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Breast Cancer Walk, Seminar attracts hundreds

Public awareness and fund raising for cancer victims are goals of event

By Jennifer Hudson

A very successful Breast Cancer Walk and Seminar was held on January 23 from which all proceeds went to the Abaco Cancer Society. These funds will be used towards the work of the Abaco Cancer Society in assisting all cancer patients on Abaco, not only those with breast cancer, with airfare to treatment centres and also with treatment and/or medications wherever possible. "The main aim of the event was actually to educate women on the many faces of breast cancer and bring people together as a group of supporters," stated organiser Leah Pinder.

Approximately 370 walkers left the Anglican Parish Hall in Marsh Harbour at 9:00 a.m. for the three-mile walk to the airport roundabout and back to Agape Christian School. Another 44 walkers on Man-O-War Cay walked simultaneously on the cay. It was an impressive sight to see hundreds of pink shirts progressing along Don MacKay Boulevard, their wearers showing so much support for the Cancer Society and cancer survivors. "This was an overwhelming turnout," stated Leah Pinder, who was assisted in the organization of the walk by Layna Cartwright and Heather Sawyer. Twenty-five breast

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Approximately 370 people walked three miles in Marsh Harbour while an additional 44 walked in Man-O-War to support the breast cancer awareness event and to raise money for the Abaco Cancer Society. The walkers assembled at the Anglican Hall and walked to the airport roundabout and back to Grace Gym at Agape Christian School. A seminar followed with personal experiences and informational and motivational talks. The Abaco Cancer Society assists all cancer victims on Abaco with funding for travel expenses and treatments. The organizers were very pleased with the support they received.

Education Minister Bannister visits Abaco



The newly appointed Minister of Education, the Hon. Desmond Bannister, was on Abaco on January 28 and 29, attending an Abaco-wide awards ceremony and visiting several Central Abaco schools. He is shown here, center, accompanied by Permanent Secretary Elma Garraway. Mr. Bannister is holding up the key to Abaco Central High School that was presented to him. He also accepted a framed painting from Steve Remy. See story on page 5.

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BNT thanks donor at Art for the Park show



The Bahamas National Trust and Abaco Beach Resort held an art show to raise funds for the national parks on Abaco. During the opening ceremony the Trust recognized the contribution of Dave Gale to its cause. Mr. Gale, third from left, donated property on Tilloo Cay for a national park because it is a rookery for tropic birds, royal terns and others. Presenting him with a framed picture of a young tropic bird with its mother is Glenn Bannister, President of the Bahamas National Trust. Looking on is the Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux, Minister of the Environment, and Lynn Gape, Deputy Executive Director of the Trust. The story about the art show is on page 10.

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Education Minister addresses parents

By Samantha V. Evans

January 28th was the beginning of a sustained dialogue between the Ministry of Education and Abaco parents. These were the words spoken by Education Superintendent Lenora Black to begin the meeting with parents and the Minister of Education, the Hon. T. Desmond Bannister. To help him answer their questions, the Minister brought a qualified team from his Ministry including Christopher Smith, Director of Security. Mrs. Black informed Mr. Bannister that the Abaco District is one as the public and private schools work together to make the one goal of education a reality.

Mr. Bannister spoke to the parents, teachers and students very powerfully and hopefully struck a chord with parents, es-

pecially the diligent ones. He believes in a few fundamental things. Firstly, when students come to school they are children first. There are too many schools where students feel that they should run the school. Sadly, the parents do not reinforce that the teachers are there to help them learn so they can have a successful life in the future. Secondly, he believes in excellence and wants to see excellence in all schools. He told the parents to not let their children bring cell phones to school as there is a ban on them. There is a ban on chewing gum as well. School is a place for learning. Bannister can relate to all that teachers go through as he is the son of two parents who were teachers and he was a trained teacher before he became a lawyer. He will stand up

for teachers who are doing right and will protect them from disruptive children.

Mr. Bannister hopes to form an alliance with parents separate from the parent teacher association. Parents have a very sacred role to play and he encouraged parents to look out for other children and not just their own as many children need someone to care for them. Everyone has a role to play in improving the schools. He told parents to get involved in something positive in their children's school and that will be a good start. They must do their part to make school campuses better for their children.

The Minister addressed three areas of interest in this district. Firstly there is a

security issue at schools. The Ministry will look at the number of security officers presently at all schools and make adjustments in the new budget. However, he stated that this is a very expensive venture as his Ministry has to provide security for 161 schools across The Bahamas. He asked parents to look at ways that they can make their child's campus better.

Secondly, he is looking for speeder pay release for new teachers. He is aware that a number of teachers have not yet been paid since they began teaching in September so he is working to eliminate all the red tape.

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The Hon. T. Desmond Bannister, Minister of Education, addressed parents at an open meeting on January 28 at Central Abaco Primary School. He stressed that parents need to be involved with the children, specifically in seeing that they do well in school. Shown is Mr. Bannister, left, after the meeting speaking with Kevin Hepburn, Vice Principal and Vanessa Janes, Principal of Abaco Central High School; and Lenora Black, Abaco's Education Superintendent.

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Top students are honored for excellent performance

By Samantha V. Evans

Abaco District Awards 2010 was held at New Vision Ministries on January 29th under the theme Excellence: A Prevailing Attitude. Present for this event was the Minister of Education, the Hon. Desmond Bannister; Director of Education Lionel Sands; and the Permanent Secretary of Education Elma Garraway. Additionally, local dignitaries were on hand to share in this momentous occasion.

As always, a host of talented students were recruited from Abaco schools to make the program more dynamic. The program was well organized and filled with words that encouraged the students and made parents proud. Remarks were brought by Dr. Lenora Black, who gave the students reasons an attitude of excellence is important. She is pleased that people of excellence live in the Abaco District and that this prevailing attitude of excellence will indeed spread among the student population.

This was Mr. Bannister's first trip to Abaco in this capacity as Minister and he was proud to witness Abaco students of excellence receiving awards of honor. He told the students that they inspire him and he can ensure them that his ministry is behind them 100 percent. He told them that he has high hopes for them. There is so much talent, knowledge and achievement on this island. He was also extremely impressed

with Abaco students who were honored in Nassau the previous week and who distinguished themselves as the top students on the national exams, in various competitions and in sports. He is sure that Family Island students can do as well as those in Nassau and looks forward to the day when another prime minister, a minister of education, director of education and the like can come of each from the Family Islands.

Mr. Bannister told them to do better in each subject this year by improving by one letter grade. So if they got a "B" in a subject, he told them to make it an "A." Teachers have a great task at hand but Minister Bannister stated that they touch the future. As we move forward, everyone must do his part to help the country grow and develop.

Before the students received their awards, Rochelle Russell, District Teacher of the Year, presented a check for \$6,000 to Barbara Johnson president of the Abaco Red Cross Society from the Abaco Depart-

ment of Education on behalf of the schools on Abaco for the Haiti Relief Fund.

All students to complete the last school year as the top students in each grade level in their school were honored. The top students for the GLAT exams was Jazper Dawkins of Agape Christian School for grade three English Language and Rebecca Roberts of Amy Roberts for grade six Mathematics. Rebecca was also the top student in grade six at her school. The top student in the BJC exams for the public school was Zandria Wells of Abaco Central High school. The top students for BJC from the private schools were Cicely Gomez of Long Bay School, Tyler Albury, Alysia Boce and Deanza Cox of Forest

Heights Academy. Cicely was also the top student in grade nine at her school. Tyler was the top student in grade nine at Forest Heights Academy. The top BGCSE students were Elaine Fenelus of S.C. Bootle and Taj Anderson of Forest Heights Academy. Both of these students finished grade twelve at the top of their class. Long Bay School, St. Francis de Sales, Forest Heights, and Agape Christian Schools all had students honored for passing five or more BJC exams with Bs or better. Twenty-two students were honored in this area. The most outstanding BGCSE award went

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The Minister of Education, the Hon. Desmond Bannister, attended the ceremony honouring students who excelled last school year. He spoke to the students, encouraging them to continue doing good work. He is shown with Lenora Black, Abaco's Education Superintendent, and Elma Garraway, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education.



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Min. Desmond Bannister visits Abaco schools

By Samantha V. Evans

Even though the Hon. T. Desmond Bannister, Minister of Education, had a very tight itinerary, he still found time to visit two of the largest schools on Abaco while attending an awards ceremony. On January 29th the Minister and his team visited Abaco Central High School and Central Abaco Primary School. The focus of the visits was to encourage students to embrace the five Rs - reading, writing, arithmetic, respect and responsibility and also to ensure them that he and his ministry are concerned about what happens at their school including their safety. A well outlined assembly was prepared to make Min. Bannister and his team feel welcome and to show case all of the talent each school has.

Mr. Bannister told the students that he wants all of them to be good readers and writers. They have excellent teachers assigned to their schools to make that happen so they should embrace all that they are taught so that they can excel. He told them to respect their teachers and themselves and to practice being responsible boys and girls. He stated

that he has seen too many schools in other places that have been littered with chewing gum so they should keep their entire school surroundings clean. He explained to them the power of working hard. He said that when they do, they will be able to do great things because education is powerful. The Minister's talk was inspiring, down to earth and very delightful. Before leaving the sites, Mr. Bannister, Permanent Secretary Elma Garraway and the Director of Education Lionel Sands greeted the individual students.



The Hon. Desmond Bannister, center, greeted many students on his visit to Abaco Central High School. He was accompanied by Elma Garraway, Permanent Secretary, and Christopher Smith, Acting Director of Security in Education.

Awards

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to Adrianna Phillpot, who graduated from Forest Heights Academy in June 2009. The top athletes were Kavantia Reckley and Kenneth Murray of Central Abaco Primary School, Johnny Walker of Abaco Central High, and Timmiesha Russell of S.C. Bootle High School. The top national four by four relay team award went to the Moore's Island All Age School team.

Lionel Sands stated that he is proud of the district, especially Abaco Central High School that had 90 percent of the senior students graduating with a 2.0 or better last school year. This is extremely commendable especially since the average school graduates only 56 percent of their students with 2.0 or better.

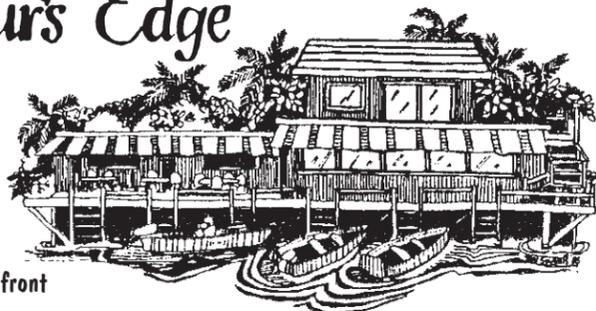
Bannister

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He acknowledges that there are a lot of clearances that must be done but he plans to speed the process up tremendously. He is expecting to change procedures as soon as possible.

His final area of interest is examination results. To improve examination results parents must work along with teachers to ensure that this happens. Literacy skills in the schools are poor. Parents must set the pace for discipline in their children so this can begin to improve. They must set boundaries for learning by turning off the television and monitoring what their children are doing. His Ministry wants to see the commitment of parents to excellence.

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The Editor Says . . . Government plans improvements



Abaco's population was officially documented at just over 13,000 in the 2000 census, showing a 32 percent growth for the previous ten-year period. This was the highest rate of growth in the country with the exception of an island that opened a Club Med and double its population. If that rate holds for the ten-year period ending 2010, Abaco will have a little over legal 17,000 residents. Our population of illegal persons will again probably be documented as zero.

It is interesting that as the enumerators fan out over the residential areas, they have not encountered any illegal persons on Abaco. Apparently this was also true in areas of Nassau. An informal census of the Mud and Peas areas was taken four or five years ago using volunteers resident in those areas. About two-thirds of the way to completion, immigration staged one of its massive raids which stopped any further cooperation by those living there. Results of that informal census have not been released.

Estimates of our resident illegal population range from a low of 6,000 to highs of 10,000 or more. You are free to make your own guess. Whether the census this May will come close to giving us an accurate figure on these persons remains to be seen.

Even without official census figures, it is obvious that Abaco's population is growing. The Friday afternoon traffic snarl on Don MacKay Boulevard between our four Marsh Harbour banks will get any driver's attention.

Here are several basic observations to our growth and economic status.

- The Marsh Harbour airport is the second busiest in the country.
- Abaco has the highest percentage of repeat visitors in the country.
- We have a very robust economy, believed to be the best in The Bahamas.
- The greater Marsh Harbour area has a public high school with over 500 students and five private high schools.
- The Marsh Harbour port is served by five freighters from Florida and three from Nassau.

Government is recognizing that our

growth requires upgrades to roads, utilities and many government services. Many improvements to our infrastructure are either on the drawing boards or being implemented with some of the larger projects noted.

Government has realized the need for additional house lots and is expanding the number of available lots in Spring city. Further expansion in subdivision lots is planned for Central Pines and Murphy Town. Subdivisions are being expanded in Sandy Point, Cooper's Town and Little Abaco.

Our growth has highlighted the need for additional and more reliable electric capacity with an expanded power plant expected to be on-line this summer. Elements of this new plant have been controversial and several groups continue to lobby for design changes. We leave these controversial issues for others to debate.

Traffic in greater Marsh Harbour continues to move slower and become more congested. Solid lanes of vehicles can extend for a mile or more on Friday afternoons on Don MacKay Boulevard.

One welcome road improvement is government's intention to widen and pave the old logging road connecting the Marsh Harbour airport roundabout with S.C. Bootle Highway. Besides being widened and paved, it will be re-routed at the S.C. Bootle Highway end to align with the road serving the port which will be redirected more to the west. When completed, these two road segments will give a faster, less congested access into Marsh Harbour from the airport.

It has been suggested by some that gov-

ernment should enforce a 15 mile per hour speed limit to the five school zones on Don MacKay Boulevard. That would create a real bottleneck to the smooth flow of traffic on Don MacKay. Another road into town would be vital.

Several major construction projects will begin this year with two to begin in the fall. One is a government complex in excess of 50,000 square feet. This will house many departments and agencies that are now scattered all over Marsh Harbour and Dundas Town.

We have not seen a list of all the offices that will relocate, but it would likely include the Administrator, Post Office and Court. The building, designed with a large interior courtyard, will be situated on the top of the hill on the new port access road. It should be an outstanding landmark as visitors come into Marsh Harbour on the new road into town.

Consolidating many of its offices in a government owned building will save thousands of dollars in monthly rent now going to various landlords. Depending on how many agencies move into the new complex, as many as 20 business spaces could become vacant in the greater Marsh Harbour area.

A recent announcement in Hope Town by the Minister of Works, Neko Grant, stated that construction should start late this year on a new terminal building at the Marsh Harbour airport. We expect that a control tower will accompany the terminal building. The old runway is being resurfaced and will become a taxiway serving the recently opened 6,000 foot runway.

This work is expected to be completed soon.

Several additional Abaco projects were mentioned in the Prime Minister's speech to the nation on February 4. Mr. Ingraham said that Abaco can look forward to having a hospital. This is a huge commitment on government's part in the initial expense for the facility including the required furnishings and equipment. Additionally, there is an equally large commitment for staff around the clock and on weekends. Hospitals do not close at 5 p.m.

A port for North Abaco is often mentioned and continues in the planning and engineering stages. This will be an inland harbour dug into the coast north of Cooper's Town and is intended to be a catalyst for further development in that area. It will also serve as a protected harbour for the local boats.

Without being specific, Mr. Ingraham said additional road works are planned for Abaco. That is good news, whether resurfacing and widening existing roads or opening additional roads which are badly needed. It is hoped that both aspects will be undertaken.

Job creation and economic stimulus are two reasons government gives for these substantial construction projects. It is government's intention that funds spent to stimulate the economy be invested in projects that will provide long term benefits to Abaco.

In the coming months we expect to hear more on these and other government projects slated for Abaco.

Letters to the Editor

We must control crime

Dear Editor,

We have been thinking about relocating to the Caribbean within a few years.

I have been reading your paper online and I am particularly concerned with the increase in crime in the Bahamas. I find it very appalling that a country that was once known for its hospitality and safety is now considered to be unsafe for Americans.

I see entire websites and blogs discussing the severity of the recent spike in criminality in the Bahamas and how foreigners are preyed upon in the belief that they are all wealthy. These reports reduce your image to that of a typical "third world" country.

Unless the authorities can get this criminality under control, I foresee us relocating elsewhere. I will not make a million dollar investment in an area where we can be easily victimized.

Just as you should be able to report crime in your paper; the police should also release a report on prosecutions and

criminal convictions and take a very tough stand against criminality. Failure to do so will continue to drive investors and tourists away, compromising your economy and lifestyles as well.

It's a shame that such a beautiful country allows itself to be in this situation.

Sincerely,
Harry Lieb

In appreciation of unsung heroes

Dear Editor:

There is a group of people at a school in Marsh Harbour that are my heroes; that school is Every Child Counts. Here they teach academically challenged children with disabilities, ranging from dyslexia to Down syndrome, autism to hearing impaired and the list goes on.

Without the administrators, teachers and volunteers that work collectively with our children, they would not be in a classroom. The teachers and administrators go above the call of duty because even when they are not at school, their minds and hearts are there, worrying about the needs and looking for ways to make it better. The volunteers assist by being teacher aids, running errands, making small repairs, taking students to jobs and lending a hand however they can. Without the volunteers, the teachers and administrators would not be able to do the wonderful job they do.

Every Child Counts has 107 students with an ever growing waiting list. Each student is taught reading, writing and arithmetic and some are taught farming, but all are taught living skills such as shopping, cooking, cleaning and personal hygiene. Every Child Counts tries to place each student with jobs after they leave school. Unfortunately, some of the students are unable to find a job in the general population; therefore, Every Child Counts is trying to

get a workshop so that all students will be able to have a job that will suit their abilities.

This school is run entirely on donations and many persons have been generous in this never ending quest to raise money. If you are looking for a worthy charity to make a monetary contribution to or if you have extra time on your hands, you might consider volunteering at the school. I am sure you will be blessed.

I have great respect for and am extremely grateful that Every Child Counts exists on Abaco. A heartfelt thank you to each teacher, volunteer, contributor, student, past and present that has made Every Child Count what it is today. As a parent of one of the students, I am eternally grateful.

Caroline Sawyer

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Dear Editor:

The original settlers of Marsh Harbour (originally called Maxwell) in the early 1800s never dreamed that it would become the city that it is in 2010. Therefore, the proper road and infrastructural layout was never put in place. Now we have to make the best of what we have, something we as Abaconians have always been good at.

However, at this time it seems that Local Government has seen fit to further restrict the flow of traffic by installing a traffic light at the K & S corner (restrict means reduce the flow of traffic). A recent survey of this corner found that there was 7.5 times the number of vehicles using Don MacKay Boulevard as there was using Crockett Drive. Therefore by stopping the flow of traffic on Don MacKay Boulevard, there would be an overall big time traffic "jam up."

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This also brings into question the legality of their "light." It is my understanding that Local Government cannot change the flow of traffic without it first being Gazetted by Central Government. Example: Green Turtle Cay one way traffic and also traffic in Hope Town. If it is not done legally, can the police charge someone for not stopping? Can the insurance companies refuse to pay any claims that may occur at this intersection?

It is my understanding that four and a half years ago the Marsh Harbour Town Committee voted not to allow golf carts on the roads of Marsh Harbour and this was sent to Nassau to be Gazetted. To my knowledge it has not been done yet. So I cannot see this happening with the new traffic light any time soon.

Hopefully, the many thousands of dollars allocated to this "light" can be used some other way to beautify our town (landscaping, etc.) or to make it more accommodating to any visitors and other pedestrians (sidewalks and curbs). How about a small round-about at this intersection that would slow, yet allow continued traffic flow.

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To those interested in Elbow Cay's White Sound Park

Dear Editor:
Thank you to all those who have responded with cash donations, plants and

ideas for the White Sound Park. We have sufficient funds to build some children's playground equipment this spring, and some pledged funds to move forward with other projects after that. Thank you very much for your support.

Please all be advised that my First Report had the wrong zip code in the address for PERC, which is the place to send US\$ contributions if you wish to be able to deduct the contribution on US income tax. Checks should be made out to PERC and designated for the White Sound Park Committee. The full correct address, with the correct zip code, is:

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I apologize for any problems this error has caused.

Steve Dodge

Dundas Town Committee's Concern

Dear Editor,
It is not the intention of the Dundas Town Town Committee to displace families from their homes, but it is our true intention to ensure the well being of our community and to ensure that laws of our land are properly carried out and adhered to.

