmarked for Census 2010. The Bahamas' population is said to be about 350,000.

The key stages of the exercise commences in February 2010 with the training of the department's staff; in March the training of field supervisors and assistant supervisors; in April the training of enumerators; and May through July fieldwork begins.

"Every household, subdivision, cay, island, marina will be canvassed. The fieldwork in New Providence and Grand Bahama will have the Census office of the Department of Statistics as the umbrella office. In the Family Islands, the umbrella office will be that of the administrator," said Director of Statistics Kelsie Dorsett.

A pre-census test was conducted in August 17-30 in New Providence and Grand Bahama by six trained enumerators. The

main focus was to test the questionnaire for Census 2010 in terms of relevancy, as it relates to the questions, average length of time it takes to complete the questionnaire and weaknesses in the questions, instructions or the design of the questionnaire, among other things.

A new component to the questionnaire is a section on crime to determine trends and possible solutions to the problem.

The work on Census 2010 will be done utilizing four layers of field workers:

* Area Managers - will be the intermediary between the field supervisors and the main Census Office. They will execute the delivery of supplies to sub offices and ensure the delivery of returns to the main office. They will have the overall responsibility for several supervisory districts.

* Supervisors - will have the responsibility of supervising and monitoring the work of a supervisory district, which could comprise as much as 24 enumeration districts. They will have to train the enumerators, manage a sub office, check and sign the returns of the enumerators and forward them to the area manager.

* Assistant Supervisors - will assist the supervisors with their duties and will canvass the field with the enumerators being directly responsible for a certain number of them.

* Enumerators - will actually interview the households. They will be responsible for an enumeration district with the workload being 60 to 120 households depending on the area. On many of the Family Islands the load will be less than 60 households.



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People in the News

Real estate agent wins top spot

Damianos Sotheby's International Realty has announced that its Top Producers for 2009 included Stan Sawyer of Treasure Cay, who was named Top Producer Abaco Team 2009. He has watched and participated in the growth of Abaco for almost a half a century. He grew up on Green Turtle Cay and has been able to spend a lifetime exploring the length and breadth of Abaco. He has extensive knowledge of Abaco's real estate market. Stan is continually updating and educating himself and has earned numerous certificates since graduating from college in 1980. He has resided in Treasure Cay for more than 20 years.



Stan Sawyer

Pastor receives honorary degree

By Samantha V. Evans

On December 7th, 2009, Pastor Silbert Mills received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from Virginia Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, at a service held in Nassau at Southland Church of God on Soldier Road. The service was officiated by Rev. Dr. Benjamin W. Robertson, Sr., president of the seminary. This service was held in conjunction with the Academy



Silbert Mills

and ask nothing in return but his organization recognizes their service as unsung heroes and honors those who have distinguished themselves in areas of religion, service to humanity and in the field of music. This is the 13th year that such honors are being bestowed upon deserving Bahamians.

Pastor Mills is a pioneer Abaconian and had his humble begins in Dundas Town. He is known as one of Abaco's finest having made countless contributions to its growth and development by his civic, community, and religious involvement. He has held leadership posts in sports, local government, civic clubs, and church organizations. He is the CEO of the Bahamas Christian Network and a successful businessman.

Pastor Mills has been the senior pastor of Friendship Tabernacle Church for the past five years. He pledged to help his church and local community to develop its relationship with Almighty God. He is a role model to young and old, is highly respected and lets his light shine everyday as a pastor and a business man on Abaco.

Abaco youth does well

By Mirella Santillo

We have been following Mackenson Altidor on his road to success, from playing

of Culture Nassau, Bahamas. According to Dr. Robertson, countless men and women give of themselves on a daily basis

with Abacom United Soccer Team to being recruited to play as captain for the national team by Gary White, then coach of The Bahamas Football Association to his



Mackenson Altidor

obtaining a scholarship through soccer to a college in Pennsylvania. Now four and a half years later, Mackenson has graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing, an associate degree in business administration and a position with a marketing firm in New Jersey. What a success for the young Marsh Harbour man!

On every possible occasion Mackenson returns to Marsh Harbour to visit his family and he just spent the Christmas holidays with his parents and siblings.

At each of his visit Mackenson Altidor asks that we pass this message to the youth of Abaco. "Luck is not everything; you

have to be ready for opportunities, have good grades and discipline in what you are doing. Try to find someone going in the same direction as you, someone to look up to and inspire you."

Two of the people who inspired Mackenson Altidor were coach Gary White and his late friend Brendon Strachan, who, "was a motivator and wanted to be successful. Take advantage of opportunities at school, they do not always come back," Brendon warned.

Mackenson has suffered a few setbacks on his way to success. A couple of years ago he found that he had glaucoma, an ailment not compatible with playing a rough game of soccer, and more recently a broken ankle prior trials to play for the Philadelphia Union. This stopped his soccer career, but not his work career. He is happy to be where he presently is.

He remains aware of the role some people played in his life and always reiterates his gratitude for everyone who helped him in The Bahamas, among those, his immediate family and the Strachan family.

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1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **\$223,000.**

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"Camelot" # 1234 - Beachfront Estate. New custom designed, elegantly furnished 4 bed, 4 bath Ocean Blvd home, plus 2 bed, 1 bath guest house. Total 7,793 s/f under roof on 1.5 acre grounds, pool, numerous enhancement **REDUCED PRICE!** **\$6,450,000.**

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

"Casuarina Beach House" - #1512 - Ocean Blvd, furnished 6 bed, 5.5 bath 2 level beach home & efficiency apt. 6,600 s/f living space, pool, 27,600 s/f parcel, 80' beach frontage. Excellent rental income. **\$2,950,000.**

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

"Sandpiper" # 1265 - Ocean Blvd. 3,000 s/f bi-level furnished home on 1.87 acres with 180' sandy beach frontage. **\$2,235,000.**

"Avalon" # 1516 - Exceptional 3 bed, 2 bath Windward Beach home. Immaculately maintained, well appointed, 2,500 s/f under roof, 2,200 s/f open & covered patios. 24,440 s/f parcel with 175' sandy beach. **\$2,321,000.**

"Tranquility" # 1307 - 4 bed, 5 bath, furnished bi-level Brigantine Canal home on 2 lots. 3,580 s/f under roof, plus decks & balconies. 90' canal frontage, dock, boat lift, plus sea views from virtually every room. Tastefully decorated, excellent condition. **\$2,200,000.**

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Cutwater Way Canal Home - #1524 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 3,600 s/f home on Brigantine Bay. Newly built in 2008, elegantly furnished, many upgraded features. 144' bulkhead, 70' dock, boat lift. **\$1,995,000.**

"Windward Palms" # 1454 - Splendid 3 bed, 2 bath furnished Windward Beach home. 2,500 s/f under roof plus 1,600 s/f patios & walks on 16,000 s/f landscaped parcel with 100' sandy beach. Meticulously maintained, Many extras, superior sea views. **\$1,955,000.**

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"Pilot House" - Rock Point # 1380 - 2 level, 3 bed, 3 bath furnished waterfront home at entrance to Treasure Cay harbour. 3,314 s/f under roof on 18,800 s/f parcel. Boat/plane ramp to sea. Great sea views. **\$1,160,000.**

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Bahama Beach Club 2047 - # 1468 - 3 bed, 3 bath, ground level Phase 5 unit, 1,750 s/f living space condo, close to beach, tastefully furnished, numerous upgrades & enhancements. Superb sea views. **\$950,000.**

Bahama Beach Club 2032 - # 1525 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level, 1,650 s/f furnished beach condo, excellent sea & beach views. Club amenities. **\$865,000.**

Atlantis Condo 2112 - # 929- 4 bed, 4 bath 2,000 s/f 2 level furnished waterfront condo on Brigantine canal, great water views. Preferred end unit. Includes 2 large boat slips. Short walk to beach! **\$865,000.**

Bahama Beach Club # 2031 - #1485 - 3 bed, 2 bath 1,645 s/f furnished ground level condo plus private garage. Fantastic sea & beach views. Community pool, well maintained grounds. Excellent vacation rental or personal get-away retreat. **\$862,000.**

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Royal Poinciana # 2511 - # 1483 - Deluxe 2 bed, 2 bath ground level furnished 1,300 s/f beachfront condo. Well maintained. Great sea views, excellent rental income potential. **\$625,000.**

Royal Palm Condo # 2424 - # 1399 - 3 bed, 3 bath, (including loft) 2nd level, 1,264 s/f furnished condo overlooking harbour & marina. Well maintained, near beach, excellent rental income potential. **\$549,000.**

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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.**

Atlantis # 2215 - # 1471 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1000 s/f furnished 2nd level "end unit" condo on Brigantine Bay. Includes 2 storage units and finger dock. well maintained, great water views. **\$485,000.**

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. **\$465,000.**

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

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

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Windward Beach - Beachfront Parcel # 1283 - Cleared & walled 17,542 s/f parcel with 100' of sandy beach. Sea of Abaco views. All utilities available. **\$1,024,000.**

Windward Beach - Beach Parcel #1470 - 23,151 s/f parcel with 101' of stone wall & sandy beach on Sea of Abaco. All utilities available. **\$843,000.**

Windward Beach # 817 - 1/2 acre waterfront parcel directly on Sea of Abaco, 124' beach frontage. Newly installed sea wall. All utilities available. **\$399,000.**

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Galleon Bay - # 1441 - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 64' of bulkhead with dock & dock house. **\$550,000.**

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Galleon Bay # 1356 - 24,732 s/f large canal front parcel with 158' of bulkhead & sandy waterfront. **\$399,950.**

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Galleon Bay # 1473 - Approx. 10,000 s/f canal parcel with 100'+ of sea-walled & protected water frontage. All utilities available. Easy access to sea. **\$349,950.**

Brigantine Bay # 1498 - 20,310 s/f canal lot with 126' of sea-walled deep water frontage. Great Views! **\$322,000.**

Brigantine Bay # 1173 & 1174 - 2 adjacent deep water canal parcels, each 11,200 s/f with 80' bulk head & 140' depth. Cleared, all utilities available. **EACH \$299,950.**

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GUANA CAY

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

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

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Floyd Lowe, Green Turtle Cay's oldest resident, reminisces

By Navardo Saunders

Green Turtle Cay native Floyd Orazia Lowe, MBE, ESQ, JP, was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth. And he doesn't have anything more than a ninth grade level education. But he has managed to become one of the most successful businessmen in the area. And today at age 90 he still oversees his award-winning ferry boat business and a multimillion dollar lobster enterprise.

Mr. Lowe was born in September 1919 and grew up on Green Turtle Cay to a farmer/fisherman and a housewife. He is the youngest of nine siblings – three sisters and six brothers – all of whom have predeceased him.

In an interview at his home on Green Turtle Cay on New Year's Day, Mr. Lowe recalled what life was like growing up on the cay. "It was much different back then than it is today," he said. "We didn't have televisions or computers. We had to make our own entertainment. At that time every young man knew how to play an instrument, either guitar, banjo, drums or saw and that's how we entertained ourselves for the most part. As far as the adults are concerned, the women stayed at home while the men went to work. Most of the women had baby after baby. Without television what else to do but make babies."

When they weren't playing music, the youngsters would shoot marbles or fly kites. "I think not having the television and internet benefited us," he said. "Most of us stayed out of trouble. Today you see young people getting involved in all sorts of negative things. In many cases, it's because they are being influenced by what they see on the television and the internet. You never heard of people killing and stealing from one another. The worst that would happen was some children would go into someone else's yard and raid

their fruit tree without asking. We could have left our doors unlocked and wide open because no one stole. People shared with each other. Those were the good days."

Back then because of easy access and availability, fish was the most popular meal. "We had stew fish for for lunch and dinner on Friday," said Mr. Lowe. "Fried fish on Saturday, boiled fish on Sunday morning and fried fish on Sunday night. A pound of grouper cost 3 cents in those days so it was affordable," he added. "Today you're looking at paying \$10.50 per pound."

Mr. Lowe recalled a time when the Methodist minister from Hope Town visited Cherokee Sound expecting to be fed fish, but there was none on his plate. "Cornbread and corn tea and corn fish for breakfast was intended to be," Lowe jokingly remembered the minister saying. "Boy, he was sure disappointed there was no fish for him."

In Mr. Lowe's younger days one of the biggest events took place on May 24. "That's the Queen's birthday," he explained. "We celebrated major events like that quite differently than they are celebrated today. We enjoyed the maypole, greasy pole, sailing and sculling races. Christmas was also a big deal. Most families raised hogs and killed them around Christmas time. We would march with the drums and Christmas music. Most guys got drunk."

When he was 14 and finished school,



Floyd Lowe

Mr. Lowe got a job in the shark industry. "We would skin the shark and export the skin," he said. "People overseas used the skin to make shoes, belts, bags and other things. Almost all the men worked in the shark industry at the time." The pay was just 35 cents a day.

People kept their money hidden in their homes at the time. "There were no banks," he said. "And really there was no need for any because people only made enough to get by. There was no money left for savings."

Looking for a better life, Mr. Lowe left Green Turtle Cay and moved to Millville at Cross Harbour in 1942. Many opportunities came along with the move. "Opportunities just kept coming my way," he said. "I think I had what a lot of people who go into business lack – stick-ability, and I was not afraid to venture into new businesses that had never been explored before." He owned a new and used car business in Marsh Harbour, a chicken farm, a retail food store and a real estate and insurance firm.

Today, he is the proprietor of Abaco Seafoods, a lobster export business on Green Turtle Cay, which he estimates has pumped \$75 to \$100 million into the Bahamian economy since its inception. He became involved in the crawfish industry after two of his brothers began the business sometime in the 1930s. "Thirty miles west of Green Turtle Cay my brothers went crawfishing," he said. "At the time they got one penny for each live crawfish. They used a pole, tickler and bully to get the crawfish from under the rocks. They would go to Cross Harbour and find lots of crawfish which were in demand." Mr. Lowe eventually took over the business, which thrived into a multi-million dollar enterprise.

