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## Chinese plan major investment in farming Chinese study farm land and get broad view of Abaco

*By Canishka Alexander*

Four Chinese visited Abaco on March 2 through March 6 as guests of Edison Key, MP and Executive Chairman of Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation. They came to study the agricultural potential of Abaco. The group is planning to make a proposal to the Bahamian government to develop farming in both North and South Abaco. Their proposal will include providing equipment and technical assistance for farmers and putting in a processing plant, a cannery and an abattoir (slaughterhouse).

They are doing soil studies, analyzing weeds in the area that could be used for feed and looking at existing farms. They envisage developing livestock farming as well as growing vegetable crops, citrus and other fruit. They were accompanied by BAIC staff from Nassau and Abaco. Ejnar Cornish, Abaco's BAIC manager, hosted the group for part of their tour when Mr. Key returned to the Nassau to attend Parliament.

During their stay they visited numerous farms and grocery stores to find out what is being grown here and to compare the difference in pricing in The Bahamas and in China. While visiting Hope Town, Fangzhen Zhang, the translator, was shocked to find that we pay up to three times more

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Four Chinese visited Abaco on March 2nd to 6th studying the agricultural potential of Abaco's farmland, hosted by Edison Key, MP and Chairman of the Board of Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation. They are considering investing several million dollars to develop agriculture, crops as well as livestock. They envision bringing in equipment, building a processing plant, cannery and abattoir. Here they are speaking with Ricky Albury on his farm south of Marsh Harbour. On one farm in North Abaco they examined the weeds to see if they could be used as feed. Shown in the group are Mr. Albury; Wengfeng Dong; Interpreter Fangzhen Zhang; Mr. Key; Shuhai Yuan and Arnold Dorsett, Assistant General Manager for Agriculture with the BAIC. Behind Mr. Key is Ejnar Cornish, manager of the BAIC office on Abaco. The group expects to present a proposal to government soon through BAIC.

## Reef Ball raises money for environmental education



Friends of the Environment held its annual Reef Ball on March 6 at Abaco Beach Resort. This is the major fund raising event for the organization whose main goal is educating students and the public on protecting the environment. Each year the group recognizes those who have demonstrated outstanding environmental consciousness. This year's first place winners were Austin and Amy Smith, right; second place winner was Paul Pinder, center; and third place winner was Juliette Deal, second from left. James Richard, left, is Chairman of the Board of Friends and Cha Boyce, fourth from left is Deputy Chairman. See story on page 6.



## Advance Clocks One Hour March 14

Daylight Savings Time begins 2 a.m. March 14. Set your clocks ahead one hour either at bedtime on Saturday evening, March 13, or on Sunday morning, March 14.

## Heritage Day celebrates the past in Hope Town



Heritage Day was celebrated in Hope Town on March 6. The event, organized by the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum, combines a program with displays, demonstrations and games along with lots of food and drink. The program used the porch of the museum as a stage. Shown are Michael Lightbourn and Robert Sweeting, both past MP's for South Abaco; Jeremy Sweeting, Chief Councillor for the Hope Town District Council; Vernon Malone; Suzanne Bethel, Chairman of the Board of the museum; and Tanya Duncombe, Master of Ceremony for the event. See story on page 16.

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# Chinese investors announce initiatives in agriculture

## Chinese

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than what is paid in China for the same product. However, business owners explained to the delegation that duty and shipping costs cause prices to be higher. Mr. Zhang said they are looking to develop agriculture projects on Abaco so that prices will be lower.

Arnold Dorsett, Assistant General Manager with BAIC, was interested in capturing the volume of produce the cay utilizes on an annual basis. Vernon Malone, proprietor of Vernon's Grocery in Hope Town, told him that the stores and restaurants are a good indication that there is quite a bit of consumption on Hope Town. He suggested that someone observe when the barge comes in to get an idea of what comes to the cay.

Wengfeng Dong, who headed the Chinese delegation, said they have already invested money in 100 countries and currently have big projects in more than 20 countries. The Shandong province, where their company is based, ranks highest among China's agricultural provinces, he said.

The project the Chinese are proposing will introduce advance technology, tools and equipment to develop agriculture in The Bahamas, especially Abaco. Mr. Dong said the advantages of food production will ensure the food security for the entire country. Advanced technological equipment and training will be provided for local farmers; training and lectures will be available to the schools; and this will improve the production and economy of The Bahamas.

Mr. Dong emphasized that food is the basis for stability of the whole country. "We are not just here to look," he revealed. "We are here to take a substantial step. When we go back to China, we will put everything into practice."

There are plans to invest \$7 million in the first stage of the project. Amazingly, Mr. Dong said Bahamians will be able to eat vegetables that they have grown by September. Not long after that, livestock will be available. Within five years, he said, Abaco can expect a

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The Chinese were interested in Ricky Albury's hogs as they hope to encourage the raising of goats, sheep, pigs and cattle. Mr. Albury has to carry about 1000 pounds of food to the hogs daily.



The group of Chinese visited several communities and developments. Here they are speaking with Vernon Malone in Hope Town about his grocery store. They asked him many questions about his stock, where he gets his inventory and problems he encounters.



The Chinese delegation talked with Ricky Albury extensively. He has a farm south of Marsh Harbour where he grows tomatoes and other vegetables, several varieties of melons and keeps about 1000 hogs. He has a major problem with thievery as do many other farmers.

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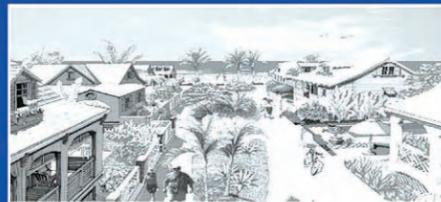
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# Chinese saw many areas of Abaco

## Chinese

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dairy factory, chicken farm and pig house. They are looking to develop this project into a very intact agricultural system.

Judith Thompson, who is in charge of BAIC property, explained that they are looking for agriculture to work not only on Abaco but on the other islands as well. She pointed out the good production that is ongoing at Goodfellow Farms and Lucayan Tropical in Nassau.

Later, as Mr. Zhang translated what Mr. Dong was saying, he told his guests that the project that they are undertaking is very important to them. It is a project that has been entrusted to them by the Chinese and Bahamas governments, and he is hopeful that it will function as a bridge for both

countries to communicate with each other.

He was impressed by the beauty of Abaco noting that the island has suitable climate and enough land for agriculture. He said that it is unfortunate that we are importing so much food, but with this project, we will gradually work our way toward food security. Mr. Dong was impressed by Mr. Key, who, he said, has foresight and "can see the future."

Heading the Chinese delegation from the Shandong Province of China was Weng-feng Dong. He was accompanied by Dian-dong Wang, top livestock specialist; Shu-hai Yuan, biogas generation specialist; and Fangzhen Zhang, the translator. Representing the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation were Mr. Key, Mr. Dorsett, Ms. Thompson and Ejnar Cornish.



The Chinese were interested in the weeds that are growing here and were wondering if they could be used as feed for livestock. One of the men is a specialist in biogas generation. Farmers would be pleased if a use could be found for the more prevalent weeds, especially elephant grass that grows here profusely.



The Chinese delegation was impressed with the Blue Hole they saw near Treasure Cay. They enjoyed seeing many areas of Abaco, and they are anticipating starting their projects here very soon after making all the necessary arrangements with the Bahamian government.



Although the weather was cold and windy, the Chinese enjoyed their trips to Elbow Cay and Guana Cay. They were hosted by Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club and the Abaco Club at Winding Bay.

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# Reef Ball raises funds for Friends

By Timothy Roberts

Friends of the Environment hosted its annual Reef Ball, its biggest fund raiser of the year, at the Abaco Beach Resort on March 6. During the event they give out environmental awards for people or businesses that are doing something to make a positive impact on Abaco's environment, run a business in an environmentally friendly manner or have helped Friends in a significant way.

This year the awards went to Austin and Amy Smith of Wild Island Resorts on Lubber's Quarters, the Abaco Fly Fishing Guides Association and Juliette Deal.

Wild Island Resorts received the first place award for running environmentally friendly cottages and rooms. The couple built using sustainable products and continue to be thoughtful about their impact on the environment - using green products and recycling. Amy is also involved on Friends' recycling committee and is helping to get Lubber's involved.

The second place award was given to Abaco Fly Fishing Guides Association because the group, which was established last year, has shown a tremendous commitment to conservation from its inception. The Association has submitted an application for Crown land in the Cross Harbour Creek area to protect the wetlands in South Abaco and it continues to work towards conservation of more flats on Abaco.

Juliette Deal received the third place award for her hard work to develop a recycling program on Guana Cay and for always encouraging the community to be more sustainable. She is working on setting up a community collection depot for composting at the Art Café so that people

can drop their scraps there.

During the evening events Alex Maillis from Nassau gave a lionfish demonstration and answered questions concerning catching and cleaning them. Mr. Maillis, who was stuck by the poisonous spines of the lionfish last year, explained which parts to avoid, telling the number one rule in catching lionfish is "be careful."

Before a captivated audience, he filleted the lionfish, showing the quick and safe way to remove the spines containing poison to avoid being pricked. The lionfish, he says is delicious, and he wants fishermen to see that it is a commercially viable product. Samples of lionfish were passed around for people to taste.

Mr. Maillis said the lionfish, which is an apex predator, probably became a problem in this region because they are typically bought for aquariums because of their flamboyant exotic look. However, the lionfish has a voracious appetite and will constantly eat all the other fish in the tank. Eventually the owner becomes frustrated and releases the "pet" into the ocean. The lionfish needs only a small breeding colony to get started and soon they become a massive problem.

They breed like rabbits of the sea, he continued, and they pose the greatest threat to our natural marine resources. With voracious appetites and the ability to breed, their numbers are estimated to be in the millions throughout The Bahamas. Since they do not have any natural predators in Bahamian waters (though it seems large grouper are just now starting to realize they are food), the lionfish needs to become a product that we can harvest in order to curb and reduce their numbers. We need to be their greatest predator, or we

will lose our fishing grounds.

The evening featured a silent auction for a wide variety of items including artwork, jewelry, and dive and vacation packages, including a Disney cruise, a cell phone, linens, pottery and more. There was also a live auction for three terrific vacation packages, including a one-week stay at the Dephi Resort in Ireland, a wonderful weekend in Eleuthera for four couples and an overnight stay at a Ritz Carlton in Florida with accompanying tickets to a U2

concert. Bidding was enthusiastic.

There was a nice display of painted buoys for sale as well, painted by a variety of people including Kim Rody and Beth Sweeting and other local artists.

The event had a mini Junkanoo parade featuring a Friends' addition, a crawfish costume, which was added for their promotion Size Matters. The guests enjoyed an evening of fine food and drink, conversations and dancing to the music of local band Fire and the Goat Peppers.

## Crawfish season will be closing on March 31

By Navardo Saunders

The public, particularly fishermen, are being reminded that the crawfish season comes to a close on March 31 until August 1 and anyone found catching crawfish during this period will be arrested and charged with breach of the fisheries regulations.

The reminder came from fisheries officer Leon Pinder, who said authorities will be closely monitoring the situation, considering the crawfish population is being harvested in unsustainable numbers and may become sufficiently reduced that it will not be an economic resource.

"Anyone caught harvesting lobster during the closed season will find themselves before a court of law, no if's, and's or but's about it," said Mr. Pinder. "It is critical that people respect the five-month ban. The primary reason is to ensure that the crawfish population regenerates. We have to be mindful that over-harvesting will result in the depletion of lobster populations which will have numerous far-reaching implications." One impact is on the economy.

Mr. Pinder explained that The Bahamas is the number three exporter of crawfish in the world, representing a multi-million dollar industry.

During the closed season Mr. Pinder warned the public about using compressors. "Compressors are prohibited," he said. "They should not be used under any circumstances." He said that officers from the Fisheries Department along with Defence Force officers will be constantly monitoring the waters to ensure that the public adheres to the rules and regulations.

As the lobster season comes to a close, the grouper season has just opened on March 1. "The public is at liberty to catch grouper at this time," he said. "However, the public should be aware of which methods are allowed and which are not." Unlike the lobster season, there are no fixed dates for grouper season. Officials use their discretion in determining when it should be closed. Announcements are usually made in the newspapers, on radio and on television.



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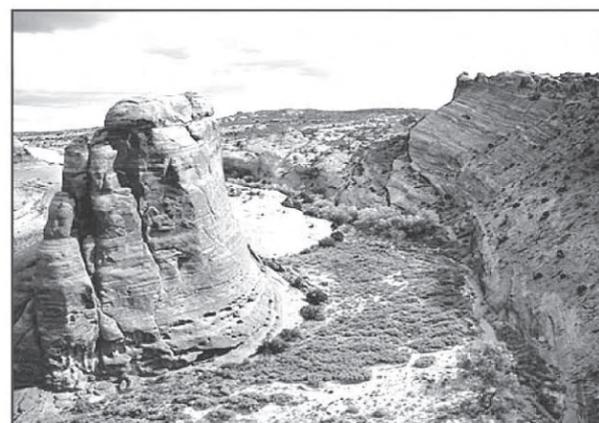
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# The Editor Says... China proposes expanding Abaco farming



We often comment on the changes Abaco is experiencing or can expect. Projects on the drawing boards are large and difficult to comprehend. The most recent project being considered is extensive and will give Abaco a major agriculture and food industry. Negotiations are now underway between the Chinese and the Bahamian government. Abaco is moving into the twenty-first century with a bang.

There are many private developments now underway. Five of these have made serious inroads toward completion to a mature project or resort.

- Baker's Bay on Guana Cay is well underway with its functioning marina and now construction continues on its golf course, town houses and residences. A testimony to their marina capacity is the 200-foot yacht, April Fool, now berthed there.
- Sand Banks Yacht Club just outside the Treasure Cay gate is excavating its marina and installing the required infrastructure.
- Schooner Bay between Bahama Palm Shores and Crossing Rocks is presently installing infrastructure such as roads and utilities. Excavation of the marina is well underway.
- Serenity Point adjoins the north boundary of Schooner Bay with roads and utilities being installed.
- Winding Bay near Cherokee is continuing its building projects but already has two restaurants, clubhouse, golf course, villas and private residences.

Two resorts have come online catering to fishermen in pursuit of our wary bonefish: the Delphi Club to the south and Abaco Lodge on the marles north of Marsh Harbour.

A half a dozen or more developments are on drawing boards and in various stages of the approval process. Some lie within the jurisdiction of the Hope Town District Council which tends to be conservative in its view of further development. This Council passes judgement on developments for Guana Cay, Man-O-War Cay, Elbow Cay, Tilloo Cay and Lynyard Cay along with smaller islands in that area. Developers are aware of Hope Town's popularity and

present a variety of projects. Hope Town's success is obvious, but it is not clear that more development there will enhance its popularity or its economic success.

The above are major developments and are all from the private sector. On the government side several projects are either underway or anticipated with bids and drawings being reviewed by government and contractors.

We commented in the last issue on the new government complex which has just broken ground. The airport terminal should begin construction before Christmas. A small inland port is to be constructed north of Cooper's Town. This will accommodate visiting yachts, allow our coastal freighters to discharge cargo there and provide shelter for the boats of North Abaco fishermen. This will be dug inland on the eastern coast.

One of the more ambitious projects came to light recently when our Member of Parliament for South Abaco, Edison Key, Executive Chairman of the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation, brought three Chinese officials to investigate the agricultural potential of Abaco. A fourth Chinese interpreted. Serious discussions are now underway between BAIC and its Chinese counterpart as to furthering an alliance. This visit follows an agreement signed by both governments last year. We would not be surprised to hear some public statements on this in the next week or two. At various functions, the Chinese repeatedly said that we can expect vegetables in September as a result of this farming initiative and Abaco grown meat by the end of the year.

Their vision for agriculture on Abaco was quite broad followed by expansive language: cattle, sheep, goats, hogs and poultry, vegetables, fruit and citrus. It did not stop at the farm level. They went on to mention slaughter houses, packing

plants and canneries. Their visit took them into grocery stores, large and small, to see what produce was on the shelves and how it was priced. They talked with store managers concerning availability and how freight handling and charges affected the final cost to the consumer.

Even their inspection in the farm lands included extensive discussions, all in Chinese, on the nutritional value of the elephant grass which is a bane to our farmers. On the Norman's Castle acreage they examined a legume weed which has potential as food for sheep, goats or cattle.

One man's expertise was said to be in bio-gas generation using animal waste or plants for methane production to generate electricity. This implies an extensive and closely integrated farming, processing and marketing operation.

The Chinese group visiting Abaco is part of the Chinese company building the national stadium in Nassau. The company is heavily into agriculture through a different division and is said to be the largest agricultural enterprise in China.

To our knowledge, the memorandums of understanding have not been signed. But to hear talk of produce in our stores this September implies everyone is serious over this venture, and it appears to be a done-deal. A gift of US\$1 million was mentioned for livestock purchases in the States for delivery to The Bahamas soon. Purchasing in the States will save time and get the program underway sooner.