Mr. John Schaefer posted an article in The Abaconian dated January 15th and accused the Town Committee of not offering leniency toward a resident of our community who constructed illegally.

Firstly, according to this article, Mr. Schaefer did in fact agree that the structure

was constructed illegally. Unfortunately, he and his Ministry did nothing to correct this illegal circumstance. The Ministry of Works was notified of this situation in October of 2008. We humbly asked the Abaco Area Engineer and his team to investigate the construction; and if the persons were in breach of the law, ask them to cease construction immediately. The Ministry responded to us and suggested an extension be granted to the owner of the structure, allowing her and her family to reside at this location for a period of one year. During this one year extension, more construction ensued.

We are extremely remorseful that the resident's personal situations were unfortunate, but again, laws must be upheld in our country. Had the Ministry done its job effectively and efficiently, this woman would have been further ahead and would have been able to construct within the required stipulations.

We cannot and will not stand by and allow "preferred" residents to get by with illegal circumstances and deny others. In our books, all residents are equal.

The committee has also been informed that the owner of the location of question does not even reside there. She is collecting rent for an illegal structure. Something

must be done NOW to correct this problem before numerous buildings are constructed in the area which are not up to standard.

My brothers and sisters of the Dundas Town community, we must stand together for what is right. We cannot allow others to make us believe we are doing something wrong. We cannot allow our community to get out of hand with illegal construction.

Mr. Schaefer, we are asking that you please do your job. We feel that this is not too much to ask of you. If you are not prepared to do this, you should consider finding a field that is suitable for you and allow a law abiding individual to continue the work of our land.

We stand together on our word in asking you to remove the illegal structure from its place and enforce residents to construct according to proposed plans.

We love our community with all our hearts and will not stand by and see it deteriorate.

Sincerely,
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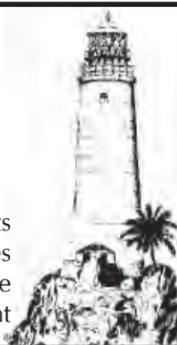
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Art for the Parks raises money for Abaco parks

By Jennifer Hudson

The Abaco Beach Resort and The Bahamas National Trust presented Art For The Parks, Abaco, on January 30 and 31 with a gala opening evening on January 29. Several corporate sponsors came together to support the event which provided an opportunity for residents and visitors to view the work of more than 30 artists and artisans. All proceeds were designated for the support of the six national parks of Abaco.

On opening night Lynn Gape, Deputy Executive Director of the Bahamas National Trust, was Mistress of Ceremonies for the short opening ceremony. She welcomed and introduced the Director of the Abaco Beach Resort, Emanuel Alexiou, who expressed his delight at the partnering of the Abaco Beach Resort with the Bahamas National Trust for this event.

He stressed the importance of the Abaco tourism product which includes its people, culture, geography, pristine environment, reefs and wildlife and thanked Lyn Gape and her team.

Eric Carey, Executive Director of The Bahamas National Trust, expressed his pleasure at the opportunity offered by the Abaco Beach Resort for "this coming out event in Abaco of The Bahamas National Trust in aid of the six national parks of Abaco, the management of which we take very seriously." Glenn Bannister, President of the Bahamas National Trust, also expressed his pleasure and gratitude for this fund raising event "as it is very important to put infrastructure into the parks of Abaco."

The Prime Minister of The Bahamas, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, was scheduled to bring opening remarks but due to

illness, was unable to attend so Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Earl Deveaux read a letter from the Prime Minister. Mr. Ingraham stated that he remembered the campaign to begin the national park in Abaco to protect the endangered Abaco parrot during his first term in office. "The parks require management and management costs money so I am pleased to congratulate the business partners and artists and also the council and executive committee of the Bahamas National Trust." He concluded by saying, "I encourage you to enjoy, buy lots and support the Bahamas National Trust."

A special presentation was made to Dave Gale, who donated the Tilloo Cay Reserve as a national park in 1990 but

had never been publicly thanked for "this very thoughtful and generous gift." He was presented with a plaque in recognition and a very attractive framed wildlife picture.

The pavilion was crowded with patrons on opening night and attendance was also good on the remaining two days. There was much to see at the 34 booths and the show was very well organized providing excellent opportunity for viewing the varied works of talented artists from Abaco, Nassau and the United States, and to actually meet and chat with the artists about their work. The original artwork included oils,

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Kim Smith, an artist from Nassau, unveiled a painting at the opening of the art show. He is shown here, center, with Emanuel Alexiou, one of the owners of Abaco Beach Resort; the Hon. Dr. Earl Deveaux, Minister of the Environment; Glenn Bannister, President of the Bahamas National Trust; and Eric Carey, Executive Director of the BNT.



For the two days of the Art for the Parks art show children enjoyed making craft projects that related to nature, fish, whales and other interesting art work. That tent was very popular.

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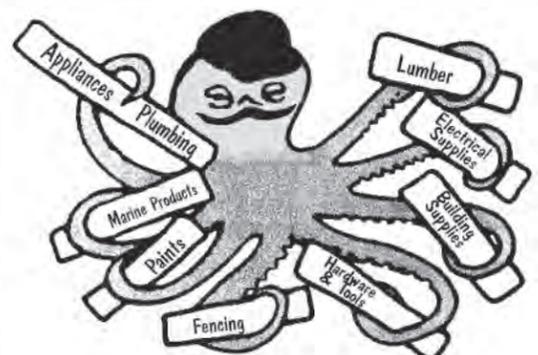


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Art show attracts hundreds

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Kim Smith is the leading pencil artist in The Bahamas. He creates photorealistic drawings primarily with graphite and colored pencils though he has occasionally created some images with soft pastels. His work is amazing, and he was kind enough to share his techniques with some of the young people at the show. An art educator as well as professional artist, Mr. Smith says that he feels compelled to share his gift with as many people as possible.

At the opening on Friday night the Hon. Earle Deveaux unveiled a magnificent work by Mr. Smith entitled, Mangrove Meditation. This is the second of Mr. Smith's mangrove drawings. The first, Mangrove Tranquility, was premiered at the BNT's Annual Wine and Arts Festival in Nassau last October. He was donating

10 percent of the sale of both works to the Bahamas National Trust. The painting unveiled in Abaco was substantially larger. "It is my masterpiece," he stated.

Other exhibitors from Nassau were Jonathan Bethel, Susan Roberts, Tiffany Barrett, Dion Lewis, Robin Hardy and Sue Fairclough. Jonathan Bethel uses acrylic paint for his portrayal of a wide range of subjects from historic Bahamian homes to native plants and the beautiful Bahamian waters. Susan Roberts' fascination with the undersea world is evident in her oil and watercolour paintings as it is also in Tiffany's work though she uses watercolours on silk as her medium. Robin Hardy displayed an amazing assortment of beautifully turned native woods which included a coffee table, pens, bottle stoppers and screwdrivers while Sue Fairclough's jew-

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Kim Rody, left, a regular visitor to Hope Town, always has an interesting display of outstanding paintings. She specializes in large fish and underwater scenes as well as Hope Town scenes. Most of the artists were quite satisfied with the sales they made at the show.

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Art Show is BNT's first fund raising event on Abaco

Art Show

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ely with a twist, all made with paper, was fascinating and included beading, quilling and origami techniques.

There was a large representation of artists from Abaco, most of whom we are by now very familiar with. Three young artists worth special mention are Kayleigh Sands, Attila Feszt and Chelsea Renn. Kayleigh was the 2009 student recipient of a scholarship to study at the Hope Town art workshop under the tutelage of renowned artist Walter Bartman, and it was pleasing to see her "coming out" at the Abaco Beach Art Show. Attila showed his unique silk screened designs at the show last year, and it was interesting to

see that this year he had carried his work a stage farther and had on display a large assortment of T shirts and back packs utilizing his designs. Chelsea's fish prints are intriguing. She makes her prints using a 200-year-old Japanese art form which she was taught in school using a rubber fish! Nowadays she catches the fish then paints directly onto it and then lays canvas over it to obtain the imprint. After a little touching up the finished print is ready to hang on the wall.



Kim Smith from Nassau, an artist as well as an art teacher, worked with Elizabeth Sweeting, showing her the technique he uses to make paintings that are almost photographic.

The Bahamas National Trust, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, had a booth to create awareness of the Trust's work, talk about its plans for the parks and to get people involved in its work. A video of Abaco's underwater caves was shown with cave diver Brian Kakuk on hand.

At Saturday's event, in addition to the arts and crafts exhibition, additional tents housed children's crafts and a food court. Monica Higgs, children's crafts coordinator, provided the young people the chance to create their own unique art with fun and exciting crafts and the children were delighted to be taking home their colorful butterflies, fish and other environmentally-themed crafts.

A special food court provided guests the opportunity to savour food from other countries including Germany, Italy and Japan (sushi) in addition to food from The Bahamas. Food was on sale throughout the day and people were able to sit at tables outside on the lawn to enjoy their lunch.

Mrs. Lyn Gape stated, "Working on the fund raiser from conception to finish

has been unbelievably fulfilling. The coming together of the community to support the national parks has been priceless to the Bahamas National Trust." She praised the wonderful support received from the Abaco Beach Resort and expressed their joint vision to make this event grow to become the number one major art event in The Bahamas.



Susan Roberts had very dramatic sea creatures including the grouper shown here. She and her husband are from Nassau but with Abaco roots. This was the first time that she has shown her work on Abaco.

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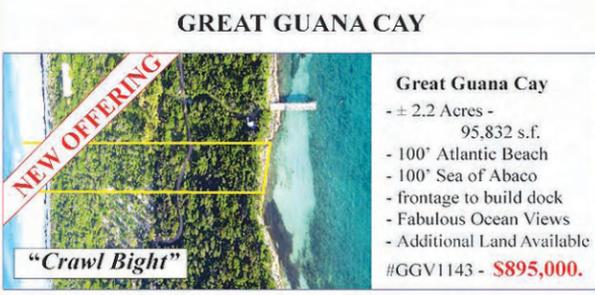
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 • "GREAT ABACO CLUB - Parcels # 48 and # 49" # 48 - 7,548 sq.ft. - # 49 - 7,117 sq.ft. - 50' of Boat Basin Frontage. - Semi-Private Docks - Ridge Parcels - Good Elevation. # 48 - #MHV1100 **\$667,000.** - # 49 - #MHV1101 **\$667,000.**
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Breast cancer awareness is goal of seminar

Seminar

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cancer survivors took part in the walk, the longest survivor being Lyn Major, Principal of the Every Child Counts School, who is a 30-year survivor.

Following the walk, the participants enjoyed some complimentary refreshments before the start of the seminar and then formed a huge circle representing a human breast cancer ribbon. Someone sang a song which, along with the circle of pink shirts made a moving opening for the seminar during which several speakers touched on different aspects of the disease.

First to speak was Joy Funston, who is a spokesperson for the American Cancer Society and is a 17-year breast cancer sur-

vivor. She gave a perspective on her own experiences with breast cancer and advised people not to just accept a verbal reading but to always ask to see their results in writing. She told of how her breast cancer could have been diagnosed six months earlier had her radiologist followed up on a recommendation that she be rechecked in six months that she had been told nothing about.

Ashley Anderson from the Breast Medical Oncology Department of the M.D. Anderson Centre in Houston, Texas, gave very useful overall information educating the audience about various facts regarding breast cancer such as stages, survival rates and genetics.

Angie Collie shared what the Auskell

Clinic can offer to those patients not wishing to go to the U.S. for treatment, and Dr. George Charite, Director of the Auskell Clinic and President of The Bahamas Medical Association, advised people how to be responsible for their own health. Claire Marshall told how she was tested for the BRCA1 gene and described her response when she discovered that she had the gene and her subsequent surgery decision. A poem entitled *Scarves for My Daughter* was read by Anne Gearen, who is a breast cancer survivor along with her daughter. Earle Bethell, President of the Bahamas Cancer Society, Nassau, was present to support the event.

"Initially there were two sponsors for the event, Insurance Management and H.G. Christie Limited, but Cherokee Air, K & S Service Station, Frederick's Agency and Albury's Trucking later came on board which enabled us to donate all of the proceeds to the Abaco Cancer Society," stated Mrs. Pinder, who was delighted with the success of the event. "Another good thing which came out of it was that we have been able to establish a survivors' directory so that anyone who is diagnosed will be able to call on someone who is a survivor for support," she added.



After the walkers returned to Grace Gym at Agape Christian School, they formed the ribbon that symbolizes breast cancer awareness. The turnout was very good and the organizers were pleased with the response.



Several hundred walkers, men and women, brought attention to the seriousness of breast cancer, then attended a seminar that included information and local women telling of their experiences with this problem that is prevalent in The Bahamas.

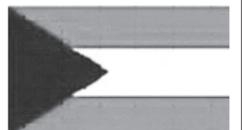
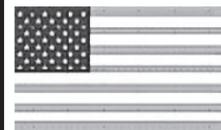
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Abaco is included in breast cancer research project

By Jennifer Hudson

Abaconians were recently given an opportunity to participate in a very important research project into the incidence of breast cancer in The Bahamas. For three days at the end of January Dr. Judith Hurley, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at the University of Miami, was on Abaco interviewing and testing persons who have had breast cancer for a project she has initiated.

Dr. Hurley is a medical oncologist who specializes in breast cancer at Sylvester Cancer Center at the University of Miami. For the past 10 years she has been seeing a large subculture of young Bahamian women with the disease which led her to wonder, "What is going on? as this is not normal. "The average age of women who develop breast cancer in the United States is 62 whereas in The Bahamas it is 42," stated Dr. Hurley. At that time Dr. John Lunn was the only medical oncologist in The Bahamas so Dr. Hurley consulted with him on 100 charts of his patients to find out their age. It was found that 52 percent were under the age of 50 when diagnosed and 44 percent were at Stage 3 or Stage 4 which is a very high rate.

In the United States only 12 percent of women have reached Stage 3 or Stage 4 when diagnosed and only 20 percent are under the age of 40. "This represented a stage shift from the U.S.," stated Dr. Hurley. Her report was funded by the Avon

Foundation and presented at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium.

Dr. Theodore Turnquest had then begun practicing oncology at the Princess Margaret Hospital so Dr. Hurley was able to study 266 women which gave a much better representation. This research proved that there was a very young onset of breast cancer in The Bahamas. Dr. Hurley postulated that the causes of many cases of breast cancer in The Bahamas might be the inherited breast cancer gene called BRCA I. In the next stage of the study Dr. Hurley tested 18 Bahamian women for the breast mutations in the breast cancer gene. Forty percent were found to have the mutation in the gene whereas only three percent to five percent of American women are found to have the inherited gene.

In the third part of the study, Dr. Hurley tested women from 200 Bahamian families for changes in the breast cancer gene that might lead to the development of breast cancer. The genetic testing began on Grand Bahama and continued in Nassau, Eleuthera, Harbour Island and Spanish Wells. So far, 20 percent were found to have the mutated gene. This means that women in The Bahamas have the highest rate of inherited breast cancer in the entire world. This number is almost twice as high as the second highest rate which is 12 percent among Jewish women of Ashkenazi descent with breast cancer.

Dr. Hurley realized that she was miss-

ing Abaco women in her Bahamian study because so many women from Abaco go to West Palm Beach for screening so she came to Abaco to do some research and testing. This will most likely be her last stop before her next big analysis though she may also visit Andros and Exuma.

On Abaco Dr. Hurley met with 11 people from 10 different families and tested nine of those. "The test is done from saliva as more DNA is obtained from saliva than blood," explained Dr. Hurley. The saliva is collected and sent to Canada to the laboratory of Dr. Narod, a world famous epidemiologist. This is funded by Konen for the Cure in the United States and Ride for Hope in Eleuthera. "The gene is long and can have many mutations so this is a work in progress and we will retest," stated Dr. Hurley. The present cost is \$3,600 for one person's test (in the study it is free) but it is hoped in the future that a cheaper test will be developed. Persons testing positive

for the gene have a 60 to 80 percent chance of developing breast cancer and a 20 percent to 50 percent risk for ovarian cancer. There are various ways in which these persons can try to prevent the disease, some of which are bilateral mastectomy, removal of the ovaries after child bearing and a Tamoxifen pill taken for five years. If a woman does not want to take preventative measures, she can go for earlier, more frequent and more intensive screening so that she can find a cancer when it is small and curable.

Assisting Dr. Hurley was Talia Donenberg, Genetic Counselor at the Sylvester Cancer Center, University of Miami. "The Cancer Societies in Nassau, Grand Bahama and Abaco have been unbelievable in helping with both testing and outreach," stated Dr. Hurley. If anyone is tested with positive results in each Family Island, Dr. Hurley will return to do a workshop to explain what that means.

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Central Abaco News

A Capella group entertains during fund raiser

By Timothy Roberts

Shere Khan, an a capella group from Princeton University in New Jersey, performed before an appreciative audience of about 150 during a fund raiser for New Vision's Youth Ministry and Forest Heights Academy's PTA.

The group performed various modern contemporary songs including pop hits from the Beatles, Fiona Apple, Rilo Kiley, Crosby, Stills Nash and Young, Counting Crows and other popular radio music spanning the past four decades.

They performed at Every Child Counts and Forest Height Academy earlier in the week as well as enjoying a trip to Hope Town where they held two concerts to assist the Methodist Church's Youth Mission. They held an hour long workshop for the students at Forest Heights teaching about the parts that make up a capella music and encouraged them to join groups like theirs.

Shere Khan, who came together for the first time in 1993, has visited Abaco four times since 2002, coming every other

year. For the group of 18 students, (only 14 made the trip to Abaco) seven are visiting for the second time.

Fiona Chan, an undergrad from Hong Kong and president of the group, said they love coming to Abaco. They enjoy friendliness and closeness they feel while visiting. They are all close friends which make traveling together more fun.

After the concert they made available some of their past albums including a demo of their sixth studio release which had not yet been released anywhere else.

They are a diverse group coming from many States across the U.S. such as Hawaii, Florida, Texas, New York and more

as well as from across the globe including Algeria, London and Hong Kong.

Credit Union presents proposed building plans

By Samantha V. Evans

A lot of persons have been wondering what will be constructed on that large track of cleared land on the corner of Central Pines and Forest Drive north of Central Abaco Primary School. It is the site for the future home of the Teachers and Salaried Workers Union that currently has an office in Marsh Harbour. Also proposed for this site is a two storey complex to house various businesses.

The Counselors Ltd. of Nassau was hired to conduct a quantitative study to gather feedback from the community to assist the bank with making its final determinations. On February 3rd Margaret Albury from The Counselors was on Abaco to begin the survey portion of the research. The survey process ended on Thursday.

According to Ms. Albury, they assessed the community, then decided on the areas to be surveyed that included Treasure Cay, Green Turtle Cay, the Mudd, Pigeon Peas and Marsh Harbour.

Ms. Albury got feedback from the residents who went to the Anglican Parish Hall that evening to view the plans and fill out the survey. They gave suggestions on what types of businesses they would like to see in that area and which ones they do not desire. After the data is compiled, a focus group will be formed with the business community and one with Abaco residents. The findings will then be presented to the executives of Teachers and Salaried Union who will decide on the final structure of the building and the start date. This information may be made available to members of this Union but this has not yet been determined.

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Cancer Society receives donation



British American Financial in Marsh Harbour participated in Denim Day when the staff sold T-shirts, pins and car magnets. This was in aid of the Abaco Branch of the Cancer Society. Shown are Travis Spicer, Abaco Branch Manager of British American Financial; Veronica Saunders, President of the Cancer Society; and Nia Cooper, Office Administrator with British American Financial.

Drawing winner donates washer



On Christmas Eve Ed and Cindy Newell of Abaco Estates Limited were the lucky winners of a washing machine of a drawing held at Abaco Ace Hardware. The Newells looked for a need in the community and graciously donated the washing machine to Sybil's House in Dundas Town. Pictured is Mrs. Newell receiving the prize from Bernard Albury, Manager of Abaco Hardware. She, in turn, handed the washing machine over to James Williams, center, of Sybil's House.

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Haitian community raised funds for Haiti

By Navardo Saunders

Only a small crowd of people attended the event that was organized by the Haitian community to raise funds for earthquake victims in Haiti on February 6 at the BAIC property in Marsh Harbour. It seemed that a lot of people did not know about the event, which took place on short notice.

A number of bands including the popular Haitian band New Entry performed as well as the Impact band. Steak dinners, conch fritters and other food and beverages were available.

Members of the Haitian community who organized the event were disappointed with the poor turnout. Due to the lack of support, only a nominal amount of money was raised.

Organizers are contemplating holding other events to raise money to help their countrymen recover and rebuild following the devastating earthquake that left much of the Haitian capital Port au Prince in ruins.