Mr. Lowe remembered the time he

owned a new and used car business. "That was in 1965 and a new Corolla cost around \$1400," he said. "The same car with some additional features cost anywhere from \$15,000 to \$20,000. today." Today he owns the Green Turtle Ferries which he bought 38 years ago from his brother Harold, who was also a successful businessman.

In recognition of his consistent and quality service over the years, he was awarded the prestigious Cacique Award for his ferry business, which transports visitors and locals between Green Turtle Cay and mainland Abaco seven days a week.

In January 1992 he was awarded a Certificate of Honour from the Queen for outstanding community service and was named a MBE (Member of the British Empire) of the Civil Division of the Order of the the British Empire. In July 1999 he was awarded the Silver Jubilee Award in recognition of Outstanding Contribution to National Development. These plaques and certificates along with many others in recognition of outstanding community service line the walls of his home on Green Turtle Cay which he shares with his wife of 67 years, Zeddith, also aged 90. Come this June they will have been married for 68 years. Their union produced seven children, 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren with one on the way.

Age and three minor strokes have slowed Mr. Lowe down a bit. And both he and his wife, the oldest residents on Green Turtle Cay, depend on pacemakers to help regulate their heartbeats.

Mr. Lowe, who moved back to Green Turtle Cay in 1972, spends a few hours a day checking on his enterprises which are operated by his children. "Life has been good," he said. "I really can't complain."

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By Jennifer Hudson

One of the newest fishing lodges on Abaco, the Abaco Lodge located at Busic Point in the premises which were formerly the Lazy Parrot, was featured in a series on the ESPN television network. Although the Lodge opened last year for the filming of this series, its official opening for guests was just two months ago. This is a fully inclusive bonefish lodge which provides food and a fishing programme for its guests who on average tend to come for a six-day, five-night stay. The cheerfully painted buildings provide eight single occupancy rooms which are comfortably appointed, each with its own ensuite bathroom.

The main lodge and bar for dining is

equipped with television plus a very nice outdoor area for relaxing around the pool and fire pit. The lodge, which is open from October through July, is busiest from February on and enjoys a 90 percent occupancy rate with 80 percent return clients overall. The lodge owns four boats and the fishermen leave two to a boat at 8 a.m. after breakfast and return at 4 p.m. for dinner after enjoying a day of fishing the marls. A boat trailer is available if anyone wishes to fish elsewhere. "All of the fishing guides attached to the Abaco Lodge are locals and, in fact, the entire staff is local," stated owner/manager Oliver White.

The Nervous Waters Fishing Company, of which the Abaco Lodge is a part, owns more fishing lodges in the world than any-

one else. With its headquarters in Argentina, it owns eight fishing properties and six wing shooting properties predominantly in South America, Chili and Uruguay and one on Andros. It does not target people already on Abaco, but brings people in, usually in groups of eight friends.

Mr. White is very enthusiastic about this island. "Abaco is fantastic. It is most accessible and offers the best fishing you can have. The Bahamas has some of the best bonefishing in the world and Abaco is hard to beat."

The television show entitled Pirates of the Flats which was filmed last year entirely at the Abaco Lodge aired on ESPN in six episodes, the first of which was on December 27.

AA and Al Anon Meetings

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

Al-Anon in Marsh Harbour meets by request. Call 357-6511.

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

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The funeral service for **Willard Pinder**, 67, formerly of Sandy Point, was held January 9th in Nassau. Interment was also in Nassau.



Willard Pinder

He is survived by his sons Mark and George; daughter Claudette; daughter-in-law Gaylene, grandchildren Mark Jr and Tamara; brothers Adolphus and Virgil Pinder and Arch Bethel; sisters Anastacia Pinder and Isamae Stuart; sisters-in-law Adelaide and Hendria Pinder; nephews Franklyn Taylor, Rev. Ademain Pinder, Alexian Pinder, Edward and Garvin Stuart and Ambrose; nieces Dionne Britton, Veola Kesson and Nadia; grandnephews and nieces Kristoff, Mauricio, Davionne, Troy, Adrian, Sean, Darren, Chidese, Marcia, Diajah, Omesha, Jada, Makai and Kardasha; aunts Zerma Pinder, Alice Hudson, Genieve Bethel, Essie McKinney, Bartlette, Eloise Dames and Isadora Pinder; uncles Rev. Dr. Ralph Russell, Neville Pinder, Frederick Bethel, Irvin Pinder, James Dames, Thomas Archer and James Edward Pinder; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Veola Virginia Colebrooke**, 59, formerly of Sandy Point, was held January 9th in Nassau. Interment was also in Nassau.

She is survived by her husband Ernest Fraser; children Ernesto, Ervin Sebastian, Modesta Dave, Angelique Verlinicia, Clandestine Miranda Strachan, Shandiola Fertinalegua, Charlton and Ernest Cole-

brooke Jr.; grandchildren Verlinicia, Martiño, Trejolie Shanaevia Thompson, Shaniah, Alexander Venith Strachan, Modesta Colebrooke Jr., Amanda Alexander, Mitchanti Simms, Samson, Shandiliah, Veola, Alexis Strachan, Destinique, Asiarainna Clandestine Strachan, Angelinna Celestain Strachan, Alanna Marsha Strachan, Demetrius Charlton Jr., Anviniqve Vashticia Gabriel Johnson, Ernesto Colebrooke Jr., Javis Charlton, Maujah Marvio Johnson, Demetrio Charlton, Modesto Colebrooke II, Marvin Maurice Johnson Jr., Malijah Dean Colebrooke and Anvia Maujalique Angelique Colebrooke Johnson; brothers Howard Armbrister (deceased), Floyd Alexander Armbrister and Milton Armbrister; sisters Marion Betty Jackson, Ruth Catherine Russell, Enza Gaylene Gibson, Naomi Louise Dean, Rosena Armbrister Albury, Trudy Alexandra Armbrister Dorsette, Phillamena Juanita Williams, Stephany Margo and Patrice Lighbourne; stepchildren Ernest, Camille, Marcia, Everette, Bradisha, Ernestia and Dion Fraser; grandson-in-law Lavardo Thompson; daughters-in-law and sons-in-law Gloria and Althea Colebrooke, Shenique Rolle, Althera Brown Colebrooke, Venith Alexander Strachan and Demetrius Charlton; mother-in-law Francis Fraser; sisters-in-law Floreen, Genese and Maxine Armbrister, Isolene Rolle, Miriam Colebrooke, Willimae Colebrooke, Elizabeth

Veola Virginia Colebrooke

Darville, Astrid Fraser and Patricia Taylor; brothers-in-law Rev. Roscoe Jackson, Rev. William Gibson, Capt. James Dean, Capt. Milton Albury, Anthony Dorsette, William. Rosewell Lightbourne, Rodney, Elmore, George and Edgar Colebrooke, Desmond, Garth and Warren Fraser; nieces; nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

Hilton Bain, 59, of Sandy Point died at the Princess Margaret Hospital on December 31st, 2009.

He is survived by his wife Lizamae Bain; aunts Dorothy Dean, Isme Seymour, Beatrice Davis and Berline Johnson; uncles James Davis, Harrison Gaitor, Johnathan Dean and David Seymour; sisters Aladice Culmer, Victoria Butler and Roselda Clarke; brothers Deacon Edward Bain Jr. Anthony and Leon Bain; and many other relatives and friends.



Hilton Bain

The funeral service for **Lakara Shantana McKenzie Cenard**, 23, affectionately called "Kara," of Marsh Harbour, was held on January 9 at Trumpet Assembly of God in Dundas Town. Pastor Carlton Dorsette officiated assisted by Minister Rochelle Vilmar. Interment was in the

Public Cemetery in Marsh Harbour.

She is survived by her husband Fedner Cenard; stepson Tysawn Cenard; parents Sylvia and Eugene McKenzie; sisters Vanessa and Sherry McKenzie, McKenna and Marva McCoy; brothers Eugene, Tenir, Rocky and Rico McKenzie and Corvin McCoy; grandmother Araminta McKenzie; grandfather George McKenzie; great grandmother Rebecca Simms; nieces Toira, and Racarsha; nephews David, Latrell, Lavary, Chine, Raekwon, Quanell, Rico Jr. and Romane; aunts Leonora, Geir and Jackie Williams, Audrey Alvarez, Edith Joseph, Colette, Collen, Edith and Vanny; uncles Tyrone, Henry and Jamal Williams, Santos Alvarez, Jim, Holly and Columbus McKenzie; grandaunts Valerie Duncombe, Salvera Archer, Althea Rolle, Rhonda Simms and Verrfita Rolle; granduncles Hudson and Stevenson Simms and Marcus Duncombe; sister-in-law Sherry McKenzie; cousins Latoya, Brutus, Lakeshia, Sonoveia and Jonathan Penn, Ricardo and Carlos Alvarez, Henery



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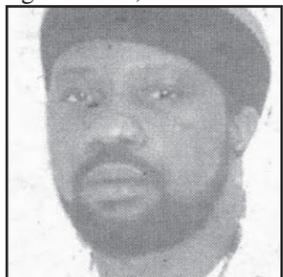
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The funeral service for **Warren Lloyd "Duce" Stubbs**, 39, of Sandy Point was held on January 9th in Nassau. Interment was also in Nassau.

He is survived by his parents Carnetta Bannister and Christopher Stubbs; daughter Oneisha Stubbs; stepdaughter, Kadijah Ellis; fiancée Keva Dean McKinney; grandfather Allen Bannister; sisters Deloris Bannister, Angela Sands, Sharon Williams, Nicora, Kristan, Shantell, Crystal, Kavanaugh, Rhonda and Sherry Stubbs; brothers Oneil and Carl Stubbs and Ezra Davis; step-sisters Delarese and Lacreisha Taylor; step-brothers Craig and



Warren Lloyd Stubbs

Philando Taylor; aunts Ellamae and Neehah Rolle, Irene, Linda, Rena and Eloise Bannister, Peggy Wilson, Sherryann Hield, Verdell Pinder and Leola Johnson; uncles Ronnie, John, Etric, Henry and McAllen Bannister, Bishop Teuton Stubbs, Wentworth and William Stubbs, Clyde and Hensel Rolle, Edgar Thurston, Carlton Thompson and Freeland Deveaux; grandaunts and uncles Bishop Joel Stubbs, Alfred and Esmay Seymour, Colin and Meryl Butler, Mary Seymour, Lillis Thurston, John and Francis Deveaux, Eltemon and Cynthia Moss; godchildren Davisha Lightbourne and Cyniqua Newbold; nieces Jefrica, Alexandria, Anastacia, Anotonique, Christornia and Shantiarra; nephews Deron, Kelsey, Darius, Shavado, Justin, Shavado, Atrea and Fhayne; cousins Ronnie Jr., Marion, Tancia, Arnold, Henry Jr., Glenda, Gershon, Leslie, Arrianna, Alexander, Deidre, John Jr., Maroo, Sarah, Clayton, Stevie, Reba, Jermaine, Avery, Ikie, Adrian, Vanessa, Sabrina, Demandi, Allen Jr. Allando and Tyrese Bannister, Krishna and Donnicka Rolle, Tikita, Tawana and Carl Thompson, Deidre Young, Joel, Sidney, Antonio, Henderson, Janice and Orlean Stubbs, Tenako and Tyrone Smith, Roger Wilson, Darrel, D'han, Nicola and Nadia Rolle and Kejmar Thurston; and many other relatives and friends.

Sandra Ann Curry Albury was the first of three children born to Trevis Francis Curry and Margaret (Peggy) Jean Curry on December 27th, 1959, Nassau. She passed away on January 6 after a very long illness. Her funeral was held at Grace Gym, Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel, on January 9. Pastor Gurth Roberts and Pastor David Cartwright officiated. Interment was in the Marsh Harbour cemetery.



Sandra Albury

Sandra attended St. Frances de Sales School, then worked at Lowe's Pharmacy Ltd. for over 20 years. Sandra married Ernest Albury on April 2nd, 1977. They had three children, Monique, Clarice and Ernest Albury. Sandra gave her heart to the Lord in 1973. She was very faithful at attending church from a young child and helped out at church functions in any way she could. She enjoyed serving the Lord by singing in the church choir.

She is survived by: her husband, Ernest; daughters Monique Lowe and Clarice Roberts; son: Ernest (Ernie) Albury;

parents Trevis and Peggy Curry; grandmother Venie Lowe; brothers Lerman and Craig Curry; sons-in-law Chet Lowe and Joel Roberts; grandson Ghannen Lowe; granddaughter; Ariauna Roberts; expected daughter-in-law Mindy Sands; uncles Donald, Edwin, Phil and Lee Lowe and Thomas Blake, Walter and Bernard Curry; aunts Adina Roberts, Carolyn, Julia and Juanita Lowe and Louisa Blake, Zettie and Virginia Curry; brothers-in-law Leslie (Bookie) Albury, Tommy Pinder and Willie Pinder; sisters-in-law Kim Curry, Bessie Pinder, Lela Bethel, Marie Pinder, Donna Albury and Maria Albury; nieces; nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

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patient, awaiting promised information regarding meaningful Environmental Impact Assessments, Clifton Pier environmental records, and consideration of alternative fuels, including diesel. I have not yet heard or seen convincing evidence that there are not alternatives to this \$110,000,000 project. I continue to see this plan as regressive and short-sighted.

The accusation of being uncaring for our friends in Central Pines is offensive. There is no doubt that the current power plant is insufficient and dirty. I do not argue against it being closed. However, Central Pines will be affected by the new power plant, just as will Spring City, Cherokee, Marsh Harbour and the outer cays, indeed, our entire community.

I find the hesitation to use diesel instead of Bunker C fuel incomprehensible. The effect of heavy fuel oil on health and environment is indisputable. Recognize that there are no plans to use scrubbers or other means to reduce the pollution emitted by this plant. The proposed tall smokestacks simply disperse the emissions more widely. Diesel is also a polluting fuel, but represents the "lesser of evils."

To suggest that Abaconians bring higher utilities bills on themselves is disingenuous and seems to indict and penalize those who ask for a cleaner fuel. It suggests ready scapegoats to blame for the inevitable increasing utility bills expected with the future costs of fossil fuels and of managing the public corporation. If policy is changed to encourage private and individual power production and conservation; if net metering is introduced; if consideration for supplemental alternative energy is pursued; cannot demand and use of diesel fuel stabilize or decrease?