Abaco has had a rich history involving farm products. We are not referring to home gardens but produce in ship-load quantities. In the distant past this included citrus, pineapples, tomatoes and other crops. We must remember that before 1950 this was accomplished without trucks, tractors or motorized freight boats. Mechanization arrived in the mid-1950s when J.B. Crock-

ett began farming on 3,000 acres south of Marsh Harbour. More recently the larger farms have been bought and sold, mostly to foreign firms, with virtually all of their production going to Florida.

The stated thrust of the Chinese involvement is to obtain food security for The Bahamas with any surplus being exported. That does not mean that everything found in the grocery store will be produced locally. The goal is to produce basic crops in sufficient quantity to feed the country's population.

Said differently, The Bahamas spends \$500 million each year to import food. The goal is to be self-sufficient in potatoes, onions, citrus and basic food items. Other produce which should be grown locally includes broccoli, cauliflower, squash, cucumbers and many other vegetables. The Bahamas imports thousands of pounds of frozen French fries each year. Potatoes could be easily grown and processed here into French fries.

This impending partnership with the Chinese is aimed at resolving our food dependency on other countries. It is often said that a country's comfort and security begins with a local food supply. Having to depend on others for our food puts us in a perilous position from two angles. If weather or other circumstances causes food to be in short supply by the exporting countries, we are at the end of the list for deliveries. Secondly, we must use our U.S. dollar reserves to buy the food. This is money that should be supporting local farmers, not go to farmers and food companies abroad.

Government has to be careful to keep reserves of U.S. dollars available for purchasing all of our imports. Our U.S. cash reserves will be improved if a substantial portion of our food can be grown and processed locally.

## Letters to the Editor

### Dogs are rescued from cruel situation

Dear Editor:

A rescue team under the command of Supt. of Police Noel Curry seized four dogs from a car wrecking site on the S.C. Bootle Highway in Marsh Harbour on February 17.

Four emaciated, filthy dogs, three females and a male, were taken from the dump where wrecked cars, oil spills, toxic waste and garbage littered the ground. The three females were short chained to rubble with no shelter, no food, no water. The male was roaming free. He had thick, blood-soaked mats of hair around his neck, his ears were shredded. It is alleged that

the dogs were to be used as a puppy mill.

One of the rescuers stated, "We're seizing these four dogs because they are in unsafe conditions. A car lot is no place for a dog. There are a number of poisons out here; they didn't have ready access to food or water. Their chains were so short they could not get away from their own feces. There was no shelter, and no one on the premises. I don't know how long these dogs have been without proper care and attention."

Tip Burrows said, "The Humane Society of Grand Bahama was pleased to play a small part in this operation by offering sanctuary and medical care for these dogs. We're happy to assist our animal welfare counterparts on Abaco who have been working hard for a very long time. We're thrilled that the Abaco police have taken a stand against animal cruelty and are encouraged that this is a real turning point for the animals of Abaco."

Supt. Curry summed things up, "Evil prevails when good men and women stand by and do nothing."

The operation makes a clear statement that animal abuse is against Bahamian law and will not be tolerated on Abaco. You do not have to be a Bahamian to report abuse. Anyone can file a report with the police and be assured that the situation will be investigated. At risk animals will be seized and taken to safe shelter while prosecution is carried out.

Joe Potcake

### Concerned about bunker C fuel

Dea Sir,

I am extremely concerned with BEC's plans to construct and operate a Bunker C-fueled power plant at Wilson City on Abaco. This plant will be in one of, if not the most, environmentally sensitive areas on the whole island.

The plant site is less than a half a mile from the Bight of Old Robinson - not two to three miles, as BEC claims - and there are blue holes and large areas of mangroves less than a mile away. The Pelican Cays National Park is only a few 100 yards north of the proposed fuel dock. The pipeline will run through extensive mangrove areas and right along the shore of Spencer Bight. If the pipeline is buried, it will be below sea level in these areas. As such, any fuel leakage from the plant, the pipeline or the dock will negatively impact the island's principal fish nurseries in a dramatic way.

According to the EIA, the plant will be injecting oily waste water through the Marsh Harbour-Lake City Aquifer, which supplies all of Marsh Harbour's water. Water contamination, both fresh and salt, is almost inevitable.

Furthermore, contrary to BEC's claim that the nearest settlement is Spring City, the communities of Cherokee Sound, Little Harbour and Casuarina Point are all less than six miles from the plant site with a

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total of 300 to 400 homes – not merely “one or two foreigners,” as the Prime Minister said recently. There are numerous farms including Abaco Big Bird that will be downwind of the plant in prevailing winds. Also within the six-mile range are the Neem farm, the Ritz-Carlton development at Winding Bay and the development under construction on Lynyard Cay.

This plant will ruin not only the tourism industry of Abaco but also the fishing and farming industries, in addition to the people’s health and fresh water supply. While these concerns were not taken into account before the building of the plant began without appropriate permits, I hope that the government and BEC will take these important concerns into account now as there is still time to switch to cleaner fuels or ensure that emissions controls are also installed in this new, poorly sited Wilson City power plant.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Wells

## A letter to Min. Cartwright

To: The Hon. Lawrence Cartwright  
Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources

Dear Minister:

I want to add my voice of concern regarding reports that the Bahamian government is considering permitting a tuna purse seine operation in Bahamian waters.

History has shown the effect of large scale netting operations on many vital fisheries throughout the world.

If the spectacular regional fishing disappears, the economic impact to the citizens of your country would be severely affected. Please don’t allow short-term vision to destroy one of the Bahamas greatest assets.

I respectfully urge you to continue to protect the long-term health of the resource and tourism by denying the purse seine application.

Yours very truly,  
Marvin Berger

**Remember to Buckle Up**

## Appeal to be accepting of others

Dear Editor,

My husband and I make our home in Marsh Harbour during the winter months and are just concluding our fifth season here. It is very fulfilling for us to be involved in our community and have come to appreciate the concerns of this country from food supply stability to immigration issues.

In regards to the latter I had occasion to help with one young lady’s desire to establish herself as a Bahamian who, even though born here, was essentially without any legal status.

I will withhold comment on the laborious, time consuming, frustrating and inefficient bureaucracies that she encountered along the way to legally accord herself franchise in a country which had always been her home. I came alongside her (and her brother) and made another trip to Nassau (her sixth), this time with her mother to get proof of her birth from Princess Margaret Hospital.

We were successful, and I would like to thank publically Ms. Ellis from Medical Records at Princess Margaret Hospital, who works in a very crowded setting. She is to be commended for a job well done and has been instrumental in the process for two young people to be embraced legally into a nation which has always been home to them. They can now become solid contributing members of Bahamian society.

It is only a matter of how far you go back in your heritage to find parents, grandparents, great-grandparents or great-great-grandparents who did the same thing for you so that you would have a nation to call your own.

It was very satisfying to facilitate this process, and I encourage other young people to persevere in their application to do the same. The Bahamas will be better for it as we live according to the Scripture, Micah 6:8, “He has shown you, women and men, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Sincerely,  
Deborah R. Ballard

## Recycling should be our goal

Dear Editor,

Recycling should be a goal for all of Abaco - not just the new landfill. I was taken back by a statement in a recent Abaconian made by John Hedden in regards to taking old batteries to the “dump.” He said, “We are not doing anything to improve our own behavior.” It is sad to think people still don’t know that batteries CAN and ARE being recycled on Abaco.

We are Oasis Services and through our partnership with Friends of the Environment we have been able to set up many successful community recycling depots for aluminum cans, glass bottles AND old batteries.

This past January we held a community battery collection in Little Harbour. Residents collected old batteries of all types for two weeks. This collection effort resulted in over 30 car, boat, solar and golf cart batteries being recycled - not taken to any dump or causing any environmental damage.

Recycling is easy - and by doing so you CAN make a difference for Abaco. It does not matter if it is one battery or 50 that are recycled at a time. What matters is that they ARE recycled. Abaconians DO care about their environment. This is shown by the success of the aluminum can, and glass bottle recycling. So, let’s keep up the good work and remember that batteries are recyclable, too. Community participation is essential for these programs to be successful island-wide. So please

contact us so we may assist you with your recycling programs. Find out how businesses and organizations can get credit for participation. Call Bernadette Hall, Oasis Services at 367-0699 or 577-0699 or halloasis@coralwave.com or friendsoftheenvironment.org or 367-2721.

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Bernadette Hall

## Solar Power

Dear Editor,

I visited Marsh Harbour last week and picked up a copy of “The Abaconian”. Noticed an article by Jennifer Hudson relative to solar initiatives of the Little Harbour community.

Congratulations to all those residents. We are from the midwest and remarked about the abundance of sunshine and why we did not see more solar and even wind harvest. Hopefully the initiative in Little Harbour will spread to the rest of the island and the Bahamas, then the rest of the developed world.

Again, thanks and congratulations to the Little Harbour residents. You should be proud of your efforts. Continue to promote what you have done.

Tom Taiber  
Waverly, Iowa

[Editor: Note that the 30 to 40 Little Harbour residents are not served by BEC so an alternate electrical supply is required. All the residents there use solar panels and all except one have a stand-by generator as well. Solar installatins are not cheap.]

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# Central Abaco News

## New Counselor Joins Christian Counseling Center

By Timothy Roberts

The Christian Counseling Center in Marsh Harbour introduced Margaret Smith, a new member of its staff, on Abaco on February 26 at a ceremony at the Center's office upstairs in the D & S Plaza.

Ms. Smith was inspired to get into missions and counseling through her experiences in youth group at Calvary Bible Church in Nassau and her time spent at camp retreats. She went to school in Minneapolis, Minnesota at Bethany School of Missions.

After spending several years in Europe in youth work, she completed her Master's

degree in Mental Health at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. She was licensed by the State of Mississippi as a Professional Counselor and a Marriage and Family Therapist.

During her time in Nassau, Ms. Smith was a counselor at the Christian Counseling Center for 10 years and spent three years as a counselor and small groups leader at New Providence Community Church.

With her many years of experience she knows that with God's help people can live in freedom and that we all need to know that it is fine to seek counseling and help for yourself.

Two and a half years ago the Christian

Counseling Center in Nassau opened an office on Abaco in the D & S Plaza to meet a growing need for counseling on the island. Erika Lowe, a counselor with the center, has been instrumental in the setup of the new office and now, because of growing demands, the center has Ms. Smith on staff.

The purpose of the center is to help hurting people, no matter who they are. To meet this goal they work on a sliding scale fee and will not turn away anyone who has a need. Because of this they depend heavily on donations from churches, civic groups and the community.

Pastor Arnette, Executive Director of the Christian Counseling Center in Nassau, said that pastors and elders of local churches are encouraged to utilize the center as a resource, knowing that many work regular jobs as well as care for their local assembly. The center remains unbiased in its counseling. Those who are not Christians need not worry that religion will be forced on them. He reassured that all their counselors are trained and continue to be trained further over the years and emphasized that confidentiality is of the utmost importance.

## Locals Attend Customer Service Conference

By Samantha V. Evans

Master motivator and world renowned corporate trainer Spence Finlayson was on Abaco on February 25th to host a World Class Customer Service Conference at the Anglican Church Hall in Marsh Harbour. Individuals from government agencies and privately owned businesses were in attendance.

The conference began by Mr. Finlayson showing a DVD that gave the participants an opportunity to learn more about him and his work as a trainer and motivator. He began his career in the hospitality industry as a front desk clerk at the Lyford Cay Club and ended this stage of his life at Resorts International. He later worked at Batelco as a sales representative. While at Batelco, his goal was to be the best sales person ever, but he realized that there was no where he could go to be trained in this area.

Therefore, he had hopes of creating a school to teach selling techniques. While at Batelco, he met people from Fort Lauderdale who introduced him to his current business in 1987. When he became knowledgeable of it, he brought it home and

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The Christian Counseling Center in Marsh Harbour recently welcomed its second counselor, Margaret Smith. Shown here are Frederick Arnette, Executive Director of the Christian Counseling Center in Nassau; Alan Lee, Chairman of the Board for the Christian Counseling Center in Nassau; Margaret Smith and Erika Lowe, both counselors in the Abaco center.



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made it compatible to the Bahamian needs.

Mr. Finlayson is thankful that he has the opportunity to live in his purpose and fulfill his dream. He has a great feeling when he is able to help people achieve their dreams.

This conference was geared towards professionals who are determined to strengthen their ability to succeed in the

customer service field and help those who are searching for new ideas, techniques and strategies to assist them achieve their goals.

Mr. Finlayson believes that productivity is a major challenge in this country as people do not work as they should. He added that on Fridays, some people actually stop

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Spence Finlayson, a motivational speaker, held a seminar in Marsh Harbour on February 25 for employees who wanted to advance in their fields. He encouraged more productivity and giving their employees a full day's work every day.

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working after they get paid and some agencies do not give a full day's work at the end of the week either. He stated that it is this mentality that is seriously affecting our country, especially our main industry Tourism.

Customer service needs to improve as well and that Bahamians need to respect time and get over this thing called "Bahamian time" as there is no such thing.

Finlayson is a seasoned motivator and trainer having conducted training in 15 countries. However, now he is focused on helping to develop the people of The Bahamas. Those completing the conference received a participant's manual and a certificate of completion.

**Central Pines Association Conducts Walk-A-Bout**

*By Samantha V. Evans*

On February 25 and 26 members of the Central Pines Association along with Supt. Noel Curry and Sgt. Rachel Metelus conducted walkabouts in the Central Pines community. They hope that by conducting these walkabouts the community would be more informed of what the Association is doing and want to become involved in their activities.

The Association has also formed a crime watch as some residents have had items stolen from their properties. Those involved with the crime watch now have walkie-talkies so that as they patrol areas they can communicate with each other. Additionally, they have metallic signs af-

fixed to their vehicles to let persons know that the Association is working. The members will take turns placing the signs on their vehicles when they are on patrol.

The Association meets the first Thursday of each month at noon at the Pathfinders office in Marsh Harbour. A cookout fund raiser is scheduled for May 29th at Port of Call Marina in Marsh Harbour. The officers of the Central Pines Association are President Bernadette Hall, Vice President d'Shan Maycock, Secretary Leazona Richard and Treasurer Benita Altidor.

**Couple opens take-away in Dundas Town**

*By Navardo Saunders*

Husband and wife Ronald and Lashawn Swain realized a dream in early February

when they opened their take-away eatery in Dundas Town. Shany's Take-out, which specializes in lobster and chicken wraps, is located next to Platinum Car Wash.

In addition to lobster and chicken wraps, Shany's take-out offers daily specials such as barbecued ribs and chicken dinners. Lobster, pork chops and fish dinners along with burgers and chicken snacks are a constant on the menu.

On weekends Ronald fires up the grill and Swains and their staff serve jerk pork, chicken and ribs as well as barbecued ribs. The cost of a dinner is around \$10 to \$12. Lobster and fish dinners can run about \$15.

The Swains opened the business, which is outfitted with fancy restaurant supplies,

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The Central Pines Association held a walk-about on February 25 and 26 along with police officers to hear the complaints of residents and explain the crime watch that the group has organized. They are shown here with Police Supt. Noel Curry.



For a few hours on March 4 the new traffic light at the corner of Don MacKay and Crockett Drive was turned on for a test. Some motorists found it quite confusing while others drove right through, not paying attention to the light. The light will not be turned on until strips are painted on the road directing drivers where they must stop. A police officer will be stationed there for the first few day until drivers are used to the new routine.

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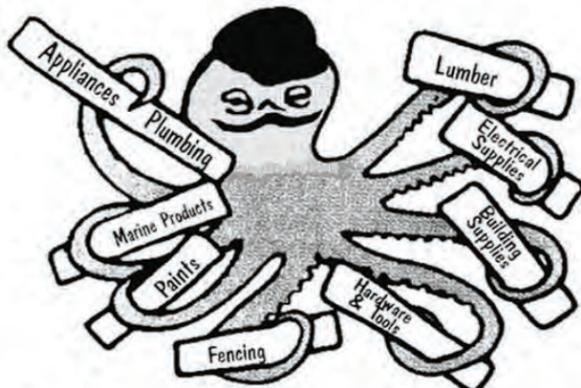


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## Tourism hosts visitors at People to People reception

*By Timothy Roberts*

The Ministry of Tourism hosted a People to People meet and greet gathering at the Administrator's House on February 25 that was well attended by many second homeowners and boaters who call Abaco their home away from home.

Administrator Cephas Cooper thanked the audience for their continued support and their contributions to Abaco.

The evening included native food and music as well as a fashion show and some

karaoke. Locally made crafts were offered for viewing and purchase.

Those who stayed long enough, braving the rather cool night, were rewarded with a small Junkanoo parade performed by the Spring City Rockers. The event was well received and the guests really appreciated being able to meet at the administrator's home.

## Visitors are disappointed with lack of Bahamian foods

*By Navardo Saunders*

Couples John and Elizabeth Carpenter and Michael and Jeanne Kelly of Boca Raton, Florida, were eager to come Abaco for the first time during the third week in February. They had heard how beautiful the island is, how the people are so friendly and that the Bahamian food is to die for.