Organizers appealed to people wanting to assist to donate money, food, clothing or water to the Red Cross in Abaco. Haiti will need long-term assistance in order to get back on its feet.

Organizers thanked the Bahamian people for all their generosity, saying that they truly appreciate the support.



The disaster committee of Central Abaco met with representatives of the Haitian community on January 17 to assure them of the support that would be given to Haiti and to appraise them of the various programs throughout The Bahamas that were raising money and collecting food and clothing for the stricken areas. They met with the Haitians at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Shown is Pastor Sitoir addressing the Haitians in Creole relaying what had been said by the previous speakers.

Dinghy dock at Union Jack is repaired

By Rita Reis Wiecezorek, Rear Commodore, RMHYC

Over 15 members of the Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club gathered at the dinghy dock on the Union Jack Pier to repair the dinghy float in Marsh Harbour. This season the dock was in great disrepair and required a lot of work, an entire day, to get it back in shape for public use. Since one corner of the float was sinking, the

dock had to be placed on its side so the underneath could be repaired shoring up the frame and placing new float material and new chains on it. Each year the RMHYC has maintained this float for the boating community. The work was successful and is appreciated by many boaters who use the dinghy dock to run errands, shop for groceries, exercise, go to restaurants or the beach on the mainland and just leave their

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Barbara Johnson of the Abaco branch of the Red Cross, seated at center, with assistants Edna Brown, Esther Cornish and Christine Lightbourne, manned a table at the fund raising event organized by the Haitian community. However, she was very disappointed with the donations. The event did not charge for the entertainment, and those attending did not seem concerned about the cause the event was hoping to benefit.






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boats for a couple of hours. Commodore Jim Fenn, Rear Commodores David Bauereis and Ray Vallerie provided the leadership for this project.

Royal Bank launches ASUE program

By Samantha V. Evans

Asue is a familiar thing for Bahamians as for years many persons have taken part in one as a means of saving and multiplying their funds. However, today, many persons find an Asue to be an insecure way of multiplying money due to the dishonesty of some of the participants.

However, Royal Bank has launched an Asue program that it believes will meet the needs of its clients that is safe and secure. Beginning late last year, the bank began promoting the program and every month customers are reminded of the power of saving money for the future. The way this program works is that the customer decides how many hands they want to throw at once. To assist them with meeting their financial goal, the bank has financial advisors who can help with this process. The program lasts for a year but this advisor can also help them to decide on a draw date based on their financial goal. For persons who open an Asue account for a worthwhile purpose such as purchasing a home,

educational expense, purchasing property or a new car, the bank will offer special benefits such as reducing fees and preferring interest rates.

This program may not be offered forever so persons are encouraged to take advantage of it today.

NEMA discussed assistance for Haiti

By Canishka Alexander

A meeting was called for NEMA (the National Emergency Management Agency) on January 21 at the Department of Education concerning aid being sent to Haiti. The meeting was chaired by Administrator Cephas Cooper. A number of government of-

ficials were present along with three Haitian pastors, Barbara Johnson of the Red Cross; Silbert Mills, co-chairman; and Pattie Toler, who represented the boating community.

Mr. Cooper gave a recap of the meeting with the Haitian community at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on January 17. It was a success adding that it was a good way to extend sympathy on behalf of Abaco to persons affected by the disaster.

Turning to the Haitian pastors, Mr. Cooper said it is amazing how good could come out of a disastrous situation. Mr.

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- Galleon Bay** # 744 - 19,256 s/f cleared canal parcel with 68' bulkheaded deep water frontage. Bay. **\$434,000.**
- Galleon Bay** # 1356 - 24,732 s/f large canal front parcel with 158' of bulkhead & sandy waterfront. **\$399,950.**
- Galleon Bay** # 422 - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot. 88' + protected canal frontage. Sea-walled, plus dock & davit pilings. All utilities available. **\$350,000.**
- Galleon Bay** # 1473 - Approx. 10,000 s/f canal parcel, 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. 126' sea-walled deep water frontage. Great Views! **\$322,000.**
- Brigantine Bay** # 1173 & 1174 - 2 adjacent deep water canal parcels, each 11,200 s/f, 80' bulk head, 140' depth. Cleared, all utilities available. EACH **\$299,950.**
- Brigantine Bay** # 1494 - 18,807 s/f cleared canal parcel 120' deep water bulk-headed frontage. **\$290,000.**

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.**
- Orchid Bay - Beachfront Parcel 25** - #1530 - 1.173 acre Atlantic Ocean lot, 130' sandy beach frontage. Excellent elevations, spectacular ocean views. Orchid Bay amenities include utilities, marina, restaurant, pool, tennis courts, beach pavillion, paved roads, etc. **\$1,695,000.**
- Dolphin Beach Estates** # 1412 - Exceptional 20,000 s/f waterfront parcel on Sea of Abaco with 145' of elevated rocky shoreline. Utilities available. **\$549,000.**
- Atlantic Oceanfront Parcel** #746 - Approx. 1 acre residential parcel, 154' elevated shoreline near Orchid Bay community, great ocean views. **\$395,000.**
- "Secret Beach"** # 1267/1268 - Ocean Front Elevated Parcels 9A (19,190 s/f) & 9B (16,144 s/f) lots, each with 100' +/- of Atlantic Ocean rocky shoreline & sand beach frontage. Prime building sites. EACH **\$229,900.**

BAHAMA PALM SHORES

- Beach Front Parcel** # 714 - 45,343 s/f parcel, 100' ocean beach frontage. Electricity available. Ideal site for permanent residence or vacation home. **\$349,000.**
- Ocean View Parcel - Near Beach** - # 1502- Elevated 17,650 s/f lot with 135' of road frontage offering superb ocean views. Just a 1 minute walk to sandy Atlantic Ocean Beach. **\$148,950.**
- Inland Lot - Near Beach** - # 1176 - Large 21,450 s/f level lot on main street, electricity & telephone available. **GREAT CISTERN CAY** **\$59,500.**
- "Paradise Point"** # 659 - Furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2,400 s/f waterfront home with porches & balconies on 1/2 acre. 193' elevated Sea of Abaco frontage, Fantastic views. **REDUCED TO \$595,000.**
- Beachfront Lot # 9A** # 1379 - 21,565 s/f private & serene beach parcel with 190' frontage on Sea of Abaco. Utilities available. Spectacular sea views. **\$239,000.**
- Beachfront Lot # 7** # 1197 - 24,710 s/f private & serene beach parcel with 126' frontage on Sea of Abaco. Utilities available. Spectacular sea views. **\$239,000.**

TURTLE ROCKS

- "seaGlas Cottage"** # 1237 - Charming 2 bed, 2.5 bath, 3 level furnished beach home on private 1.20 acres. 1,800 s/f under roof, 900 s/f decks/patios. 100' shoreline. New windows & central A/C. **\$799,000.**
- "Turtle's Rock"** # 1062 - 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath furnished home on 1.18 acre parcel with 102' sandy beach frontage. Built in 2000, Very private area. **\$795,000.**

- Beach Home** - 1532 - 2 bed, 2.5 bath elevated 2 level unfurnished home on 0.89 acres, 93' sandy beach frontage. Panoramic sea views. **\$699,995.**

NORTH ABACO

- Boiling Hole Parcel** # 1022 - Total 11 acres sea-to-sea from Sea of Abaco to bay side. 153' high rocky shoreline on Sea of Abaco. Magnificent sea of Abaco views. (Also available in smaller parcels.) **\$299,500.**
- Blackwood Waterfront Parcel** # 1521 - 38,514 s/f parcel with 167' of deep water Sea of Abaco frontage and highway frontage. Topography well suited for a marina site. Utilities available **\$98,500.**
- Boiling Hole Lots** # 1030 - 2 Sea of Abaco waterfront parcels on Highway with 73' or 80' rocky shoreline, utilities available, great sea views. **EACH \$95,000.**

NORTH ABACO

- Sunset Ridge Community Lots** # 570 - 14 spacious residential lots from 14,792 s/f to 18,488 s/f. High elevation, close to Treasure Cay. All utilities available. **Starting at \$47,500.**

MARSH HARBOUR

- Pelican Shores Harbourfront Home** - # 1563 - 5 bed, 4.5 bath, 5,600 sq. ft. tastefully furnished home with pool & dock. Well maintained, superior quality construction, many extras. 1 acre +/- landscaped, 115' water frontage. **\$3,995,000.**
- "Sea View" - Great Abaco Club** # 1203 - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,880 s/f furnished sea view home, plus 280 s/f of open deck on 4,918 s/f parcel. Well maintained, gated community, great rental income potential. Includes private deep water dock. **\$769,000.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

- "High Point" Seaview Lot** # 684 - Hilltop 0.405 acre parcel on White Sound Bluff overlooking Sea of Abaco, Fantastic Sea Views, Privacy, near beach **\$365,000.**

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- "Double Eagle"** # 757 - Recently renovated 3 bed, 3 bath, plus loft, 2,500 s/f furnished home on 11,610 s/f canal front parcel. 95' sea wall, 68' fully serviced dock. Underground utilities. Near beach. **\$776,000.**
- Waterfront House (Under Construction)** # 1374 - 18,600 s/f sea front parcel, 108' deep water frontage, plus 50' long boat slip. 3 bed, 3.5 bath, 2,284 s/f home under construction. Great sea views. **\$359,000.**

Residential Parcels

- # 823 - 10,150 +/- s/f canal lot w/130' frontage & 105' deep water dock w/ water & electricity. **\$345,000.**
- # 1258 - 9,000 s/f canal lot, 87' water frontage, 160' lay-along docks & shared recessed boat basin. **\$335,000.**
- # 602 - 15,334 s/f canal corner lot w/197' seawall. **\$299,500.**
- # 704 - 10,400 s/f elevated canal lot w/104' deep water canal frontage. Sea views, walk to beach. **\$239,500.**
- # 1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **\$223,000.**
- # 811 - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot with 194' of road frontage. Walk to beach. All utilities available. **\$99,950.**
- # 998 - 13,459 s/f canal view corner lot, near beach **\$96,500.**
- # 567 - 2.139 acres on highway near Leisure Lee. 50' elevated ridge. 119' highway frontage. **\$149,700.**
- # 1571 - Inland Lot # 15 in Joe's Creek subdivision, 18,500 s/f, electricity available, near to beach. **\$49,900.**

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"Girasole" # 1551 - Delightful 4 bed, 4.5 bath elevated Italian villa style beach home, plus 2 bed, 2 bath separate guest accommodations. Elegantly furnished, many upgrades/extras. 45,000 s/f landscaped grounds, 100' + beach frontage. **\$4,950,000.**

"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.**

"Summertime" # Ocean Blvd. Superb 3 bed, 2 bath beach home plus 2 bed, 2 bath guest house. 3,600 s/f under air. Tastefully furnished. 1.37 acres, 133' beach frontage. **\$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.**

"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.**

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

"Tranquility" # 1307 - 4 bed, 5 bath, furnished two storey 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.**

"Trident House" # 317 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath, furnished 3,500 s/f beach front home. Breath-taking beach & sea views. Good rental income. **NOW \$1,999,000.**

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.**

"Kokomo", Brigantine Bay # 1509 - Charming 3 bed, 3 bath, 2 level, 3,000 s/f tastefully furnished canal home. Recently renovated and upgraded. 10,915 s/f parcel with 102' canal frontage, pool, spa, dock & boat lift. 3,000 s/f balcony, pool & patio decks. **\$1,895,000.**

"Seascape", Windward Beach # 1469 - 3 bed, 2 bath 2,050 s/f furnished beach home on spacious 26,125 s/f parcel with 120' sandy beach. **\$1,379,000.**

"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.**

Galleon Bay Canal Home # 1534 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath furnished home (including 1 bed, 2 bath guest cottage). Total 2,800 s/f living space. 18,000 s/f parcel, 74' bulkheaded water frontage with dock **\$999,999.**

"Windover", Brigantine Bay # 1507 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,750 s/f bi-level elegantly furnished canal home, plus garage on 10,400 s/f topically landscaped parcel. 80' bulkheaded canal frontage with private dock. **\$995,000.**

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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.**

Bahama Beach Club # 2005 - # 1370 - 3 bed, 2 bath ground level 1,645 s/f comfortably furnished condo. Awesome sea views from most rooms Overlooks beach and pool. Great vacation residence. **\$822,000.**

Bahama Beach Club # 2014 - # 1478 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,645 s/f 2nd level furnished beachfront condo. Great sea & beach views. Well manicured grounds, club amenities. Exceptionally priced at **\$805,000.**

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Royal Palm Condo # 2420 - # 1546 - 3 bed, 3 bath, (including loft) 2nd level, 1,264 s/f furnished condo. Great harbour & marina views. Well maintained, near beach, excellent rental income potential. **\$549,000.**

Sand Dollar Condo # 7 - # 1456 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished beachfront condo. Well maintained, superb sea views, community pool. Best Value! Priced to sell. **\$499,995.**

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.**

TREASURE CAY

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.**

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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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Mills said the meeting went extremely well and that it showed a side of the Haitian community that perhaps had never been seen when they opened their arms to work along with the Bahamian people.

According to Barbara Johnson, monetary donations exceeded \$10,000. She said clothing and goods are still coming in. Thankful for the donations, she said that even when there is no disaster, they always lack children's clothing and would need more. The Red Cross needs more food, particularly canned goods. Christine Lightbourne, welfare officer at the Red Cross, was graciously thanked for going above and beyond in her work at the office.

That afternoon FedEx was scheduled to ship a container full of items to Haiti for the Red Cross. Ms. Johnson said FedEx continues to assist the Red Cross shipping containers loaded with supplies. their organization until the exercise ends. A & D Trucking acquired 18 mattresses from the Conch Inn. A cheque from the Abaco Club on Winding Bay totaled \$5,200.

"Volunteers are coming out in droves; everyone is willing to help," Ms. Johnson stated. Some churches have given to the Red Cross directly, but it was announced that many churches are giving through their main headquarters.

Ruth Smith of the Department of Education was pleased to announce that as of January 20, \$3,000 had been collected from both private and public schools, and more funds were expected to come in.

Pattie Toler informed them that the boaters had provided a translator for Haiti,

and several drives were taking place. The fire departments had already arranged six pallets of items and stacked them six feet high. A portion of the proceeds from the Friends of Abaco Animals' rummage sale would go toward assisting Haiti. Pastor Sitoir has collected 15 boxes from those communities and carried them to the Red Cross.

Expo will highlight Abaco products

By Canishka Alexander

The steering committee for the All-Abaco Agricultural, Marine Resources and Agribusiness Expo called a press conference on February 4 to bring awareness of the activities being planned for the grand event and to discuss its purpose.

The expo is being organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and BAIC and will take place on April 16 and 17 at the BAIC site. The theme is *Progressing in Food Security*. Senior Administrator Cephias Cooper would like to see island-wide participation including vendors from the cays.

Anthony Gibson of the Department of Agriculture said all Bahamians are being encouraged to grow food. The expo will demonstrate what is being done and what is possible in agriculture. Along with certain animals being introduced like the Dorpa sheep, Mr. Gibson said they will discuss drip irrigation and backyard farming.

On the other hand, Ejnar Cornish from BAIC said his group is doing all that is possible to assist farmers from the availability of five and 10-acre allotments of farmland at a feasible fee to bringing in Chinese investors to promote opportunities for interested Bahamians. The two newly

formed farmers' associations in the north and south will be involved. The North Abaco Farmers Association is headed by Rev. Stafford Symonette and Pastor Stephen Knowles heads the South Abaco Farmers Association. BAIC is also focusing on handicraft.

Dr. Lenora Black, Education Superintendent, said the expo is an excellent opportunity for students. They will participate in an essay competition with the theme Improving Food Security in Critical Times. Students will be awarded cash prizes. The deadline for submissions is March 19. The students will display what they have grown, and a booth has been allocated for them at the expo.

Leon Pinder spoke on behalf of the Department of Marine Resources. His department will have a lionfish demonstration and handouts will be provided on a number of important marine species. Numerous fishermen are expected to attend.

Toward the end of the conference, Cleola Pinder, public relations chair, said the

expo will include an opening ceremony, the Royal Bahamas Police Force Pop and Marching Bands, various presentations, exhibits and demonstrations as well as a kiddie corner and food court. A commemorative booklet will be on sale for \$2 along with T-shirts. Funding has been provided by a number of sources, but approximately \$40,000 is needed to fund the event.

Frequent break-ins trouble business owner

By Canishka Alexander

Although it was the first time her store had been broken into, Margaret Raymond is distressed. She is the owner of Gent's Formal, Casual Wear and Tux Rental. She was notified of the break-in when her neighbour phoned her on January 25. Latoya Williams of Latoya's Exclusive Fashions confirmed that she had been putting in new inventory in her store around 3 a.m.; and when she returned around 10

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The committee organizing the All Abaco Expo held a press conference to announce plans for the event scheduled for April 16 and 17. It will feature Abaco agricultural and marine products as well as crafts. Demonstrations, exhibits and informative talks along with entertainment for the young people and a variety of foods from Abaco farms will be showcased.

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a.m., someone had broken into her store. Luckily, nothing had been removed. However, the same could not be said for Ms. Raymond, who described her store as being "cleaned out."

According to detectives who arrived at the store, an assortment of men's clothing was stolen. It was determined that \$702 worth of inventory had been taken. Ms. Raymond notified the building representative of what had occurred. She was informed that outside lighting would be provided, but security bars would have to be installed at her own expense. Ms. Raymond said things are already difficult for her as a single mother, and now she has to cope with the loss of inventory and meet her monthly expenses.

Concerns about the Marsh Harbour airport

By Navardo Saunders

Bridgette Reckley, area manager for American Eagle Airlines, said it is standard practice for American Airlines to check passengers' bags before they board a flight. She was responding to an article in the last edition of The Abaconian in which staff at the airport expressed con-

cerns about the fact that some passengers are allowed to take carry un-checked bags on flights.

"I can't speak for the other airlines, but we check all bags before they are put on a flight," said Ms. Reckley. "That is our policy. We adhere to FAA rules and guidelines, and we go by the book. Even before the government put security at the airport, we had our own people checking bags. It is a must that all bags be checked."

While Ms. Reckley said passengers on-board American Airlines have nothing to worry about as far as bag searches are concerned, she has some concerns about security at the airport. "The government has made some changes to improve security, but there is room for improvement," she said. "I think all bags should be checked for the safety of airport employees and passengers. We are hoping for enhanced security."

The concerns about safety comes on the heels of the announcement by Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham that the government will build a government complex on Abaco at a cost of \$25 million to house government agencies.

Following the announcement, many people including local leaders such as Marsh Harbour Town Committee Chair-

man Roscoe Thompson called on the government to use the money to build a new airport terminal instead, stating that the current terminal is inadequate to meet the needs of Abaco, which has emerged as the second busiest airport in the country behind the Lynden Pindling International Airport in Nassau.

Central Abaco District Council Chairman Cubell Davis said the government should invest in a new terminal, as it is extremely important to Abaco's economy.

Airport employees say a new terminal is needed because the current one is congested, and many time passengers have no place to sit. Checking-in can be a nightmare.

During its previous stint in office the FNM government pledged to build a multi-million dollar state-of-the-art terminal in Marsh Harbour. They did not. The Christie administration promised to do the same. It did not. Now Abaconians are hoping that Prime Minister Ingraham will put the terminal on his list of priorities.

Furniture Plus will open its "Beautiful Third Home" on Abaco

In case you haven't heard the latest gossip or the sounds of hammering and saw-

ing, there's some construction going on in Marsh Harbour. Abaconians are feeling the excitement as Furniture Plus prepares to open its third store this spring. The new 20,000-square-foot facility next to Maxwell's Supermarket will offer the same full product lineup as the company's Nassau and Grand Bahama stores, but with additional items carefully selected for the Abaco market.

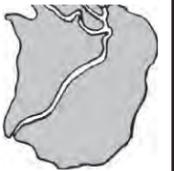
"Our Abaco store will be a showcase brimming with gorgeous living rooms, dining rooms, bedrooms, entertainment centers, timeless accessories, dependable Kenmore appliances, the latest JVC electronics, plus so much more," explained Krystynia Lee d'Arville, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Furniture Plus. "We are thrilled to be able to assist the people of Abaco with creating the beautiful homes they desire."