Yes, I understand that the Wilson City plant is "a done deal." The generators are on Abaco. Contracts were signed; money was paid; commitments were made long before our community was aware of the plan. The opposition to the plant was futile from the outset. However, perhaps there is still chance for persuasion to use cleaner fuel. Perhaps our community can hold government and BEC accountable to assure proper care and maintenance. Perhaps government will become more transparent and consider public consultation before future development. I believe we as a community must continue to make our voices heard to assure these goals.

Sincerely,
Frank Boyce, MD

Greetings to persons interested in the White Sound Park

This is the first report of the White Sound Park Committee on the development of a park at White Sound to serve the neighborhood and the island. Located on

land controlled by the Hope Town Council between Abaco Inn and Sea Spray, it is north of the White Sound freight depot. In general, we envision the park as a place for both local residents and tourists to enjoy amenities such as children's play equipment, picnic tables, beach volleyball and tennis courts; and we hope to provide a launching ramp for small boats. There are no rules for the park yet, but we intend to recommend that the Council make the park a daytime operation only--open at sunrise, close at sunset. Obviously, this project is one which will take several years to complete. The ideas we have now may not be realized, either because better ones will come along or because sufficient funds may not be available.

The Hope Town Council initiated the development of the park during summer 2009. An informal open meeting was held and a committee was formed. Lana Russell and Steve Dodge serve as co-chairs of the committee, Lana representing the Council and Steve representing the neighborhood. Judy Fortenberry is serving as treasurer and Jeremy Sweeting of Man-O-War Cay, who is Chief Councillor of the Hope Town Council, is temporarily serving as secretary. Membership on the committee is open; any interested person may participate. The committee has no legal or political powers; it will simply facilitate the development of the park in cooperation with the Hope Town Council.

Work commenced during late summer when the area was re-graded. Todd Cash generously contributed some fill for this. The work was paid for with funds provided by the Council to kick-off the project. It is a very good beginning, but more fill and grading will be necessary to control puddling and drainage. Dan Sullivan has offered to provide some fill from the dredging around the Abaco Inn Point. Loren Senn has offered to do some additional work on a complimentary basis. We plan to install piling cut-offs to mark the park/freight depot border and hope to arrange a contribution of these by one of the dock building companies. Five are now in place but have not yet been trimmed to final height.

Brian Nottage is in charge of the tennis court part of the project. He has a very specific plan in mind - to build two courts fenced together with a gazebo in between based on a similar facility on Paradise Island in Nassau. Public tennis courts will be a significant new amenity on the island, centrally located between two of the major resorts and just off the road for almost everyone's easy access. Various individuals have expressed strong interest in this part of the project, and we look forward to Brian moving ahead with this as soon as possible.

A beach volleyball court is also a possibility. This is, of course, less expensive to build than a tennis court, but the interest in using it may be lower as well. But there

is a new game called beach tennis which is played on a beach volleyball court--complete with national and international championships--maybe it would become popular here. For more information about it, Google "beach tennis."

Our immediate plans, once the grading is completed, are to build some children's playground equipment in the northern part of the park ... probably a swing set with a slide and a separate teeter totter. Good plans are available on the internet, and once we have funds to purchase the wood, fasteners and commercial quality swings and a slide, a work party will be organized to build it. Some landscaping (sand, grass, and some plants) will of course be necessary for this. The play equipment will not be permanently installed, but will be movable if that becomes necessary.

We hope to move forward with some landscaping, especially along the edge of the park along the road. The berms alongside the road require some more shaping and some parts of them need to be moved a little. We plan to remove all the Hawaiian Sea Grape from these berms, nurture Sea Oats and other local plants, and we hope for some contributions of plants from local green thumbs.

Also on the docket is a launching ramp. This will actually be built at the northern end of the freight depot part of the property rather than in the park in order to separate playing children from boat trailers and trucks. Various persons have expressed interest in the boat ramp, and we are hoping that those who plan to use it will come forward with contributions to make it happen. Planning is certainly not final for this, but it has been suggested

that the ramp be built in sections (about 5 feet by 8 feet) and then be pushed down the slope into the water. It has also been suggested that a \$500 contribution would pay for a panel. I suppose panels could be inscribed with the donor's name. So if you have ever secretly wanted to have your name cast in concrete at White Sound, this is your chance. Donations less than \$500 are of course welcome. We expect the launching ramp to be an important convenience for many on the island, especially when a storm is approaching and it is important to get small boats out of the water. When sufficient funds designated for the ramp are received, the ramp will be built, hopefully in 2010 ... rather than 2020.

B\$ checks may be sent to White Sound Park Committee, c/o Judy Fortenberry, Abaco Inn, Hope Town, Abaco, Bahamas.

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Government Clinic Cooper's Town	365-0300
Government Clinic Green Turtle Cay	365-4028
Government Clinic Hope Town	366-0108
Government Clinic Sandy Point	366-4010
Government Clinic Fox Town	365-2172

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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
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Regional - Freeport	
Sky Bahamas - Nassau	367-0446
Southern Air - Nassau	367-2498
Twin Air Calypso - Fort Lauderdale	367-0140
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Local air charters serving Bahamas & S. Florida	
Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-3450

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

Taxi Cab Fares	
one or two passengers	
Extra \$3 for each passenger above two	
• Marsh Harbour Airport to: (effective Dec 08)	
Clinic, Downtown, Regattas,	\$10
Ab Bch Resort, Eastern Shore close, Ferry	\$15
Spring City	\$15
Dundas Town, Nat Ins bldg, C Abaco Primary Sch	\$15
Murphy Town & Great. Cistern	\$20
Snake Cay	\$35
Casuarina Point	\$60
Cherokee, Winding Bay, Little Harbour	\$80
Bahama Palm Shore	\$90
Crossing Rocks	\$105
Sandy Point	\$150
Leisure Lee	\$50
Treasure Cay Airport, G Turtle ferry	\$80
Treasure Cay Resort	\$85
Fox Town	\$185
• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:	
Clinic, downtown, Ab Beach Hotel	\$10
Nat. Ins. Bldg, Murphy Town, Gr. Cistern	\$10
Wait time \$0.40 per minute, Hourly rate \$40 per hour	
Children under three - free • Caged pets - as people	
Luggage \$0.75 each over two, large bags \$1 ea.	
• Treasure Cay Airport to: Effective Dec 085	
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$10
Madeira Park	\$20
Sand Banks	\$25
Treasure Cay Resort	\$30
Leisure Lee	\$45
Black Wood	\$20
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$40
Cedar Harbour	\$60
Wood Cay	\$70
Mount Hope	\$80
Fox Town	\$85
Crown Haven	\$90
Marsh Harbour airport	\$80
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$80
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	X\$65 + \$10
T C Hotel to G Turtle Ferry (Blue Hole \$24)	X\$18 + \$5
T C Hotel to Bonefish Marles	X\$22 + \$5
T C Hotel to Joe's Creek	X\$35 + \$5
T C Hotel to Moxey	X\$16 + \$5

Ferry Schedules	
Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted	
Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes, Guana Cay - 40 minutes	
Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch	
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
Marsh H. > Guana Cay (& Scotland Cay with advance notice) from Conch Inn	
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock)	10:30 1:30 pm 3:30
Return	8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45
Fare • Adult prepaid oneway \$15 / open return \$25, • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free (Phone after hours 359-6861)	

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride	
Green T Cay to Treasure Cay Airport	8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30
T Cay Airport to Green T Cay	8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5
New Plymouth one way adult \$10 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$15 • Extra to some G T Cay docks	
Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16	
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay	Sunday Lv 12 & returns 4:45 p.m. \$25 RT
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town	- Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm \$35 RT
T Cay to Guana Cay Sunset Cruise	- Fr \$25 , call for time

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

Bahamas Ferries	Sandy Point to Nassau under 4 Hr. Call Sandy Point 366-4119
or Marsh Harbour 367-5250 for sailing dates • Adults \$95 RT, \$55 OW • Cars & trucks	
The Great Abaco Express	Marsh Harbour charter bus to N Abaco • Call 367-2165, Group tours

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

Tours & Excursions	
Abaco Eco Tours & Kayak rental	475-9616
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
Above & Below • Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Adventure on Prozac - T Cay	365-8749
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
C & C Charters - Treasure Cay	365-8506
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0024

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
Mangoes Marina	29..... 367-2366
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	60..... F..... 366-0065
Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina	75..... F..... 365-0083
Guana Cay	
Orchid Bay	64 F..... 365-5175
Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

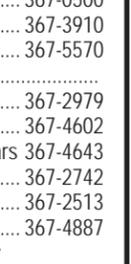
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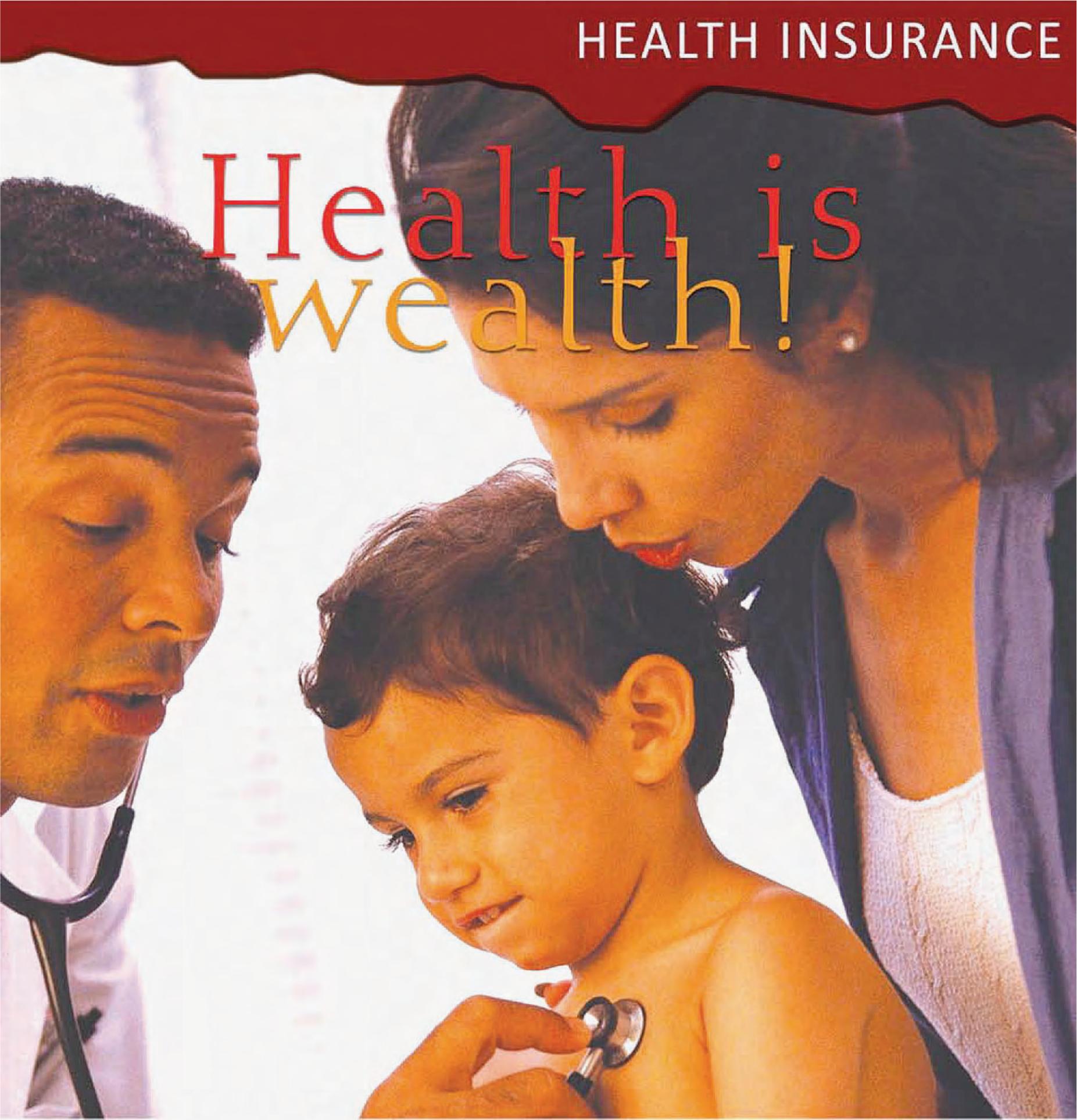
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Lucky Strike - Hope T	366-0101
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Bikes & Scooters • Boats • Cars & Carts	
Rentals * Marsh Harbour	
A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
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Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Power Cat Boat Rentals	
Quality Star Car Rentals (Texaco)	367-2979
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887
Green Turtle Cay	
Bay Street Rentals +	477-5300 365-4070
Brendals Dive Bikes & Kayak rental	365-4411
C & D Cart Rental	365-4084
D & P Cart Rental	365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
New Plymouth Cart Rentals	365-4188 or 4149
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts & Bikes	365-4147
T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055
Guana Cay	
Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Dive Guana Boats & Bikes	365-5178
Orchid Bay Cart rentals	354-5175
Man-O-War	
Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6502
Island Treasures Cart Rentals	365-6072
Ria-Mar Golf Cart Rentals	365-6024
Waterways Boat Rental	357-6540 & 365-6143
Hope Town	
Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
J R's Cart Rental	366-0361
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069
Treasure Cay	
Adventure on Prozac - Kayak	365-8749
Alison Car Rent	365-8193
Cash's Carts	365-8771
Claridge's Cart Rentals	365-8248
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals	365-8465
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749



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Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper (Based on dinner entree range)	
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Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
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Gino's	\$ 367-7272
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Island Cafe	\$ 367-6444
Jamie's Place	\$ 367-2880
Jib Room	\$ 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Pinacle	\$ 367-3796
Pop's Place	\$ 367-4460
Sea Shells	\$ 367-4005
Snack Shack	\$ 367-2278
Snappas	\$ 367-2074
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074
Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$ 366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$ 366-0087
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$ 366-0095
Munchies	\$ 366-0423
Sea Spray	\$\$\$ 366-0065
Little Harbour	
Pete's Pub	
Lubber's Quarter	
Cracker P's	366-3139
Man-O-War	
Hibiscus	365-6380
Island Treats Snack Bar	365-6501
Guana Cay	
Docksiders	\$\$\$ 365-5230
Grabbers	\$\$\$ 365-5133
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Orchid Bay	\$\$\$ 265-5175
Treasure Cay	
Florence's Cafe	\$
Coconuts	
Harbour Cafe	\$ 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	\$ 365-8648
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$ 365-8195
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$ 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$ 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	\$\$ 365-4389
Laura's Kitchen	\$\$ 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-4625
Pineapples	365-4226
Plymouth Rock Cafe	365-4234
Rooster's Rest	\$\$ 365-4066
Sundowners	365-4060
Wrecking Tree Restaurant	
Sandy Point	
Nancy's	
Pete & Gays	\$\$\$ 366-4119
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge	366-4477

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Diverse studies highlight our environment

Scientists come together to exchange information



One of the presenters at the Abaco Science Alliance Conference was Craig Layman, who has done several projects on Abaco that have involved many school students. He opened the creek at Cross Harbour that allowed a normal flow of water, increasing the wetlands that are a fisheries' nursery. He organized a competition between schools to see which fish, implanted with a transmitter, traveled from the mangroves at Witch's Point to the reef the fastest. He is shown here describing his study in the Bight of Old Robinson showing that where the density of fish is greater, the seagrass growth is better, supporting faster growth rates of fish on the reefs. The conference was held at New Vision Ministries on January 8 and 9.