For the most part, the couple said their expectations were met during a people-to-people reception for visitors hosted by the Abaco Tourist Office at the Administrator's residence on February 25.

But in a frank discussion the couple talked about what they found disappointing about the island. Mr. Carpenter was disappointed that there were only a few public garbage bins in the downtown area. "I had to walk for what seems like forever with empty Kalik bottles in my hand because we couldn't find a trash bin hardly anywhere," he said. "There need to be more trash bins in the busy area like downtown. It's just so much more convenient."

Mrs. Carpenter said she wished more of the beauty salons took on Caucasian hair. "I thought since this is a place that tourists come to often the beauticians, who I found to be pleasant would know how to treat and style a variety of hair. That isn't the case. We went everywhere looking, When we finally found one, it was taking no more appointments. That's a shame because I wanted to go back home with a new do."

Michael and Jeanne said they were told that when they came to the island they would have no problem getting fried fish, coconut water and fresh conch salad, but it didn't turn out to be the case. "I told Mike weeks before we arrived I'm going to sink my teeth into some fried grouper or snapper and conch salad," said Mrs. Kelly. "I was really looking forward to it. But everywhere we went, the restaurants would say there was no fried fish or conch salad. We drove up and down the streets looking for conch salad and could not find any. And coconut water. Some people looked at us strange when we asked for it."

The good news is Mrs. Kelly finally got to sink her teeth into conch salad at the people-to-people reception. "It would be great if an event like this could happen at least once a week during your busy tourist season because we got everything we came here for on this one night," said Mrs. Kelly. "We got the Junkanoo, the conch salad, Bahamian-made straw bags and crafts. We came all the way here for these things."

The couples said they plan to write to the Abaco Tourist Office and suggest ways the tourist experience can be enhanced. "We had a good time overall," Mrs. Kelly said, speaking on behalf of her husband and the Carpenters. "We just feel that your visitors would appreciate the experience more if some things were readily available."

## Abaco Expo plans are underway for April

*By Navardo Saunders*

The upcoming All Abaco Agricultural, Marine Resources and Agribusiness Expo 2010 is expected to be a spectacular event that showcases all that Abaco has to offer in the areas of agriculture, marine resources, agribusiness and native crafts.

The two-day event, which will be held under the theme Progressing in Food Security, is scheduled to take place on April 16 and 17 at the future site of a farmers' market at the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation site in Marsh Harbour.

According to public relations coordinator, Cleola Pinder, the event will feature presentations and demonstrations, displays, the sale of preserved foods, arts and crafts, the sale of plants, a food court and

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The Abaco Tourism office organizes a People to People reception annually, held alternating years in Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. This year's occasion was on February 25 and was held at the Administrator's home. The turnout was great considering the low temperature and the wind. Second homeowners and regular visitors were treated to Bahamian foods and enjoyed displays of Bahamian crafts that they could purchase.



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plenty of entertainment including the Royal Bahamas Police Pop and Marching Bands.

Participants include the Department of Agriculture, Department of Marine Resources, Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC), Abaco Co-operative Society, South Abaco Farmers' Association Ltd., North Abaco Farmers' Association Ltd., Abaco Food Processing Association Ltd., Horticultural Society of The Bahamas (Abaco Branch), arts and crafts associations, independent farmers, food processors and food vendors.

## Police are checking traffic



Police officers have been stopping traffic to check on registrations and inspections to make sure they are up to date.

"Schools will be involved and there will be special provisions for students on April 16," said Mrs. Pinder. "There is an essay competition for secondary schools already under way with Improving Food Security in Critical Times as the topic. April 16th will be observed as T-shirt day." She added that AgriExpo 2010 will embrace and represent all of Abaco.

Live demonstrations and presentations will include the rapid propagation process for root crops and bananas, greenhouse technology, backyard farming, marine conservation and baking bread in a rock oven.

The Expo will be held under the dual chairmanship of Anthony Gibson, Abaco Agriculture officer, and Ejnar Cornish, Abaco BAIC manager.

## Fire Department needs more volunteers

By Navardo Saunders  
Chief Fire Officer John Hall said the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department needs more volunteers who can respond to fires during the day. "Right now if there is a fire during the day a lot of our volunteers cannot leave their jobs," he said. "We would only have a limited number of firefighters

and that could be very bad, especially if it's a huge fire. The more manpower we have the better because we would be able to cover more ground quickly."

Chief Hall, who has been fire chief for eight years, said there are about 35 volunteer firefighters. "But there are only about 10 I can really depend on," he said. "It would be great if we could have about 10 to 15 volunteers in every community, who are prepared to take on a fire at any time."

He said persons interested in becoming volunteer firefighters will be trained and given proper firefighting outfits. "I can arrange training sessions on Saturdays for persons who are interested," he said.

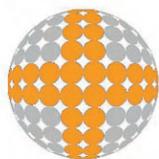
Interested persons can contact him at 475-3752 or they can stop by his home in Central Pines across the street from Central Abaco Primary School. There is usually a red fire engine parked outside.

## Site for Administration building is cleared



The land is being prepared for the construction of the new government administration building in Dundas Town. It will be imposing as it is sited on the top of a hill.

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# News of the Cays

## Hope Town held its annual Heritage Day

By Timothy Roberts

Many people came out to support and take part in the Hope Town Heritage Day,



The Wyannie Malone Historical Museum organizes Heritage Day annually. It draws people from many communities who come together to learn more about their history and to socialize. These two historians, Steve Dodge and Sandra Riley, had much to discuss.

enjoying the food and items for sale as well as hearing stories of Abaco's past.

This year's Heritage Day, which is organized by the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum, took the theme of the Pirate Era. A number of locals, adults and children, wore pirate-themed outfits, and Sandra Riley, historian and author of *Homeward Bound*, read excerpts from three historical plays she has written about Pirates on Abaco, one of which includes the famous Matt Lowe.

Jeremy Sweeting, Chief Councillor of the Hope Town District Council, was presented with a genealogy that traced his family connection to Wyannie Malone, the founding member of present day Hope Town.

Former Ministers of Parliament, Robert Sweeting, and Michael Lightbourn, and former schoolmaster Patrick Bethel gave brief words of praise for the museum and the ongoing Heritage Day events they have each year and encouraged everyone to enjoy the day and its festivities.

During the opening ceremony, an identification plaque from a life boat from the Robert

Fulton was presented to the museum for display by Dave and Kathy Ralph. The Ralphs were formerly employed by Owens-Illinois that used the 346-foot steamboat Robert Fulton as home base for its lumbering operation on Abaco at Snake Cay during much of the 1960's.

Aside from a variety of Bahamian dishes and desserts, which included souse, conch salad, coconut tarts and more, an assortment of booths were set up selling wood work, wooden bowls and picture frames, paintings and artwork, quilts, bags, clothing and linens, shell craft, jewelry and more.

Next year's Heritage Day is expected to focus on the sponging industry which took place during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

## Abaco Inn appreciates public support

The Abaco Inn on Elbow Cay held a fun day on February 13 that included the *Show Love for Haiti Raffle* and many lovely prizes were given, thanks to the generosity of our donors. We successfully raised \$3940. This money will be given to Dr. Marc Binard, who is intimately involved



Linda Cole is the curator of the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum and has done extensive work on updating and broadening the genealogy of the early settlers to the present time. With her is Jeremy Sweeting, Chief Councillor of the Hope Town District Council.

with the medical aid in Haiti and is one of our very own doctors here on Abaco. Thank you, everyone.

## Guana Cay Town Meeting

On March 18 the Hope Town District Council hosted a Town Meeting at the Great Guana Cay Primary School. In attendance were the Hope Town District Council, Administrators Cephas Cooper, Whelma Colebrooke and Maxine Dun-

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combe, Police Supt. Noel Curry and Department of Environmental Health Services representative Ms. Neilly.

The school was packed with interested and concerned citizens and residents. Supt. Curry introduced himself as the new Police Chief for Abaco, and throughout the night he answered many of the concerns as most concerns levied were policing matters.

Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting explained that whilst the Council attempts to have Town Meetings at least twice a year, they are mandated under the Local Government Act to hold at least one a year. Mr.

Sweeting gave an account to the residents on what works had been carried out since the last time they had met in a Town Meeting and laid out plans for the future.

Mr. Sweeting noted that the Council had constructed public restrooms that are now a part of the mini-government complex. Additionally, he made mention of the re-paving of Cheri B Lane, along with the installation of an attractive community notice board. Chief Councillor Sweeting highlighted that the Council took advantage of the central government's unemployment programme, and as a result, hired Lynn Roberts as a full time secretary for Guana Cay. He remarked that the residents didn't

have to wait for the once-a-week visits from the secretary in Hope Town, but now have a full time presence in the office in Guana Cay five days a week. He indicated that the Council encouraged each town in the district to host an annual community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the Council assisted with a donation.

Chief Councillor Sweeting informed the audience that the Council had made request in its capital budget for funding for further road repairs.

One resident brought to the meeting's attention the rumour to combine Guana Cay and Green Turtle Cay as one district. This was met with negative feedback as no one present was in favour of such a move. Chief Councillor Sweeting shared their discontent as he outlined the geographical challenges the move would present as Whale Cay Channel would be impassable for a number of meetings. "Councillor Lating would have to take a ferry to Marsh Harbour, then take a 30-40 minute drive to Treasure Cay and then take a ferry from Treasure Cay to Green Turtle Cay. The ferry rides will cost about \$80 each way. He would go through the same route on the return trip." Everyone present felt that the present third schedule makeup of the Council was working well. The only alteration that may possibly be welcomed would be Guana Cay having its own town committee.

Other concerns were concerns related to the need for a dumpsite, an issue that has plagued Guana Cay since the mid 1990s, and the need for a full time police presence. The Chief Councillor along with Supt. Noel Curry promised to do what they could to address the concerns raised.

## Man-O-War Town Meeting

A Town Meeting was hosted by the Hope Town District Council in Man-O-War on March 1st at the Man-O-War Primary School.

Representatives of the many corporations and departments were expected to attend, but only a few made the meeting. Present were Administrators Cephas Cooper and Whelma Colebrooke, Port Department representative Troy Mills, Police Supt. Noel Curry and a Police Sergeant from the department, along with local Police Reserve George Phillpot.

Administrator Cooper and Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting shared their disappointment with the community of the poor representation from the various departments and corporations. Among the ones not attending the meeting were BEC, BTC and Environmental Health.

Supt. Curry introduced himself to the community as the new Police Chief for Abaco, and for the most part no policing issues were brought forward.

Administrator Cooper spoke of what a fine working relationship he and Chief Councillor Sweeting have had over the last three years.

Chief Councillor Sweeting then gave an overview of what the Council had done in Man-O-War since the last Town Meeting was held. He mentioned of the reconstruction of the upper public dock and, partnered with William Albury Construction, putting in a handicap ramp to assist the

## Dock at Sunshine Park is progressing



The freight dock at Sunshine Park in the harbour of Hope tTown is being completely rebuilt. The contract was signed between the government and Abaco Tug and Transport in mid-January and construction began shortly after. Having freight off loaded at this dock rather than the Upper Dock relieves the congestion and confusion that frequently occurred at the Upper Dock on freight days.



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# A letter to the people of Abaco

The schooner *William H Albury*, designated as the Tall Ship of The Bahamas in 1976 by the Ministry of Tourism, has been sold. The *William H* was built in 1964 at Man-O-War Cay by skilled shipwrights, men of honor, integrity and sterling Christian character. Men who were admired for their talents throughout the wooden boat building world. Her launching name was *Esperanto* and for a short time she was named *Grand Turk*.

In 1974 my wife Barbara and I purchased this sleek and seaworthy schooner, outfitted her at Man-O-War Cay and set about learning the charter and sail training business. In honor of her builder, we renamed her *William H. Albury*. We were shipmates for 35 years. She provided me and my family with a viable, successful business and took hundreds of novice and experienced people of all ages to sea. In 1998 she was honored by the American Sail Training Association as the sail training vessel of the year. In 2006 she received their Lifetime Achievement Award.

She sailed the North Atlantic, large parts of America's East Coast, the length and breadth of The Bahamas and much of the Caribbean. She was, however, happiest at home in the Sea of Abaco. The *William H* was often said to be the prettiest working schooner anywhere.

With her readily distinguished raked masts, a matchless sheer, proud bow-sprit and lovely wineglass stern, she graced the cover of many magazines and was the subject of hundreds of newspaper articles and television stories.

From 1976 until 1986 she represented The Bahamas under the funding and direction of the Ministry of Tourism. She carried

the nation's flag in seven International Tall Ships Events. Her most noteworthy event came during the American Bicentennial in 1976. In June of that year she sailed from Abaco to Bermuda. There, she joined Tall Ships of the world's maritime nations. In late June of 1976, that international fleet, viewed by a worldwide audience, raced from Bermuda to Newport, Rhode Island, then on to New York City where on a clear July 4th, with Abaconians Scott Weatherford and Derek and Margo Lee as part of the crew, she joined the parade of sail and sailed up the Hudson River into history.

Outside of my God and my family, I loved the *William H* with every breath I possessed. She was a member of the family. Both my children and one grandson helped crew her. On the long sea road of the past 35 years, she never let me down. Reefed down in all kinds of difficult weather, in appalling seas in the Gulf Stream, off Cape Hatteras, the North Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, the Bahama Banks plus many other places too numerous to mention, the *Wil-*



*liam H* protected her captain and crew. On many occasions in heavy hard winds and challenging seas, I felt the presence of Uncle Will and his shipwrights. Always at the worst times, I would feel a spiritual c a l m n e s s as if they were there, guiding us through the tempest. She was to many a living, breathing, iconic part of Abaco's marvelous maritime history.

She was built by the rarest of craftsmen, strong, disciplined, skilled family men living and working on the most beautiful of islands. Many have now gone to their reward. I could be wrong, but I think only Martin Sawyer of Man-O-War Cay, one of the men who built her, is still alive. If I

have missed anyone, I apologize and thank them. I thank them all. But to me those men are all alive in those incredible black and white photos that Colyn Rees took throughout his life. I never tire of looking at them. We will never see such men again.

Man-O-War shipwrights, under the leadership of Uncle Will, working by "eye" and "what their hearts told them," and making sure "she doesn't lean too far in a breeze of wind," built a magnificent, world renowned schooner. She's both art and science. Over the years many Abaconians crewed on the *William H*. Jay Manni, sailmaker on Man-O-War, was her mate for four years and was by far the best mate ever to serve on her. Other crew, when younger, were Michael Albury, Buddy Roberts, Ossie Hall, Sue Bowers and many Abaco Boy and Girl Scouts, Peter Kline, Jeff Gale and a host of others.

So now we are at the end. Barbara and I have a heavy heart, but we both know now is the time. Our children have been successful in life due in large part to their having worked as crew, and at times, my son was captain on the *William H*. Over the years people would come alongside and ask if I owned "this great looking schooner," and always I would say, "No, she owns me."

Fair winds, *William H!* Our love and deep respect go with you. You will forever be in our hearts.

Captain Joe Maggio

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# More News of the Cays

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elderly in getting on and off the boats. He highlighted that the Council led the initial drive in establishing a committee to organize Man-O-War's first heritage day. He noted that whilst he and Arthur Elden co-chaired the committee, much praise was due to the hardworking women who served on the committee, saying that if it wasn't for them, the day would have never been.

Mr. Sweeting mentioned that during Sojer Day the Council placed three more names on the Wall of Heroes, Emerson Albury, Marcell Albury and Edwin Albury. He spoke of some minor road repair and the Council's donation to the community to hold a Christmas Tree Lighting. Speaking of the government's unemployment programme, he mentioned that the Council had hired Elizabeth Key to keep the library open five days a week to allow the residents access to a Council secretary all week long rather than the once weekly visits by the Hope Town secretary.

He brought to the attention of those present that the Council would be honouring all town committee members and councillors who had served the district of Hope Town since the inception of local government from 1996. The ceremony will take place on March 20th in Hope Town, and the Minister of State for Lands and Local Government, the Hon. Byran Woodside, is expected to be in attendance.

The Chief Councillor mentioned that, given the Council's fiscal discipline, it may be able to find funding in its recurrent budget to carry out dock repairs to the lower public dock in Man-O-War.

He noted that the Council had put in its

capital budget a request for funding for more road repairs and for the construction of public restrooms.

As he ended his remarks, he became passionate about the need for a nurse in Man-O-War Cay. He said, "Administrator, Man-O-War Cay desperately needs a nurse. This is our most central concern. For simple routine checks and common ailments our sick, our elderly, our seniors have to board a ferry and take a 20 minute \$25 ride to Marsh Harbour, then struggle climbing ladders to get off the ferry in Marsh Harbour.