Furniture Plus has been doing just that for Bahamians nationwide from its store headquarters in Nassau (since 1988) and its second store in Grand Bahama (since 1997). However, the owners believe that their national retail stores can better serve the community by expanding to Abaco, the third largest population in The Baha-

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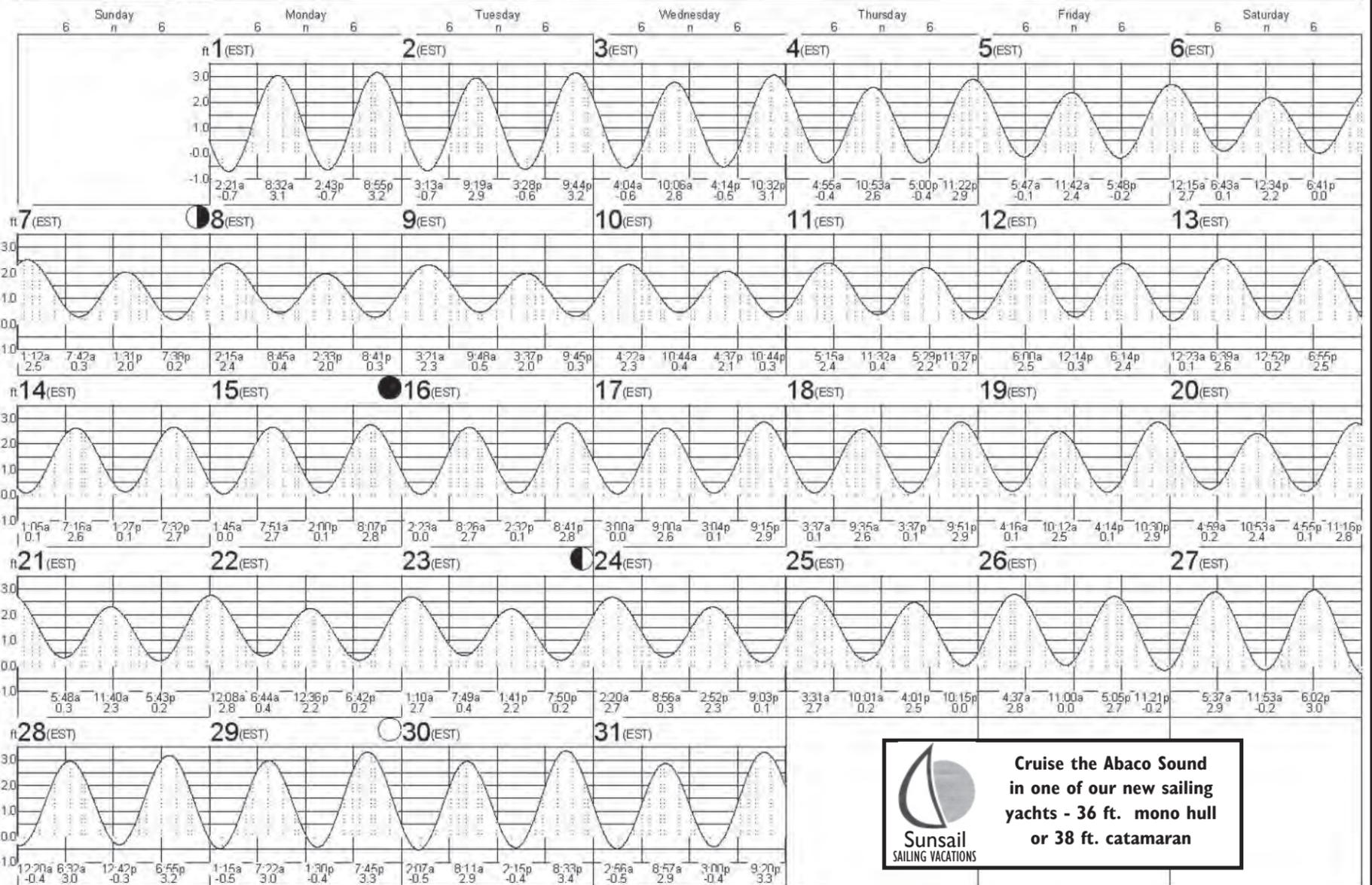
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Department Heads discuss plans for 2010

By Timothy Roberts

Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper held a meeting with heads and representatives of government departments at the conference room at Ministry of Education on January 27 to discuss the events of the past year and to hear what is being planned for the year ahead from each agency.

Mr. Cooper welcomed some new officers at the meeting, including, Jeritzen Outten with the Ministry of Tourism, David Duncombe of the Department of Immigration, Emma Dawkins of the National Insurance Board and Leeland Russell at the Port Department. He also welcomed special guests from several civic groups including the Rotary Club, Pilot Club, Kiwanis Club and Heal Our Land who were in attendance. Mr. Cooper stressed that he would like to see more cooperation and support between all departments to build stronger service to the people of Abaco.

Each representative took a few minutes to highlight some of what they expected to occur in the coming year for their respective departments.

For Anthony Gibson of the Ministry of Agriculture, along with Ejnar Cornish of Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation and Cleola Pinder of B & P Con-

sultants, the focus was on the upcoming All Abaco Exposition in April. The Exposition will provide a way for farmers to introduce themselves to the public and will raise public awareness and interest in what is happening and what can be done agriculturally on Abaco. Mr. Cornish added that aside from the 642 acres in South Abaco and the 500 acres near Norman's Castle in North Abaco, an additional 1000 acres has been made available.

Mrs. Outten outlined Tourism's programs for the upcoming year including further promotion of destination weddings and other specials to encourage more visitors to Abaco. She mentioned that Tourism will be assisting in the further clean up of the lighthouse at Hole-in-the-Wall. Tourism is getting youth involved with a Spanish language program with four students who have already been chosen for this year as well as introducing a Junior Tourism Minister program.

William Davis of the Kiwanis Club spoke about the need for school zones to slow traffic down along the airport road where three schools are located. He wants to see the upcoming Junkanoo Festival on February 19-20 involving both Junior and Senior Junkanoo groups promoted, saying that it will become a signature event and

something that many tourists will look forward to every year.

Arlene Clarke, Manager of BTC on Abaco, said that there will be an ongoing process of privatization over the coming year. The company will be upgrading Abaco from digital service to IP technology, and the fiber link that has been started to connect the cays to the mainland will be completed by adding Scotland Cay, Man-O-War Cay and Hope Town to the loop.

Supt. Arnette from the Police Department spoke of the changes that will be occurring this year as a result of the new Chief of Police for Abaco. They will be operating under the Trust, Care and Respect theme during this year and will seek to create a better relationship with the community. A new superintendent will be coming in February.

Bobby Jones, representing Civil Aviation in charge of the two international airports on Abaco, says the new runway in Marsh harbour has been well received and that Baha-

mas Hot Mix is expected to finish work on the taxiway and lighting by early April.

Alphonso Wright of the Business License Office said that the government is passing a new Business Licensing Act which would make things easier for all concerned and create a sort of one-stop-shop for businesses.

John Schaeffer, Ministry of Works, revealed that there has been a contract signed for the construction of a new government complex although he did not yet have the details. He said that road work in Central Abaco has been prioritized, and there would be ongoing paving throughout the coming year.

Marcus Cunningham with the Bahamas Development Bank reported that the bank is in the process of closing the Abaco branch. He cited the economic downturn as the problem and said that for the time being all business for Abaco will be routed through the Grand Bahama branch.



The heads of government departments meet monthly in Marsh Harbour. At their January meeting on the 27th each one summarized 2009 accomplishments and told of plans for 2010. They met in the conference room at the Education office.

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mas. "It just makes sense," said Troy T. d'Arville, President and CEO of the Plus Group of Companies, the parent organization of Furniture Plus. "After all, we spent much of 2009 encouraging Bahamians to build their local economies by 'shopping at home' in our island nation. Now we are hoping to make that process even easier and more convenient with an extensive variety of products and in-house financing right here on Abaco. There's simply no need to travel anywhere else."

Yet for Furniture Plus, there is so much more to the company's growth than selling furniture. "We have worked very hard to cultivate a corporate environment that celebrates individuals, helping them to develop and achieve," said Mrs. d'Arville. "Our employees and our citizens matter, period. So taking this philosophy to Abaco, adding to their economy, embracing their community, contributing to their charities and building their employment rolls is our small way of giving back." It's this type of forward thinking that helped Furniture Plus earn the distinction of Outstanding Business of the Year by The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce last year.

Meanwhile from the shopping center's newly paved parking lot, Scott Ferguson commented about the response he has been seeing from locals. "We're heartened to receive so much positive feedback from virtually everyone we have met on Abaco thus far," said Mr. Ferguson, Managing Partner for Furniture Plus in Grand Bahama and Abaco. "The people here are so friendly and warm that they've made us feel welcome already."

Perhaps the million dollar question is "When will the store open?" Mr. Ferguson is keeping close tabs on progress and estimates an April opening date. "Hopefully, before May 1st," he predicts with a smile, "and with hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday." For now the company has a "Fly and Buy" program that allows Abaconians to travel to either Nassau or Grand Bahama to purchase products and be reimbursed for travel expenses prior to the Abaco store

opening. Certain conditions apply as described on the Furniture Plus website at www.furnitureplus.com.

Furniture Plus believes in helping customers realize their dreams by offering everything from expert decorating advice to in-house financing to convenient delivery options. They also service what they sell. "We want to thank the people of Abaco for allowing us the special privilege of 'creating our beautiful third home' in one of the prettiest places on earth," said Mrs. d'Arville. "We can hardly wait to come!"

For more information please visit the Furniture Plus website at www.furnitureplus.com, send an email to info@furnitureplus.com, or call 242-397-PLUS (7587).

Lifestyle Classes

By Jennifer Hudson

A new course designed to improve health entitled A new year, a new you is being offered every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Marsh Harbour Dance and Gymnastics School at the back of the Van Stratton building at the traffic light. The focus is weight loss and nutritional guidance, and the course is described as "inspirational, motivational and life saving" by Mrs. Elaine Pilon, instructor. Mrs. Pilon encourages people to improve their nutrition and begin a life saving programme such as this out of respect for their own bodies. "Food addiction is rampant," she states.

Some of the topics covered in the classes are: Finding your personal dietary truth, Respecting the body and not abusing it, Eating healthy, high quality food, Emotional state, genetic heritage, cultural and family heritage, macro-nutrient intake.

"The course is going well," stated Mrs. Pilon. "We currently have 10 in the class. Several more people are showing interest, and new participants are joining each week. The class begins with a motivational talk and ends with Pilates exercises. Men and women are welcome and anyone interested should call Elaine Pilon at 367-0883 or 551-5883. Yoga classes are also offered on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

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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	
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Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
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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..... 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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Charter Boats	
Lucky Strike - Hope T	366-0101
Sea Gull - Hope Town	366-0266
A Salt Weapon - Hope Town	366-0245
Down Deep	366-3143
Local Boy	366-0528
Back Breaker	365-5140

Bikes & Scooters • Boats • Cars & Carts	
Rentals * Marsh Harbour	
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B & B Boat Rentals	367-7368
Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
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
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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



Restaurant Guide	
Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper (Based on dinner entree range)	
+ Picnic tables & restroom only ‡ Provides ride from town	
Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
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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	\$ + 367-3796
Sea Shells	\$ 367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ + 367-4005
Snappas	\$ 367-2278
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
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SECTION B



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Uniformed departments attend commitment service

Police, Customs, Immigration and Road Traffic worshipped in annual service

By Navardo Saunders

Police officers were called on to seek divine intervention while carrying out their duties during their annual service of praise and thanksgiving at Faith Walk Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town on January 31.

The Royal Bahamas Police Force Band and the Abaco Police Officers Choir performed several times much to the delight of the audience who gave them a standing ovation each time and pleaded for more.

There was a military-style presentation where officers marched to the front of the church with the two officers carrying the Bahamian and Royal Bahamas Police Force flags. It marked a somber moment as the officers remembered their colleagues who fell from the ranks in 2009. Among them was PC 3229 Valentino Burrows, 21, who was killed in a horrific head-on traffic collision in Treasure Cay on November 6. There was a moment of silence for the fallen officers, which included 10 career officers, one police reserve and a customs guard.

In a spirited sermon, Rev Alphonso Lewis, Vice President of the Abaco Christian Council, told the officers that their efforts to win the war on crime would be

Please see **Police**

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The uniformed services held their annual church service on January 31 at the Faith Walk Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town. During the service tribute was paid to those of the services who have passed away. A segment of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band was in attendance and led a parade through Cooper's Town. Shown here are Reserve Insp. Beatrice Moxey, Insp. Wilson Delancey, ASP Bruce Arnett, Supt. Noel Curry and Supt. Sean Norville-Smith.

Abaco's Dr. Binard recalls his work in devastated Haiti

Dr. Marc Binard, who practiced medicine on Abaco from 1998 to 2008, is now working in Wisconsin. However, when he heard the plight of the Haitian people after the disastrous earthquake, he felt compelled to assist.

His first visit to Haiti was when he was

12 years old when he accompanied his physician father to open a clinic in a remote town, and he has returned numerous times. He has written a summary for The Abaconian of his experiences while there. See the first part of his story on page 20.

Local club holds Dog Agility Trials



Splash, a standard poodle owned by Glenn and Maureen Koepp, went through the Agility Trials very well. He is shown in one of his jumps. The Agility Trials were held in Marsh Harbour on February 5-7 and were organized by the Abaco Dog Training Club.

By Timothy Roberts

The Abaco Dog Training Club held Agility Trials on February 5-7, exhibiting months and years of practice as dogs made their way through jumps, tunnels, weaves and more.

On hand to judge the event were Bonnie and Daniel McDonald, a mother and son team from the American Kennel Club

and the United States Dog Agility Association in Tampa, Florida.

The agility runs came in two categories: Agility Standard, which includes a variety of jumps, weaves, tunnels, a teeter-totter, A-frame, dog walk (a narrow bridge standing at approximately four feet

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Students Donate to Haitian cause



Students from all Abaco schools donated money for the victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The total came to \$6252. Barbara Johnson, representing the Red Cross on Abaco, accepted the donation on February 9. On the left is Education Superintendent Lenora Black and on the right is Ms. Johnson and Leslie Rolle, Senior Education Officer.

Two international darts competitions will be on Abaco

By Malcolm Spicer

The Bahamas Darts Federation along with the Abaco Darts Association is pleased to announce that the 18th Caribbean Cup and the 5th Americas Cup is to be hosted on Abaco on August 20th to 30th, 2010. These prestigious world-rated tournaments will involve the national teams from USA, Canada, Turks & Caicos, Belize, Brazil, Guyana, Antigua, Puerto Rico, Florida, Bermuda, Jamaica, Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, Trinidad & Tobago, St Lucia, Barbados and, of course, The Bahamas. With each team bringing about 20-25 people with them, this will involve up

to 400 visitors if all the countries involved participate. To date 12 countries have responded positively.

The visitors will be housed in Abaco Towns and the tournament venue will be the Faith Convention Centre.

The tournament is fully supported by the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Sports and should provide much needed income for the island in a slow time of the year and during the poor economy.

A number of committees have been set

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Police Band parades through Cooper's Town

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futile without God's divine intervention. He commended the officers for coming together at the start of the year to "get a word from the Lord. You have started off this year the right way because you have decided to put your trust in God."

Rev. Lewis called on junior officers and subordinate staff to work together with their senior officers. He also had a message for high ranking officers. "Leading people is not an easy task," he said. "Leaders must be in control of their feelings and thoughts. If a leader cannot control himself he will never be successful in controlling others."

Rev. Lewis told the officers that temptation will come and they will be tested, but they must be strong, courageous.

Rev Lewis urged the public to partner with the police to fight crime. "This is not the time to engage in criticizing law enforcement officers, but pray for them because when you are asleep at night they are still out there," he said. "Encourage them, help them whenever you can, we are all in this together."

"Be men and women of honour and integrity," he added. "Walk upright in the dark, even when no one is looking. Be a police force that we can be proud of and that the Bahamian people trust."

After the service, the Police Band marched through the streets in Cooper's Town.

Later they went back to Faith Walk Church where they were feted to a full-course meal and engaged in a time of fellowship.



A segment of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band attended the annual church service for the uniformed departments. After the service the band led a parade through Cooper's Town. The service was held at the Faith Walk Church of God Cathedral that was dedicated in November 2009.

Agility trials feature trained dogs

Dog Trials *From Page 1*

high), and a platform, and Agility Jumps With Weaves which consists of only jumps, tunnels and weaves.

In each category there are three classes, Novice, Open and Excellent, as well as various sizes. In order to earn a title for any category a dog and handler must achieve a qualifying score at each level three times.

It was an enjoyable weekend as dogs and their owners reaped the rewards of their hard work and many hours of training. The trials featured a variety of purebred dogs, such as the Shetland Sheepdog, Standard Poodle and Golden Retriever as well as a number of mixed breeds and pot-cakes.

The club offers dog obedience training for beginners as well as advanced owners alike throughout the year except during summer months due to the heat.



Rebekah Higgs took Kaite through the course.



Tara Lavalee is showing what her dog Ari can do. Ari is a fine potcake that was a stray but is now very well trained.

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GUANA CAY

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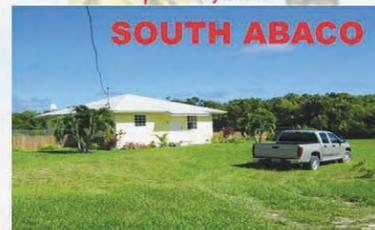
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 Guana Cay Lot 28B \$120,000

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Wine Tasting raises funds for Island Roots Heritage Festival

By Annabelle Cross

The Island Roots Heritage Festival Committee held its Evening of Abaco Stars on February 6th at the Green Turtle Club. This was the committee's 7th annual wine tasting fund raiser.

The Island Roots Heritage Festival Committee was formed in 2003 to organize an annual event that would celebrate Bahamian heritage and New Plymouth's ties to Key West. The historical ties to Key West date back to the 1800s when residents from New Plymouth migrated to Key West in hopes of improving their economic circumstances. Some dismantled their homes and rebuilt them in Key West. The first Island Roots Festival was held in 1977 and New Plymouth and Key West became Sister Cities. As the years passed, so did the interest in celebrating the historical ties. In 2003 a group of Bahamian descendants in

Key West contacted the Abaco Tourist Office with the idea of reviving the celebration and the Island Roots Heritage Festival Committee was formed to organize the event.

The committee of volunteers started planning a one-day event to be held during a traditionally slow period to boost tourism on the island. The Abaco Tourist Office encouraged the committee to plan a weekend event and the date was set for the first weekend of May 2004. The challenge now was to raise funds for the event! The first fund raiser was the revival of Guy Fawkes/Bonfire Night which was celebrated on November 5th. Guy Fawkes had conspired with others to blow up the British Parliament, but was caught and put to death. The British tradition of burning effigies of Guy Fawkes was introduced in The Bahamas when the country was a part of the British Empire. The first Island Roots Heritage Festival Guy Fawkes Family Night was a huge success, and it is now an annual event.

With the idea of celebrating our ties to Key West the committee worked with the Abaco Tourist Office to bring a group from Key West to promote the first festival. A wine tasting was planned to entertain and introduce the group from Key West. Legendary Key West entertainer Coffee Butler, who can trace his roots to Green Turtle Cay, entertained the crowd. The event was a huge success, and the committee decided to make it an annual fund raising event.

The second and third annual wine tasting fund raisers were also held at a private residence, but the committee realized that the event needed a larger venue

to accommodate the crowd. Green Turtle Club extended the offer to host the event, and it has proved to be a perfect setting with its enclosed patio for socializing and deck area for dancing. The staff is very helpful and supportive. Although it started out as a "wine tasting," the event has grown into a social event where a selection of red and white wines, sparkling cider and champagne are served with a wonderful selection of hors d'oeuvres. The committee and friends prepare the food and over the past seven years both Burns House and Bristol Wines & Spirits have sponsored the events. Entertainers have included Coffee Butler, Joe Cartwright, Geno D, The Brilanders, New Entry Band, Estin Sawyer and our very own Gully Roosters.

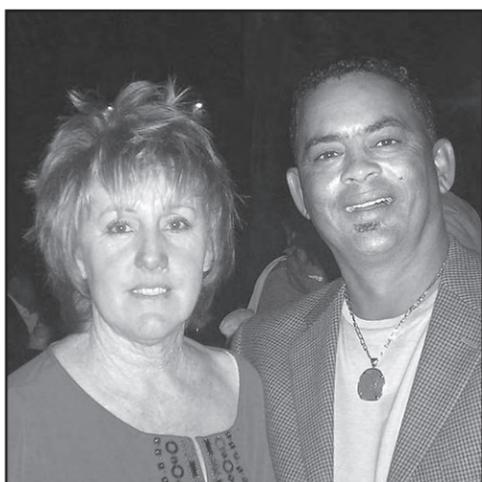
The annual wine tasting fund raiser is one of Green Turtle Cay's most popular events. It is supported by local and second home residents, visitors and friends from all over Abaco. This year's Evening of Abaco Stars at the Green Turtle Club was sponsored by Bristol Wines and Spirits. Guest enjoyed a selection of wines, sparkling ciders and hors d'oeuvres as they were entertained by Abaco Star, Estin Sawyer. In a brief speech, committee chairperson Karen McIntosh welcomed guests and announced the door prize winners. She introduced Green Turtle Cay's very own Abaco Stars, The Gully Roosters. The cool, windy evening was perfect for dancing, and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.