By Mirella Santillo

For the fourth biennial Abaco Science Alliance Conference, Friends of the Environment invited scientists and researchers, local and foreign, to make public the results of the studies they have conducted in The Bahamas. Knowledge and possible solutions were imparted during this year's Conference held January 8th and 9th at New Vision Ministries. Presentations were made on January 8 and field trips along with presentations on January 9. Presenters addressed an attentive audience that include 80 local high school students on subjects ranging from the discovery that the Abaco parrot is a different separate species to overfishing of conch from observations conducted in the Berry Islands.

The fragility of the Bahamian eco-system seems to have only recently been fully understood. The consequences of increased building, high tourism and "modern" ways of life contributing to high pollution and change in habitats, marine and terrestrial, are being observed in many areas of The Bahamas, sending a warning light to environmentalists. It has become a quest

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Court refuses to stop BEC plant

The newly formed environmental group, Responsible Development for Abaco, received a setback when the Court of Appeals refused to grant an injunction stopping all work at the new construction site.

The court did accept that their application for judicial review will be heard soon by the Supreme Court. RDA representatives complained that any delays in grant-

ing an injunction will cause further irreparable damage to the environment.

The judge noted that work at the BEC Wilson City site began in the fall of 2008 and any objections would have been more appropriate at that time.

No date was given for the Supreme court hearing.

Help for Haiti!

The Rotary Club of Abaco will be mounting a major island-wide strategy to raise money to purchase shelterboxes for needy Haitians. A shelterbox is packed with two 10-person tents, vinyl sleeping mats, lightweight thermal blankets, wa-

ter purification tablets, shovels and other tools, a multi-fueled cook stove, eating utensils, a radio and more. Each box sells for approximately \$800. Shelterboxes

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"Green building" is topic of seminar



BREA and Friends of the Environment hosted a seminar to teach ways of building that will conserve building materials and save energy when the house is occupied. Shown here is Stephen Wrinkle, President of the Bahamas Contractors Association in Nassau who was one of the presenters. The seminar was held on January 7.

By Mirella Santillo

"Green" has become a word used in many contexts. The negative consequences of modernization are being revealed day by day, forcing concerned environmentalists to guide the population into respecting the environment more. To save our environment and ultimately our planet, people are advised to "think green,"

"buy green," also "build green," even "eat green."

During the last couple of years, Friends of the Environment, through seminars and workshops has diligently campaigned to help local residents alter behaviors that have been damaging to the island's fragile

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Forest Heights student crowned in beauty pageant

By Julieth Stuart-McCafferty

In a splendid display of "beauty and brains," 13 young ladies hailing from the islands of Grand Bahama, Abaco and Bimini took to the stage in the first annual Miss Highs Abreve Edubeauty Pageant held on January 2nd in Freeport. Capturing one of the four crowns awarded was Dawnishka Morley, a student of Forest Heights and daughter of Wanda Major-McIntosh.

Miss Highs Abreve Edubeauty Pageant targeted high school seniors and required its entrants to have a current minimum grade point average of 3.0.

After a stirring liturgical dance routine and a strong question and answer segment, Dawnishka emerged as Miss Highs Abreve Scholar, a title which will allow her throughout her reign to educate her peers across the Bahamas about Jesus Christ, Teenage Pregnancy, and Drug Abuse.

The overall winner of the contest was



Dawnishka Morley was one of the winners in a beauty pageant held on Grand Bahama. She is shown here with her mother, Wanda Major-McIntosh of Dundas Town.

Standria Moss, a 4.0 student from Grand Bahama. She will hold the overall title of

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Baker's Bay environmental program was analyzed

By Samantha V. Evans

On January 9, the second day of the Abaco Science Alliance Conference, Dr. Kathleen Sullivan Sealy gave a report on the monitoring of the environmental management plans of Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club on Guana Cay. She has headed the Environmental Management Team of the University of Miami for the past five years that had a contract to monitor and record the program Baker's Bay employed as an example of sustainable tourism in the Family Islands. It is a model that developed measurable ecological criteria for future developments. This study ended when the marina was operational although construction of homes and other buildings continue.

Dr. Sealy began by giving an update on the good, bad and unexpected things that occurred while they worked on the Baker's Bay contract. This project is a ten-year

program and they are now in their ninth year but the monitoring that Dr. Sealy worked on was for five years. At this time Dr.

Sealy's group oversaw the environmental and ecological monitoring of the site. They looked at the coastal conditions in The Bahamas, what other developments did and came up with goals that would help Baker's Bay meet its needs. They further endeavored to protect the beaches of Guana Cay from erosion and storm destruction. This project was collaborated between the University of Miami, the College of the



Kathleen Sealy

Bahamas, and Baker's Bay.

Now that assessments have been done and the work completed, Dr. Sealy discussed those findings that were good, bad, and unexpected from this project. Five good things were noted: rapid ecological assessment, coastal buffer zone put in place, checklist methodology used, private preserve established and infra-structure development done prior to development, and onsite professional environmental managers were hired. Some of the things done included monitoring water quality, coastal restoration and clean up, establishing a horticultural plant, artificial reef experiment, erosion control and coastal protection and turtle nesting control. The company removed casuarinas, restored the dune on the inside beach and removed invasive species.

The bad practices identified were a turn over in staff and lack of continuity, limited policing of employers, limited government oversight and lack of organizational change. Some additional challenges were the removal of feral cats, 63 to be exact, 80 percent of which had to be euthanized as they were diseased. The remaining 20 percent were released after they were

fixed. Turbidity challenge, expense of water quality monitoring and protecting small wetlands were difficult as well.

The unexpected occurrences were the roads had to be wider than estimated, solid waste and education on a national level was a massive problem, lionfish which is an evasive species, development moved faster than her group could monitor and development plans changed.

Conference

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for conservationist organizations, such as Friends of the Environment, to educate local people in order to prevent these negative effects to take place on Abaco.

Low shores prone to erosion and delicate coral reefs that could be easily destroyed by ocean pollution and flora growing on a nearly non existing soil base. If this is disturbed, it could very well lead to the extinction of many plant species. If these factors are not addressed, it could lead to a complete alteration of our landscape and a drastic reduction of our resources.

Royal Bank of Canada was a major sponsor of this event.

Bonefish need to be protected

A topic on bonefish preservation was of particular interest to the bonefish guides present. The recreational fishery for bonefish is worth billions of dollars worldwide. Yet there is insufficient information for effective conservation and management. Without sufficient biological information it is impossible to plan effective habitat protection and management strategies. Aaron Adams, Director of the Bonefish and Tarpon Trust, suggested taking action now to protect the bonefish, stating the example of the Chesapeake Bay Conservation program which came too late to save the bonefish in that area. Not much is known about bonefish, so the Bonefish and Tarpon Trust is

conducting research with the goal to educate guides and fishermen about conservation programs. A tagging program in various islands of The Bahamas to find out about the movements of the fish and their spawning grounds is presently underway. Much more information is needed about the species.



Aaron Adams

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B.P. Shores Beachfront acre section 1		NORTH ABACO
\$365,000 Long Beach Lots 316 & 418 (each)	\$50,000	Bahama Coral Island Lot (REDUCED)
Long Beach Lots 412, 413 & 414 (each)	\$79,000	Leisure Lee 4 lots (each) \$43,900
		Joe's Creek Lot 12 (REDUCED) \$49,500
		Treasure Cay Galleon Bay lot \$95,000
		MARSH HARBOUR
		Outrigger 2 Bed 1 Bath house \$175,000
		Sunrise Bay lots from \$250,000
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Field trip views Blue Holes in South Abaco

By Mirella Santillo

The second day of the Abaco Science Alliance Conference, January 9th, was reserved for field trips to areas covered in the previous day's presentations. Unfortunately, because of inclement weather two trips were cancelled. A group of 16 people braved the cold and rain to go to Sawmill Sink, one of the many blue holes in the pine forest, but one that became the starting point of fantastic paleontological discoveries.

Blue holes are abundant throughout Abaco, and many of them have been frequented by cave divers over the years. In 2004 Brian Kakuk was coming up from a dive with a client in the Sawmill Sink and was decompressing at approximately 50 feet when he discovered that he was resting on an object. When brought to the surface, the object was identified as a tortoise shell. The discovery was very unusual since there are no tortoises in The Baha-

mas. Subsequent dives were organized to investigate the hole to find out more about its possible contents.

Mr. Kakuk, who was leading the field trip on January 9th, shared with the group his diving experiences in the Sawmill Sink since that day. An incredible number of animal remains, mostly reptile and birds, were recovered from the blue hole in extremely good condition because, he explained, they were found in a zone where no oxidation took place. At a depth of about 30 feet a thick layer of sediment and bacteria consumes all the surrounding oxygen, preventing oxidation underneath.

At each dive more remains were brought up. The tortoise shells were followed by crocodile skulls, even the skull of a bird no longer existing in The Bahamas, the Caracara, found among a multitude of other birds and reptiles bones. A visiting paleontologist, David Steadman, made a presen-

tation on the Sawmill Sink's findings the previous day, was part of the group. He attributed the abundance of remains to the configuration of the hole, a nearly perfect circle enclosed by fairly high limestone ledge. When an animal fell into the hole, it was next to impossible to get out.

Because of the incredible archeological value of the remains found there, the Sawmill Sink has been declared archeological site by the government with Nancy Albury with Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation the coordinator for the fossil project.

Three more blue holes discovered within a few miles radius have been investigated by Mr. Kakuk and Mrs. Albury, so it was unanimously agreed to include them in the field trip.

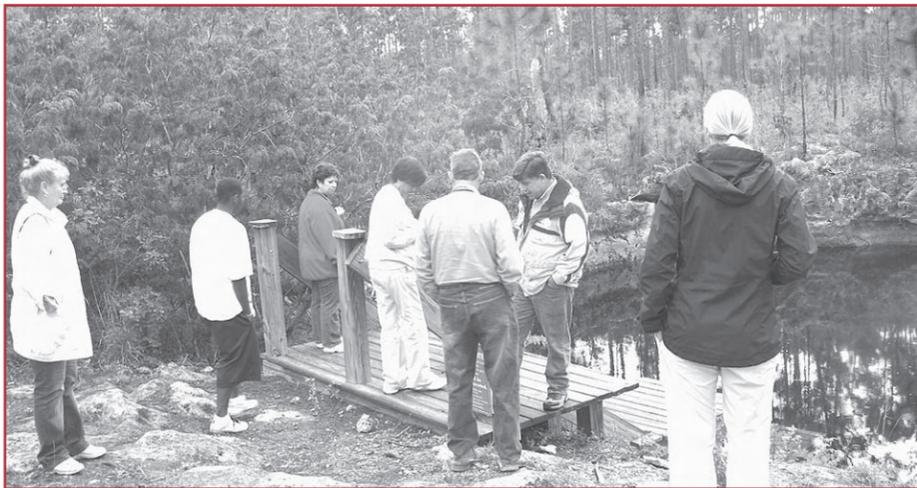
The first stop was at Ralph's Cave which looks like a pool of incredibly clear water surrounded by giant ferns. According to Mr. Kakuk, Ralph's cave is one of the most decorated caves explored so far on Abaco as far as crystal formations, second only to Dan's Cave, which was the second stop of the trip. Dan's Cave has been the subject of a National Geographic documentary expected to be released in August. Dan's Cave is at the bottom of a high ridge ledge, the walls of which are planted with ferns. Here, too, the water is crystal clear with the fresh water layer resting at about 50 feet on sea water. All blue holes are subject to tidal flow so the above ground level of the water fluctuates. Mr. Kakuk described with awe the scene that was revealed to him underground especially columns of clear calcite stalactites and crystal flower formations. He assured us it is one

of the most decorated caves in the world.

Nancy's Cave was discovered by air by Mrs. Albury and she was the first one to dive in it. The surrounding vegetation is very different from the other two blue hole with the pool surrounded by tall reeds. Later explored by Mr. Kakuk, it was found that the cave goes back under the pine forest opening into a large cave approximately 90 feet deep. Mr. Kakuk estimated that the 1400-foot passage that he has explored so far, ultimately blocked by a layer of silt, could lead back to Dan's Cave.

The first things found in Nancy's Cave were human bones that have not been carbon-dated yet. At subsequent dives, the largest crocodile skull found so far was recovered there.

The entire area is Crown Land. In order to preserve it in its natural and undisturbed state, it has been proposed as a national park.