Then our elderly must fight getting into taxis and then take a 10 -15 minute \$20 ride to the clinic, then go thru the same exhausting exercise back to Man-O-War, in and out of cars, up and down ladders at the ferry docks. This is not even taking into account the cost that our elderly are forced to bear. It absorbs a good portion of their old age pension, this unnecessary cost of travel. Our elderly should not have to be put thru this. This is outright criminal, given the amount of revenue this island generates, for us not to have medical personnel on hand, right here on island.

I have written numerous letters to Min. of Health Minnis on this issue over and over again and not even a letter acknowledging receipt of my communication. This is not acceptable. Our government can do better. This issue has been sidestepped, overlooked and thrown on the back burner for far too long, year upon year! This is the most desperate need in this community, we need a nurse!"

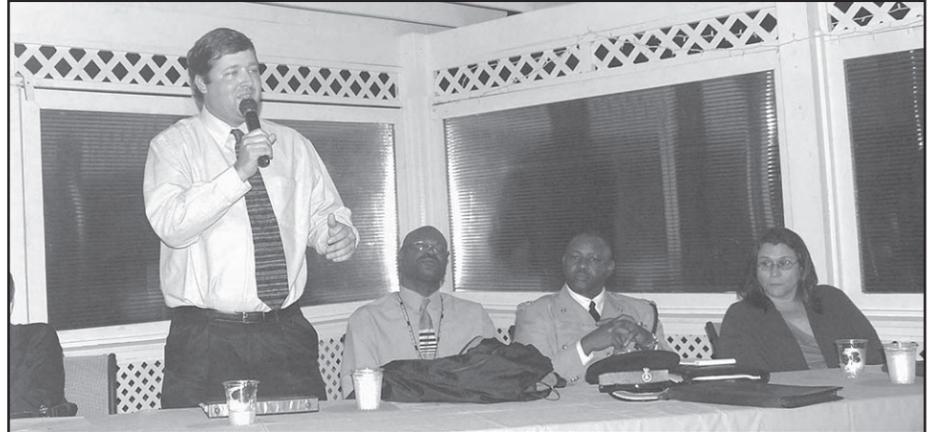
He went on to mention that the Council would provide the funding for housing for a nurse when the Ministry of Health agreed

to dispatch a nurse to the cay.

When the floor was opened for remarks, most people that spoke agreed with the Chief Councillor and reiterated his concern for the desperate need for a nurse. The government nurse visits Man-O-War once every two weeks from Marsh Harbour and many times they don't keep their schedule.

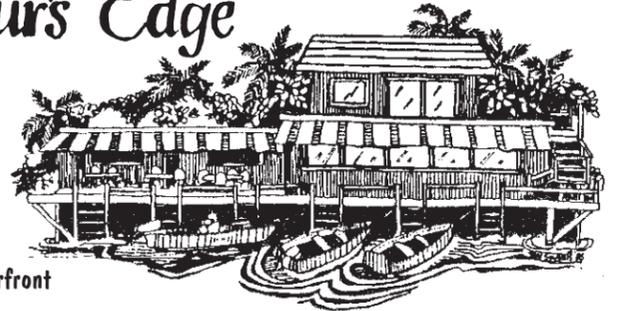
Among other concerns were that the electricity had been off in the Eastern Harbour area for 64 hours and had not been fixed. BEC was not making any efforts to fix the problem. The following day, the outage was restored.

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Chief Councillor for the Hope Town District Council, Jeremy Sweeting, chaired a Town Meeting in Hope Town on February 24. At the head table are Troy Mills with the Port Department; Supt. Noel Curry, Abaco's new Police Chief; and Lana Russell, a Councillor from Hope Town.

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# More News of the Cays

## Cays

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The other issue raised was the need for street signs, to which the Chief Councilor agreed. Within the following month a meeting will be called with residents to see if residents wanted to continue with the known street names. Someone suggested in the Town Meeting naming a few streets after community builders.

### Hope Town residents attend Town Meeting

About 35 Hope Town residents braved a chilly evening, February 24, to attend a Town Meeting on the pool patio at the

Hope Town Harbour Lodge. Administrator Cephas Cooper opened the meeting that had been called by the Hope Town District Council. He praised the Council as an outstanding model of Local Government that is functioning well.

Jeremy Sweeting, Chief Councillor for the Hope Town District which also includes Man-O-War and Guana Cay, listed many of Council's major accomplishments on Elbow Cay. Mentioned were new dock ladders, assisted in funding the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, had many street lights restored to service, patched roads, had the freight terminal relocated to Sunshine Park eliminating confusion and hazards on the public dock, instigated the re-

pair to the damaged dune in White Sound, is presently looking for a contractor to fix the road on the North End and partnered with the Ministry of Works to repair the seawall now underway at Sunshine Park.

Questions and comments from the audience varied from suggestions and complaints to praises.

Stafford Patterson brought out the need for a public boat ramp to handle boats and trailers in the 25-foot to 30-foot range. A boat ramp is under consideration for the newly formed park in the White Sound area.

Rudy Malone noted that most of the garbage and trash volume is generated as a result of the many visitors, second ho-

meowners and boaters. He wondered how they could better assist in removing the excess trash. Funding to barge the trash to Marsh Harbour was cut, meaning that garbage stays on the cay longer. In warm weather this breeds hoards of flies.

Trash handling brought out extensive comments on the island's garbage problems. Dump fires and smoke are a continuing issue even though burning was banned several years ago.

Sanitation and garbage issues caused comments to be made about the lack of sanitation and adherence to building codes

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**"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.**

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

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

**"Windover", Brigantine Bay # 1501** - 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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**Royal Poinciana # 2511** - # 1483 - Deluxe 2 bed, 2 bath ground level furnished 1,300 s/f beachfront condo. Well maintained. Great sea views, excellent rental income potential. **\$625,000.**

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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.**



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**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 condo on Brigantine Bay. 2 storage units, finger dock. Well maintained, great water views. **SOLD \$485,000.**

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

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**Ocean Blvd. Jumbo Sized Beachfront Parcel # 1266** - Approx. 52,575 s/f parcel (1.20 acres) with 115' sandy beach frontage & 460' depth. Superior building lot. All utilities available. Fantastic sea views. **\$1,386,000.**

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**Superb Beachfront Parcel # 1360** - Ocean Blvd. level & cleared beach lot, 12,600 s/f, 90' fabulous sandy beach frontage. Breath-taking sea views. **REDUCED TO \$1,275,000.**

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

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

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# Obituaries of Family and Friends

**Dixon Place Downey** passed away in Florida on January 25th at the age of 91. He was married to his late wife, Virginia Overton Robinson Downey, for 67 years. She passed away in 2008.



Dixon Downey

In the late 1950s he and his wife purchased Cornish Cay, north of Wilson City, that they enjoyed and where they spent much time. Concerned about the fragile beauty of the surrounding coral reef, he petitioned the government of The Bahamas to protect it in the Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park which survives to this day.

His background was in plastic resins. In 1946 he founded Franklin Plastics, Inc. and won several patents, including the original plastic boat fender. His plant produced the first elbows and connectors used in PVC pipes. His efforts helped to replace the glass of Buick tail lights and the ceramics of appliance knobs with molded plastic. Toy stores across the country ordered their first plastic hula-hoops from Franklin Plastics, Inc. Before Mr. Downey sold his company, he brought hula-hoops for many school children on Abaco.

He is survived by his grandson, Dixon Downey III.

The funeral for **Lillian Blanc McIntosh-Green**, 55, formerly of Fox Town, was held at New Hope Baptist Church in Mt. Hope on March 6. Rev. John McIntosh officiated, assisted by Deacon Daniel Curry. Interment followed in the Fox Town

Cemetery.

She is survived by her faithful husband Sidney Green; daughter Aniecia McIntosh; future son-in-law Alexo Johnson; adopted daughters Candance, Inez and Melissa Bodie; sisters Monvella Pinder and Vernie Russell; step-children Sharletta, Keyko, Shareka, Tammy, Jason, Gaynell, Ossy and Orathio; nephews Perry, Canton, Dwayne, Oscar, Ricardo, Sebran, Aryan, Manny, Eddie, Elon, Oneil, Dwight, Damon, Leslie, Oliver Mackey and Leonard; nieces Maria, Judy, Stephanie, Nora, Lavanda, Taylia, Jewel, Bernadette, Leanne, Veronica, Sharon, Calvanette, Emma, Dawnnett, Angie, Tia, Erlis, Javinica, Marissea, Sharlin, Maureen, Sophia, Rita and Queya; brothers-in-law Arnold Thomas, Willie Russell, Godfrey Forbes, Partick Miller and Min. Willie Moss; sisters-in-law Millie, Princess, Debbie and Naomi McIntosh, Evangelist Kim Moss, Ruth Wells and Magg Jones; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Min. Freddie John Archer**, 57, of Dundas Town was held on March 6th at New Vision Ministries in Marsh Harbour. Bishop A n t h o n y



Lillian Blanc Green



Freddie John Archer

Templeton Roker officiated, assisted by Pastor Mildred Ferguson. Interment was in Coffy Memorial Cemetery in Marsh Harbour.

He is survived by his wife Shane Ann Archer; mother Alice Morley; mother-in-law Ena North; son Opara North; daughter Michelle Ashe; brothers Rev. Kenneth Knowles, Rev. Christopher Dean, Richard Morley, Absolam, Albert, Joseph and Garnet Dean; sisters Eleanor Heild, Chermaine Wells, Cynthia Bartlett; brother-in-laws Rodney Wells, Mervin Smith, Nicholas Bartlett, Willard Bain, Tyrone North, Freddie North, Dwayne North, Raynard North, Ricky North, Tony North, Alrick North, William North; sister-in-law Marcia Bain, Sandra North, Lisa North, Dr. Sheniqua North, Christine, Sandra and Theresa Dean, Jackie Morley, Margaret and Brenda North and Nathalie Knowles; nieces Nancy Seymour, Chervain Stuart, Lachrisser Scriven, Christy Wells, Trudy Dean, Raquel Knowles, Jigeria Dean, Abria Miller, Sophia and Shenique Dean, Terrell Claire, Dorell North, Aquila North, Brianna Bain, Vandika Ferguson, Charlene Saunders and Charisa Moxey; nephews Kaream Knowles, Richard Morley Jr. Coderro and Gordon Dean Jr., Rodney Wells Jr., Nado and Leo North, Barrington and Jermaine North, Dejon, and Kovon Smith, Donique, Dwayne and Ethon North and Ellardo Francis; grandchildren Rahim Dawkins, Marisa and Opara North, Oran Shantinae and Sierra Ashe; uncles Rev. Coapland Morley, Wilfred Edgecombe, Norris Kerr; aunts Crescola Edgecombe, Louise Morley, Pastor Mildred Ferguson, Pamela Kerr, Grace Seymour, Witline Gilbert, Katherine North; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Shawn Silver Cooper**, 38, affectionately called "Robo Cop" of Cooper's Town who died on February 18th, was held on March 6 at Faith Walk Church of God in Cooper's Town.

Bishop Archilus Cooper officiated, assisted by Pastor Jepson Edgecombe. Interment followed in the public cemetery in Cooper's Town.

He is survived by his parents Vernie Smith and Merser Silver; step-father; Ruel Smith; brothers Craig Cooper, Rudy Jr. and Michael Smith; sisters Uneak Outten, Jennifer Saunders, Tiffany Sedor, Natasha and Amanda Smith; adopted sister Maketa Newbold; nephews Theo, Torrieano and Synoveo Saunders, Maxwell Robinson, Mateo and Tremeko Smith, Derrick Stuart and Frances Jr.; nieces Cassie Paul, Rovernna, Tattina and Assidy Smith, Dereisha Stuart; aunts Cleotha Edgecombe and Sheila Adderley; uncles Bishop Archilaus Cooper, Rev. Hartman Cooper, Jr., Eric and Henry Cooper and Elder Samuel Cooper; brothers-in-law Jonathan Saunders and Francois Sidor; nephew-in-law Lajet Paul, grand-nephew Cassidy Paul; aunts-in-law Estella, Macey, Vivian, Lillian and Nita Cooper; uncles-in-law Medious Edgecombe and Neville Adderley; godmother Arlean Rolle; god-children Kashera Murray, Nathalie Pritchard, William Smith and Lerchan Adderley; god-brothers Kevin McIntosh and Tony Rolle; god-sister Euta Rolle; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Lurey Merlee Albury**, 90, formerly of Green Turtle Cay was held on March 6 in Nassau. Pastor Tommy Albury officiated, assisted by other ministers.

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She was pre-deceased by her husband Lionel Albury. She is survived by her children and spouses, Jeffrey and (Berdie) Albury, Carolyn and (Rudy) Diedrick, Freddy and (Daisy) Albury and Arlene and (Reginald) Kno wles; grandchildren and spouses Amanda Diedrick and (Tom Walters) R.J., Diedrick, Natasha and (Marty) Fox, Dawn and (Daniel) Drewry, Ghandi and (John) Kane, Misty Albury, L.J. and (Destiny) Albury and Adiza Albury and Nadia Castiglia; great-grandchildren Alexander, Isaac and Ethan Fox, Hailey, Jaidon and Landon Hunt, Jade, Heathcliff and Harrison Kane, Luca Castiglia; sisters Virginia Carey and Belle Lowe; nieces; nephews; and many other relatives and friends



Lurey Merlee Albury

The funeral service for **Isolene Victoria McIntosh-Thomas**, 66, Fox Town who passed away on 20th February was held at New Hope Baptist Church in Mt. Hope on March 6. Rev. John McIntosh officiated, assisted by Deacon Daniel Curry. Interment was in Fox Town Cemetery.

She is survived by her loving husband Arnold Thomas; sons Perry, Canton, Oscar, Dwayne and Ricardo; daughters Sha-

ron Rolle and Mollyann; adopted son Jeremiah (Miah); brothers Merlin, Reginald, Wilfred and Leaneeth; sisters Monvella and Vernie; son-in-law Elder Ivan Rolle; daughters-in-law Kevie, Sharon and Petra Thomas; grandchildren Cassie, Carnell, O'Clea, Caldeisha, Bianca, Payton, Hayley, Cadidra, Rakeisha, Miracle, Cameron, Fred, Jamal, Leonard, Toure and Jade; great-grandchildren Nicholas and Nevaeh; nephews Sebren, Arvin, Manny, Eddie, Demon, Leslie, Mackey, Dwight, Leonard, Oliver, Len, Wayne, Torin, Oneil, Elon and Dexter; nieces Stephanie, Nora, Lavanda, Taylia, Jewel, Bernadette, Leann, Veronica, Nicey, Dawnette, Tia, Vincia, Marisca, Shalin, Calvenette, Emma, Angie, Sophie, Maureen, Rasheeda, Quey, Terry, Lannah, Andrea, Maria, Judy, Maria and Erlis; sisters-in-law Millie, Princess, Naomi, Sophie, Maureen, Rita, and Debbie McIntosh, Mavis, Sylvia, Sandra; Mildred and Sheila Thomas; brothers-in-law Sidney, Jason, Willie, Hayward, Hennis, Kendal Stuart, Caleb Lightbourne and Munroe; godchildren; and many other relatives and friends.



Isolene Victoria Thomas

## Youth are invited to enter Commonwealth competitions

The Royal Commonwealth Society has launched the 2010 Young Commonwealth Competitions under the theme Science, Technology and Society. The competition is open to anyone living in a Commonwealth country under the age of 30.

Over 60,000 young persons enter the competitions, which are held under a different theme each year. The objectives of the competitions include the opportunity to nurture the creative talent of young people, encourage the youth to respond to current international events, enable young people to share their thoughts with peers around the world and promote the use of the English Language.

Participants may have the opportunity to take part in expert workshops with leading figures; meet with famous authors, film directors and photographers at a gala awards ceremony held in Central London's Commonwealth Club; visit the BBC's global headquarters, Buckingham Palace and other high-profile venues in the United Kingdom's capital city; and win cash prizes and camera equipment among other accolades.

Commencing March 8, 2010, young people can enter either the essay competition (deadline 1 May, 2010) by visiting: [www.thercs.org/youth/essaycompetition](http://www.thercs.org/youth/essaycompetition); the photography competition (deadline 1 June, 2010) by visiting: [www.thercs.org/youth/photoawards](http://www.thercs.org/youth/photoawards); or the commonwealth vision awards (deadline 1 July, 2010) by

visiting: [www.thercs.org/youth/vision-awards](http://www.thercs.org/youth/vision-awards)

The topics for the essay competition include:

1. What technological invention(s) would most improve life in your community?
2. The mad scientist.
3. What positive steps can you or I start to take to tackle climate change?
4. The day the computer started misbehaving.
5. "Science never solves a problem without creating ten more." (George Bernard Shaw).
6. An adventure in space.
7. What is knowledge? Who owns it? How can it best be taught or transmitted?
8. A 'eureka' moment.
9. Is your generation wiser than your grandparent's generation?
10. Welcome to my Utopia.