The Island Roots Heritage Festival committee held a fund raising Wine Tasting on February to raise funds for its function in late April. Special guest at the gala affair was the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham. He is shown with Carol Nelson and Douglas Wilson, second homeowners on Green Turtle Cay.

The committee was especially pleased to welcome the Prime Minister of The Bahamas, Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham as the guest of honor. The Prime Minister has been very supportive of the Island Roots Heritage Festival and the committee. He has taken time from his busy schedule to attend a number of Island Roots events, and it is an honor in any country to have the country's leader attend an event! It also gives the committee pleasure to see our Prime Minister in a setting where he can socialize or just sit and relax with friends.

The event was very successful and all proceeds will help fund the 7th annual Island Roots Heritage Festival to be held April 30th - May 2nd. The committee thanks everyone for their continued support.



North Abaco's Chief Councillor, Steve Pedican, has Green Turtle Cay roots and supports the events on the cay. He is shown here with Annabelle Cross, a Festival committee member.

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News of the Cays

GTC residents hear about the old days

The Captain Roland Roberts Historic and Environmental Center on Green Turtle Cay was host to an evening of reminiscence on February 4th. This was the first in a series of talks by local people designed to promote awareness and preservation of island history and record stories from the past told by those who lived it.

The first speakers were Vertram Lowe and Joe Sawyer, who gave wonderful, and even scary, tales of sharking, attempts at dynamiting, then on to shipwrecks, craw-fishing and how the island has progressed with the arrival of tourists. Mr. Sawyer has been working for 65 years and is the oldest fishing guide on Abaco. Mr. Lowe was employed at the Green Turtle Club from the time of its inception until his recent retirement and is a renowned model boat builder. An audience of more than 50 people were fascinated and greatly entertained

by these stories. Lemon grass tea and pastries were served afterward.

There will be a series of these conversations by other members of the community who can contribute their memories.

The Captain Roland Roberts House is open to the public, free of charge, six days a week, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. It is staffed by volunteers and boasts a unique bush medicine garden.

Hope Town Sailing Club initiates Reingold Trophy

To encourage appreciation and preservation of the Abaco dinghy, the Hope Town Sailing Club inaugurated the "Reingold Trophy" on February 6. It is named for sailing club member, Janet Reingold, and is the result of a collaboration among club officers, Commodore Jack Helm,

Race Committee Chair, Ray Ankers, model builder and former Race Chairman, George Holloway, and Ms. Reingold's husband, Philip Yasinski.

Mr. Holloway designed the trophy and worked over the summer to create the beautiful half model mounted on a quarterboard shaped like an Abaco dinghy transom with brass plates to inscribe the names of race winners. The trophy will hang in the Hope Town Sailing Club.

Created to honor Janet's milestone birthday, the trophy was presented to the

Hope Town Sailing Club on an occasion that also recognized the esteemed builder, Winer Malone, who has designed and built more than 200 Abaco dinghies in a career that spans five decades. Mr. Malone was in attendance for the award presentation along with Ed Collins, author of the definitive history of the Abaco dinghy, titled Winer Malone and the Abaco Dinghy.

Although the purpose of the trophy is to draw attention to the history and beauty of

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The renovated Roland Roberts house in Green Turtle Cay is now a historic and environmental center. Volunteers are maintaining it and have begun evenings of having older residents reminisce about the past. The first evening was early in February when Vertram Lowe, left, and Joe Sawyer, right, talked about their youth. Moderating the evening was David Bethell.



The Hope Town Sailing Club has inaugurated the Reingold Trophy to encourage the sailing of Abaco dinghies. It was named for Janet Reingold, a second homeowner in Hope Town. The trophy is shown here held by Philip Yasinski, Ray Ankers, Janet Reingold, George Holloway, Winer Malone and Jack Helm. Mr. Malone is one of the last persons with the knowledge to build the dinghies. He constructed them without any plans and had no power tools but built a couple hundred boats in his lifetime.

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Barefoot Man returns to Abaco

By Robert Wilson

March 5th is the date when the Barefoot Man and his entourage will be returning to Nippers Beach Bar on Guana Cay. For the uninitiated music lovers expecting to be in the area, the annual event promises to pres-



Popular musician, George Novak, better known as the Barefoot Man, will be back at Nippers on March 5.

ent plenty of opportunities for dancing, people watching and strolling on the beach. The group will be introducing music from his latest CD, *Horses on the Beach*. Along with several new calypso and reggae tunes, the album features several of his classics hits. As always, George Nowak and Johnny Roberts will insure everyone enjoys a wonderful day on Abaco.

For those looking for something a little more subdued, a private concert with "dinner and dancing under the stars" is being planned for March 6th. Information regarding tickets will be announced.

Hope Town honors Vernon Malone

Hope Town residents crowded into SipSip on February 4 to honor Vernon Malone with a celebration recognizing the high honor bestowed upon him by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham. Vernon and his wife, Barbara (Bobbi), were just back from Nassau where Mr. Malone was awarded the Queen's Certificate and Badge of Honor in recognition of his outstanding service to the community in areas of business and religion. One of 59 Bahamians to receive this prestigious award, Vernon Malone is well known in Hope Town for the many hats he wears: hard-working grocer, famous baker of breads and key lime pies, eloquent lay preacher at St. James Methodist Church, cottage caretaker and dispenser of wisdom and good humor.

Quietly, the good news spread by word-of-mouth through the community, and the spontaneous turn-out of more than a hundred Hope Town friends was a tribute to a man who quietly does so many good deeds and



Vernon Malone received the Queen's Certificate and Badge of Honor at a ceremony in Nassau. On his return to Hope Town he and Bobbi were honoured with a party.

acts of kindness for folks in this community.

The gathering was a well kept secret until the very last minute. Mrs. Malone urged her husband, Vernon, to put on the suit he wore when he received the medal, saying "pretend you're going to your own funeral, except there won't be any eulogies." They entered SipSip to the sound of thunderous applause with everyone singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

David Webb served as Master of Cer-

emonies, telling the assembled crowd the significance of such an award. Selected because she sounds most like the Queen, Lady (Annie) Horsley read the Certificate of Honor and led the "Hip Hip Horrays." Kent LeBoutillier presented Vernon with his favorite kind of cake, chocolate with chocolate icing, decorated with the image of the golden medal given to Vernon. Anne Krout arranged for Tom Hazel, manager of the Hope Town Harbour Lodge, to bring trays of conch fritters, devoured by all.

"I'm humbled to receive this high honor, granted to only a few Bahamians each year," said Vernon, "and my wife, Bobbi, shares this great honor with me. Hope Town has many citizens who quietly serve the community in generous and selfless ways, and I am deeply honored to be considered among them."

All of us in Hope Town are proud to know Mr. Malone, and in a small way we feel that the honor bestowed upon him accrues to the entire community.

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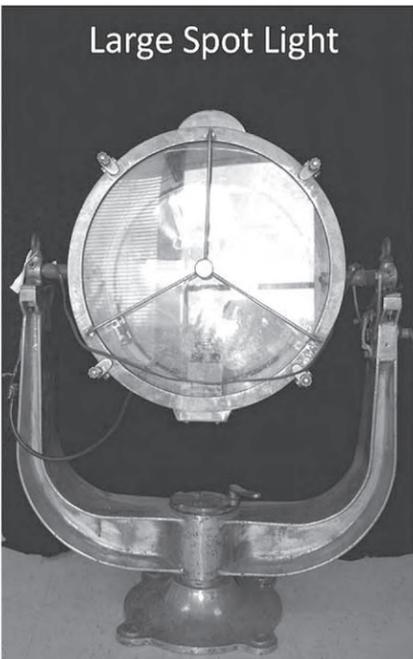
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Viewpoint . . . Man-O-War is a special place

By Robert Wilson

The recent comments by Sammy Albury hit close to home when he commented that many visitors to Abaco are often dissuaded from visiting his beloved Man-O-War Cay.

During the years we have visited Abaco we also have heard disparaging comments. However, knowing the people of Man-O-War, we merely dismiss the comments as being made by an individual more inclined to be looking for a few days of active partying and unwilling to recognize that working or raising a family in peaceful surroundings and appreciating a slower pace of life is infinitely more rewarding than a fast night out on the town.

Let me submit to you an article which was published in an Atlanta newspaper following our visit to Man-O-War Cay in 2006. While a few things may have changed, let me point out that the evening the article was written was one of many special evenings we have spent on Man-O-War, and that it should give everyone pause and help everyone to focus on the more meaningful issues in life.

Thank you, Mr. Albury, for sharing your comments. Man-O-War Cay is a special place to be appreciated for its beauty and the values that the residents hold dear.

A special place with Pirates

By Robert Wilson

Several years ago Carolyn gave me a table top picture book, *A Day in the Life of America*. There were colorful photographs that instantly captured life across the country [United States] as it really was. Now, from our anchorage in the northern harbor of Man-O-War Cay we have been able to observe a more simple life and a few colorful individuals reminding us of the happier times that were reflected in my picture book.

Man-O-War Cay, a small island on Abaco, was settled by a single young couple in 1820. Reportedly, a 1977 survey indicated that 230 of the 235 current residents of Man-O-War could trace their ancestry to Pappy Ben and Mammy Nellie. Today it is much the same – there are the Alburys and there are the Sweetings. Along Harbour Road there are two boatyards and a grocery store owned by the Alburys and on Queen's Highway there is a larger grocery store. The Sweetings operate the only hardware store where charge accounts are welcomed.

The families of Man-O-War are very enterprising. Albury Brothers Boat Building handcrafts a very respectable fiberglass outboard boat while Edwin's Boat Yard does major boat repair. Ralph Albury operates the largest fleet of ferry boats, providing Abaconians with their primary mode of inter-island transportation. David Albury is a painter, real estate agent and fisherman but also maintains the boat moorings in the harbour. His brother operates Joe's Studio, where he sells

hand carved, hardwood "half-models" of sailboats and frame models of Abaconian dinghies. And Ms. Lola sells fresh baked bread and pastry from her golf cart to all that dare land at the Man-O-War Marina. Casey, an older, friendly Golden Retriever, is the marina greeter.

The last time they counted there were four cars on Man-O-War. There are some very small trucks, mostly Daewoos, that are used to haul freight from the boat dock to the stores. People here drive golf carts as the five streets are only wide enough for two of them to pass. There is only one gas pump, two churches and a part-time clinic. The businesses close for lunch from noon to one and everything is closed on Sunday. No tobacco or alcohol is sold on the island and everyone leaves the doors unlocked. The only time a policeman is on the island is when the banker requires an escort – but the bank is only open on Wednesday.

At the end of the day, the ferry departs with the work crews at 5 p.m. and calm settles over Man-O-War, but not last night. The Man-O-War Pirates have started their softball season at the newly renovated stadium overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Hamburgers and chicken were grilled on an open spit prior to the game and homemade coconut ice cream was available for dessert.

Everyone was there. The team from Cooper's Town, some 20 miles away on the mainland, failed to show up – reportedly due to high seas. Not to be unsettled, volunteers were recruited from the stands, enabling them to have the required 18 players. Those that didn't have ball gloves bor-

rowed them from the "opposing team's" players. The catcher would also serve as the umpire. The game started on time and, as it turned out, the players were excited to be playing, and the fans were encouraging their respective family member.

The game was tied 3 to 3 when Walter Sweeting, the hardware store manager, attempted a slide into third base. He was trapped by his son, the shortstop, and was thrown out by his nephew, the third baseman, and the inning was over. There were some good hitters. Whenever a player hit a foul ball over the fence, it landed in the ocean. The "little" Pirates would scurry to the beach to try to retrieve the ball.

The game went into overtime with a score of 9 to 9 when the crew of Gypsy Common, joined by a host of other visiting cruisers, started the "wave." Chris, the marina manager, and "recruited outfielder," laughed as his hometown fans noticed he seemed to have his own rooting section. The home team won 11 to 9. But it was a beautiful night and the teams decided to play an extra inning because they were having fun. When it was over, everyone got in their golf carts and drove home.

On our way back to the boat that night we walked along the street, noticing the homes and how well manicured everything was. There was no litter, very little noise. The only sounds were those of a child practicing America The Beautiful on the piano and a group of people scheduling the next day's ferry ride over to the mainland.

Back aboard Gypsy Common we listened to the BBC news broadcast announcer discussing the war in Iraq. There was unrest in many parts of the world, but it was peaceful on Man-O-War that night.

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South Abaco News

Nativity Show at Cherokee Sound

By Jennifer Hudson

Although most people had already carefully stowed away their Christmas decorations until next December, on January 24 Christmas was still in the air at the Community Centre in Cherokee. A display of nativity scenes filled the hall in a fund raising event for the Cherokee library since the library is in need of a new reading table and benches and the community needs two new notice boards.

A very interesting display of 45 nativity scenes adorned the tables and each one was quite different. These family treasures had been loaned for the event not only by residents of Cherokee but also from Man-O-War and Marsh Harbour with one even

being sent from West Palm Beach and another from Virginia. One normally pictures a traditional nativity set with painted china figurines such as the one loaned by the Epworth Methodist Church in Cherokee and which is on display every year at their Christmas services. However, the variations on this traditional scene were amazing, ranging from the very simple to extremely elaborate and from the minute to sizeable.

The plainest of them all was an unpainted set of just a few white china figures, very striking in its simplicity. At the other end of the spectrum was a set of many large richly adorned pieces each of which was very beautiful, forming a quite spectacular scene. The porcelain figures were clothed in costumes of richly embroidered cloth embellished with jewels. Even the

camels were bedecked in finery, and all were placed in front of a very authentic eastern looking building.

The Nativity scenes were variously created from ceramic, wood, bisque, glass, cardboard and crystal. Some of the more unusual crèches included a dried corn husk set from the Western United States, a scene carved from a birch disk from the Black Forest, a set of minute figures inside a shell also from the Black Forest, a scene carved into an olive wood plate from the Holy Land, a stable made from Poinciana pods and a set carved from wood and painted in which the stable folded into a box for storing the figures. That was made in Devon, England by some second homeowners in Cherokee and was carved for their son at age three.

Also depicting crèches were hanging ornaments, a manger scene hand painted on silk from Barbados, and several musical scenes from The Fruit of the Vine Christian book store.

The ladies of Cherokee had been busy preparing a delicious array of cakes, cookies and their famous Cherokee fudge which were offered as complementary treats along with coffee and tea and several people took the opportunity to sit, socialise and discuss all of the interesting exhibits.

Bahamas Junior Certificate Awards

By Lee Pinder

Tyler Albury of Cherokee Sound was honoured at an Awards Ceremony in Nassau on January 21st along with three other Abaconian students, Alysia Boyce and Deanza Cox, all from Forest Heights Academy, and Cicely Gomez of Long Bay All Age School. The honoured students all achieved 5 A's, 1 B and 1 C out of the seven tests taken. We are very proud of these outstanding students and wish them continued success in the future.



Tyler Albury, a student at Forest Heights Academy, was honoured in Nassau for his good grades on the BJC national examination.

Manger and Nativity Scene Showing

By Lee Pinder

On Sunday afternoon, January 24, the Community Center in Cherokee was host to a show included 45 different and unusual Nativity Scenes from many countries. Some were housed in their own crèches and were made from a variety of materials ranging from wood and bamboo to crystal and bone china and seashells. Those who were privileged to view the displays were amazed that we were able to amass so many different ones.

Although the turnout was not what we had hoped, we were still able to raise enough money to build a new table for the local library, and we would like to thank all those who did support the event.

Ladies Valentine's Tea

By Lee Pinder

On February 10th the ladies of Cherokee Sound will gather for their 14th annual tea party. The atmosphere is casual, the teas are always different and the ladies enjoy games and door prizes. Some of the ladies have never missed one of these tea parties and look forward to it every year.



This large and very elaborate creche was outstanding at the Nativity Show held in Cherokee Sound on January 24. The event was to raise funds for a new table for the library and repairs to the town bulletin board. The organizers, Lee Pinder and Peggy Albury, assembled 45 nativity scenes that varied greatly. They served delicious homemade sweets that Cherokee women are famous for.

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People in the News

Woman celebrates building of new home

By Canishka Alexander

January 24 marked an exciting time in the life of Viola Johnson. Lots of family and church members along with friends from the community met at her newly built home in Dundas Town for her housewarming celebration. You see, a little more than a year ago, Ms. Johnson lost her home to a fire. She was at church when she received the tragic news.

But as she proudly stated that day, "God has put me back in my home one more time!" A tour of the tastefully decorated two-bedroom home was given.

Some guests mingled indoors while the majority of the guests lingered outside chatting and laughing as Eston Sawyer entertained them with a selection of gospel hymns in the background. The mood was indeed a festive one.

Ms. Johnson was assisted by a number of helpful ladies who dished up mouth-watering food to her guests. Two birthday cakes came toward the end of the evening.

And speaking of cakes, Ms. Johnson's grandson's birthday was that same day, her daughter's was January 26, and she celebrated her birthday on January 27.

Realtor is joining Damianos Realty

A true native son of Man-O-War Cay, Christopher Albury has first-hand knowledge of the cays that surround the Sea of Abaco. As a young boy, he was indoctrinated with a strong work ethic and strength of character that characterizes the original



Chris Albury

Man-O-War families. Christopher, his wife Rhonda and their boys Noah and Silas, live on Man-O-War Cay.

Boating and life on the water are second nature to islanders like Christopher. His love for the Bahamas and Abaco is apparent, and his insight and knowledge of the area can be of great benefit to anyone considering owning a home on Abaco.

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Abaco girl runs Miami half marathon

Fifteen-year-old Erinlee Hull of Marsh Harbour ran 13.1 miles in Miami to become the Bahamas' youngest distance runner. Erinlee completed the Miami Half-Marathon on January 31st in 2.48 hours.

Erinlee began training for the race last summer and often could be seen on the S.C. Bootle Highway or Don MacKay Boulevard running miles to prepare for the race. Most Saturday mornings, she would get up early and head out to the airport to run 10 miles before the heat set in.

Erinlee is presently a student at Agape Christian School and plays on the senior girl's basketball team. Last year she studied in Mexico, living with a Mexican family and learning Spanish in San Miguel de Allende. She is the daughter of local attorney Rhonda Hull, who also ran the marathon with her.

Only 25 teenagers 15 years and under competed in the Marathon out of 18,000 people who competed.

Evinrude dealers attend seminar

The Outboard Shop located in Marsh Harbour, the Evinrude outboard motor distributor for Abaco and Grand Bahama in conjunction with Bombardier Recreational

Products, the manufacturer of Evinrude outboards, recently held a two and a half day seminar at the Outboard Shop designed to update area dealers and technicians on the features and systems of the Evinrude E Tec outboard motors for 2010. Personnel from dealerships in Freeport, Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay, Marsh Harbour, Parrot Cay and Hope Town were able to view a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the improvements and upgrades to these fuel efficient and environmentally friendly outboards followed by a presentation from Rene Morales of Bombardier, punctuated with many question/answer sessions. Hands-on instruction was available to all with regard to the latest in computer technology as it relates to the service and maintenance of the E Tec's. The event concluded with a 50 question written test. Many thanks to the staff at Jamies Place for the excellent food and service provided.

Miss Scholar gives her first speech

By Canishka Alexander

Dawnishka Morley, recently crowned Miss Highs Abaco Scholar, appeared be-

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Erinhull ran 13.1 miles in the Miami Half marathon in January 31, the youngest Bahamian distance runner.



Personnel from dealers of Evinrude outboard engines on Abaco and Grand Bahama recently attended a seminar to learn about the new Evinrude E Tec outboard engines. The men came from Grand Bahama as well as five Evinrude distributors on Abaco. Shown are Rene Morales, representative of Bombardier, Jamie Rose, Adan Cash, Michael Roberts, Jimmy Russell, Jimmy Roberts, Stafford Patterson, Jeff Gale, Zario Saunders, Elvis Key, Calvin Pinder, Jason Lowe, Josh Pinder and John Robertshaw of the Outboard Shop.