Traveling to several blue holes in South Abaco proved to be a very popular field trip for some of the participants of the Abaco Science Alliance Conference held on January 8 and 9. The blue holes have provided much information about the fauna that once inhabited Abaco that is now extinct.

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Miss Highs Abrave Valedict for one year and a month.

Pageant coordinator Bethsheba Russell, a resident of Grand Bahama and a novice to pageantry, said she organized the pageant because she was "tired" of "smart girls" being overlooked.

Other contestants from Abaco were Amanda Pinder of Abaco Central High and Faneisha Archer of Forest Heights Academy. Both of these intelligent young ladies were unable to capture a crown but were also very impressive in their performances that evening.

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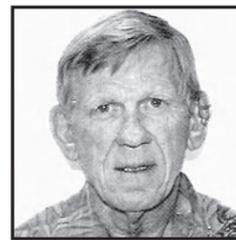
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Sports News

Soccer season is well underway

By Mirella Santillo

After one year of inactivity, the Abaco Football League (soccer) resumed its weekly Sunday games in November. It was evident that the months of inactivity had taken its toll as far as the player's form was concerned, but the team captains are hoping that the players will develop a more coordinated game. The league president, Malcolm Spicer, is happy that the league is operating again and hopes that sponsors will appear, resolving the problem of uniforms and other expenses, and the players will be motivated again to do their best. In a few weeks the crowd of supporters who usually patronized the games were back watching good games.

Many new men have joined all the teams. The Central Americans working at the new power plant were hoping to form a team and become part of the league, but erratic hours and transportation problems have prevented them from doing so. In the meantime they are substituting players for several of the league's teams.

Six teams are in the league so far. Abacom United, led by coach and co-captain Jeffrey Victor and co-captain Kenny Fenelus, is sponsored by Abacom; the Show-Offs, coached by Justin Dabelus, have

Wickson Cajuste for captain; the Treasure Cay Tigers, sponsored by the Bahamas Beach Club, are led by Eddie Joseph; the Medics have Michael Saunders for captain and Louvens Bilzon as goal keeper; the Bahama Stars are led by team captain Fenel Sema; the Stanley Steelers are sponsored by Stanley Steel.

Three referees have come on board: Eon Harry, inner field referee; Joseph Datis and Evans Loriston, linesmen; a relief for Patrice Charles, who was the only field man arbitrating games occasionally helped by Martin McCafferty, who is also part of the group this year. They are acting independently from the league, having formed a committee to oversee their own schedule, making their own decisions to organize the officiating aspect of the game as well as the record keeping.

Games start at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. Drinks are available and food vendors provide snacks and barbecued food. The invite spectators to spend Sunday afternoons at the Murphy Town Park to watch good soccer action. Take the family as there is plenty of room for the children to run around.

Entrance fee is \$3 per adult and \$1 for children under twelve.

Vitamalt sponsored trophies for tournament

By Canishka Alexander

On December 15 Ishmael "Stretch" Morley, island representative of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, announced the donation of funds from the ministry to some of the basketball players from Sunland Baptist, who are originally from Abaco. The Sunland Stingers recently played in the Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament organized by Morley and received \$1,000.

Also benefitting from the assistance was Tysheron Williamson. He was given \$1,000 for his continued support of the team despite an injury to his eye. The funds will assist with his medical expenses.

Morley presented trophies to the team

players for their success in winning the under 15 championship game. He congratulated Coach Joinel Jeune and presented a plaque to him and highlighted Timothy Tyquan Clarke's performance as the team's most valuable player.

Morley recognized the tournament's sponsors, particularly Vitamalt, which was the main sponsor. On November 24 he had received a cheque from De Carlo McPhee, island manager of Burns House Group. The cheque went toward purchasing the trophies for the teams.

Calling the championship tournament and steak-out a great success, Morley announced upcoming events for the sport toward the latter part of January, which will include a pre-Hugh Campbell Basketball Tournament. Some schools have already committed to the event.



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Interview with a resident of Pigeon Pea

By Navardo Saunders

If the government would move quickly to naturalize Haitian-Bahamians, the situation in the Mud and Pigeon Pea, the sprawling Haitian slum communities in the heart of Marsh Harbour, would be quite different, according to Luzena Dumercy, a young Haitian-Bahamian living in Pigeon Pea.

Luzena, 28, has lived in the Pigeon Pea since birth. She applied for Bahamian citizenship when she turned 18 and about two years later received a letter from the Department of Immigration informing her that she had been approved. She has since graduated from the College of The Bahamas with an associate degree in business management and is currently in marketing at the Abaco Club on Winding Bay.

In a very candid interview, she said she believes life in the Mud and Pea, already overcrowded with an estimated 7,000 people, who live in unsanitary and hazardous conditions and are constantly faced with violent crime and robberies, will only get worse.

"There are hundreds of Haitian-Bahamians in the Mud and Pea with no status," said Luzena. "They were born in The Bahamas and many have applied for citizenship. In some cases it has been years, up to 10 years, and they are still waiting for word from the Department of Immigration."

With no status Haitian-Bahamians aren't able to work legally, open a bank account or buy property. Luzena estimates that about 90 percent of Haitian-Bahamians in the Mud and Pea have no status. "There are many who want to get out, but they are stuck. They have no way of making it outside of there," said Luzena, who has purchased a lot in Central Pines and plans to build a home for her and her family.

The inability to earn a living, buy property, open a bank account and achieve other

goals that the working class can has led to many of the problems that occur in the Mud and Pea. "Many of the young men in particular are angry and bitter, become violent and get into negative things because they feel hopeless," she said. "Some of them have waited for years and years to be naturalized. Without those documents showing they have status, their lives are on hold. They can't fulfill any of their dreams and, worse, they have to stay in the Mud or Pea where many of them would rather not be."

It has gotten to the point where some young men do not even apply for citizenship when they turn 18, the age at which Haitian-Bahamians can apply. "They feel like it's a waste of time," said Luzena. "They see others waiting years and years to be naturalized, and so they don't even bother. They don't want to deal with the agony."

As a result of not having the legal rights to fulfill their dreams, Luzena said many lash out at everyone and end up in trouble.

On the other hand, there are some who even though the odds are against them, learn a trade like barbering, auto mechanics, painting and construction in order to earn money, but even they encounter difficulty. "They are constantly threatened, 'Oh, you have no license or permit to do the job' and are told they will be reported to the relevant authorities. But they continue anyway because they need to take care of themselves and their families."

The situation is different for Haitian-Bahamian women. "If you were to take a count in the Mud or Pea, you would find that more women have been naturalized," noted Dumercy. "I can't say why because we don't know the criteria for naturalization, why some people are naturalized quicker than others, why more women than men are naturalized. We just don't know."

Luzena, like many others, believes the dire situation in the Mud and Pea will continue to deteriorate because the number of Haitian-Bahamians without status continues to grow. "We will have more people who are angry and hopeless," she said. "That will lead to more crime and violence. The population continues to grow so the areas will become even more overcrowded, more unsanitary and more hazardous."

The only solution, according to Ms. Dumercy, is to naturalize Haitian-Bahamians that are born here. "If the Haitian-Bahamians living in the Mud and Pea are naturalized, then they can work legally, open a bank account, save money and eventually get a loan to buy a house or property and move out of the Mud and Pea," she said. "Haitians have pride, too. Many of them want to move out. They want a better life. Some have moved out already and are police officers, immigration officers and teachers. Others want the opportunity to do the same. They just have no means of getting out."

Because they have no legal rights, Luzena said many of the young people, particularly the young men in the Mud and Pea, spend what money they get on cars instead of buying property or a home. "It's the only thing they can purchase," she said. "Legally they can't invest in anything else. So that's why some of them cherish their vehicles so much. It's the only thing of value they own. If they are naturalized, I guarantee that many of them would move out. Contrary to popular belief, not all of Haiti is poor. You have middle class and wealthy people living there, too. Some people live in worse conditions here than they did back in Haiti. The reason for many of them coming here is to escape the political strife which has led to bloodshed."

There is some good news in the midst

of the wide-spread hopelessness and uncertainty in the Mud and Pea. "Relations between Haitians and Bahamians have improved a little," according to Luzena. "Nowadays you have interracial relationships and more friendships have developed. It is definitely less rigid, and people don't seem to be as closed-minded as they were. They come to our houses and eat our food. Something many of them said they would never do."

Still from time to time, she and other Haitians have to remind people that they're human beings, too. "From time to time I have to say to people 'Oh, no, you didn't just say that.' We still remain friends. I just let them know not to go there."

Despite the progress in relations, last year when she organized the first Haitian Flag Day to commemorate Haiti's emancipation from slavery, Luzena encountered a lot of resistance. "People said the Haitians are coming to take over," she explained. "They tore down our posters. The people at the government offices where we applied for liquor and food licenses gave us the run-around. They said they couldn't find our applications. It was rough. There was just so much resistance. The Flag Day had nothing to do with us wanting to take over, which we couldn't even if we wanted to. It was about celebrating freedom for Haiti, one of the first western islands to be freed from slavery."

The challenges she encountered last year has Luzena thinking twice about organizing a Flag Day this year around May 18, which is celebrated as historic Pride Day in Haiti. "Abaconians showed they weren't ready for it," she said. "I'm still contemplating whether to organize it at this point."



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School News

Interact Club's Outreach Trip

By Marcus J. Sands Jr.
12th grade student

The Interact Club at St. Francis de Sales School met together to discuss the outreach trip to Sybil's House and Social Services on January 6th. It was agreed that the students would have a short worship service and then distribute the goods collected by the Interact Club.

The members assembled to package the goods and loaded the goods onto the bus. Chaperoned by club advisors Elmer Bongon and Mrs. Bottle, the members set off to their first stop, Sybil's House, the home for the elderly. Upon their arrival, they were warmly greeted. Two elderly ladies, Dolly Roberts and Doris Lowe, were sitting in their wheelchairs and greeted them. The group began the worship service with a prayer. Then they sang with high spirits as the ladies rocked to the music and they continued with their service.

The group split up with some asking the two ladies questions while the others met with an elderly bedridden gentleman, Mr. Albury where they repeated the service. He expressed his gratitude when they were done. Finally, it was time to say our farewell.

Afterwards, the Interact Club members stopped at the Social Services home for the elderly where they presented their goods. Then they stopped at the Ministry of Social Services where the Interactors presented the rest of the goods to the head of the department.

Overwhelmed with an experience they will never forget, the students made their way back to school. One thing is certain: the way the Interactors look at life, our loved ones and our country will never be same.

The St. Francis de Sales Interact Club,

subsidiary of Rotary Club International, meets every Monday and Tuesday at 12:10 pm. under Rotarian advisor George Riviere and faculty adviser Mr. Bongon.

Preschools present Christmas programs

By Canishka Alexander

Little Darlings Academy closed school for the holidays with Christmas program. Teachers, students and parents enjoyed an engaging Christmas program on December 10. The students, dressed in full uniform, collectively recited Scripture verses from Isaiah and Luke on the birth of Jesus and sang a number of traditional Christmas carols. Although the younger students were bashful at times, the older children were not afraid to take the lead.

The Little Doves Academy, a kindergarten pre-school in Murphy Town

celebrated its first Christmas with an all afternoon party on December 12th which included a white elephant sale, a bouncing castle for the children, music and refreshments.

Tameka Curry, the school's Director, opened the facility in August 2009. The school, located on the main road in Murphy Town, has an enrolment of 30 children attending K2 to K5 grades.

Tameka teaches K- 4 and K-5, Tavonya Rolle teaches K-3 and Raquel Bootle K-2. The teachers use the Ministry of Education system supplemented by the A Beka pre-school Christian curriculum.

Albury's Ferry sponsored field trip for maritime cadets

By Canishka Alexander

Students participating in the Bahamas Maritime Cadet Corps travelled to Hope

Town for a field trip on December 4. The trip was sponsored by Dennis Knowles of Albury's Ferry.

Capt. Knowles explained that the program was introduced by the Bahamas Maritime Authority to assist and sensitize students about exciting careers within the maritime industry. There are now 25 students involved in the program on Abaco, which has grown tremendously because of the college fairs that have helped to distribute information to students and heighten their awareness about the maritime industry. The field trip allowed the students to participate in the practical aspect of the theory that they've learned in the classroom.

Recently, the chairman of the Bahamas

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Seminar

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The first seminars of 2010 was held in partnership with the Bahamas Real Estate Association and took place on January 7th at the Friends' conference room. It was geared to educate existing and future homeowners on the importance of "green" building as well as to find out how it could be achieved in The Bahamas through the intermediary of the real estate community. Real estate agents have the most exposure to prospective homeowners, whether local or foreign, and it is hoped that they will pass on the knowledge acquired during this seminar to their clients.

Susan Maxman, a former international architect, the first female President of the American Institute of Architects and now a resident of Elbow Cay, and Stephen Wrinkle, a contractor from Nassau, President of the Bahamas Contractors Association,

were the presenters. The audience consisted largely of realtors, a few architects, representatives of a local hardware stores and other concerned residents.

In both presentations, the urgency to reduce energy consumption in buildings and the amount of waste engendered during the construction process were discussed from the architectural point of view by Mrs. Maxman and from the actual building outlook by Mr. Wrinkle.

Mrs Maxman's first advice was to avoid excessive lot clearing, especially of indigenous trees. She outlined various ways to reduce energy consumption by considering the orientation of a house for best cross-ventilation, through the use of ceiling fans instead of air conditioning and by surrounding the home with trees and foliage to guard against the heat of summer. The use of solar energy was mentioned, if not for the whole house, at least as a means of heating water. She

stressed the importance of recycling, even water through the use of a "grey water" cistern (water that is being recycled from prior household uses) to help preserve natural water resources. Use recycled material as well as materials and wood that are sustainably harvested and re-use existing structures, she advised. She highly recommended to "build small," creating an impression of space by introducing more natural light and through the use of decor.