In order to limit carbon footprint, online entries are preferred; however, for persons who may not have access to a computer, postal entries can be sent to:

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# Police Crime Report

## Obstruction & Disorderly Behavior

On February 15 a police officer reported that while at the junction of Forest Drive and South Side Road in Murphy Town, he stopped a male driver for numerous traffic offences. The female passenger behaved in a very disorderly manner and began to insult the officer using obscene language. After asking for police backup, she was warned of her behavior but continued using obscenities. She was then warned of prosecution and later charged.

## Stealing from a Vehicle

On February 17 someone broke into a 1994 Ford Explorer while it was parked at the Union Jack dock in Marsh Harbour. Stolen from the car were a CD player, an amplifier and speakers with a total value of \$2060.

## Causing Harm

On February 18 a resident of Dundas Town reported that she was beaten about the body by her husband while at her residence.

## Assault with a Deadly Weapon

On February 19 a man dining at a restaurant on Don MacKay Boulevard got into an argument with the manager. The manager threatened him with a black 9mm pistol. After the police did not find the weapon at the restaurant, they searched the manager's home there they found a 9mm pellet gun. The man was charged and released on bail.

## Fighting

On February 20 two men from Sand Banks, Treasure Cay, were fighting at the Senior Junkanoo Parade in Marsh Harbour. They were charged and released on \$500 bail.

## Carrying Arms

On February 21 a resident of the Mud was charged with carrying a cutlass while at the Senior Junkanoo Parade held in Marsh Harbour. He was charged and released on \$500 bail.

## Carrying Arms

On February 21 a resident of Dundas Town had a blade knife while at the Senior Junkanoo Parade in Marsh Harbour. He was charged.

## Carrying Arms

On February 21 a resident of Marsh Harbour was found to have a switch-blade knife while attending the Senior Junkanoo Parade in Marsh Harbour. He was charged and released on \$500 bail.

## Unlawful Sex

On February 22 a resident of Pigeon Pea reported that a young boy had sex with his underage daughter.

## Shop-breaking & Stealing

On February 22 a resident of Marsh Harbour reported that someone broke into a residence on S.C. Bootle Highway and stole jewelry valued at \$1750, a cell phone valued at \$175, a Nintendo valued at \$150 and \$150 in coins.

## Sudden Death

On February 22 Robert Allan, a visitor from New Hampshire staying in Treasure Cay, was found by his wife on the floor unresponsive. He was taken to Corbett Medical Center where an attempt was made to revive him. But he was pronounced dead.

## Dangerous Drugs & Under-sized Crawfish

On February 24 two officers executed a number of search warrants on persons

on Grand Cay suspected of being involved in the export and sale of dangerous drugs. The two were assisted by two officers from Grand Cay and Walkers Cay. When the team attempted to enter one residence, the door was guarded by two pitbull dogs. One of the animals bit the pants leg of one of the officers. He was not injured. The officers then searched the residence and seized 12 small packets of suspected cocaine found inside a white capsule bottle. They also seized \$2186. The couple were both arrested. A further search found 34 bags of under-sized crawfish weighing a total of 97 pounds in a freezer. The couple were charged, then released on bail.

Search warrants were executed on several other residences.

## House Break-in

On February 24 a resident of Spring City reported that someone broke into her house through a kitchen door. Nothing seemed to have been stolen.

## Forgery

On February 24 Royal Bank of Canada reported that a check was forged for \$1700.

## Fire

On February 25 a fire was reported in the Mud. Two police officers found that gas generators were on fire. It was extinguished by the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.

## Burglary

On March 1st a woman resident of Pigeon Peas had her house broken into. A man she knew smashed the glass in a window and entered while the woman and her three children were asleep. He got a knife

from the kitchen and began stabbing her. Her 12-year-old daughter woke up and cried loudly. The intruder grabbed her and threw her against the wall. The woman was treated for her injuries at the government clinic.

## Child Abuse

On March 1st a woman who lives on S.C. Bootle Highway had her 13-year-old grandson with her. While her son was at her house, she told her son that her grandson was performing poorly at school. He began beating the boy with a belt. The child ran outside but fell. The father threw a rock at him but it did not hit him. He caught up with him and choked him with the belt. As a result, the child began vomiting and had pain in his stomach and throat. He was taken to the government clinic to be examined.

## Possession of Drugs, Unlicensed Firearm, Assault & Resisting Arrest

On March 6 police searched a 1999 Buick on the S.C. Bootle Highway near the entrance to the Treasure Cay Ferry Dock. It was driven by a man from Cooper's Town. Police found a Ziploc bag containing a quantity of suspected marijuana. Further search of the vehicle found a sawed-off shotgun. The driver attempted to fire it. The officer wrestled the weapon and secured it. When the officer attempted to arrest the suspect, he violently resisted and injured the officer's finger. However, the suspect escaped on foot into nearby bushes under the cover of darkness.

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# More Crime Report

## Crime Report *From Page 24*

### Assault With a Deadly Weapon

A resident of the Mud in Marsh Harbour reported that a man known to him threatened him with a shotgun and demanded \$20 that he was owed. Police arrested the suspect who stated that he had a piece of wood in his hand that he pointed toward the resident.

### Road Accident

On March 5th a traffic accident occurred along the highway in Little Abaco, just north of the bridge. A resident of Dundas Town, who was driving a Chevy pickup, said he was blinded by an oncoming vehicle and lost control of his vehicle. It overturned two times causing extensive damage to the vehicle. The driver received minor injuries and was treated at the Cooper's Town Government Clinic.

### Road Accident

On March 7th a traffic accident occurred on Bay Street in Dundas Town. A Murphy Town resident driving a 1990 Nissan was traveling east along Bay Street in Dundas Town and collided with a 2008 Ford driven by a resident of Marsh Harbour exiting Godfrey Cooper Avenue. A garbage truck was obstructing the view. No injuries were reported.

### House Breaking and Stealing

On March 8 a visitor in Sandy Point reported that someone had entered his guest room and stole 10 US \$100 bills from his wallet. Later that same day the police arrested two Sandy Point residents in reference to this matter.

### Traffic Report

On March 8 a traffic accident occurred along S.C. Bootle Highway near Marsh Harbour near Bodies Auto involving a 1999 Isuzu Pickup driven by a resident of Spring City. He lost control of his vehicle and overturned. The driver was injured and transported to the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic by ambulance. Vehicle rolled over showing extensive damage to the roof area. There were 200 feet of skid marks leading to the rollover site. A 12 gauge shotgun was found inside the vehicle with 27 shells.

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## Cays

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for the resident Haitian population.

A special town meeting will be held to work on solutions to the mounting challenges of trash removal. Separately, a special meeting was requested with several government departments to deal with Haitian housing and the lack of sanitation and adherence to building codes.

Increased recycling efforts were mentioned as one way to reduce the trash volume. However, it was noted that recycling efforts on Elbow Cay do not always mesh with the trash handling methods in Marsh Harbour. It was agreed that many opportunities exist for recycling. It was said that a large chipper is on the island but is not being utilized. That could reduce the volume of yard trash.

A homeowner complained about abandoned transformers leaking PCB oil at the North End. George Martin of BEC promised to remove the old transformers, but he hastened to note that BEC does not use any products containing PCB chemicals.

A prevalent topic concerned speeding and lack of traffic control. Speed bumps were requested, but an official with the Hope Town Volunteer Fire and Rescue group said they were too damaging to the fire trucks. The new police chief, Supt. Noel Curry, promised that residents would see action concerning traffic.

Hope Town has two town improvement committees and one recently built an at-

tractive shelter for passengers at the upper dock.

The Minister of Works, the Hon. Neko Grant, was recently in Hope Town and was given a tour to see the condition of the town roads. He was asked for funding to improve the roads.

Boat thefts are a recurring concern. Police Chief Curry asked residents to assist with reducing this problem by forming an active crime watch group. Individuals were recently arrested for boat thefts. However, an Abaco individual convicted of boat theft was recently released from jail and is being watched by the police.

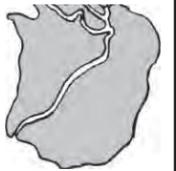
A complaint over school crowding was answered by Education Superintendent Lenora Black, who said the ratio of teachers to students is 1/20 which is very acceptable. She did say that the practice of accepting students from other towns will be discontinued. She thanked the town for the tremendous support given the school.

The orderly meeting concluded with a comment from a visiting mayor from Essex Manor, England, who praised the Council and its management style.

Lana Russell and Harold Malone are Hope Town's Council members and were at the head table. Additional government persons from Marsh Harbour who attended were Administrator Whelma Colebrook, Troy Mills of the Port Department and Sally Chisholm of Environmental Health. Linda Cole, the Council secretary took notes so issues could be looked into later.



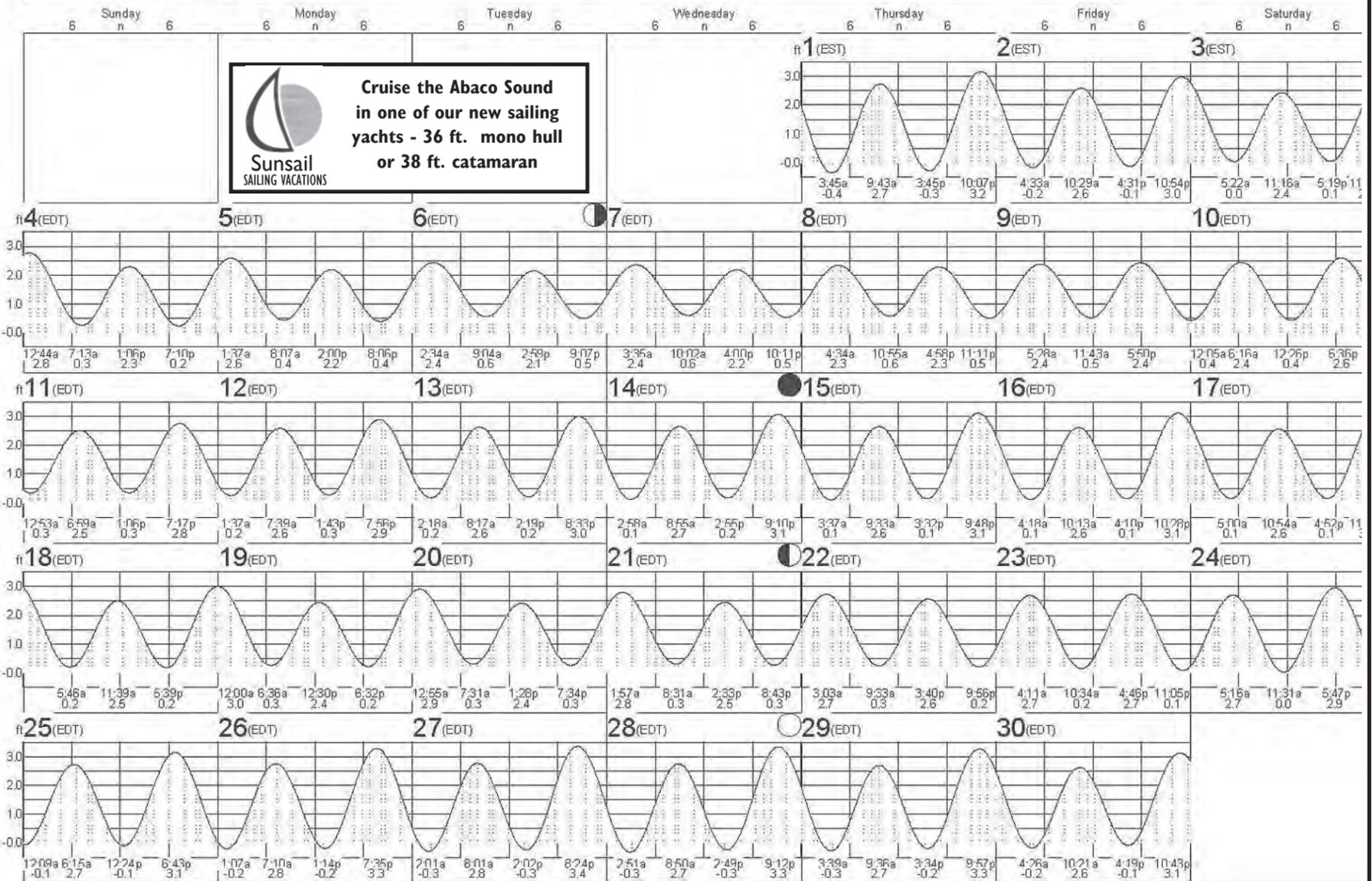
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# Two from Abaco win three gold medals at Latin American Special Olympics

By Timothy Roberts

Patrick Darville and Deangela Murray, students of Every Child Counts in Marsh Harbour, made Abaco and The Bahamas proud by winning gold medals in 100 meters and Bocce during the Latin American Special Olympics held in Puerto Rico in February.

Patrick, who was a "little nervous and intimidated at first," overcame that fear and won the match against the Puerto Rican native who had a large cheering section in the stands. He was very excited and happy to have won. Patrick won gold in both singles and doubles (paired with fellow Bahamian, Creswell Munroe).

Bocce Coach Johnneice Blyden said, "Our success proves that dedicated training pays off". Bocce is a bowling game of Italian origin that combines the best of skee-ball, bowling and shuffleboard.

Deangela, who was also a bit nervous and scared because of the large crowd, said she didn't think she would win. However, she, indeed, did in the 100 meter by a sizeable margin and she also placed fourth in the 200 meter.

Both Deangela and Patrick enjoyed their two-week trip, meeting so many

different children from throughout the Caribbean and also seeing a mountain for the first time.

Other Bahamians did well in Track & Field with Christopher Rolle winning silver in the 200 meters and silver in the long jump. Bredon Mackey won silver in his division of the 200 meters and a bronze in the long jump. Coach Von Wilson commented that all athletes did their personal best.

In swimming Rashad Price, competing in his first international event, won the 25 meter freestyle and came back to win a silver in the 25 meter backstroke. Cadeisha Cartwright came through in the 25 meters back stroke to win a silver medal, beating the Puerto Rican favorite.

The Bahamian team brought home a total of 10 medals consisting of four gold, five silver and one bronze. The team was made up of 10 athletes from the programs in Grand Bahama, Abaco and New Providence.

The Bahamas intends to send a team of 40 athletes to the next Special Olympics World Games which will be held in Athens, Greece, and will compete in the sports of Track & Field, Swimming, Tennis, Bocce, Basketball, Soccer and Judo.



Patrick Darville and Deangela Murray brought back three gold medals in track and Bocce when they competed in Puerto Rico. The competition was the Latin American Special Olympics.

## Fund raising is planned for Bill Thorndycraft

In January of this year Bill Thorndycraft became ill with a rare combination of two life-threatening blood disorders. He will need considerable on-going home care and careful medical monitoring. He is looking forward to returning to the island he has called home for almost 50 years and to the people he has grown to love.

Bill first came to Abaco in April of 1963 with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, now First Caribbean Bank. Among his duties was opening the first bank branch on Man-O-War Cay. He later worked for Owens Illinois in the sugar cane operation. When that operation closed, he joined Marsh Harbour Exporters and Importers where he worked for 17 years.

Bill was married to the late Yvonne Albury and they had one child, Conya. In 1994 he met his current wife, Sandra Evans. Together they became involved in the Presbyterian Kirk of the Pines, the Scout Association of the Bahamas and the real estate business.

To help Bill and Sandra defray the costs of his mounting medical bills, their church, the Kirk of the Pines Presbyterian Church and the Abaco Chapter of the Bahamas Real Estate Association are organizing a Steak-Out. The event is scheduled for April 24th on the grounds of the Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour. Traditional steak and chicken dinners will be offered as well as various side dishes, sweets and beverages. A great turnout is anticipated.

If you would like to help, please call Molly Roberts 242-577-5155/ 367-3262 or Veronica Saunders 366-2818/ 367-3643.

## Correction

We regret that we used the wrong name in writing about our new Immigration Chief. He is David Duncombe. We apologize to Mr. Duncombe.