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School News

Agape Christian School has curriculum changes

By Samantha V. Evans

The curriculum at Agape Christian School has been revamped in some primary grades as they are now integrating the Harcourt and Bob Jones curriculums. In the junior high school the school now offers art drawing or technical drawing in grades 7 and 8 which the students are now able to take at the BJC level in grade 9. The students can now take a total of seven BJs.

In the high school students can now choose from literature or bookkeeping and electrical installation or combined science. These subjects can be taken at the BGCSE level. Principal Cecile Albury stated that these additions have been dreams of the school for some time so she is elated that they have finally come to fruition. She stated that these subjects will allow the students to be more prepared, along with core subjects, to enter college.

Mrs. Albury is ecstatic that two years ago Agape Christian School had the first class to sit the electrical installation BGCSE exam as a subject and both students obtained a B. This year the school will have the first female student on Abaco to take this same exam. She added that Agape's electrical engineering teacher is assisting Abaco Central High School by teaching this class to the grade 11 students there twice weekly to prepare them to take the exam as well.

New PTA Board members are elected

By Samantha V. Evans

Five new board members have been elected to the PTA of St. Francis de Sales School. They are William Davis president, Jessica Spicer vice president, Shamika Curry secretary, Crystal Spicer assistant secretary, and Zoe Hepburn Treasurer. The main focus of the PTA Board for this year is to outfit the science labs for the primary and high schools with state-of-the-art science facilities.

According to Principal Josephine Kumar, the school has adopted some stricter policies following the directive of the Minister of Education, the Hon. Desmond Bannister, who banned cell phones from government school campuses. Parents were informed of this and were in full support

of the school's position. Cell phones are a major distraction to the learning process so Mrs. Kumar looks forward to her students being more focused on learning. To ensure that the students are complying, random bag checks will be done by teachers and administration. Any cell phones found will be taken and not returned.

St. Francis opens new year with prayer

By Samantha V. Evans

St Francis de Sales School had its opening mass for the new year on January 8th at the Catholic Church in Marsh Harbour. The theme for the service was Celebrating New Beginnings, Being Peacemakers. Elmer Bongon encouraged the students to improve their lives by making good choices, making a difference by sharing the love of Jesus to everyone and by being peacemakers. The students took part in a symbolic procession and offered the symbolic gifts that symbolized the virtues that the community will share throughout the year.

Scriptures were read and a skit performed by the Drama Club. The team presented the many ways students could be peacemakers inside and outside the school.

Teachers' Aides are active at Central Abaco Primary

By Samantha V. Evans

When the school year began in September, many Abaco government schools were short of teachers, resulting in many of the classes being very large. To alleviate this problem, Education Superintendent Lenora Black trained persons to assist teachers in the classroom.

During the first week of January three

teachers' aides were posted at Central Abaco Primary School assigned to grades three, four and six. Just recently, a fourth person was assigned to assist with grade one. These ladies assist the teachers in a number of major ways: they ensure that the students are doing their class work correctly, mark books, read stories to the kids, help with the centers and class art work, organize the classroom and kids' desks, work with small groups that have difficulty reading, maintain order within the classroom and distribute work and assignments. The training and assigning of teachers' aides to this school has been a major bonus and Principal Eunice Mills is grateful for the ease of work load on her hard working dedicated teachers. These ladies have all fit into the cohesiveness of this school environment quite well, and it is hoped that they will remain with the school throughout the years to come.

Two from St Francis win in speech contest

By Mirella Santillo

The annual Junior Achievers Speech Competition took place in the morning of January 30th at Friendship Tabernacle. A record number of contestants registered, 19 in all, who took turns elaborating on why they were Destined to Win. At the end of the event two St Francis de Sales students pulled away with the first two places.

The event was moderated by Chateau Outten. The candidates were judged by a panel of Toastmasters International representatives, Kalesa Gibbs, Richard Dorsett,

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Long Bay Wins Grade 4 Spelling



February 5th was an exciting day for Long Bay School as Duane Johnson won the Spelling Bee for grade 4 held at St. Andrew's Methodist Church Hall. Twenty-eight students participated which was the largest number of students for this school year. When it came to the end, the battle for first and second place was between two male students. After an emotional battle for first place, young Duane, left, took home the trophy. In second place was Justiss McEwan, middle, of St. Francis de Sales School and in third place was Twanasha Lightbourn of Central Abaco Primary School. These top students and the winning school received a trophy. All participants were given a certificate for a job well done.

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More School News

School *From Page 13*

Julieth McCaffrey and Datus Farrington. In the audience classmates, parents, teachers, advisors and Education's Superintendent, Lenora Black, sat attentively.

More girls than boys competed. Most of the contestants were fluid in their presentations and impressed the judges by the originality of their speeches. To accentuate their arguments, they invoked life models real or fictitious, people who had beat the odds through determination and self-esteem because, according to the students, they were "destined to win."

The presentations lasted close to three hours at the end of which the judges deliberated on the three best contestants. Ms. Gibbs, after stating how impressed she had been by all the speeches, conferred on

the students a few words of advice. She cautioned them to enunciate with a clear pronunciation and to use the appropriate gestures to match the speech content.

She then announced the award recipients. Ishmael Morley, Chairman for Junior Achievement on Abaco, presented the plaques. Quetel Charleton came in first place. When Octavia Dean McIntosh was named as second place winner, Principal Josephine Kumar of St Francis de Sales, could not contain her euphoria. Amy Mackey from Forest Heights Academy came in third position.

The first place finalist will travel to Grand Bahama at the end of February to participate in the JA National Speech Contest as well as to Nassau for the Texaco Speech Contest.



The Junior Achievers' speech competition was held on January 30. Nineteen students competed. The winners were Quetel Charleton in first place, Octavia Dean McIntosh in second and Amy Mackey in third. All competitors received certificates.

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The students, teachers and staff of Central Abaco Primary School proved that they are a team when Haiti was devastated by a massive earthquake in January. The school raised \$2000. Then school counselor Samantha Evans visited each class to encourage the students to bring in items of clothing, shoes and food to assist the people even more. The response was overwhelming,

and the school was able to present 15 boxes of items to the Red Cross. On February 8th Christine Lightbourne, right, received the items on behalf of the Red Cross.

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Club News

Rotarians raised money for many projects

By Mirella Santillo

The new year saw the Rotary Club of Abaco in full swing, the first event of the year being the 7th annual golf tournament held on January 9th at the Treasure Cay golf course. The tournament, the award dinner and silent auction altogether produced over \$7000 which will be divided among the various community projects usually supported by the Club including Every Child Counts, the fire hydrant project and the library.

The next event addressing an emergency was the week-long fund raising for Haiti which started on January 18th, mobilizing most of the members in a very successful effort to raise money to buy shelter boxes.

By January 26th it was time to distribute scholarships to three students in accordance with Rotary's efforts to support literacy. During a very well attended meeting, two junior high school students, Shacoya Curry from Wesley College, Cheyenne Turnquest from Forest Heights Academy, both in seventh grade, and Bianca Albury, a twelve grader from Agape

Christian School, received their scholarship award by Community Chairman, Rev. Charles Carey, on behalf of Patrick Bethel, who was unable to attend.

The scholarship awards were a memorial to former Rotarians. Cheyenne received the Michael Malone Scholarship Award in honor of the recently deceased Past-President. The Hugh Cottis Award, honoring the deceased former Rotarian and educator, was given to Banca, and the Patrick Bethel Scholarship Award went to Shacoya. Patrick Bethel, also a former Rotarian, was very involved in the Marsh Harbour Rotary Club.

Since the beginning of the year, the club has enjoyed record attendance to the weekly meetings now held at Abaco Beach Resort. Each Tuesday evening many returning winter Rotarian residents can be counted among the guests. There are new members as well as prospective members. The room is small enough for a congenial atmosphere and the food is great.

Daughters of Virtue and Essence

By Mirella Santillo

As a young girl, Ms Crystal Swain's



The Rotary Club of Abaco gave three scholarships in memory of past Rotarians. Shown is Rev. Charles Carey and Club President Gentry Morris presenting the scholarships to Bianca Albury of Agape Christian School, Cheyenne Turnquest of Forest Heights Academy and Shacoya Curry of Wesley College.

life was altered by the positive interaction of a person who coached her about life, changing the outlook she had until then. Inspired by that person, Ms Crystal Swain, a Murphy Town resident, pledged to try to positively influence the lives of Murphy Town teen-age girls by inviting them to join a "debutante club," a place where they would learn etiquette, manners, skills and self respect.

The club opened in May 2009 at Ms Swain's house where twice a week a small group of girls met for two hours to learn how to act and dress properly, to control their anger and show respect to their elders as well as acquiring social and domestic skills such as public speaking, art and

crafts and baking.

At the end of 15 weeks the girls graduate and another group begins. Ms. Swain is helped by two other Murphy Town residents, Mrs. Joy Davis and Mrs. Eugena Neely.

The program not only involves teaching and tutoring the girls academically and practically, but also acting as a "big sister." More than once the teachers have acted as confidantes and mentors, advising the teenagers on how to deal with certain life situations and steering them in the right direction.

Parents are kept informed of their daughters' progress, said Ms Swain, but she would like more parents' involvement and will organize a "parent's night."



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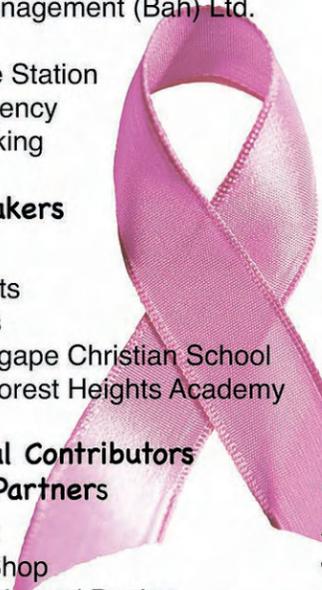
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Four schools will compete in Junior Junkanoo

By Navardo Saunders.

The Junior Junkanoo Parade on February 19 will be just as entertaining and thrilling as the Senior Junkanoo Parade on February 20, according to a coordinator of the parade, Ishmael "Stretch" Morley. Four schools, Treasure Cay Primary, Crossing Rock Primary, Little Angels Academy and Moore's Island All Age, will compete for cash, a floating trophy and bragging rights.

The amount of cash that will be awarded has not been determined by the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture at this time. "All four groups are working hard, getting their costumes and dance steps together. So far everything is going good," Morley said in an interview. The Junior Parade is scheduled to take place on Don MacKay Boulevard on February 19.

The senior Parade featuring six groups, the defending champs, the Treasure Cay Explorers; their arch-rivals Spring City

Rockers; the Murphy Town Motown Shockers; the Sandy Point Earth Movers and newcomers' Lil Island Slammers from Green Turtle Cay, will take place the following night.

As far as the Junior Parade is concerned, Mr. Morley said spectators are in for a real treat. "The groups are going to bring it," he said. "The youngsters are creating some spectacular costumes; the music sounds great; and the participants are eager to perform." Two more schools are participating this year compared to last year.

Mr. Morley tried to get more schools to

take part. "We would have been thrilled if more schools were taking part," he said. "The more the merrier, but many schools couldn't get the financial support from parents and others in the community because of the slow economy."

Hopefully more schools will participate next year, and the competition will be bigger and better. "I'm looking forward to that because I know that once the economy improves, more schools will compete and the parade will be even better," he said.

Darts

From Page 1

up and work will begin work immediately on the planning and financing of the tournament.

The Bahamas Darts Federation is searching for willing sponsors for this event and all enquiries should be directed to Malcolm Spicer at 242-367-3475, msabacom@yahoo.com. People willing to help with the tournament should also contact Mr. Spicer.

The tournament was originally scheduled to take place in Jamaica, but Jamaica pulled out just before Christmas. The Bahamas was second in line for hosting and so the baton was passed to us. In just a few weeks the response was tremendous, allowing the Bahamas Darts Federation to finally agree to the hosting this event.

The Caribbean Cup is held every two years and has been in existence for 36 years. Along with the Americas Cup, it is publicized and reported on in the 67 member countries of the World Darts Federation.

With darts hopefully to become an Olympic Sport in the 2012 Olympics, the Bahamas Darts Federation is extremely proud to be able to host these prestigious tournaments. Abaco has an opportunity to put itself on the world map, and we hope to be able to give our visitors a welcome that only Bahamians can give!

People

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fore the students of Forest Heights Academy and delivered her first speech on January 25. As Miss Scholar, she is expected to wear her crown and sash when making public appearances, and her portfolio requires her to speak on a number of issues relating to teenagers.

Her topic that day addressed the effects of teenage pregnancy. She outlined the myths associated with teenage pregnancy, which often stem from misconceptions about sex. She pointed out the significance of education in the students' lives and how it could easily be put on hold if pregnancy was to occur. Ms. Morley provided information and statistics that encourage youths to make wiser decisions. "Everyone is not having sex," she told the audience.

Despite that revelation, however, she said teenage pregnancy is on the rise in many countries including The Bahamas. She advised the girls in the audience to be on the look-out for older men who may target them offering gifts including money to entice them.



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BEC's Response to Larry Smith's "Fossil Fuel Projects and Renewable Energy" Article

Reference is made to the recent article (Tough Call by Larry Smith) under the above heading.

The decision, which has already been taken and conveyed to the writer, that automotive diesel oil and not Bunker 'C' will be burnt at the Wilson City plant might well have been lost to most readers because of the extensive references in the article to heavy fuel oil. The article also makes reference to various other matters, some of which in the Corporation's view, need to be clarified. In this regard, the following should be noted:

1. While a significant quantity of the electricity consumed by residents at Little Harbour, a community in the vicinity of Wind-ing Bay, may indeed come from solar power, some electricity is still produced by diesel generators. For many years power was provided to the community by one of the residents who had a diesel generator, via underground cables and power transformers, a supply network which no doubt still exists. Similar installations could be found in practically every community of The Bahamas prior to BEC establishing its numerous power plants making a 24/7 electricity service, with all associated modern conveniences, available to 99 percent of the population in our island nation.

2. The use of solar power at Little Harbour is commendable. BEC encourages others who can afford it to follow suit. The average customer, however, cannot afford such a luxury. The cost to produce power by solar is more expensive than producing power by the conventional means BEC presently uses.

3. The article notes that air conditioning is not used. This comfort is presumably reluctantly being given up by the residents as use of air conditioning would require more than doubling the number of solar panels and storage batteries at significantly increased cost. Also, a number of the resi-

dents do not stay at the homes full time, presumably and perhaps understandably visiting at cooler times of the year.

4. In addition to the initial capital cost, maintenance and replacement cost for storage batteries to provide electricity when the sun sets, the environmental impact associated with disposal of the batteries at the end of their useful life must not be overlooked.

5. Bunker C (heavy fuel oil) is used in both first world and developing countries. It is used on every continent. Prior to the expansion of liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals in North America, about nine percent of electricity consumed in North America was produced by burning heavy fuel oil. LNG, (another fuel which environmental groups in the Bahamas appear to object to) has displaced a large percentage of the heavy fuel oil that was being burnt in North America. Nevertheless, today, approximately three percent of the electricity consumed in North America is still produced from burning heavy fuel oil.

6. Heavy fuel oil has been used for ages without negative impact to those involved in its use or to those in the immediate and general environs of its use. It can be safely used. More than 90 percent of the shipping in the world – cruise ships, cargo ships, container vessels, etc. – which call at every conceivable port in the world burn heavy fuel oil.

7. The article refers to heavy fuel oil as a "carcinogenic residue." This statement is very misleading and regrettable. Heavy fuel oil, similar to many products used in households on a daily basis, is safe when used properly. Therefore, to suggest health concerns due to the use of heavy fuel oil in power plants is not correct nor is the proper context being used. While ingestion is ill advised, the same can be said for many other household products.

8. Plans for the construction of the power plant in Wilson City were announced more

than a year prior to any construction activity commencing. Abaconians were used for the land clearing, surveying and construction of the power lines amongst things.

9. Prior to clearing of any land for the Wilson City Project, and after Friends of the Environment objected to the Snake Cay site, Friends of the Environment accompanied BEC's representative to view the suitability of the Wilson City site. No objection was raised.

10. Air monitors have been installed at the Wilson City site and the surrounding areas. Data on emissions will be independently monitored and various stakeholders will be afforded access to the data.

11. Development of power plants, whether fueled by conventional means or using renewable sources, will impact the environment in some way. The key is to balance development with the sustainability of and care for the environment. Regrettably, a "not in my back yard" syndrome ap-

pears to be engulfing communities world-wide resulting in objection to construction of power plants generally, whether fueled by conventional or renewable sources.

12. BEC is committed to the sustainability of the environment.

13. BEC is pursuing the use of renewable energy on a utility scale. However, it should be noted that at present, production of power by renewable energy is more costly than by conventional means.

14. BEC will continue to promote conservation and other related measures to limit the use of fossil fuels where possible.

15. Mistakes were made at Clifton Pier in the past, and many lessons were learned from the mistakes and challenges. Clifton Pier is presently undergoing a transformation. There is now great concern for the sustainability of the environment and significant effort is being put into ensuring achievement of that goal.

BEC Management

Chinese show interest in farming on Abaco

By Navardo Saunders

The group of Chinese investors who were here in November to examine farmland has signed a letter of intent with the Bahamian government to invest millions of dollars to help boost production of locally grown produce. Enjar Cornish, manager of BAIC's Abaco office, confirmed that a letter of intent was signed in December.

"The letter does not mean that the Chinese are definitely going to be investing in farmland, but it signifies they are interested," he said. "It's just a letter of intent, but they have signed it and we will continue to dialogue with them with a view to making a formal agreement," said Mr. Cornish.

While here in November, partners of Shandong Hi Speed Company Ltd. indicated they wanted to provide local farmers with the resources they need, including money, manpower and equipment, to increase production of their crops. The Chinese made the announcement following a tour of several farms and designated

farmland.

If an agreement is reached, the Chinese would acquire anywhere from 4,000 to 10,000 acres of land for their farming project. They would donate anywhere from \$4 million to \$8 million worth of farm equipment to the government.

Additionally, the Chinese would provide six 40-foot trailers filled with items such as coconut and pineapple plant, seeds for tomatoes and a number of other fruits and vegetables to farmers for start-up. They indicated a desire to grow livestock such as cows, chickens and pigs and establish packing houses and greenhouses.

China, which has the fastest growing population in the world with over one billion people already, is seeking to ensure there is no shortage of food. With only a limited amount of land available for farming in China, the Chinese said it is essential they get outside help to meet the growing demand for food.

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Abaco Cares Responds to BEC's commentary

Abaco Cares applauds BEC for making the right decision for Abaco by choosing Automotive Diesel Oil and looks forward to implementation of renewable energies to begin reducing the Bahamas' dependence on fossil fuels.

1. The supply network in Little Harbour is no longer used now that solar has been implemented. It was originally put in place to run the foundry, and very few houses were ever hooked into it. BEC's implication is that renewables will not provide 24/7 reliable service for modern conveniences. Yet the solar systems are far more reliable than BEC electricity and a system can be sized to meet the need.

2. According to Larry Smith's article, solar systems in Little Harbour range from less than \$10,000 up to \$35,000. This is a large initial outlay, but there are NO running costs. The lifetime cost is lower than BEC. Sunlight, unlike bunker C and diesel, is free. Solar panels come with 20 or 25 year warranties. How many generators last that long?

3. While not all Little Harbour residents are there year round, some are. Most are there for six months a year. The houses are designed with cross ventilation, shady porches, white roofs, insulation and ceiling fans, making air conditioning unnecessary. Even if air conditioning is used, the cost of electricity is lower with solar panels.

4. If government would change the law to allow putting power back into the grid, batteries would be unnecessary. This would cut the cost of solar power almost in half, saving us even more money.

5. Actually, the three percent figure for the source of electricity in the US is from 2005 and includes all forms of petroleum including diesel and bunker C (Note that the Bahamas is at 99 percent). While it is true that the low cost of piped natural gas has sped up the reduction in the use of bunker C in the U.S., it is also true that these plants are required to install emission control equipment or change fuel source to comply with emission regulations. New bunker C plants would not be able to obtain a permit due to air quality concerns and therefore would not be built.

6. Bunker C use in the U.S. is being phased out primarily for emissions reasons

since the cost to comply with new regulations makes switching to natural gas an alternative. Note that most (if not all) natural gas plants in the US do not use Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) which avoids the environmental downsides to shipping LNG.

7. The article does not mention ingestion; however, it does correctly mention stack emissions. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says that bunker C emissions are carcinogenic, not just the oil itself. Bunker C is also known as residual fuel oil so the term carcinogenic residue is not as misleading as claimed by BEC.