Mr. Wrinkle's presentation reenforced Mrs. Maxman's advices. Productivity and cost are two main concerns of a builder, he said. Although "building green" is more expensive than standard building, the cost can be minimized if the concept is introduced from the beginning of the construction process. Two important changes to prior building trends as far as residential construction are the smaller size of homes and the concept of long term building by using materials that will last, for example, coated re-bars that will prolong the life of cement construction. He recommended materials that have been treated with safe products and copper gutters versus galvanized. He advised caution when buying material, mentioning the instance of the poor quality Chinese drywall that was imported to the United States.

"Waste not, want not," seems to be the new motto in the construction industry. "Building green" in The Bahamas means not only to use safer and energy-conserving material, but to reduce the amount of waste because of the huge garbage disposal problems faced by the country. It was disclosed that one million pounds of garbage per day has to be dealt with on New Providence. So the recycling of any product - cardboard, plastic, metal, anything that

could have a second usage, was advised by both presenters.

The word "green" applied to construction, usually means energy-saving. So the use of impact-resistant glass windows, large roof overhangs, crawl space under a house, high ceilings and rain water tanks are recommended as well as the use of local materials such as stone or local pine, in other words, a return to the old island construction style and building method.

According to Mr. Wrinkle, government is slowly stepping into the concept by reducing duty on certain energy saving appliances and a list of duty-free items is being revised. He offered a few money-saving tips such as the use of plastic sheets for insulation or solar fans for attics. But he warned that there is still a lot of variables in the concept. Advice to realtors for selling a "green" home was to survey the property beforehand, to capitalize on the things mentioned in the seminar, to know the "green" terminology and become familiar with the duty reduction for "green" material.

The last point of his presentation addressed the update on proposed legislation initiated by the Bahamas Constructors Association that would impose mandatory licensing and training for all contractors. Until now, there has been no legal framework for contractors, a fact that created huge problems and cost individuals and the government millions of dollars because of poor work. A bill drafted in 2007 is soon to be reviewed by the Attorney General's office before being passed. Mr. Wrinkle hopes it will be this year. In the meantime, training for contractors will start in March in Nassau, then on Grand Bahama, on Abaco and later on the other Family Islands.



Susan Maxman, the first female President of the American Institute of Architects, spoke to the "Green" seminar on designing houses to be more energy efficient. The seminar was held on January 7 at the Friends' conference room.

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North Abaco Bird Count Sets Record



This photo of a beautiful painted bunting was taken by Tony Hepburn while on the annual Audubon bird count in North Abaco on January 2.

By Elwood D. Bracey, MD

Despite howling winds and cold temperatures on January 2, 2010, the annual Audubon Society did very well. Five observation groups led by Tony Hepburn of Nassau, Bruce Hallett of Atlanta, Bruce Purdy of Freeport, our own Reg Patterson of Marsh Harbour and Woody Bracey of Treasure Cay totaled well over 2000 birds of 79 species. Michael Lightbourn contributed with his backyard bird feeder watch where many birds including the beautiful Painted Bunting come into close view at his Brigantine Bay home.

The real record is for count week where 113 species were recorded with more favorable weather during the three days on either side of count day. Big contributions were made by visiting expert Bruce Purdy, the compiler of the Grand Bahama count which netted 117 birds for count week, and Bruce Hallett, author of *Birds of the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands*. Unusual birds observed were Grasshopper Sparrow, Chuck-Will's Widow, Barn Owl, Western Kingbird, Northern Harrier,

Red Knot, Forester's Tern, Phoebe, House Wren, Orange-crowned Warbler and Summer Tanager - all unusual for Abaco.

Anita and Steven Knowles, Ed Whitcraft, Betsy Bracey, Ylva Ljungholm, Barton Tretheway, Sandy Hamel, Joy Williams, Uli Knowlan, Frank and Sue Stone, David Knowles, Peter and Joanne Bradley, Barbara Foreman, Toni and Vane Heystek, Bill Bowen and Samantha Whitcraft were the team players responsible for the success of this adventure. They braved the elements without complaint all around Treasure Cay, Moxie and Robert's Nurseries, Treasure Cay dump, the former Bahama Star Groves Farm, Green Turtle Cay and Sandspit harbouring the best collection of shorebirds in The Bahamas! Some were excellent spotters, others recorders and still others expert bird identifiers.

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Who is RDA?

RDA (Responsible Development for Abaco) is a limited liability company that has been created by civic minded Abaconians and Grand Bahamians to oppose the development of the Wilson City Power Plant in Abaco. RDA is open to all Bahamians and non-Bahamians who care about our health and environment. RDA is challenging the project on a lack of proper consultation, health, environment, and location issues and the use of Bunker C as the source of Energy. It is important that RDA's views, concerns and position on the merits of the plant including alternative sites and sources of energy are duly and properly considered before any final decisions are made to continue.



RDA President's Message:

We want to protect the health of our children and The Bahamas ecosystems for future generations to enjoy. While development is needed to grow the economy and electrical power is needed on Abaco, the power plant currently being constructed on Abaco at Wilson City was started without the appropriate permits, uses a fuel that has especially toxic emissions and is being built in a very ecologically important location. Had the Government been open and transparent as promised, the people of Abaco would have had a chance to help the process of selecting the best available site, the safest and least polluting source of electricity and other important considerations. Since this process was done in secret, there was not an opportunity to help the Government get it right. - **Clint Kemp, RDA President**

Visit www.abacocares.com for videos, to learn more and join our cause and don't forget to sign the petition while you're there!

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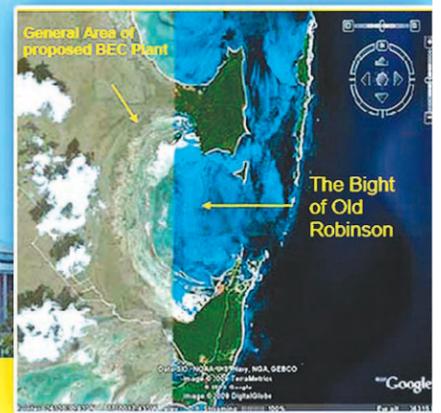
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the BEC Wilson City Power Plant:



► The Facts

BEC is building a new power plant at Wilson City within yards of the most environmentally important location on Abaco and next to a National Park. Toxic Bunker C fuel use is planned without all the emissions controls required to protect our health and environment. A reliable power supply is needed for Abaco, however BEC did not choose the right Fuel or Location!

What is Bunker C Fuel?

"Bunker C", also known as Residual Fuel Oil, HFO and No. 6, is what remains, along with highly concentrated contaminants, after Diesel and other cleaner fuels are refined from Crude oil.

Health Issues from Bunker C Emissions

- Cancer, Emphysema, Chronic Bronchitis, Asthma, Respiratory, and Heart problems including Heart Attacks.
- Increased hospital admissions and premature death. Especially for the young, elderly or those with pre-existing conditions.
- Persistent Organic Pollutants (Dioxins and Furans) are extremely toxic at trace levels and persist so that they bio-magnify up the food chain to humans and are proven to cause cancer.
- Toxic pollution in drinking water, both rain and well water.
- Winds will carry these Toxic emissions to the surrounding communities including Spring City, Marsh Harbour and further.

Environmental issues from Bunker C Emissions

The Bahamas Government is asking for help in Copenhagen to combat Climate Change while building a Carbon emitting Bunker C power plant without necessary emissions controls!

- Scientists say the Wilson City location is the most environmentally important area on Abaco, and the plant is only yards from the shore, not 2 miles like BEC claims!
- Bunker C emissions cause Acid Rain.
- Fine Particles in Bunker C emissions will collect on land, cars, and homes and in our drinking water.

What are the True Costs of Bunker C Emissions?

- Increased future Health Care costs from toxic emissions.
- Reduced government revenue from declines in property value, taxes, tourism, construction, duties and business patronage.
- Costly Bunker C systems and related maintenance.
- Increased risk of spills that will pollute existing and proposed National Parks.
- Negative World image.

Real Solutions

Norman's Castle should have been considered because it does not require an expensive 3 mile pipeline, is downwind of the main population center and far from important tourism areas.

- Use Diesel which is less of a health hazard and only requires minimal emissions controls.
- Install a full set of available emissions controls.
- Implement, don't just talk about, alternative energy sources such as solar and wind.
- Actively promote energy conservation.
- No more secret government decisions. Let RDA and the public help BEC make the right decision for the Bahamas!

erved For Future Generations!

Organic farm stresses native plants and fruit trees

By Jennifer Hudson

Sugarland Nursery is located a few yards along the Cherokee Road from the Capt. Earnest Dean Highway. Covering an area of 50 acres, it is well worth a visit both for the avid landscaper or the casual gardener. I was given a tour by proprietor Michael Parotti and was amazed at the large number and variety of plants for sale.

Many people know this nursery as Rocky Farms that belonged to Hilbert Pinder for many years. But in 2004 Peter de Savary bought it for the Abaco Club on Winding Bay and put Michael Parotti in charge of running it as Abaco Nurseries. Mr. de Savary had seen Mr. Parotti's own garden and was extremely impressed with all of the native vegetation and landscaping he had nurtured.

This is now Mr. Parotti's fifth year running the nursery which he now owns and has named Sugarland Nursery. He absolutely loves his work, and everything is thriving under his care. It is a far cry from his original career as an aeroplane mechanic and pilot. When asked how he got into horticulture and became so gifted at it, he replied that he learnt a lot from Mr. Pinder and also from his grandfather.

Mr. Parotti is very proud that every plant in Sugarland Nursery he has grown himself; nothing is imported. The only plants he brings in are poinsettias at Christmas time from Mr. Pinder in Nassau. All other plants he has started by cloning, mousing

or seed propagation. He uses only organic sprays and absolutely no pesticides. One of his methods of pest control is his family of Muscovy ducks which he raises especially for that purpose as they will devour any detrimental bugs. He also raises tadpoles, then lets them develop into frogs to help with bug control. "I do everything to avoid pesticides and am very happy that there is none used here," said Mr. Parotti with pride.

He is about to add chickens to his menagerie for both eggs and manure, and next spring he plans to bring sheep from Long Island to help with weed control.

The fruit trees in the nursery produce a high rate of fruit which Mr. Parotti attributes to all of the bees he keeps for the purpose of pollination. He has five hives which he moves around according to which trees are in blossom. Every three months he opens the hives to remove the honey. According to what trees the hives have been under, several different types of honey are produced, for example, jasmine and citrus. Mr. Parotti does not sell the honey, however, as the amount produced is just enough for his family.

"Our soil is really pure and we have our own water wells and automatic sprinklers. We make our own soil from newspapers, horse manure, seaweed and natural sandy soil. We compost it for one year and it works wonders. This is native soil so we grow all native plants which include land-

scaping plants, fruit trees and palm trees," says Mr. Parotti.

The main tree grown in the nursery is the coconut palm of which there are 2,000 disease resistant trees in the ground and another 1,500 in pots. The dry nuts are harvested twice each year and 500 are gathered at each harvest. Both the coconuts and trees are for sale and a dwarf variety is also available. In addition to the coconuts, many other fruit trees are available including coco plum, juju, tamarind, sapodilly, Barbados cherry, guinep, governor plum, hog plum, sugar and dwarf bananas, plantain, key lime, avocado, guava, sugar apple and soursop. The fruit is for sale when in season. Other plants include silver and

green buttonwood, sea grape, yellow elder, lignum vitae, Madeira, many varieties of palm, jasmine, hibiscus, croton, oleander and, in fact, just about every native plant one can think of.

Dieffenbachia and bromeliads are grown in a special hot room and cloning is also carried out in a hot room. After they have been cloned, the plants are taken out of the hot room and transferred into three-gallon pots.

Many of these plants Mr. Parotti uses for his landscaping business including very large mature trees. He supplies plants to large developments such as Schooner Bay and Rolling Harbour. Sugarland Nursery is open to the public.



Michael Parotti, owner of Sugarland Nursery, has a wide variety of fruit trees, decorative plants and native plants. He does his own propagation and has a completely organic garden. The only plants he brings in are poinsettias at Christmas. His nursery was formerly Rocky Farm and is located on the Cherokee Road.



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North Abaco News

Abaco Crash Fire Rescue Board Formed

By Jennifer Hudson

Colin Albury wishes to announce that a board has been formed for Abaco Crash Fire Rescue. This consists of Advisors Sgt Johnson of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, who is head of the Bahamas Fire Service for Abaco; Dr. Ronald Wilson; and Steve Pedican, Chief Councillor for North Abaco. Rhonda Lowe is treasurer and Mr. Albury is a director.

"The board has been in the planning stages for some time and had its first meeting two days before Christmas," stated Mr. Albury. "This is a great team with a wealth of knowledge who will be able to advise me on fire, medical and local government issues."

North Abaco News

By Vernique Russell

Junkanoo in the Park

The sound of goat skin drums and cow bells filled the air on November 27th as the Treasure Cay Explorers celebrated Junkanoo in the Park. Loud, bright colors filled the parking area as dancers and drummers all marched to the beat. Visitors and residents alike joined the rush as they put on their show entertaining the crowd. The rush out was held to expose the group and to give visitors who flock to our shores an opportunity to experience a taste of our culture.

The Treasure Cay Explorers, after being crowned the 2009 Abaco District Champions, have been working diligently to improve their organization. They have been busy at local events and making preparation for the Junkanoo show in February.

However, this did not stop them from giving the members the opportunity to rush in Nassau. On December 26th the Explorers made their debut performance on Bay Street. They rushed as part of other groups who have been assisting them. They participated in the B category. They are hoping to one day rush in Nassau under their group logo. In the meantime they are preparing to reclaim the winner's title at the upcoming parade on Abaco.

The Treasure Cay Explorers are calling on the community to make their upcoming Junkanoo participation a success. The committee recently hosted a walk-a-thon to raise funds that would aid the dancers in the purchasing of the material for their costumes. Most of the dancers are high school students who are unable to work. However, their goal was not reached and the group is now calling on the community for assistance.

The Explorers are more than just a culture-focused organization but one that seeks to provide activities that will build the whole man in every aspect. It has become an awesome way to get our young people involved in community building and to keep them out of trouble. If you are interested in helping the Explorers continue their work, whether financially or physically, you can contact Chef Noel St. Claude, Mahalia Levariety or Vito Russell in Treasure Cay.