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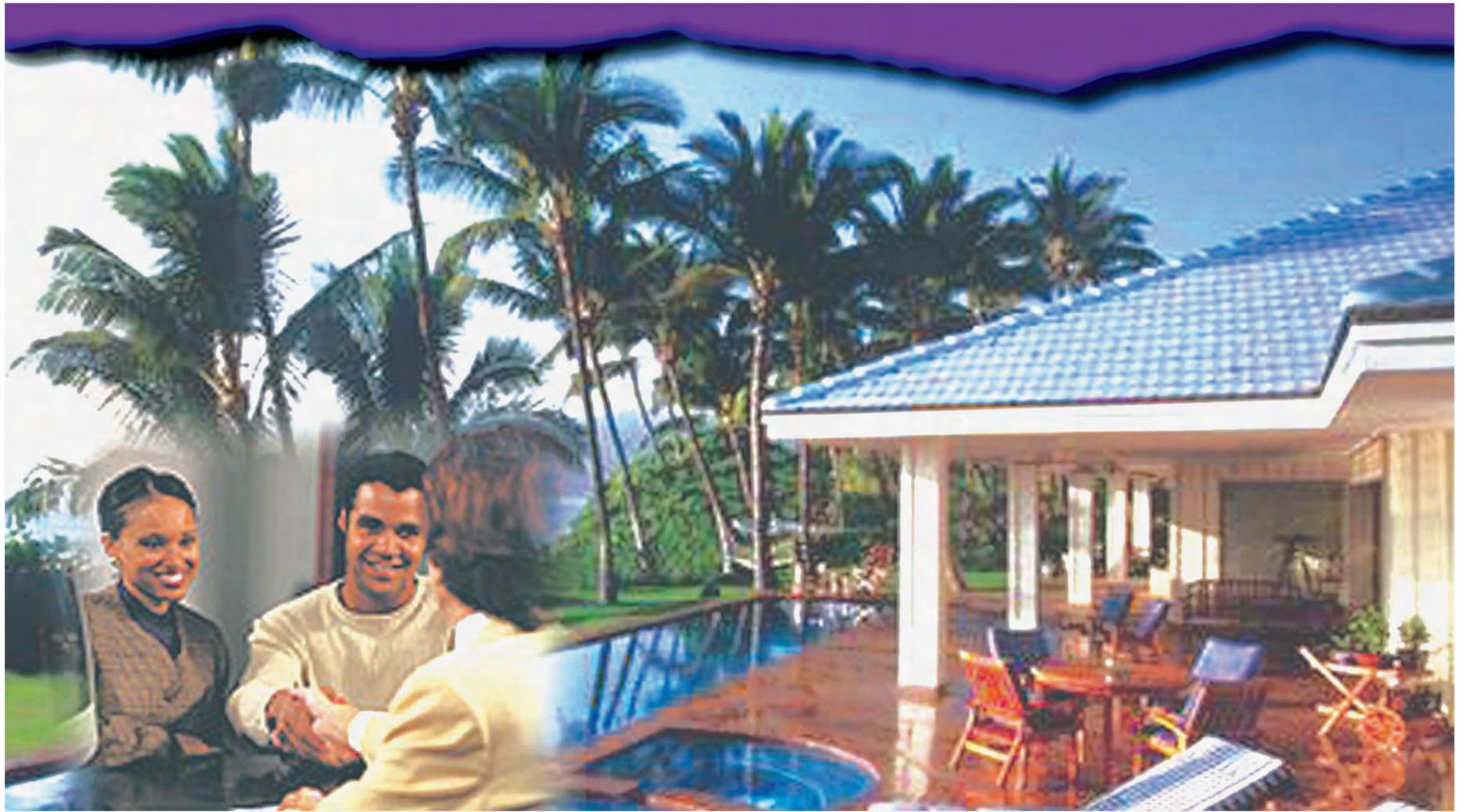


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## SECTION B



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## Treasure Cay dedicates CAT-scan

### Imaging Centre is named after Noel and Sylvia Lister

By Timothy Roberts

Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, and Minister of Health, the Hon. Dr. Hubert Minnis, attended the dedication of the Noel and Sylvia Lister Imaging Centre at Corbett Medical Centre in Treasure Cay on February 26.

The imaging centre is the new wing which was completed in December of 2007 which houses the new GE CT-Scan, the only one outside of Nassau and Freeport, which was installed in the spring of 2008. The facility, which cost about \$1 million, is well equipped and can help diagnose hundreds of problems.

Joe Calihan, Chairman of the Corbett Capital Campaign Committee, said this new facility contributes to the overall good of North Abaco and its communities, noting that 85 percent of Corbett Medical Centre's patients are local people.

Mr. Ingraham said he was appreciative and grateful to the homeowners of Treasure Cay for giving the gift of this facility to the community. He thanked Noel and Sylvia Lister, saying it was something that would not have happened if not for their generosity.

Mr. Ingraham also thanked the second homeowners of Treasure Cay for their contributions to the Bahamian economy. Treasure Cay, he said, is the most successful

Please see **Corbett Clinic** Page 2



Noel and Sylvia Lister, center, donated \$300,000 if matched by the Treasure Cay community. The community raised \$700,000, enough to build an addition onto the Corbett Clinic, purchase and install the CAT-scan machine and train a technician. It is the only CAT scan machine in the country outside of Nassau and Freeport. Attending the dedication were the Hon. Hubert Minnis, Minister of Health, left, and the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, right.

## Nassau Grouper season is open

The Department of Marine Resources has announced that the opening of the Nassau Grouper season was on March 1. Fishermen are now permitted to harvest

Nassau Grouper weighing more than three pounds. Those in violation will be prosecuted.

## Barefoot Man concert lures visitors and locals



George Novak, the Barefoot Man, enjoys entertaining audiences with his calypso songs that he composes about The Bahamas and Caribbean. Although living on the Cayman Islands, he visits Abaco a couple of times a year and performs at Nippers on Guana Cay. He is accompanied by the couple who call themselves Sea 'N B. His concerts bring hundreds together for a great time of music, dancing and socializing. See story on page 4.

## Students learn about sports scholarships

Attending the annual inter-school sports competition were Harrison Petty and Shervin Stuart, representatives of the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations, who came to Abaco to tell the students about scholarships that are available for the those serious about track and field and wanting more education. "We are here to encourage the kids and

talk about the opportunities offered to them," stated Mr. Stuart. Both men addressed the students to explain their presence and to motivate the students for the upcoming event.



Mr. Shervin Stuart and Mr. Harrison Petty came to Abaco to attend the inter-school track meet. They brought nine starting blocks and donated them for the Abaco athletes to use in track events. Shown are Mr. Stuart, Administrator Whelma Colebrooke, Mr. Petty and Police Officer Edrick Poirier.

In addition to bringing information on athletic scholarship, Mr. Stuart and Mr. Petty brought nine starting blocks and

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# Treasure Cay residents raised \$1 million for CT scan and clinic extension

## Corbett Clinic *From Page 1*

second home community in The Bahamas.

Dr. Minnis commended the Treasure Cay residents and second homeowners for creating a facility that is a real asset to the community, saying that the Treasure Cay community shows what community living is all about. If their example were followed in other places, it would make The Bahamas and the world a better place where people put the importance of health of their communities above their individual finances.

Mr. Calihan thanked Noel and Sylvia Lister, and said it was Noel's energy that inspired the community to get this facility done. Mr. Lister offered a matching grant of \$300,000 which the campaign committee had to match; however, the committee exceeded the grant and raised \$700,000.

"This facility is what we all accomplished," Mr. Calihan said as he thanked the Listers and the Treasure Cay commu-

nity for their generosity. He also thanked Jack Albury for contributing the shipping, Floyd Sawyer for contributing in the building of the addition and special thanks was given to Treasure Cay Limited for giving the property to Corbett Trust.

Sylvia Lister thanked everyone, saying, "The proven success of the imaging centre and the clinic is all the thanks we need." She and her husband are glad to be able to give something back to that community that has given so much to them.

Dr. John Shedd, Medical Director of Corbett Medical Centre, speaking of the CT-Scan machine said that they have already done about 168 exams and have saved numerous lives and allayed many fears. The machine is a four-slice scanner. While there are many machines more advanced, they chose this one because of its utility and lack of maintenance.

The technician can do a scan of a head in less than five minutes and the chest and

abdomen in about 15 minutes. The machine can be used to diagnose hundreds of different medical issues ranging from aneurysms to undetectable bone fractures, to liver problems and much more. Dr. Shedd pointed out that it has kept people from having to go to Nassau or West Palm Beach unnecessarily by showing negative results of perceived medical issues. The scanner can also send the images to a radiologist in Nassau or anywhere in the world in a matter of minutes, helping to make diagnosis quicker and more convenient.

No one who goes to Corbett Medical Centre with an emergency will be turned away, said Dr. Shedd, regardless of their ability to pay. This is thanks to the generosity of the Treasure Cay community. Corbett Medical

Centre also offers a Concierge Service in conjunction with Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami and Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau, which allows timely evacuations of emergency patients to necessary hospital facilities.



The CT scan is a valuable machine to assist Dr. Shedd in diagnosing many problems. Having the machine on Abaco will save lives and will save many patients from having to travel to Nassau or the States.



The dedication of the Noel and Sylvia Lister Imaging Centre took place on February 26 outside the Corbett Clinic with a large crowd attending. The clinic will accept anyone and will make tests available to those who need them.

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# Barefoot Man entertains with Caribbean calypso

By Robert Wilson

Despite the unseasonably cool temperatures and the gusty winds that have kept most everyone indoors the past few months, hundreds of boaters, second homeowners and visitors showed up for the Barefoot Man Concert on Guana Cay on March 5th. As it was a work day for many, the Friday afternoon gathering attracted a somewhat different crowd and Guana Cay residents and businesses went out of their way to ensure that everyone had a good time.

While most of the available dockage and moorings in Settlement Harbour were taken, an estimated 100 took advantage of the ferries running from Marsh Harbour, and another 50 or so arrived from Hope Town aboard Froggies Out Island Adventure Defender. Others came by private or rental boats from the other cays.

Fresh baked goods and coffee from the Art Cafe awaited those desiring to warm

up, and many of those arriving early gathered under the Fig Tree to commiserate with the local residents that had gathered. Milo Pinder offered a cordial welcome to those stopping by his Fruit Stand, and at Pirates Cove, Minnie II, the miniature Great Dane, drew the attention of those passing by sporting her bright red sweater.

Food, music and people-watching seemed to be the order of the day. A few brave souls made their way onto the beaches, but the music and the afternoon sun kept the dance floors crowded most everywhere. At Nippers, where reportedly 50 gallons of "Frozen Nippers" and 75 cases of beer were consumed, it appeared everyone enjoyed being outdoors and reveling once again to the music of the Barefoot Man.

Commenting on the weather, George Nowak, a.k.a. Barefoot Man, said, "It is the first time I have been to Abaco and not been fishing. It's been so cold and windy!

It thrills me that everyone has made a special effort to get here today."

Johnny Roberts appeared pleased with the crowd as t-shirts, hats and CD's were being grabbed to commemorate the visit. According to one staff member, a significant amount of merchandise scheduled for delivery before the concert did not arrive due to the unanticipated flooding of a stowage compartment aboard the

Legacy as it was transiting from Florida. This had little or no effect on the day's festivities.

The new Barefoot Man album was on the shelves. *Horses on the Beach* was inspired in part as the songwriter "decided to get serious for a change and write a love song for Regina," his wife and her horse Leonora. Chuck and Barrier Quappe of fame accompany George on the CD which includes several archived songs which were previously only available on tape cassettes.

On the northern side of the cay, the always popular Stone McEwan was entertaining at Grabbers Bar and Grill for a crowd looking for a less than congested venue. Though the winds were brisk in Fishers Bay, it did not deter those wanting some good food and dancing from enjoying their Guana Cay adventure. According to the operators, the villa rentals had been booked for several months in advance of the concert, and the food and beverage business was brisk all day.

Jimmy Albury, Manager of Orchid Bay Resort and Marina, was similarly pleased



The Barefoot Man, actually George Novak from the Cayman Islands, is shown here, right, with Johnny Roberts, one of the owners of Nippers on Guana Cay.

with the turnout and added, "This will be a good weekend for us, and as usual, everyone is enjoying their stay on Guana."

An evening of dining and dancing with the Barefoot Man was held on Saturday. The summer series of concerts has been scheduled at Nippers for July 23rd.



A crowd in the hundreds always shows up for the Barefoot Man's concerts. His easy style, his delightful lyrics and rhythmic tunes appeal to a wide range of listeners.

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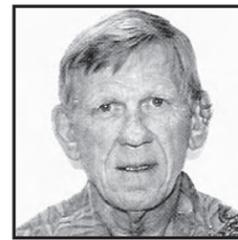
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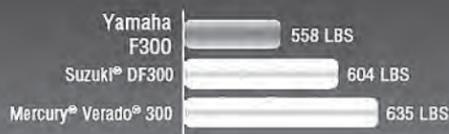
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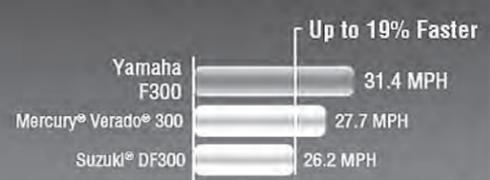
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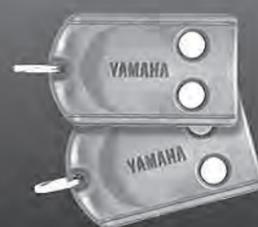


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# Serenity Point holds grand opening

By Jennifer Hudson

Serenity Point, a new, private, residential community located in South Abaco officially opened to prospective buyers at a gala celebration on March 6. Invited guests, which included many realtors, business persons, local government officials, journalists and prospective buyers, gathered on Serenity Point's incredibly beautiful beach to enjoy a selection of refreshments with an island flavour and to learn more about this new development.

On arrival, guests were driven by golf cart along the impressive royal palm lined drive to the highest point of the property where they were offered a celebratory glass of champagne. The view from this point was already spectacular but the opportunity was offered to climb a lookout which gave an even more breathtaking view of the entire bay with its white sand and water which deepened from a light aquamarine to an intense azure highlighted

by the pure white spume of some gently rolling waves. This is the view which will be enjoyed from the second floor of the homes to be built on the site.

A welcome to the development and an introduction to the Nihon family was given by Gustav Hernqvist, Senior Sales and Marketing Director for Serenity Point. He described the Nihons, who are now developing the property which the family has owned for over 50 years, as a creative family, having invented the tubeless tyre and flat glass panels which revolutionized the glass industry in Canada. The late Alexis Nihon O.B.E. immigrated from Liege, Belgium. When visiting The Bahamas in 1946 he fell in love with the islands and later discovered the island of Great Abaco where he bought much land. He formed a deep personal connection with The Bahamas but unfortunately passed away before being able to develop the land. His son, Alexis Nihon II, is carrying out his father's vision as President of

Anco Lands Limited.

Mr. Hernqvist stated that he is proud to be a part of the team. "We are not scared because of the recession; we see it as an opportunity and foresee a great future here. This area is really starting to take off," he said. "We have 24 lots available now and Phase 2 will be opening

up very soon. This private community is right next door to the 220-acre development of Schooner Village which will be a self-contained community with 50 retail establishments, a clinic and a school and will be an excellent neighbour for Serenity Point."

Mr. Alexis Nihon II, developer and President of Anco Lands Limited, thanked guests for coming to the opening of Seren-



Guests who attended the opening of Serenity Point were able to speak with Alexis Nihon II as well as his architect and sales manager. They offered light refreshment along with a bar.

ity Point. He told guests of how his father bought the land having no idea what it was like and when, in 1996, he hired a bulldozer to clear the land he was amazed at what he saw. Mr. Nihon is excited about the growth of South Abaco. "What South Abaco has is mind boggling," he says. He

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Serenity Point shares the beautiful Schooner Bay beach with a new project adjoining, Schooner Bay. Serenity Point is in the foreground with the Schooner Bay development in the upper part of the picture. The five-mile long beach is very wide and boasts white sand. The infrastructure in Serenity Point is nearing completion. Phase I includes 24 lots of which seven are beachfront.



The Schooner Bay beach is wide and inviting. The group invited for the Grand Opening were very impressed with views. Two towers had been constructed to allow guests to see the view from the second floor level. Alexis Nihon II of Anco Lands Ltd., is the developer and envisions a community of high-end homes. It is adjacent to the Schooner Bay development that will have a complete community with shops and a marina when completed.



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## Serenity Point *From Page 8*

is pleased to have sold part of the land to Orian Lindroth, who, he says, "is now building Schooner Village right in our back yard. The south is Abaco's future." Mr. Nihon feels that real estate brokers are not aware of the treasures in South Abaco. He is proud to have his son, Alexis Nihon III, who has a Masters Degree in Real Estate,

to be working alongside him in handling guidelines and advertising for the development. "He is a good partner and will one day be replacing me," he stated.

Guests were taken on a tour and shown plot plans of the 40-acre gated community. They were able to view artists' renderings of the development with some of the proposed building designs and meet with one of the pre-approved architects and interior

designers from the Chancey Design Partnership. Demonstrating some of the water sports which will be available to property owners was Daniel Therien, of kiteboard.com from Montreal.

Mr. Tib Brown, Serenity Point's photographer from Los Angeles, landed on the property by helicopter after having flown around for some time taking aerial shots of the property and its incredible beach.

One of the guests, an architect from Nassau who owns a second home in Treasure Cay, told me that he would be interested in owning a home in Serenity Point. "The development has everything going for it -- remoteness, being able to get away from it all, small size of the development and beautiful beach," he stated.

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# South Abaco News

## Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

### Our newest addition

Cherokee Sound has once again added to "our total resident list." Tanner Leabrey Curry, the first son of Ellen (nee Albury) and Rich Curry was born in Freeport, Grand Bahama, on February 10th.

Ellen, in fact, holds the distinction of being the last baby to be born within the settlement of Cherokee Sound with the assistance of a mid-wife. All mothers after Ellen's either went to Nassau, Grand Bahama or the States to have their babies delivered in a hospital. People say they are from Cherokee, but no one can say they were actually born here, anyway not for a long time.