8. Yes, some people were aware of the clearing of land which is why public meetings were asked for. Unfortunately, the meeting request was essentially ignored by BEC until after construction began in earnest.

9. Friends of the Environment did raise objections and asked for a public meeting. Friends has repeatedly refuted the statement by BEC that they did not object.

10. We applaud BEC for this effort if true. Please identify the locations of the air monitoring units and how and when the data will be collected and independently monitored and that Abaco Cares will have access to the data.

11. What is the negative impact of solar water heaters? Of solar power panels? Some renewables can lower power bills and create jobs.

12. Show dollars to the investing consumer to prove "BEC is committed to sustainability of the environment."

13. How does BEC know that renewables on the utility scale cost more considering BEC appears to not even know what a competitive rate is?

14. Apparently limiting the use of fossil fuels is not considered possible anywhere, as BEC is still 100 percent dependent on fossil fuels. If BEC continues the way it has, BEC will continue to be 100 percent dependent on fossil fuels.

15. BEC should be applauded for efforts to clean up Clifton and also the current Marsh Harbour power plant, and we hope this badly needed effort continues.

Tough Call . . . Response to BEC's commentary

By Larry Smith

Bahamas Electricity Corporation chiefs responded publicly to my article last week on the Wilson City power plant on Abaco. Most of the comments or clarifications were fair enough, but two require some come-back.

The first dealt with the level of public consultation for the plant. The Prime Minister has already admitted that this was lacking. And civil society groups like Friends of the Environment are adamant about it. Effective consultation is different from simply having an idea that something is going to happen. And the environmental impact assessments for the project were pointless, being clearly an afterthought, not well done and released long after construction was underway.

The second point was BEC's characterisation of my reference to heavy fuel oil (which the Wilson City plant was supposed to burn) as "misleading and regrettable." In the article I described HFO as a "carcinogenic residue," and there are numerous oil company safety data sheets posted on the Internet which offer the following warnings:

"Fuel oil may cause cancer. Product classified as a Category 2 carcinogen. Care should be taken to keep exposures below applicable occupational exposure limits. If this cannot be achieved, use of a respirator fitted with an organic vapour cartridge combined with a particulate pre-filter should be considered. Repeated skin contact may cause tumours."

Of course, this only relates to product handling and storage, not the pollution caused when HFO is burned or spilled. Here's a quote about that from the Cana-

dian government: "HFO is a waste product of the refinery industry which emits large quantities of sulphur oxide and fine dust, which has been shown to generate increased toxicological responses following pulmonary exposure in humans and animals."

When HFO is spilled into the sea, it congeals and does not evaporate, often floating beneath the surface, making it very difficult to clean up. And while most ships still use HFO, there is currently a proposal before the International Maritime Organisation to curtail the use of HFO in ships due to pollution concerns.

And finally, the BEC response made it appear that HFO is a perfectly ordinary fuel that is used around the world without consequence. HFO-based power plants do operate on every continent, but in countries with strong environmental laws they must adhere to strict emission standards, which do not exist in the Bahamas, by using costly pollution controls - which BEC did not anticipate using at Wilson City and apparently does not use at Clifton.

However, it should be clearly noted that BEC's chairman and some politicians (Utilities Minister Phenton Neymour still appears ambivalent) now say that the Wilson City plant will burn diesel rather than HFO when it becomes operational in June.

According to the U.S. Clean Air Council, improvements in fuel grade can lessen the health and environmental burden from combustion. Diesel exhaust, while still polluting, emits lower levels of particulate matter into the air, which can be more easily reduced with emission control technology.

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Marc Binard recounts his Haiti experience

Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

Many asked why I chose to go to Haiti in the aftermath of a catastrophic earthquake. To them I could give only one answer. For me not to go would be unthinkable. I have traveled to Haiti since age 12 when I accompanied my father to Haiti to establish a clinic in the remote rural mountain village of Marmelade. It was this experience that motivated me to become a doctor. For this I am eternally grateful to the people of Haiti. For me now not to make every possible attempt to help Haiti and her people through its worst catastrophe would be unconscionable.



This is an area outside one of the hotels that many journalists stayed at sleeping on lounges outside. Most were afraid to be indoors for fear after quakes would cause more buildings to collapse.

I planned to slip into Haiti through my favorite little known back door route, the island of Providenciales in the Turks and Caicos islands. When I heard the news of the deadly quake in Port au Prince, I knew that trying to get into Haiti through the conventional entrance points would be impossible. With Port au Prince airport closed, I knew that all Florida to Cap Haitian flights would be fully booked, if available at all. I had learned of the Provo to Cap flight after sailing from Provo to Cap Haitian in 2005. This was sometimes a deportee flight also. I had previously arrived in Cap on this flight in the company of many Haitians deported from Provo.

It was not a convenient time to go. I had a two-month-old baby and had just relocated my Haitian Bahamian wife to a small northern Wisconsin town, a town where she had no family or close friends. There could be personal, financial and professional repercussions after this trip, but my problems seemed miniscule when compared to the struggles of the survivors of the earthquake in Haiti. On Monday I announced that I needed to go to Haiti and started making my plans. Saturday morning at 1 a.m. I was on the road with a trunk full of medical supplies and medications headed for Milwaukee to catch the 5:30 am flight to Charlotte and subsequently Provo. I had no definite plans. I did have a goal. If my trip helped one person, then my trip would be a success.

Cap Haitian

It was my understanding that many quake victims were to be evacuated to Cap Haitian, Haiti's second city. So I would begin my efforts there. I met with my good friend Nicolas, who owns a hotel in Cap Haitian. I learned that his mother's house had collapsed and her Port au Prince business had also been destroyed. His wife had a sister who had been evacuated to Martinique with a fractured pelvis and another sister evacuated to Miami with a fractured spine. This earthquake knew no economic barriers, all levels of Haitian society had been impacted. I explained to Nicolas that I was unsure where to focus my efforts, Port au Prince or Cap Haitian. Nicolas explained that many evacuees were being triaged at the gymnasium in Cap.

Nicolas's brother related a tragic story from the day before when he attempted to enter the gymnasium. A woman thrust an infant into his arms and asked, "Aide pitit

mwen, Help my baby, please." Though Patrick is not a physician, it was immediately apparent to him that the infant was dead. He handed the infant back to its mother with a gentle "I'm sorry."

Nicolas took me to the general hospital in Cap Haitian. I was introduced to the senior physician, Dr. Jean Garcia Coq. I toured the trauma and medical wards and was nearly overcome with the level of suffering. Every bed was full with injured patients. All available standing room and wall space was occupied by family who fed and cared for the patients. I have been a doctor for many years

but have never been nearly moved to tears in a hospital until that day. I subsequently discovered that the hospital was unable to do basic labs since the supply of reagents was depleted. There was no nebulizer for treating asthma attacks. This was the situation in a hospital serving a population of over 600,000 people. I promised to return the following

day with supplies and equipment including a nebulizer.

The Gymnasium

I push my way through the sea of humanity at the front gate of the gymnasium hoping not to repeat Patrick's experience with the infant. I am also fearful of the misery I will see inside the gym. I am pleasantly surprised

to find an organized response to the medical calamity. Nurses are taking vital signs and providing the initial care that these quake survivors needed. I ask a nurse from Tennessee what she needs. "I have nothing for severe pain except Tylenol," she replies. Tylenol for broken bones and crush injuries is hardly adequate. Her eyes light up when I explain that I have Toradol, a powerful injectable anti-inflammatory with pain killing properties equal to morphine.

In the gymnasium I also meet Dr. Saintfort, a Haitian-American psychiatrist, who leaves his Illinois practice every three months to come to Cap to train family practice residents. Cap Haitian with its population of 600,000 has no psychiatrist. For quake survivors, Dr. Saintfort has set up a system to provide group therapy for post traumatic stress disorder. In the gym-

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Dr. Binard sent this picture of the complete devastation he found on his recent trip to Port au Prince. Although he went mainly to take supplies, he found himself immersed in caring for many that did not have access to medical help.

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Doctor realizes he will be returning to Haiti

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nasium's bleachers, he gathers groups of 100 survivors for group therapy at a time. At this time he also identifies high risk individuals for more intense counseling. He then prescribes medication and sets those patients up for follow up appointments.

Later in the day the psychiatrist will



Dr. Binard with one of his patients

reach out to the entire population of the city with a regular radio show to help people deal with post traumatic stress disorder. For a system such as this to spring up so soon after an earthquake gives me hope that the people of Haiti will get the help they need. I ask Dr. Saintfort what his most urgent need is. He replies that many of his patients don't have money for bus fare to make the return trip for follow-up appointments. I hand the doctor enough donated cash to keep many patients coming back for a long time. I spend the rest of the day shuttling supplies to the gymnasium on a moto-taxi, a small 125 cc motorbike. I balance the large suitcase full of supplies between the driver and me. I hope we don't fall. I have seen the trauma ward. I don't want to be a patient there.

Port au Prince The Red Zone

We had a late start so we slid into a darkened Port au Prince, PAP, a city of 3 million people without electricity. Secretly, I prefer this in spite of the security issues. I am not sure if I am ready to see a city I love now reduced to rubble. Sliding in at night will allow the destruction to be mostly hidden by the darkness, I hope.

It has been a seven hour drive to cover 80 miles in a new turbo diesel SUV. The road was rough, scenery dramatic. I have no idea where I will stay or who I will leave the supplies with. It was my understanding that PAP had an oversupply of medical personnel so this was to be only a medical supply mission.

The offer of accommodations with the driver seemed to have evaporated. Several times he asked where I wanted to be dropped off. I finally announced, "Drop me off at the Oloffson Hotel." Of course, I had no idea if there was any space. It was my understanding that the Oloffson, a historic gingerbread style hotel was still open, but many of the journalists were renting lawn chairs on the grounds to sleep. Many of the PAP hotels had collapsed so rooms were at a premium.

The gate of the Oloffson opened with a heavy creak and we entered the lush grounds of the hotel. In the driveway were many mattresses, some occupied, as well as lawn chairs occupied with snoozing guests. I spied an unoccupied chair and planned to ask at the desk for a one-night stay. My driver would return to Cap in the morning so any accommodations would be fine for one night.

I sat in the candle-lit bar and was served

an ice-less rum punch by a 14-year-old bartender. Apparently much of the staff was unable to work due to earthquake related issues so a younger crowd filled in. A woman approached wearing dreadlocks

and glasses. She spoke American accented English and good Creole.

"Are you the doctor? I am Regine. I coordinate the care from here at the Oloffson."

I explained that yes, I was a doctor, but I was only here to drop off supplies and planned to leave in the morning. She

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral for **Evamae Cornish Reckley**, 58, of Murphy Town and formerly of Blackwood, who died January 16th in Murphy Town, was held on January 30 at St. Simon's Anglican Church in Treasure Cay. Fr. Earl Hepburn officiated assisted by Fr. Dwight Rolle.



Evamae Cornish Reckley

Interment followed in the Public Cemetery in Blackwood. She is survived by her mother, Vivian Cornish; adopted parents, Joseph and Louise Wright; children, Mizpah McIntosh, Marcel, Tyrone, Nyosha, Patrick and Shawn Reckley, Sherry Bethel and Lakeisha Albury; adopted son, Lonnie Cornish; grandchildren, Lyndece, Rudanell Jr., Ramon, Raynard, Pearisba, Peron, Shaquito, Perinique Bethel, Shanaro, Jade, Tercell, Tyleasha, Johnae, Tyleah, Fanaeya, Lamariya and J'vaughntrae; great-grandchild, Arielle Davis; brothers, Rudolph, Lenward, Eddison, Wesley and Clyde Cornish; sisters, Jenelee Bootle, Florina Cornish and Elaine Baillou; adopted sisters, Ramana, Eleanor, Yvette, Vertal, Elda, Sharmaine and Katie; adopted brothers, Dedrick, Clive, Lynden and Shawn; nieces, Brendalee, Tonya, Vanessa, Carmel, Lenvita, Lovette, Sharran, Anthea, Ravonne, Niqueasha, Kevalyn, Pauline, Shandeka, Monalisa, Kera, Rolanda, Theadorsha, Leisha, Clydesha, Charmiqua, Lenae, Mikelle, Patrice, Deidre and Donnell; nephews, Terrel, Michael, Fredrick, Lenward Jr., Tori, Jared, Casey,

Eddison Jr., Ashton, Jenno, Edino, Steve, Adeleno, Giovanni, Nigel Jr., Shaquille, Fabian, Keno, Paul Jr., Jaron, Miguel, Makeo, Romero, Leonardo, Clyde, Thaddeus, Lionel Jr., and Cedrick; aunts, Alvera McIntosh, Winifred McDonald, Orlean Rolle and Shirley Kemp; uncles, Donald and Benjamin Cornish, Edward, Alexander, Ronald and George Rolle; sons-in-law, Rudanell McIntosh, Perry Bethel, Adrian and John Albury; daughter-in-law, Janice Reckley; sisters-in-law, Elizabeth, Arlene, Charmaine, Terry and Rochelle Cornish; brothers-in-law, Nigel Bootle and Leo Reckley; aunts-in-law, Bernice Cornish, Criscola, Isolene and Vernita Rolle; godfather, Leonard Sawyer; god-children, Normajane Smith and Eugene Baillou; god-sisters and brothers, Donnalee, Marsha, Maggie, Wilton and Leveius; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Samson Tondo** of Marsh Harbour was held at International Gospel Mission in Marsh Harbour on January 31. Burial was in the Public Cemetery. Pastor Robin Weatherford officiated. He is survived by six children and many friends.



Samson Tondo

The funeral service for **Lanora Louise Bain**, 62, formerly of Sandy Point was held on January 30 in Freeport, Grand Bahama. Bishop Godfrey R. Williams officiated, assisted by Rev. Napoleon Roberts and Min. Beluh Fowler. Interment was on

Grand Bahama.

She is survived by her beloved husband Edward Bain; children Prescott Bain Sr., Lisa Bowe,



Lanora Louise Bain

Lovie McIntosh, Hope Major, Valentino Adderley, Glen Campbell and Novie Stuart; grandchildren Preneeka Bain, Prescott Bain Jr., Hannah Bain, Christian and Briah Bowe, Curtis Jr. and Cayden Major, Khalil Taylor and Lawrence McIntosh; step-father Capt. Ernest Dean Sr.; sisters Shirley Saunders, Susie Duncombe, Salomi Gibson, Sharon Scott, Carolyn and Christine Dean; brothers Wilfred Clarke, Marcus, James, Jonathan and Ernest Dean Jr.; daughter-in-law Nicole Bain; sons-in-law Stanley Bowe, Larry McIntosh and Curtis Major; nieces: Kamisha Clarke, Charlene, Darlene, Pamela, Kathleen and Mercy Adderley, Shawn Bain, Karen, Vanessa, Yvette and Ingrid Lightbourne, Akila Gibson, Carmen Cornish, Portia Bethel, Willimae Edgecome, Lydia, Inger, Mia, Jayette, Cece, NaeNae, Shawntee, Mandy Dean, Jessica and Amissa Capron, Sherwanda and Shermona Culmer, Rochelle and Novie Stuart, Vanessa and Valerie; nephews Valentino, Thomas, and Bobby Adderley, William, Timmy and Miguel Bain, JC, Johnny and, Jerry Saunders, Quincy and Marcus Dean, Rudy, Jameel and James Lightbourne and Ralph Dames; sister-in-laws Monique Clarke, Gloria Adderley, Beryl Bain, Mary Capron, Yvonne Bain, Roselda Clarke, Aladice Culmer, Vickie Butler, Lynn, Naomi, Stephanie and Ceceal Dean; brother-in-laws An-

thonny and Leon Bain, Leslie Adderley, Carrington Lightbourne, Emil Saunders and Gerard Lightbourne; godchildren including Darlene Roker, Cathleen Darville, Ivoree Tinker, L'Dina Pelacanos, Rodaina Roker, Shanny Williams, Daphnee and Nadine Bain, Kenny McKinney and Ricardo Wells; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Hector Alcide**, 28, of Marsh Harbour was held on February 6th at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Marsh Harbour. Father Rodger Madraza officiated. Interment was in the Marsh Harbour Public Cemetery.

Hector Alcide is survived by his wife, Aurelia Retioma; mother, Macquilla Paul; father, Emile Alcide; brothers, Miquelange Alcide and Maxonne Alcide Meriles; sisters, Roslyn August and Emilienne Alcide; uncles, Arena Cadeau and Basil Paul; aunt, Maria Paul; father-in-law, Morilien Petrioma; mother-in-law, Lavia Dieujust; brother-in-law, Odiue Petiomajoris Etioma, Jean-Rolyn Petioma, Donnis Moisy, Verdul Pierrelus, Cerant Desir, Senequa Michel; sisters-in-law, Rosemene Petioma, Lucette Petioma, Alouda Petioma, Claudine Petioma and Odiue Petioma; cousins, Micheline Cadeau and Andieu Jacques; nieces, Stephanie Dieujuste, Kikisha Michel and Herlin Michel; nephews-in-law, Dondlay Michel and Andieu Jacques; friends, Jean-Rene, Baaubrun, Baygen Stiluc, Bertrand, Eligene Duvanord; Boss Marvin and Alex.



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THE TOWN PLANNING ZONING
ORDER 2010

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CITATION

1. This Order may be cited as the Town Planning Zoning Order, 2010

INTERPRETATION

2. In this Order -
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- (a). Any part of a building and any addition to any building of whatsoever material and in whatsoever manner constructed, any installation, machinery and plant fixed or attached to any building or property;
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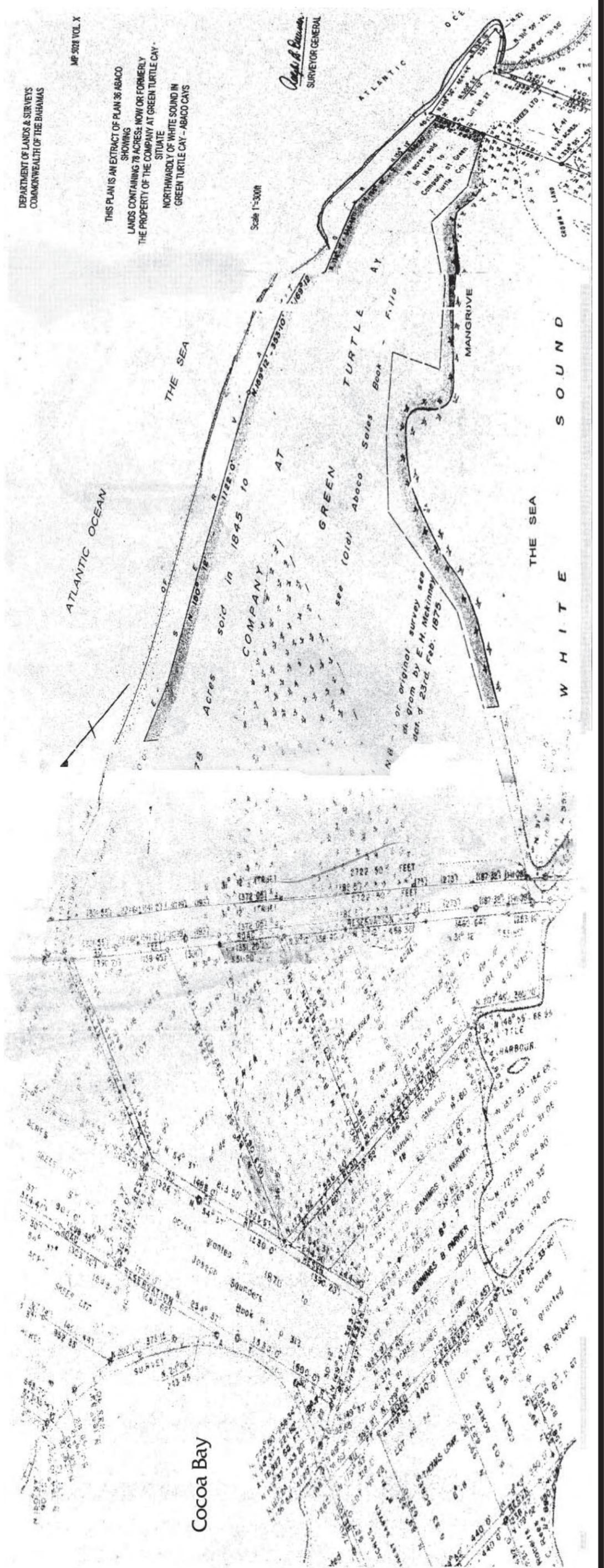
3. It is hereby ordered that no buildings other than buildings used for the purposes of Wet Lands Preservation and Enhancement shall be permitted upon the area of land described in the Schedule attached hereto.