Cay Events

The Cay Events committee has hosted three of their events scheduled for the winter residents. The committee hosts a series of events yearly to raise funds for the upkeep of the community center and library

and as a way to provide entertainment for the winter residents. During November the committee hosted a night of Abaco music with Estin Sawyer. This event was very successful. Students of the Treasure Cay Primary School made the event more enjoyable for the guests as they danced to the rhythm of the music.

The second event was the annual Christmas night of music with the Marsh Harbour Gospel choir with the theme *A Night of Alleluia*. Again, many residents and second homeowners gathered to enjoy the melodious renditions of Christmas carols and songs.

The Community Center in Treasure Cay came alive to the sounds of Christmas carols, songs and recitations as Cay Events hosted a Candlelight Christmas Service on Christmas Eve. The service featured students, teachers and other guests performing familiar Christmas hymns. Candles were burned to reminisce on the true meaning of Christmas which is the birth of the Savior who came to bring peace and hope to a dying world.

Keep Abaco Clean

At the start of a New Year people worldwide make pledges and plan things they want to do differently or changes that they want to see. One resolution we can all make is to keep our island clean. We can all contribute to the conditions of our neighborhood and streets by encouraging others to keep Abaco clean. When driving, we can keep our trash in our cars until we near garbage receptacles. We can stop throwing bottles and cans along the streets. If we see garbage, just pick it up. This is our island; let's keep it clean in 2010.

Police Christmas Party

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its annual Christmas party at the Don Corbett Basketball Court. The Treasure Cay Explorers provided entertainment and the Junkanoo rush-out was a favorite among the visitors and residents alike who danced to the sounds of the goat-skin drums and cowbells. A large variety of scrumptious festive delights were prepared and served.

Abaco Crash and Rescue hosts Christmas Party

"Tis the season to be jolly" was the theme at the first Christmas Party of the North Abaco Crash and Rescue that was held on December 13th at the Treasure Cay Emergency Services building.

Collin Albury thanked the men and women who volunteer their time and service to the training and active service of

crash and rescue. The service which is 95 percent voluntary has provided excellent services throughout the very active year.

A delicious Christmas feast was prepared with a wide variety of sweet treats and delights. Well wishers and supporters gathered along with Mr. Albury and his team for the celebrations. Most of the members agreed that while the required commitment to the success of the organization is often tedious, the pledge they have taken to protect and serve the public drives them to continue to serve with dedication, determination and discipline.

Coco Beach Bar hosts Christmas event

On December 22nd Coco Beach Bar had an evening of caroling and fellowship. The smell of warm cocoa, apple cider

and baked goods filled the air as visitors and natives alike joined their voices together and sang melodious songs including traditional carols and other all time favorite Christmas songs. Despite the cold weather the turn out for the event was very pleasing.

Gulfstream thanks the community

The managers and directors of Gulfstream Airlines took time to say thank you to the community of Abaco for its support over the years. Island Manager Sharon Smith and her team hosted a cocktail reception at the Spinnaker Restaurant in Treasure Cay on December 17th. Many locals, second homeowners and guests gathered to enjoy the event. There were lots of giveaways and surprises for all who attended. Management expressed its appreciation to the community for keeping its airline as the top choice for travel to Abaco.

Summer Festival Committee holds fund raising

On January 1st the North Abaco Summer Festival hosted a fish fry at the ferry landing in Treasure Cay to raise funds for next summer's festival. The fish fry was very popular and became a hit for those traveling back from the Junkanoo in Green Turtle Cay. Vendors were selling native dishes, and music filled the air boosting the mood of the party. The committee reminds the public that fish fries are held weekly at the ferry landing on Sundays beginning at 7 p.m.

School News Treasure Cay Primary Christmas in the Park

The students of the Treasure Cay Primary School brought holidays cheer alive as they hosted their annual Christmas in the Park. The event took place on December 11th at the basketball court adjacent to the school. The show is held every year as a way for the students to say thank you to the second homeowners who give generously to the school.

This year students rendered many original music pieces to spread the holiday cheers. Each grade displayed its talents and gifts through songs, dance and recitations. The guests were amazed at the students' bravery. They were also very appreciative of the gesture of the school to bring the holiday alive to them and make them feel right at home. Principal Myrtis Russell and her staff were proud of the students and the work they put into the program.

The students got a surprise visit from Santa who arrived with gifts for the kids and a fine Christmas dinner prepared by Chef Simpson McKinney and his team. The event was another success this year and enjoyed by all who attended.

Speller is champion

The language department at the Sherlin Bootle High School continues to strive for excellence in all its endeavors. Recently

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Abaco Crash and Rescue hosted a Christmas party held in the emergency services building in Treasure Cay. It was held in appreciation of the work that the volunteers do in training and upkeep of the equipment.

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the 7th grade students participated in their grade level district spelling bee where they placed second. Under the coaching of Lynette Cooper, Johnalee McIntosh showed why she is one of the top spellers on the island. Congratulations, Johnalee, on a job well done!

Teachers provide extra classes

In an effort to ensure that students perform at their best in school and national exams, many teachers volunteer their time in the afternoon to give extra classes. The teachers at S.C. Bootle High School are helping the children to be successful in completing their examinations.

In addition to the subject classes, several clubs meet in the afternoons including Defense Force Rangers, Discovery Environmental Club, Anchor Club, Drama Club and many sporting activities. The clubs have been reactivated to provide extra curricula activities.

TCay Primary's First Wedding

Grade two students at the Treasure Cay Primary School hosted the school's first wedding. In an effort to have children experience in depth the topic of study, the class staged a wedding under the leadership of their teacher, Ms. Dennis. As a part of their social studies study, they act out

events we attend in our community such as weddings, funerals and baby christenings. The students were allowed to dress up, representing all the persons who make up the bridal party. A ceremony was performed and the students were very excited about the opportunity to act out the event.

Ms. Dennis hopes to have the children participate in other events to give them a better understanding on why we attend them. Principal Myrtis Russell is excited about the work Ms. Dennis is doing and the energy she brings to the school. She has been described by parents as an extremely creative teacher and they, too, are appreciative of the work she is doing.

People in the news

Accident victim is grateful for life

The fatal accident that claimed the lives of four young men shocked the island and left a hole in the hearts of our community that can never be filled. The lone survivor of that accident is now well and is back home. Valentino McIntosh was the only one who survived the tragic car crash on November 6th. Today he is back in Blackwood and is doing very well.

He is extremely grateful to God and all those who prayed for him as he recovered. He knows without a doubt that it could have only been the miraculous hands of God that saved him. The community of

Blackwood is thankful for his recovery and is extremely glad to have him back.

Happy 80th birthday

The first weekend in December was one of appreciation and celebration for the family of Full Gospel Assembly. On the heels of the banquet to honor its faithful members of the women's ministry department, they then celebrated with Elder Nathilee Bodie on December 6th when she celebrate her 80th birthday. She is presently the oldest member of the church and one of the oldest in the community.

Family and friends travelled from near and far to share in the celebrations with her. She is very grateful to God for allowing her to see 80 years and to her family who organized the event. A service of thanksgiving was held during the morning worship service and a celebration reception followed at the home of elder Bodie. He has also been a pillar of strength in the community.



Nathilee Bodie

Wedding bells

On November 21st Niyah Simmons and Neil Bootle exchanged vows in Freeport, Grand Bahama. Both the bride and the groom are no strangers to the island as Mrs. Bootle is a Customs officer in Marsh Harbour and Mr. Bootle is the son of Mrs.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bootle

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Anne Bootle, former principal of Treasure Cay Primary and Green Turtle Cay Primary School. Many well wishers travelled to Freeport to be a part of the celebration. A traditional wedding ceremony took place with an elegant reception following. The couple will reside on Abaco. Congratulations to them on the start of their new life together.

Congratulations

On December 19th Kiara Knowles and Calvin Mills exchanged vows in a ceremony at the Church of God in Christ in Nassau. The wedding was followed by a beautiful garden reception at the home of the newlyweds' aunt. The husband is a native of Abaco who resides in Nassau. His family roots are in north and central Abaco. They will be relocating to Abaco and Mrs. Mills will work at a local resort and Mr. Mills will be transferred into his department here. Congratulations



Mr. and Mrs. Forbes

These exchange wedding vows

On December 19th Odman Forbes and Nicola Ferguson exchanged vows in a beautiful ceremony at Full Gospel Assembly. The reception followed at the Spinaker Restaurant in Treasure Cay with an after party following at the bride's sister's home in Central Pines. The couple will reside in Nassau.

Wedding congratulations

Madna Felisme and Eddie Joseph exchanged vows on December 26th at Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay. The reception followed at the church fellowship hall.

Thanks for support

On November 28th the family and friends of Millet Kemp hosted a fair to raise fund to cover his medical expenses. They sincerely thank everyone who supported them Mr. Kemp, who has been an active community builder in the North Abaco area, fell sick a few years ago. However, his medical expenses have consumed the family finances and they are now calling on the community to come to their aide. Prior to Mr. Kemp's health failure, he worked as an air-conditioning and refrigeration technician.

Scholarship student is excelling

Kettlyne Dorsca, who is studying pre-medicine and nursing in Puerto Rico on a scholarship, is doing well. She is presently getting some practical experience this semester and is putting into action what she has been studying. She works hard to maintain her GPA of 3.0 or higher. She graduated from the Sherlin Bootle High School in 2007 as Valedictorian. She has since been studying abroad on a full schol-

arship. She is grateful to be studying in another country and says that it gives her a chance to perfect her knowledge of Spanish. She hopes to return to the Bahamas upon completion of her studies and practice in her field of study.

Police woman completes studies

Pauline Cox has successfully completed her training and is now a Woman Police Constable. She has worked as a Reserve Officer in the past. Ms. Cox is a daughter of North Abaco and a former student at the Sherlin Bootle High School. She is presently the newest cop on the island. We wish her all the best.

Thanks for support

The family of Deborah Russell thanks the public for their support at the fund raiser hosted in aid of her medical expenses. On January 2nd a fair was held at the park in Cedar Harbour.

Thanks for help with baby's medical bills

The McIntosh family thanks you to all those who supported its recent fair. Ms. Joycelyn McIntosh of Fox Town hosted a fair at the park in Fox Town to help defray the medical expenses for her grandson. The baby is in need of a liver transplant and the family is seeking help in getting little Jayden a liver and an opportunity to live. The baby lost his father in the tragic accident that took the life of four young men in Treasure Cay. The fair was held at the Fox Town Primary School. A large variety of food and treats was on sale.

Farewell to an Officer

Customs Officer Delmaro Mackey has left Abaco for the second time. He was deployed to the island in 2006 where he served the community of North Abaco with dedication. In 2007 he returned to Nassau and was promoted. Upon completion of an additional course, he returned to Abaco where he continued to work. We were saddened to find out that Officer Mackey was leaving to return to Nassau to once again move up in rank. The staff at the airport along with well wishers hosted a party to send him off in grand style.

Church news

Faithful Members Honored

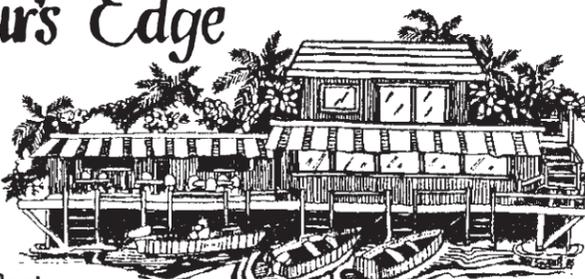
With an attitude of gratitude and appreciation, the Full Gospel Assembly family honored two of its faithful members who have served the Woman Ministry Department faithfully. Elder Nathalie Bodie and Deaconess Olive Forbes were showered with love and appreciation for the service they have rendered while heading that department. An honorary banquet for them was held on December 5th at the Touch of Class Restaurant in Treasure Cay.

Many gathered to show their appreciation for the ladies who were described as trailblazers, setting a very high standard for their successors to follow. Both ladies thanked the organizers for recognizing the work that they have done but reminded them that any endeavor should be done to the honor and glory of the Lord. The ladies were most appreciative of the award

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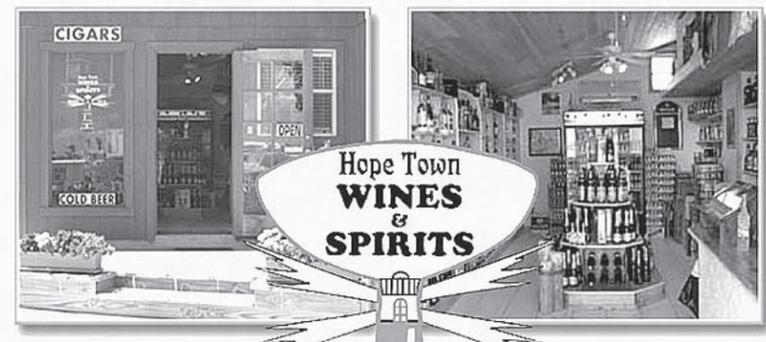
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and pledged to continue to work with the department.

Wisdom Changing Center

The Wisdom Changing Center in Cooper's Town under the leadership of Pastor Carlton and Lady Lavina McIntosh hosted its first conference on December 2nd to 4th. Speakers for the conference included host pastor Carlton McIntosh, Pastor Samuel Cornish of Change Ministries and Apostle Raymond Wells of Living Water Kingdom Ministries in Nassau. The mission of the ministry is to bring change through wisdom and knowledge while helping others overcome their circumstances through faith in God. The church has a strong focus on the youth with the belief that a church without a strong youth foundation is a church without a future.

Full Gospel Assembly Christmas Production

From the Cradle to the Cross was the featured play at the 2009 Christmas production at Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay. This production was very significant as it is the first one the ministry has hosted since 2007, and it marks the return of the founding coordinator, Terry Russell-Rolle back home. The ministry over the years has been known for its grand finales by the drama and dance teams that have always brought large crowds wondering what to expect. The extent that the organizers normally go to ensure the success of the program has always exceeded the minds of the viewing audience.