### Medical fund raiser is held

Starting at noon on February 27 a cook-out and fund raiser was held at the W.W. Sands Community Center in Cherokee to help pay medical expenses for Daniel Sawyer, the local lay-preacher of the Assemblies of God Church.

The event was well attended and a big success, in fact so much so that they ran out of food around 3 p.m.

There is never any way of knowing for sure just how many people will show up for one of these dinners, and it seems that on this occasion the crowd of people outgrew the planned food preparations even though they had barbecued chicken or grilled fish dinners with all the usual sides, plus a mountain of conch fritters, souse chicken, conch chowder and conch salad and lots of sweets. All seemed to be consumed in record time. The ladies are always torn between preparing too much food that might

go to waste if the weather turns bad and people stay away or not preparing enough when you get a great turn-out (like we did this time). If you came early, you were lucky. We know it was a disappointment to those who arrived too late to get a meal, and we hope you will accept our simple explanation and apologies.

The whole day was a great success and, after all, that was our goal. The weather was a bit windy and the sun kept going in and out of the clouds, but the people came and stayed and everyone had a great time. Overall, the event cleared over \$10,000 including personal donations, which will certainly help to pay some of the doctor bills. It looks like they are going to eventually get Obama Health Care passed in the U.S, but here in the islands we just call our neighbours, fix a meal and have a fund raiser to help our friends. That's much nicer, don't you think? And, by the way, have you noticed how many patients are being cared for at the new cancer facility in Nassau. We are so thankful. And, thank God, Daniel survived his surgery.

Daniel's family wishes to thank all those who supported the fund raiser, helped in any way or gave money. God's love and a little extra support from friends and neighbours is sometimes all we need to make it.

### A wedding is coming up

Elise Bethel and Shawn Roberts will be married in a private residence in Sweeting's Track on March 12. She is the only daughter of Vonda and Darren Bethel of Cherokee and Shawn is the son of Buddy and Tiffany Robert of Man-O-War Cay.

A shower was held for the bride on February 25th at the W.W. Sands Community Center in Cherokee Sound with local

friends and family members in attendance. Another shower was held for Elise in Man-O-War earlier.

Elise has worked at Pinewood Nursery for several years and Shawn is working in construction with Kent Bethel. I have been told that he is a young man of many talents and can do mechanical repairs on golf carts, cars and boats as well.

The couple has purchased a little house near her maternal grandmother in Cherokee and plans to make their home here. We wish them well and hope they will be very happy in their new home.

## Hole-in-the-Wall Committee makes plans

By Timothy Roberts

The Hole-in-the-Wall Restoration Committee met on March 4 in Crossing Rocks to discuss matters concerning the cleaning and restoration of the lighthouse and surrounding area. They clarified the objectives of the committee for the benefit of some of the newer members and talked about the commitment to restore the lighthouse and the surrounding buildings to their original condition.

The idea behind the clean-up and restoration is to encourage communities to recognize and take ownership of historical and natural landmarks and to take care of them as part of our history and culture which we can in turn share with visitors of each community.

The group is planning a clean-up project for March 20 in order to clear an area at the turn around by the lighthouse for parking space and to trim the underbrush along the final stretch of road leading up to it.

All volunteers are welcome to join in the project and assist wherever they can.

A fund raising event was discussed and initial plans have been made for May 29 to support the clean-up and restoration efforts which include an eventual rough grading of the road to the lighthouse.

The Committee is made up of Stanley White, Chairman; Vaughn Rolle, Co-chairman; Steven Chea, Treasurer; and Eva Bain, Secretary. Other groups and persons with interest in and support for the committee include Nancy Albury of Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation, Dave Gale of the Bahamas Lighthouse Preservation Society, Doug Shepherd of the Lighthouse Restoration Committee, Millie Dawkins of the Ministry of Tourism, David Knowles of the Bahamas National Trust, Anita Knowles of the Friends of the Environment, and Leeland Russell and Richard Cunningham of the Port Department.

The next meeting of the committee will be on March 25th at the J. A. Pinder Primary School in Sandy Point.

### Hints for Helping Our Environment Vehicle Conservation

Regular tune-ups, clean filters and proper tire pressure will increase a car's gas mileage. A poorly tuned engine can consume 3 - 9 percent more gas.



**Overgrown landscape plant sale**

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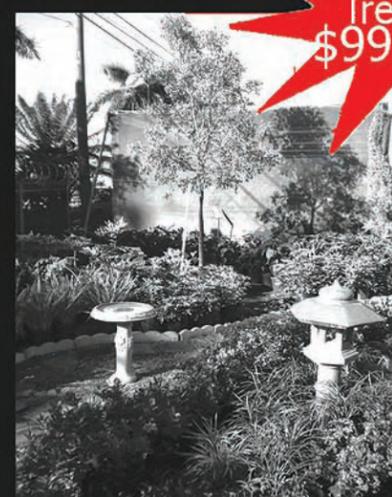
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# People in the News

## National Insurance Abaco has a local head

By Samantha V. Evans

Emma Dawkins, a veteran employee of the National Insurance Board and a local Abaconian, was promoted to the position of acting manager of the Abaco National Insurance offices on October 1st, 2009.

Ms. Dawkins recalled her summer job with National Insurance while in school in July 1984 that she loved so much that she filled out an application form



Emma Dawkins

for employment which became effective in September in 1984. She explained how she worked her way up the ranks from a registration clerk to contribution clerk, then to a cashing claims officer. She worked in this post until 2006 when she became an inspector. Now that she is the acting manager of the office, she sees this as a big accomplishment.

This post is a very challenging one as Ms. Dawkins is responsible for 16 employees in Marsh Harbour and Cooper's Town combined. Her main goal is to see the offices improve customer service and for them to be more customer friendly. She would like for them to educate locals about the many benefits offered by National Insurance. When they make these changes, she believes that it will change the way the public views National Insurance. She looks forward to her offices responding more quickly to claims as this is a step in the right direction. She further hopes that since she is the first local to rise to the position of management on Abaco that this, too, will make a difference to the Abaco community. So far, she has had only positive things said about what they are doing and she expects this to continue.

Ms. Dawkins is extremely excited about the new government complex that the Na-

tional Insurance Board will be building as it will give them and many others a new home. They have been in this small building in Marsh Harbour for over 30 years and have long outgrown the space. They are in desperate need of more space so that staff can work more comfortably and so hopefully more staff can be hired. She looks forward to the office having adequate parking for clients.

This office has a number of policies that they are working to enforce one of which is to ensure that businesses pay National Insurance payment for their employees. Ms. Dawkins stated that they have a big problem with getting contractors in particular to pay. In numerous cases foreign contractors who have hired Bahamian workers leave the country without making payments for those employees.

Finally, Ms. Dawkins would like self-employed persons to realize that they, too, have to pay National Insurance for employees and for themselves. This is true for fishermen, taxi drivers and other such persons. National Insurance has many benefits but in order to benefit from them, employees must have made adequate contributions.

The short term benefits offered are sickness, maternity, industrial (injury) medical, funeral benefit, unemployment benefit and now the national drug plan. Long term benefits include invalidity assistance, old age pension and survivor's assistance. Ms. Dawkins encourages all persons to come into the office to find out more about those benefits that most concern them. She stated that too many persons are not aware of their benefits.

## Administrator Duncombe serves two Abaco cays

By Samantha V. Evans

Maxine Duncombe is the newest Administrator to be assigned to the Abaco District. She has already been given a very compact task to serving as the Administrator for Green Turtle Cay and Great Guana Cay since resuming this post on October 22, 2009. Ms. Duncombe is a native Abaconian hailing from Cooper's Town and

began her tenure with the public service in 1984 with the Department of Social Services. She started out as a case aide and moved up the ranks from there. She began in Cooper's Town where she worked for a year. She then took a three-year break to begin her academic career at The College of The Bahamas where she earned an Associates of Arts Degree in Social Work. She was then transferred to Marsh Harbour where she took responsibility for Central and South Abaco. Back then, she explained, things were hard as it took hours to drive from Central to Sandy Point due to horrible roads.



Maxine Duncombe

Ms. Duncombe worked as a welfare officer on Abaco for 10 years and over that time she watched the area grow. She can recall the days when many males got mixed up in deviant activities that resulted in their having to be brought before the courts. During that time she also had to deal with social issues such as abuse and custody cases. She left Abaco in 1997 to pursue her Master's Degree in Canada where she spent four years. Upon completion she was given responsibility for the Child Protection Unit in Nassau. This was a high paced area as she dealt with hard core child abuse matters such as neglect, abandonment issues and provided placement for children the court took from parents.

Later she spent five years on Eleuthera

as a senior officer and, since the island was short staffed, she was involved in administrative and case work including assessment of harm, risk assessment, providing intervention, working with the courts on juvenile and civil matters and removing children from homes as needed. Under her guidance and leadership, the Celebrate Recovery Center was built. This Center came about because of the need to have a placement house for kids. This effort was fully supported by the department of Social Services. She served on the Board of Directors and the fund raising committee. The center now caters to needs of problem youth and provides counseling for at risk youth, alcoholics, and kids with behavioral problems. The persons who work in the center were trained by professionals from Nassau. Today, the center continues to evolve to meet the needs of the community.

After 24 years of doing a job she loves, the opportunity presented itself for her to become an Administrator. Before being placed on Abaco, she spent a short time on Mangrove Cay. She is happy to be home after 13 years. Ms. Duncombe has made a great contribution to Social Services and now she is prepared to serve at a higher level. She is disciplined and has built her life around her career. She has not found it easy working in her community but realizes that as a leader, she must set good examples for them to follow.

Her responsibility to Green Turtle Cay is her priority. She is working with the Council to assist with their plans including a few capital projects. This is a very

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industrious cay and well developed. She is now assisting them to get good running water. Additionally, she plans to facilitate revenue collection on the cay.

She travels to Guana Cay once a week. Healthcare and security are needed on the island so she will be working on both, along with facilitating revenue collection. Ms. Duncombe hopes to get the assistance of Central Government for these needs.

She has had some challenges but sees challenge as a good thing that can be overcome. The community of Abaco can look for more dynamic things to come from Green Turtle and Great Guana Cay under her leadership.

### Abaconian hosts film maker from England

By Jennifer Hudson

Marvin Russell, an art teacher at Wesley College, has just completed two busy weeks hosting a young film-maker from England as part of the Ministry of Tourism's 14 day nationwide film challenge. Marvin was selected following a screening process to find a person with the necessary character and enthusiasm to show Abaco at its best. Doonal Coonan, a 28-year-old amateur film-maker from London, was one of 14 film-makers selected in England to film 14 islands of The Bahamas in 14 days. Doonal's island of choice was Abaco since he had done research online and liked the diversity of the mainland and all its cays. The competition for one of the 14 places was fierce with over 145 semifinalists.

Prior to Doonal's arrival, Marvin Russell did a lot of research in order to enable

the film-maker to cover as much ground as possible, and he was granted a two week leave of absence from school since his principal appreciated the enormous importance this project held for the Ministry of Tourism and the country. Places of interest all the way from Crown Haven to Hole-in-the-Wall were covered such as the Indian Hill Caves near Wood Cay, many other cave systems, Blue Holes and the wild horses. The beauty of the sea both above and below was captured during scuba diving trips with Brendal's Dive Centre and several sailing excursions.

The bad weather we were experiencing during his trip here meant that the film-maker was unable to get the aerial shots he wanted. Making up for this, though, was the fact that of the 14 film-makers, Doonal was the only one who got to meet Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, who was attending an event at Green Turtle Cay. Doonal was excited and proud that the Prime Minister agreed to star in his film. While on Green Turtle Cay Doonal met with Kevin McIntosh, leader of the Gully Roosters Band, and as a result, a Gully Rooster's song will be featured in the film which will be in the form of a music video.

According to host, Mr. Russell, Mr. Coonan enjoyed his visit to Abaco very much and found it a life changing experience. He had a rather reserved character having come from London where people are hesitant to speak to strangers, so he was totally amazed at the friendliness and openness of Abaconians and at the fact that they would "hail" him not even knowing him. He enjoyed the diversity of the island and also its culture. He experienced the ex-

citement of pasting junkanoo costumes in the shack as his host, Marvin, rushes with the Spring City Rockers and was working on his costume. He learned Bahamian dances. His discovery and love of Bahamian food caused him to gain 10 pounds in weight. Another unique experience for him was a camping trip. Coming from the city he had never before experienced lying on his back and looking at the stars in a clear night sky.

Despite a very tight budget, Mr. Russell managed to give the young film-maker a wide diversity of experiences by doing a lot of social networking. He was very grateful for the assistance given so willingly and generously by so many people. Mr. Russell is himself an amateur film-maker, having started the film company Pirates Republic with his cousin, Zyandric Jones in Dundas Town. So he formed quite a bond with the young film-maker from England. Doonal Coonan is looking forward to

one day returning to Abaco.

All 14 films have been entered into a competition back in London, and it will be exciting if Doonal's Film of Abaco wins. The film will be available for viewing on the UK Ministry of Tourism's Website [www.bahamas.co.uk](http://www.bahamas.co.uk) and will also be featured at The Bahamas Film Festival.

### Softball jamboree, cook-out in aid of Andrew Pinder

An afternoon of fun and food was held on February 20 at New Vision Ministries' ballfield in support of Andrew Pinder, 12-year-old son of Loretta and Harrison Pinder, who was found to have lymphoma in December of 2009.

Family and friends arranged meals of chili and conch chowder as well as the usual hamburgers and hotdogs along with

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A softball game at the fund raising for Andrew Pinder attracted players of all ages. The funds will go toward the medical expenses of 12-year-old Andrew Pinder, who was diagnosed with lymphoma.

March 15, 2010  
 To BEC and Bahamian Government,  
 We are all looking forward to reliable power on Abaco and realize the need for a new power plant. However, we are getting confusing statements from BEC and the Government. First we are told that the plant will burn diesel, then we are told that the decision has still not been made. We would like to ask the Government and BEC which is it?

**Renewables**  **Diesel**

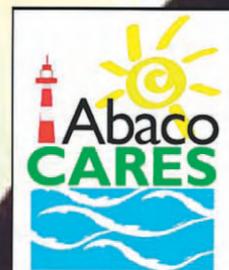
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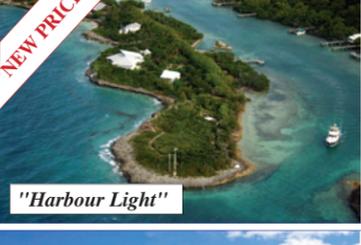
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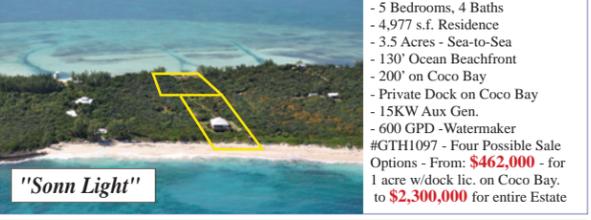


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**"Sonn Light"**



**"Lovely Hill"**

**NEW PRICE**



**"Sandcastle"**

**Great Guana Cay**  
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- 960 s.f. Cottage  
- 2 Bedroom, 2.5 Baths  
- Guana Seaside Village  
- Near Atlantic Beach  
- Ocean Views  
- Rental History  
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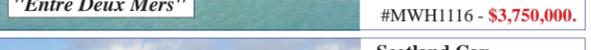
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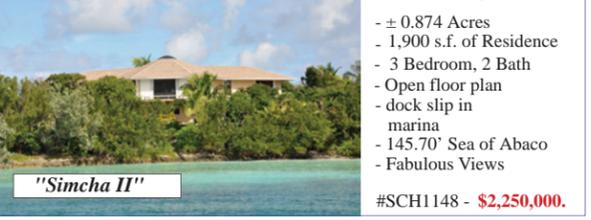
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# School News

## Italian night at Forest Heights Academy

By Mirella Santillo

Italian Night, one of the yearly fund raising functions at Forest Heights Academy, turned out to be a great success. In spite of the chilly weather, the idea of immersing themselves for one evening in another culture brought parents, students and community members to the high school on February 26th. The organizers mentioned that over 150 dinners were sold that night.

The colors of the Italian flag, red, white and green, could be found as a recurring theme throughout the dining veranda. The decorations made it look like professional restaurant decor.

As people sat down they were served by students, most of them twelve graders belonging to the Interact Club. Principal

James Richard and some of the teachers greeted the guests and made sure they were satisfied while the rest of the teachers worked in the kitchen. The fare consisted of a choice between either meat or spinach lasagna or linguine, accompanied by salad and garlic bread. To top off the meal, there was a choice of Tiramisu, cheese cake and various baked goods. The food had been cooked by parents who volunteered as helpers during the event.

Good food was not the only entertainment that evening. It was complemented by several games and a raffle. The guests could unscramble the Italian words they recognized or guess who were the famous Italian entertainment characters whose faces were projected on a screen.