Dated the 28 day of January, 2010.

Signed:
EARL D. DEVEAUX
 Minister Responsible
 For Urban and Island Planning

SCHEDULE

ALL THOSE certain pieces or parcels of swamp lands lying on or within the 'northern part of the Island of Green Turtle Cay one of the Abaco Group of Cays in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and shown on an extract of plan 36 Abaco on record in MP File 5028 vol. XVI in the Department of Lands and Surveys situate in the vicinity of White Sound and Cocoa Bay and particularly on lands granted to James Frew Limited B6 - 48 Green Turtle Limited B5 - 12 Marion F. Garland B6 - 60 and Jennings B. Parker B5 - 4 or however else the same may Abut and Bound which said certain pieces or parcel, of swamp lands are more particularly delineated and shown coloured pink on the plan of the area.



Local Government at Work



Central Abaco District Council Meeting

By Timothy Roberts

The Central Abaco District Council held its first meeting of 2010 on January 26 hearing from special guest Mrs. Lenora Black, Abaco District Superintendent for the Ministry of Tourism. She shared information about the awards ceremony that was held on January 29 which honored students from across Abaco who achieved the top scores for the Grade Level Assessment Test, the Bahamas Junior Certificate and the Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education.

She expressed the desire of the ministry to encourage excellence in students and feels that the rewards will motivate students to put forth more effort. She requested that the Council consider assisting in the purchase of the awards, laptop computers, for the seven students who received the top prizes. Mrs. Black requested assistance with cleaning and maintenance of the track and field that is next to Abaco Central High School which is in very poor condition.

The Council agreed to provide funds for the purchase of two of the seven laptops for the awards ceremony, and Lowell Albury offered to fund another one personally.

Renardo Curry, Murphy Town Committee Chairman, brought up the poor state of the track and field adjacent to the high school. The conditions, he said, need to be addressed before the Minister of Education arrives. The problems include weeds, trash

and poor field condition (particularly on the red dirt area of the ball field).

It was proposed that \$1200 be allocated to clear and clean the area now with considerations for future ongoing maintenance to be set up. Mr. Curry at this time proposed that the field be returned to the oversight of the Murphy Town Committee but requested that funding for the ongoing maintenance still be sponsored mostly by the Council. The request was approved pending the Council's ability to budget the suggested amount of \$1200 per month for the regular maintenance of the field.

Faron Newbold, Deputy Chairman of the Dundas Town Committee, made a request on behalf of his township for assistance in the amount of \$5000 toward the building of a track and field facility by Central Abaco Primary that his committee is undertaking. All members agreed that the project was good and well needed, however, deferred granting the money until Dundas Town Committee received approval from the Minister of Education.

A notice from the Ministry of Housing was read concerning the dumping of garbage on a back road in Government Subdivision. It requested financial assistance in the removal of the garbage from the area. It was decided that the issue should be referred to the Ministry of Health.

A motion was made and seconded to enforce the 100-foot buffer zone that is supposed to exist in front of all properties in the industrial zone on S. C. Bootle Highway. The members discussed the contract for the maintenance of S.C. Bootle Highway, choosing finally to defer the decision until the next meeting.

Tourism will host reception for residents

By Michelle Mikula

On February 25 the Abaco Tourist Office will feature the sounds of rake 'n' scrape music featuring the T-Time band and Junkanoo music by the Spring City Rockers at its annual People to People/Winter Residents' Reception.

This year the reception will take place in Marsh Harbour at Government House from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. It will be the 15th year that the Abaco Tourist Office has hosted this type of reception for the second homeowners and for repeat visitors to the island. At this annual reception second homeowners are recognized for their contribution to the island's economy and visitors are provided with an authentic and rich Bahamian experience.

Dushinka Roberts, who is coordinating the reception this year, states that those in attendance will sample various Bahamian experiences through delicious Bahamian finger foods and desserts, an exhibition of authentically handmade crafts and different rhythms of Bahamian dance and music along with other cultural expressions that will be available at this year's reception.

The reception is a component of the Ministry of Tourism's People to People Program on Abaco that is designed to bring visitors and Bahamians together for a cultural exchange. For more information on the People to People Program, contact Dushinka Roberts at 242-367-3067 or email: droberts@bahamas.com.

Binard

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seemed to take this information in stride.

Then she asked, "Can I ask a favor? I just found an orphanage nearby and the nuns there have notified me that there are twins in a tent city across the street that were born the day after the quake on the street and had no medical attention since they were born. Would you mind taking a look at them before you go?"

Regine further explained that the Ol-offson and surrounding neighborhood had been previously designated a red zone due to perceived danger so no aid groups had been in to render assistance in spite of the massive destruction since the area was

close to the epicenter of the quake.

Of course, I couldn't refuse to see the twins. With the hook set, Regine then asked if maybe I would be willing to stick around and assess the other residents of the tent village. I agreed to this. Nicolas's brother Patrick clinked his glass to mine and said, "God bless you my friend." With this, he and the driver walked out. I realized my morning ride to Cap wasn't happening.

I was stuck in the Red Zone.

[Ed. note. The second half of Dr. Binard's report will be in the March 1 issue of The Abaconian.]



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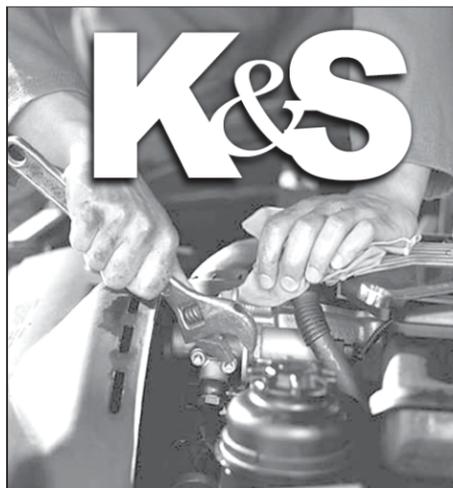
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Co-op receives grant and a technical advisor

By Timothy Roberts

The North Abaco Fisherman's Cooperative, led by Leon Pinder, has begun a year-long project in conjunction with Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to help fishing operators in North Abaco to consolidate their presence in the export market.

In 2009 the Co-op, a non-profit cooperative organization formed in 1997, was awarded a grant, which is normally awarded to first-world nations, of \$150,000 for the project from IDB and is expected to become a model for other rural fishing communities throughout the islands of The Bahamas and Caribbean.

A representative of the International Development Bank, Doyle Roberts, will oversee the project during this year and give an accounting of its progress. He will be responsible for training and assist as technical advisor to the fishing community through the Co-op.

The first priority of the Cop-op is to make the public aware of the assistance available to fishermen through the organization. The aim is to empower individual Bahamian fishermen to achieve greater success through cooperation.

Mr. Roberts said they will achieve their goal through training fisherman in financial risk, mitigation, distribution and marketing, technical and financial analy-

sis, business planning, long term strategic planning and overall coordination strategy. The primary issues faced will be business management and food safety.

The expected outcome of the project will be a better educated fishing commu-



Leon Pinder, left, Chairman of the North Abaco Fishing Cooperative, is pleased to announce that the co-op has been awarded a grant for \$150,000 to develop the marine resources of that area. The International Development Bank has assigned Doyle Roberts to oversee the project.

nity strengthened with a framework to guide members in better and more efficient fishing practices as well as the provision of financial support and practical business tools.

The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture is a leading agricultural institution in the Americas that provides technical cooperation with member states in the area of sustainable agricultural development, food security and rural prosperity.

Correction Clarification

A Letter to the Editor in the February 1, 2010, Abaconian praised a Water and Sewerage Corporation employee for solving a problem. It may have left the impression that the problem was something current. The incident happened last fall and was resolved at that time, but the letter did not reach us until recently.

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Update on Agriculture

By Samantha V. Evans

Anthony Gibson, the officer in charge of Agriculture on Abaco, has done a lot to advance this industry since being assigned to this office. He stated that even though acres and acres of this land have been made available and a lot of new farmers have been introduced, assistance to farmers has been diminished due to budget cuts for land clearing. He is pleased that in late 2009, farmers learned to process their items by Mr. Keith Daley, chairman of Agriculture's Food Technology sub-committee at a workshop held locally by so that foods can last longer, they can reduce wastage, and so they can learn a way to improve self-sufficiency. Since this workshop, farmers have formed a Food Processing Association and he hopes that a Food Processing Plant will be built in the near future.

In order to ensure the food security of the Bahamas, the Department of Agriculture is encouraging Bahamians to grow root products such as sweet potato and cassava which, according to Mr. Gibson, they would like to see them replace rice and wheat since they have a greater nutritional value. They are promoting hot pepper production as well and the post harvesting handling of onions.

Abaconian farmers attended a sweet potato workshop last year conducted by Dr. Richardson and as a result of this sweet potato, hot pepper, cane and cassava provided by local farmers including Al Key are being propagated at the Gladstone Farm in Nassau. Mr. Gibson is excited about the future of agriculture on the island but believes that leaders need to buy into the concept that agriculture can be one of the important pillars of development by decreasing export and contributing to the gross domestic product. To do this they need adequate funding.

As they forge ahead, Mr. Gibson would love to see a slaughter house on the island, acquire a K-9 unit to assist with the stray dog problem on the island, have a post harvest plant for onions and see a farm store opened so that farmers can purchase items needed locally. Presently he uses his office to order items for them. Additionally, he would like to have a few more persons hired in his department as he is extremely overworked. He believes that once these things are in place, that no matter who is the officer in charge of agriculture on the island that this industry will continue to grow and thrive. This year he is looking forward to the Improving Food Security

in Critical Times and Progressing towards Food Security Expo scheduled for April 16-17 in Marsh Harbour. At this expo farmers and persons in agribusiness and handicrafts can sell their items to the public. He is pleased that the livestock program has now been introduced. Under this umbrella they bring in pigs, offer feed assistance for persons who take care of them, have a sheep and goat program along with feed assistance at reduced prices. Mr. Gibson has seen consistent small progress in this industry and with the plans he has for the department on Abaco, farmers can be assured that he will continue to do what he can to empower and support them.



Anthony Gibson, Abaco's agriculture officer, is hoping to develop farming more extensively.

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Police Supt. Smith will be replaced by Supt. Noel Curry

By Navardo Saunders

There is mixed reaction to the performance of the outgoing officer-in-charge of the Abaco District Supt. Sean Norville-Smith, who has been assigned to the Grand Bahama District. He is to take up his new post sometime this month. His successor is recently promoted Supt. Noel Curry, who comes from Grand Bahama.

Senior Administrator Cephast Cooper cast Superintendent Smith as someone who served with integrity at the annual police service at Faith Walk Church of God in Coopers Town on January 31. "You can leave here with your head held high because you served with honour and integrity. You saw to it that the mandate of the police to protect and serve were carried out," he said.

Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, also praised Supt. Smith for doing a "commendable job," adding that the police force on Abaco is stronger and better today because of his influence.

Criticisms came with the praises as well. Ricardo Cooper said Supt. Smith seemed to keep his distance from the people in the communities. "You never saw him walk-

ing around in the communities, talking to people, getting to know them, talking to the young people, giving them advice and warnings. He seemed to just stay in his office and run things from there."

Julian Ingraham had a similar criticism. "From the man been here I only think I saw him once or maybe twice at a public function," Ingraham said. "But never in the community. It was like he was here, but he wasn't here."

Inez McIntosh said she couldn't say whether or not Supt. Smith did a good job or not because she hardly heard anything from him. "You know how the police go on the radio in Nassau and let the people know what is going on. I never heard Supt. Smith on the radio addressing the people," she said. "I wish he had said more. Let us know what was happening in our communities so that we could be informed."

Cooper, Ingraham and McIntosh said they hope Supt. Curry will be involved in the communities and give regular updates regarding crime.

Supt. Smith, a lawyer, spent about a year and a half as chief of the Abaco District.

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The competition featured the usual regulars, but also a few newcomers who fared well. Randy Key won the first race of the day, and then mechanical troubles hit half of the fleet. Dead batteries, a spooled mainsheet servo and electronic problems caused a lengthy delay. But after the re-

pairs were made, the racing resumed.

Special thanks go to Anders and Ylva Ljungholm for hosting this regatta. Thanks to Ylva for organizing the snacks and running the races. Thanks to Loren Hall for the use of his dinghy and setting the buoys.

For more information, contact Jim Kaighin at 367-3086.

Results

Anders Ljungholm, Treasure Cay, 12
Jim Kaighin, Marsh Harbour, 12
Roger Hedge, Treasure Cay, 24
Randy Key, Marsh Harbour, 25
Dwayne Wallace, Marsh Harbour, 30
Bruce Allen, Treasure Cay, 42
Terry Fletcher, Treasure Cay, 45
Loren Hall, Treasure Cay 48



It was a nearly perfect day for racing remote control Lasers. The club members and guests competed in a series of races in Treasure Cay on January 16. This photo is courtesy of Linda Ewing.

Foreign Language Cadets are selected for program

By Canishka Alexander

On November 21, 2009, 16 high school students sat the Qualifying Examination for the Foreign Language Cadet Program on Abaco. Four positions were available, and the successful students are Lyndeisha Curry of Forest Heights Academy, Tirshatha Etienne of Long Bay School, Kyvonne Lopez of S.C. Bootle High School, and Sherlycia McKenzie of St. Francis de Sales School.

In recognition of the students' achievement, a welcome reception was held at the Abaco Tourist Office's Training Center on February 3. Millie Dawkins, program coordinator, was the moderator for the evening and introduced the four cadets. Each cadet gave a two minute introduction of themselves in Spanish and English and

explained what they would like to accomplish in the program.

The program entails three phases: language in action which takes place in the form of field trips, workshops and excursions in Spanish; then there's the internship at a tourism-related establishment. The final phase is the July Study Abroad phase that includes an all-expense paid visit for one month to Costa Rica or Mexico. A poster competition is also involved in the program, and in October there is a graduation ceremony.

Long Bay School entertained the guests with the Spanish version of the song: Kumbaya, My Lord. Joy Archer and Shannen Paul, 2009 cadets, shared their exciting experience in Costa Rica.

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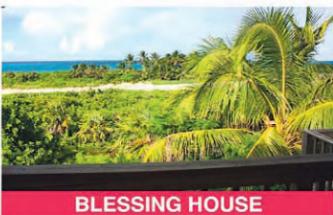
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MARSH HARBOUR

Situated on a double lot this canal-front home has a spacious floorplan with 4 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms. **\$1,350,000. Ref. AS11270**



BLESSING HOUSE

SCOTLAND CAY

On a quiet island paradise, this ocean view home has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a garage. **\$799,000. Ref. AS11241**



THE CROSSING

MARSH HARBOUR

Sea view 2 bedroom condos and 3 bedroom penthouses in a gated development with pool and beach. **Starting at \$595,000. Ref. AS10890**



LONG BEACH

Brand new beach home has 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, high ceilings, verandah, rec room, and garage/workshop. **\$795,000. Ref. AS10905**



LUKKAI

TREASURE CAY

A stunning 15 acre parcel of lush, elevated land and 630 ft. of water frontage on the Sea of Abaco. **\$1,400,000. Ref. AS10886**



CASA LUISA

ELBOW CAY

3 bedroom, 2 bath home, just across from the beach, offering a large pool and deck space for entertaining. **\$795,000. Ref. PS10665**



FLAMINGO VILLAS

ELBOW CAY

Two harbour view villas totalling 4 bedrooms and 4 baths with large deck, pool, and private dockage. **\$2,415,000. Ref. AS11127**



CORNISH CAY, ABACO

34 acres in the heart of Abaco's idyllic fishing and boating waters. This private island is a perfect investment. **\$9,000,000. Ref. AS11258**



ELBOW CAY

Serene 3 bedroom, 3 bath home on the beach, comprised of 2 buildings connected by a wrap-around deck. **\$1,390,000. Ref. PS10616**



REGATTAS

MARSH HARBOUR

Spacious turn-key 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom condo, fully equipped and centrally located. **\$286,500. Ref. AS10622**



THE ABACO CLUB, WINDING BAY

A unique beauty, this 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath home has exquisite finishes and exclusive Club amenities. **\$3,995,000. Ref. AS10701**



MARSH HARBOUR

Island Breezes Motel is a small lodging facility located downtown and is a great business investment. **\$650,000. Ref. AS11282**



THE ABACO CLUB, WINDING BAY

Stunning estate with 200 ft. of beachfront and privacy. 1.626 acres with 5 star amenities. **\$1,795,000. Ref. AS10802**



THE BLUFF AT WINDING BAY

A unique parcel of land with dramatic views comprising 17,000 sq. ft. near the club house. **\$500,000. Ref. AS11263**

LOTS

WHITE SOUND, ELBOW CAY: 13,770 sq. ft. lot near beach. **\$215,000. AS11205**
NORTH END, ELBOW CAY: 19,974 sq. ft. oceanfront lot with 120 ft. of beach and foundation for a 2,600 sq. ft., 4 bedroom home. **\$695,000. Ref. AS11144**
BREEZY HILL, ELBOW CAY: 10,494 sq. ft. elevated lot. **\$132,000. PS10603**
TREASURE CAY: 22,574 sq. ft. lot with 10 ft. elevations, 100 ft. of water-frontage, and easy access to all amenities. **\$120,000. AS11061**
AUNT PAT'S BAY, ELBOW CAY: 14,914 sq. ft. corner lot with 35 ft. elevations. Community dockage. Nearby Tahiti Beach and Hope Town. **\$364,000. PS10661**
TILLOO CAY: 16,000 sq. ft. homesite on a private island community. Near the community dock. Electricity available. **\$150,000. PS10630**
CENTRAL ABACO: 5 acre beachfront tract between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. Good elevations and utilities. **\$650,000. AS10756**
MARNIE'S LANDING, ELBOW CAY: Half acre building sites in a private waterfront community with electricity, dock slip, and beach access. **\$595,000. PS10659**
MARSH HARBOUR: 9,750 sq. ft. sea view lot in gated Sunrise Bay. All amenities nearby. **\$249,900. AS11026**
LUBBERS QUARTERS: 10,489 sq. ft. homesite in the Abaco Ocean Club. Near the community dock. **\$77,000. AS10969**
BAKER'S HEIGHTS: 41.6 acre sea view tract. **\$1,040,000. AB5178**
THE ABACO CLUB, WINDING BAY: Superb 1+ acre beachfront, oceanfront, and golf course estate lots. **Starting at \$1,900,000**
GUANA CAY: 6,811 sq. ft. sea and oceanview lot within the Shipwreck Subdivision. Nearby the new community dock and beaches. **\$125,000. AS10891**
TREASURE CAY: 15 acre estate with elevations to 70 ft. and 630 ft. on the Sea of Abaco. **\$1,400,000. AS10886**
DOLPHIN BEACH ESTATES: Collection of homesites within a beachfront community. Hilltop lots starting at \$150,000. Waterfront lots starting at \$395,000. Beachfront lots starting at \$595,000.
GREAT ABACO CLUB: 7,630 sq. ft. canalfront lot in a gated community. Nearby amenities include pool, tennis courts, and beach. **\$225,000. AS10731**

BEST OPPORTUNITIES



SCOTLAND CAY

Enjoy stunning sunsets from this beautiful waterfront home. 4 bedrooms and 4 ensuite baths, dock house, terraces, lush gardens with panoramic ocean views. **\$1,850,000. AS11277**



WINDING BAY

An immaculate, turn-key 3 bedroom and 3 bathroom cottage. Sitting on a bluff overlooking the turquoise waters of Winding Bay with sunset and sunrise views. Enjoy all Ritz-Carlton amenities. **\$1,495,000. AS11259**



TREASURE CAY

A great opportunity to build your own paradise. Just walking distance from one of the world's most beautiful beaches. 10,000 sq. ft. in a gated community next to golf and marina. **\$98,160. AS11257**



HANK PAM

GREAT GUANA CAY

Cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage featuring a screened-in Bahama Room and sundeck. **\$150,850. Ref. AS11033**



MARSH HARBOUR - COMMERCIAL

Rare opportunity to purchase this 6,575 sq. ft. commercial building on 1.5 acres. Great investment. **\$795,000. Ref. AS11118**

FEATURED VACATION RENTALS



REGATTAS PENTHOUSE MARSH HARBOUR

This 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom condo is fully equipped and just steps away from restaurants and shops. Beach, pool and tennis courts are on property. Sleeps 6. **\$2,625/week. AR10604**



SUNSET VIEWS GREAT GUANA CAY

Stunning views complemented by an amazing home. 6 bedrooms with luxury guest house, private pool, decks, dock, outdoor kitchen and bar. Sleeps 16. **\$9,000/week. AR10583**



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