On December 27th after weeks of preparation and practice, it was time to take to

the stage and give the audience a show to remember. From preschoolers to adults, participants lined the stage to cite their recitations, act out their play parts, sing songs and minister in dance. The featured play brought the message of Christmas home as it celebrated the joyous occasion of His coming as a babe to bring peace to the earth. While the Christmas season reflects on His birth, the ministry has always sought to focus on His return through its Christmas productions.

13th Annual General Convention

The members of End Time Harvest Ministries celebrated another milestone in its ministry as it hosted its 13th Annual General Convention under the theme *Working Toward a Glorious Future*. The convention was held at the church in Crown Haven under the leadership of Overseer Bishop Tyrone Mills. This year's convention featured Evangelist Shirley Stubbs from Freeport, Grand Bahama. A fun day was held all day on Saturday and a Youth in Action concert was held that night.

Youth raised funds

The Youth Department of Full Gospel Assembly hosted a car wash and grill on December 19th at the Treasure Cay Primary School. The youth cleaned and shined the vehicles that filled the yard. Other members prepared scrumptious meals on the grill that were available for sale.

A joint venture to provide wholesome activities and entertainment for the young people has resulted in young men coming together to host movie night. The first movie night was held on December 19th at the Treasure Cay Primary School Park. Two movies were shown by Matthew Clar-

idge of Abaco Mobile Cinemas. Vendors were on site selling popcorn, drinks, sandwich snacks and other delights. This event will be held periodically by organizers Matthew Claridge, Tyson Thurston and Kelpine Russell.

Revival Held

The Cities of Refuge Non-Denominational Church hosted revival services in Treasure Cay with host Pastor Bridgette Mills, Pastor Garth Knowles and Evangelist Lorenzo Coakley. The service also was a workshop that taught persons who hold official positions in churches how to operate in their positions. On Saturday a gospel concert was held to close the revival. The revival was held January 2nd to January 6th.

Friendship Mission holds Holiday Fun Day

The church family at Friendship Mission in Cooper's Town hosted a holiday fun day for the children of North Abaco on December 26th. The day was filled with games, competitions and giveaways. Children under 12 received special gifts from Santa. A special lunch was prepared for children between two and 12. The event was a family affair and enjoyed by all. The Friendship Mission Church is pastored by Pastor Ronald McIntosh.

Tea Party

On January 2nd the youth department of Full Gospel Assembly hosted a Tea Party for the young women of their church at the Treasure Cay Community Center. It was also an etiquette course and a charm school to assist the young ladies in personal hygiene and dining etiquette. The speakers at the tea party were from the church youth department. A variety of tea and sweet Bahamian treats was served. A mini-fashion show was included. The organizers were very satisfied with the turn out.

Church is nearing completion

Members of the New Haitian Mission Baptist Church in Treasure Cay are raising funds to complete their church building. On December 19th the members hosted a fair at the church grounds. Scrumptious meals were served along with a variety of beverages and games. The church is located on the Sherlin Bootle Highway a mile south of the Hudson Laundromat. Construction is well underway and the members are looking forward to moving into it soon.

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Local Government at Work



Dundas Town Committee Jan 5

By Samantha V. Evans

The Dundas Town Committee met on January 5th, the first meeting of the new year. All members were in attendance including Chairman Cay Mills. The meeting began officially and orderly but as matters arising from the minutes were discussed, a heated dispute between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman Faron Newbold erupted. Several matters were brought up by the Chairman including the matter that was reported to the police that the Deputy allegedly signed the Chairman's signature to get the lights turned on at the Burial Society building. Mr. Newbold stated that he received a letter from Mr. Mills' attorney and cannot understand the reason he was accused of forgery. Mr. Newbold stated that the person at BEC added Mr. Mills' name so he and his lawyer should be dealing with them.

Another matter arising had to do with the missing check written to Denzil Pinder. Mr. Newbold added that a check was picked up by the Chairman, cashed by Mr. Pinder and the money given to Mr. Mills. The Town Committee is still waiting on this

money to be returned to them. A discussion ensued and other members had words to say to the Chairman who reminded them of how he supported their election to their office. This did not sit well with Committee members. Everyone agreed to disagree when no resolution could be reached.

John Schaeffer, area engineer with the Ministry of Works Abaco District, was invited to discuss a few matters that concerned the Committee and residents of Dundas Town. Deputy Chairman Faron Newbold made a complaint on Monday about the huge pot holes on the streets and within a 24-hour period of time, the matter was being addressed. Mr. Newbold thanked him for acting so swiftly.

However, the Committee still has many concerns about streets in the community that are being worn away on a daily basis. Mr. Schaeffer was asked about patching them and in some cases replacing roads that are badly damaged or nearly eroded away. Mr. Schaeffer stated that his Ministry is hoping to get some added money from the government in the next fiscal year to address the road works issues.

George Cornish is not at all impressed by the work being done by the Ministry of Works. In fact, they are not doing a good job. He said that they drive around

all day and drink rum. They start to patch holes on one street and never finished. He told Mr. Schaeffer that if he does not get a handle on this situation, they will report it to the Minister of Works. Mr. Schaeffer responded that he does have supervisors for the road workers and that he cannot watch them every second. Additionally, they are short on equipment so the work is being done slower than usual. In short, the committee called the work being done unprofessional and unacceptable.

The matter was brought up about persons not building according to code and devaluing the property of their neighbors. Several such properties were identified in Dundas Town and Central Pines. Mr. Schaeffer appeared reluctant to tear down such structures and the Committee and an observer (Sonith Lockhart) got quite upset with him to the point that strong words were exchanged. However, it was stated that buildings are being monitored throughout the Abaco communities and persons found guilty of illegal building will have the structures torn down, power and other utilities cut and building deemed unfit for occupancy. If this happens, persons living in such buildings will be asked to vacate before demolition occurs. This is a legal action that the Ministry of Works can sanction.

Senior Island Administrator Cephas Cooper told them that when they are going to engage in such actions to ensure that the appropriate authorities are with them so that the occupants do leave the property immediately or within the time given. The Committee was upset with Mr. Schaeffer because several such constructions were reported to him at the outset of the structures being built, and he did nothing. They told him that they expect swift justice now as many persons have buildings that need to be torn down. Mr. Schaeffer stated that he will write a letter to the Minister immediately to start the process on one property in particular that he does not have the authority to tear down as too much work has been done to it already. He was prepared to comply with the requests of the Committee to ensure that the integrity of the homes in Dundas Town is maintained and protected.

After Mr. Schaeffer left the Committee discussed the budget and received reports from the various committees.

Murphy Town Meeting Jan 11

By Mirella Santillo

The first Murphy Town Committee meeting of the year was held on January 11th at the Burial Society Hall, the first meeting since October 5th 2009.

The Committee reviewed two applications for businesses licenses in Murphy Town that the Licensing Board referred them. The Committee recommended that the Licensing Board not approve them.

The Crime Watch Committee meeting has been postponed until January 19th.

Administrator Cephas Cooper went over the budget with the Committee members. An issue with the contract for garbage collection required much discussion before a solution was agreed upon. Two garbage contractors were hired at the beginning of the fiscal year, Mark Russell for the regular household refuse and Paul Mills to provide two bins for the bulk garbage items. The combined charges contributed to raise the expenditure above the government allowance.

Chairman Renardo Curry proposed to cut back on some of the side street cleaning contracts for the next couple of months. The motion was finally passed to renegotiate the contracts with Mr. Russell and Mr. Mills until June and to reduce the street maintenance contracts by half for January and February to take care of the present deficit.

The Chairman announced that one acre on Forest Drive had been allocated by central government for a Community Center.

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A Pillar of the Community, Alfred Modesta Smith

By Jennifer Hudson

Mr. Alfred Modesta Smith, affectionately, known as Desi, has been a stalwart of the Anglican Church all of his adult life. A member of the Saint John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour for many, many years, he has been recognized by the church with plaques of "Thanksgiving to God for faithful and dedicated service" in both 1993 and 2006. He was also recognized by the staff and students of the Marsh Harbour Primary School for his "Dedication and unselfish contribution to its growth and development from 1980-1983."

Mr. Smith was born in Salt Cay, Turks and Caicos Islands, in 1924. He attended the all age school which he left at age 16 and joined his father in his carpentry business. His father also had salt ponds at which Desi helped out. He took up fishing as a hobby when his father bought him a sailboat.

Desi came to The Bahamas, having sold his sailboat, to work for Wallace Groves in the lumber industry at Pine Ridge, Grand Bahama. When the lumber industry was sold to Owens Illinois, he moved to the Gap on the eastern end of Grand Bahama. There he met Dave Ralph, now Editor of the Abaconian newspaper, who was then paymaster for

Owens Illinois. Desi relocated to Abaco when Owens Illinois moved its operation to this island. He drove an 18 wheeler hauling loads of pulpwood for many years until Owens Illinois closed the pulpwood operation. It then went into the sugar business where he hauled sugar for the company. Following this he spent the next 25 years working as dock master on the government dock in Marsh Harbour.

Mr. Smith's wife of 56 years, Mary, was born on Grand Turk and grew up in Jamaica. She went to Grand Bahama with her mother where she met her husband. The couple had 11 children. One sadly is deceased and the others hold prominent positions in the community.

Mr. Smith began his lifelong affiliation with the Anglican Church on Grand Bahama where he became a catechist, then greatly assisted with the building of the St. John the Baptist Church in Marsh Harbour unloading blocks from Snake Cay and hauling them for the builder to lay. "This building has since been reconstructed because when they began to remodel, they discovered there was no steel in the structure. So it all had to be rebuilt," said Mr. Smith, who, due to failing health, sadly is no longer able to get to his beloved church where he served as catechist for many years.

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Maritime Authority, announced that The Bahamas now has the third largest shipping registry in the world behind Panama and Liberia with 1,700 vessels having been registered. Capt. Knowles added that The Bahamas ranks 40 out of 113 nations, which indicates the respect and confidence our shipping registry and maritime industry has secured.

As for the students' experience, Farakhan Adderley excitedly described how they learned to address situations involving restricted maneuverability and how to avoid collisions with ships that are traveling head on, while Glenn Fernanderre called the different parts of the ship and what they represent.

Additionally, Capt. Knowles said they learned how to operate a vessel when entering a harbor. "We went into Hope Town harbour facing the lighthouse. They were given information by the captain on how to approach a landmass. They were able to

look at range lights, look at buoys, look at mast lights, and we were able to see how many vessels that are in harbour that do not have mast lights when at anchor and they should."

Capt. Glender Knowles is proud that the students have excelled in the program and paid special recognition to Tevon Strachan, who placed first in Canada as the top leader in his grouping and has graduated as a captain with an A-license at the age of 18. He is expected to travel to Canada soon. She said Traz Nixon has placed top in his class in Canada as well.

The Bahamas Maritime Cadet Corps program on Abaco is coordinated by Capt. Knowles, and this school year it was decided that the program would run in both North and Central Abaco. Assisting Capt. Knowles at S.C. Bootle High are Rashida Murray, guidance officer, and Denise Gadsby, the social studies and music teacher. Students of grade 10 - 12 are able to learn about navigating on the open seas.



Maritime Cadet students are shown in one of their class sessions at the school being instructed by Capt. Glender Knowles, Facilitator.

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Reporter's Notebook... Anger justified

By Navardo Saunders

It's a crying shame what is happening to many of the residents in the Mud and Pigeon Pea who were born in The Bahamas to Haitian parents. At age 18 they have to apply for citizenship, which should be automatic since they were born here. The process can take years and in the interim those who await approval from the Department of Immigration must put their lives on hold. They cannot be legally employed, cannot open a bank account nor obtain loans to buy property or a house to achieve all the things the working class can.

They have waited for years for word from the Department of Immigration about their status while their living conditions worsen and their dreams and aspirations hang in the balance. It's cruel and inhuman what is happening to them.

These people were born here and so they should be considered Bahamians. No wonder the young people are angry, frustrated, hopeless and resort to a life of crime, particularly the males in the Mud and Pea who for some reason take far longer than the females to be granted citizenship. They have no other choice. They are stuck between a

rock and a hard place.

When a man is hungry, he will do what it whatever it takes to fill his aching stomach. And that goes for a man or woman of any nationality. Imagine a man who is hungry and hopeless. He is in grave danger to himself and everyone else. That's the situation that has developed in the Mud and Pea where violence and crime such as robberies are commonplace. The young men see life passing them by quickly, and they are fed up. No wonder some of them end up selling drugs, stealing and robbing.

They don't have much of a choice.

That kind of lifestyle is wrong, but in their case understandable. The Mud and Pea, in the heart of Marsh Harbour, have become a breeding ground for drug dealing, prostitution, theft and other social ills - the result of widespread hopelessness.

People living outside the Haitian slum villages must know that they are not immune. The population, estimated to be 7,000, is growing and so there will be

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more angry and frustrated people who will do whatever it takes to survive.

Their unlawful actions will spill over into other communities and what many have long feared could become a reality – a civil war could break out. But that can be avoided. And the situation in the Mud and Pea could be much different, as one resident of the Pea noted, if the government would only move to naturalize Haitian-Bahamians who qualify.

The Department of Immigration must move quickly to naturalize Haitian-Bahamians for the benefit of all. This would make a world of difference. The Mud and Pea would eventually be old news. Because if the ones who are born here are naturalized and get jobs, they will move out. Only those who are here illegally will be left behind. They, too, will abandon the Mud and Pea and try to make it to the United States, where they had intended to go all along.

If the government does not want people of Haitian origin born in this country, then the Defence Force must do a much better job securing the nation's borders.

So you see the problem just isn't the Haitians, it is also our government's lack of response to the situation.

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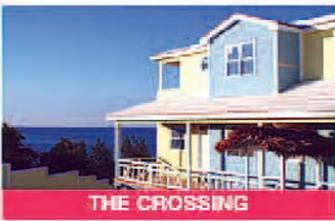
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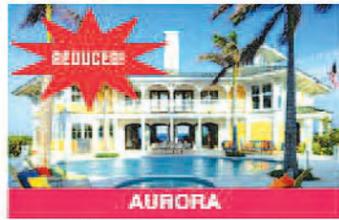
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