A version of musical chairs had students and adults looking for the clued items before their seats were taken away. Finally, after the raffle which ended the function,

10 lucky people went home happy. A huge drum which contained the tickets. As tickets were drawn, Mr. Richard called the winners who received prizes ranging from a digital camera to a Wii video game console, from a cellular phone to a MacBook computer and more.

## Students learn about farming

By Samantha V. Evans

The grade five class of Central Abaco Primary School visited SNK Organic Farm owned and operated by Pastor Stephen Knowles on February 9th. The

80-plus students had a wonderful experience on the farm as they learned about germination and the importance of growing food organically without pesticides and other chemicals. They learned how to make natural fertilizer out of items such as cardboard. The peels of onions and potatoes are other items they discard on a regular basis. Each student got a chance to plant a red onion or tomato while at the farm. After this short lesson, they went to another area of the farm where they were able to see all of the animals. Some of the

animals seen were raccoons, a donkey named Eeyore, sheep, pigs, rabbits, hens and ducks. While on the tour, they learned about each of the animals, how to feed them and take proper care of them. At the end of the tour, the ducks put on a show for the students which was a lot of fun. The more the students clapped, the more the ducks performed. To commemorate their visit, the students took a picture with the donkey Eeyore.

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## District holds Grade Three Spelling Bee



On February 24th the grade three Spelling Bee was held at St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall. Thirty students took part in this event, 16 of whom were boys. The competition attracted participants from all government and private schools on the island, resulting in an

overly packed hall. At the end of the competition, two boys and one girl battled for the winning spot but after intense spelling, the winner was Oyindamola Omotosha from J.A. Pinder School in Sandy Point. In second place was Durene Etienne of Long Bay School and third place was Christina Hield of Long Bay School. All participants received certificates and the top three students along with the winning school received a trophy. The winners are shown with District Superintendent Lenora Black.



Italian Night at Forest Heights Academy raised funds for the PTA. Parents, staff and friends had a very enjoyable evening.

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## Central Abaco Primary School holds Sports Day

By Samantha V. Evans

Central Abaco Primary School had three days of sports beginning Tuesday February 15th and ending Thursday February 17th at the Murphy Town Field. On the first day, the lower primary students had their field events at the school and the teachers

took part in a few activities like running and tug-a-war. On Wednesday, the field events were held and even though it was a windy day, the students still performed as companions. The final day of sports was when all of the teachers, parents and other students were at the track to cheer on their team mates. The students took part in all races on this day and at the end of the day, one of the four houses was declared the winner. In fourth place with 609 points was Flamingo house, in third place

with 651 points was Yellow Elder house, in third place with 708 points was Grouper house and the winner for the first time in a long time with 813 points was the mighty Blue Marlins.

## High school seniors get work experience

By Samantha V. Evans

Beginning on February 22 and ending on February 26, the grade 12 students of Abaco Central High School went to at various business establishments to give the students one week of work experience in an area of interest to them. The students were placed at businesses such as the Ministry of Education, Banks, Ministry of Works, Central Abaco Primary School, Batelco and other offices. While there, the students were assessed on personal appearance, personality, punctuality, work attitude and general behavior, performance and productivity. The students were given rules to follow to guard their behavior as they were posted at their site. At the end of the week period, an evaluation form was filled out by the site supervisor and returned to Abaco Central High School. At the end of this experience, some students realized that they will enjoy the career are they selected while others realized that they did not want to pursue this career any longer. The experience was life changing for these seniors who are months away from beginning the next stage of their lives whether it be in pursuit of a college degree or employment.

## 21 Abaco boys attend forum in Freeport

By Samantha V. Evans

On February 16th a team of 21 boys from Abaco along with Superintendent Lenora Black and other chaperones went to Freeport for an all male program held at St George's Gym. The main speaker was Durre Thomas who spoke to the boys about what they should do to make their lives a success when they grow up. He told them to pick friends wisely, ensure that they do all of their school work, be respectful, follow the commandments of God and to be

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Grade five students of Central Abaco Primary School learned a great deal about farming when they visited the farm of Rev. Stephen Knowles. Rev Knowles grows a variety of vegetable crops as well as having a many types of animals.



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These are a few of the 21 boys who traveled to Freeport to attend a forum. They attend Central Abaco Primary School and are shown with their teacher, Kayla Wallace.

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obedient to the adults in their lives. He further spoke to them about the value of hard work, honesty being the best policy, and being an individual of great significance.

A school banner parade was held at which time all of the schools represented held their flags high. The students took part in group discussions and had a chance to win prizes. One of the boys from Central Abaco Primary School, Steven Jones, won two prizes. He is a grade five student of Central Abaco Primary School. All of the boys received a medal of excellence at the event.

## Police teach students safety tips

By Samantha V. Evans

On March 5th Sgt. Rachel Metelus

spoke to the students in grades 4, 5, and 6 at Central Abaco Primary School about keeping themselves safe and behaving appropriately. She has been visiting all Abaco schools to speak to all kids about the same topics. She expects to visit schools on a regular basis to ensure that the students are behaving appropriately. She told the kids that when they bully other kids and talk out of turn, they are exhibiting bad behavior.

Sgt. Metelus gave the students 11 safety tips to follow so that they can be safe. Some of the tips were about fire safety. She gave the children examples of criminal behavior.

## Parents Empowered for Parenting

The month of February was observed as parent month in the Abaco district and on February 25th a parent workshop was held at the Department of Education office with the theme Parents Empowered for Parenting. Parents from public and private school PTA's attended. The session was led by Sandy Edwards, Education Officer for Family Life. The parents took part in a lot of hands-on fun activities, group discussions and case scenarios related to parenting after which time they learned some key facts about parenting.

This seminar was important as parenting seems to be evolving into something that is not very pleasant as too many children are raising themselves. Parenting is the process of raising and educating a child from birth until adulthood.

Mrs. Edwards gave parents some major tips to share with the parents at their schools to help them become better parents. She told them that since no child is born with an instruction manual, it is important that they learn how to raise their children properly. When they learn this, they must remain consistent and model good behavior that they want their children to have. They must ensure that the home environment is a happy one so that the children can flourish.

Too many times, she stated, parents do not spend quality time with their children. They should plan an activity that they do with their kids on a regular basis. Children need motivation and praise which fuels them to be at their best at all times. Parents should find innovative ways to keep the home environment fun and interesting so

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that the children will not be afraid to dream and explore. Finally, Mrs. Edwards told them to love their kids, set boundaries, get to know what they like to do and eat, and when necessary help the children change wrong behavior and learn new ones.

After this, Samantha Evans, Guidance Counselor at Central Abaco Primary School, spoke to the parents about some of the challenges being faced in the schools today by counselors. Even though learning takes place at school, many other things are learned as children bring bad habits to school that they expose other children to. With the development of technology, many doors have been opened for exposure to bad things on the Internet. She told the parents of some of the challenges being faced in this area. Some of them were surprised but the types of illicit behavior some kids are involved in can surely boggle the mind. She told parents to pray with and teach their children how to pray.

Before the session ended, Kimrece Miller of Social Services shared statistics with them on teenage pregnancy, the spread of sexually transmitted infections and various

abuse matters that her department handles. She told the parents to be more vigilant in their approach to parenting as all parents do not take their role as parents seriously.

The parents had a very informative session and at the end of it were equipped with much new knowledge to share with other parents at their various schools.

## S.C. Bootle wins inter-school track meet

*By Mirell ntillo*

Six schools participated in the annual inter-school track races and field competition for high school students held at the Murphy Town Park on February 25 and 26. Athletes from Abaco Central High School, S.C. Bootle High School, Forest Heights Academy, Agape Christian School, St. Francis de Sales School and Long Bay School competed. Altogether approximately 350 students competed.

It was a very close battle for the top position between the two government high schools with very good performances by athletes from both institutions. The final score was 1141 points for S.C. Bootle High School and 1133 for Abaco Central High School. Forest Heights came ahead of

the other private schools with 224 points, followed by St. Francis with 134 points and Agape Christian with 114. Long Bay School, which entered only five students, finished last with 21 points.

Some names recurred throughout the competition: Rosenika Charles from S.C. Bootle, who place second in the 1500m and won the 3000m, Junique Rolle, also from S.C. Bootle who won the 1500m and place second in the 3000m, both in the under 15 category; Rocky Jean Louis from S.C. Bootle placed first in the 1500m and 2nd in the 400m in the boys under 15 category.

From Abaco Central Shane Jones lived up to his coaches' expectations by winning the 100m in the under 20 category. He was followed by two schoolmates in second and third place, Cordero Albury and Dario Hall.

One promising young man, Godfrey Rolle from Forest Heights Academy placed first in one of the 400m heats and third in the 400m final in the under 15 category; he also placed second in the 1500m final race.

Coach Jose Torres from S.C. Bootle

mentioned Charo Williams, who won the long jump in the under 17 age group and placed first in the 100m. Charo placed third in the national competition last year and will be competing in Nassau again this month.

Another promising athlete from S.C. Bootle is Jacob McIntosh, who gathered two gold medals in the under 17 age category for winning the 1500m and the 3000m.

The Abaco athletes will be traveling to Nassau for the nationals the second week of March. Nine girls and nine boys from S.C. Bootle will attend including 12-year-old Junique Rolle. Approximately the same number of students from Abaco Central will participate in the nationals.

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# North Abaco News

## British television channel films sedding on Abaco

The weather was perfect, the beautiful Bahamian sunshine sparkled on the turquoise water and the scene could not have made a more ideal advertisement for The Bahamas. That scene will be seen by millions of viewers around the world on Sky Television advertising Abaco as a wedding destination. A crew of two cameramen, two presenters and the Programme Director were here earlier in the year filming for the specialist wedding channel Wedding TV. This channel, which won an award as the Best Specialist Channel in 2008, specialises in all things connected with planning a wedding and shows programmes on actual weddings, honeymoon destinations,

wedding dresses and receptions.

The Bahama Beach Club, which is a very popular location for weddings on Abaco, was selected by the Abaco Ministry of Tourism as the location for a mock wedding to be filmed. Ms. Kristi Wong of Moments Bahamas, who is a certified wedding planner, was selected to organise the event which was followed by a trade show. Ms. Kendi Anderson and Ms. Michelle Mikula, both with the Abaco Tourism office, coordinated the entire event in conjunction with Sky TV. The wedding party for the occasion included groom Gustav Hernquist; bride Katrina Lowe; best man Carlito Pinder and maid of honour Amanda Pinder. Officiant/ Marriage Officer was Derek Benjamin and music was provided

by violinist Jennifer Hudson.

The colour scheme was a deep aqua which offset the colour of the sea and the site was decorated by Melinda Pinder of Buds and Blooms and Patrice Cooper of P and F Party Rentals. The ladies' dresses were designed and sewn by Margel Smith of Exclusive Designs and the men's attire was by her business partner, Mr. Kurth.

Following the ceremony, the film crew toured the very attractive booths which had been set up around the pool by wedding vendors and interviewed each of the vendors. Services represented included photographers, videographers, wedding decorators and rental services, florist, wedding accessories and favours, cakes and caterers. Mr. and Mrs. Rolle of Creative Hands Caterers, Treasure Cay, provided a full wedding buffet meal complete with dessert which they generously shared with film crew and all present. Their three amazing wedding cakes were also shared.

Prior to their filming at the Bahama Beach Club, the crew enjoyed a welcome breakfast compliments of the Treasure Cay Resort and Marina. Following the ceremony filming and viewing of a honeymoon suite decorated by Bahama Beach Club, the crew continued on to Green Turtle Cay where they toured the historic village of New Plymouth and later that evening filmed a mock wedding reception at the Green Turtle Club with local entertainment by Island Spice.

In an interview with Mr. Tony Prince, Programme Director and creator of Wedding TV, he said that the crew has already filmed in five Caribbean islands, the Maldives, Greece and Monaco. The channel has been running for four years and is on air 24/7. He has ascertained that 23,000 weddings each year are organized in the UK and of those, more couples are discovering the fun of going abroad for their wedding.

"We are very impressed with Abaco and have received tremendous support from the Ministry of Tourism here," stated Mr. Prince. "This has been a unique experience and we are very impressed that everyone here has gone to this length." The crew had already visited Nassau and Grand Bahama

and were off to another couple of Bahamian islands before returning to London.

Of all the locations visited, Mr. Prince was most impressed with The Bahamas and said that he hoped to show The Bahamas as their premier target. The channel can be viewed online at [www.weddingtv.com](http://www.weddingtv.com).

## Real estate company opens new office

Damianos Sotheby's International Realty has opened an office at Bahama Beach Club in Treasure Cay. With this office Damianos now has four offices on Abaco, two in Hope Town and one in Marsh Harbour.

People from all over the world are attracted to Treasure Cay where many own beachfront and canal front homes and condominiums. The 3.5-mile long beach was voted among the 10 Best Beaches in the World.

"The economy has created opportunities," said George Damianos, President, Damianos Sotheby's International Realty. "There is smart money out there. People who made it will spend it when they see value, and there is value in The Bahamas," says Damianos. Realistic pricing on the part of sellers is key. "I don't know when the economy is going to turn around. It's not as if it is going to happen on a given day; but when it begins to gain momentum, we will be positioned to go with it."

## Fire consumes two houses in Sand Banks

By Navardo Saunders

Fire completely destroyed two houses in the immigrant village of Sand Banks near Treasure Cay on February 14. Another house came close to being consumed, but fire fighters prevented that from happening by quickly dousing the structure with water while putting out the big fire. Fortunately, no one was injured, but a number of people including several small children were left homeless.

At the scene Treasure Cay Fire Chief Colin Albury said most likely the fire started when a kerosene oil lamp or candle tipped over. But he said an investigation would have to be conducted by fire officials and police to make an exact determination of how the fire started.

At least three fire engines along with about 10 firemen battled the blaze.

Residents of Sand Banks watched in horror as the smoke engulfed the two houses while police interviewed the fire victims. Abaco's new Chief of Police, Supt. Noel Curry, was on the scene.

Chief Albury appealed to persons living in immigrant communities villages where fires are a regular occurrence to be extremely careful when handling kerosene lamps and candles. "A slight hit and the lamp or candle can turn over and cause a big fire," he said. "Lamps and candles



A British television crew filmed a mock wedding at Bahama Beach Club earlier this year. Shown is part of the bridal party, bride Katrina Lowe, maid of honour Amanda Pinder and best man Carlito Pinder. To the left of the bride is Margel Smith who designed and created the ladies' dresses.



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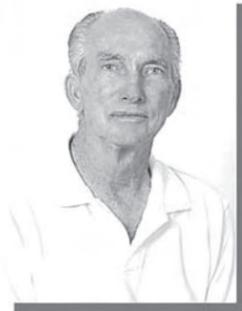
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# More North Abaco News

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should be placed in a very secure area out of the reach of children in particular.”

A Haitian priest thanked Chief Albury and his team for responding to the fire in a timely manner and preventing what could have easily been major disaster. The thirty

neediest students at the Treasure Cay Primary School are provided a healthy free hot lunch each day through donation of second homeowners in Treasure Cay. These meals always include a starch, meat or fish, vege-

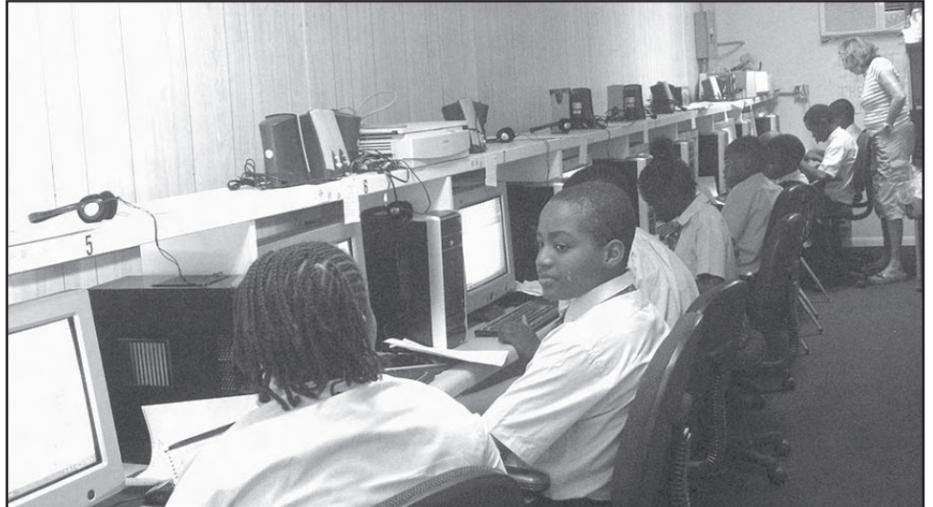
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## The public beach at Treasure Cay



The northwest end of Treasure Cay beach has been eroding away. When the structures seen here were first under construction, they were back from the beach. Experts recommended that all casuarina trees be removed to see if that will allow sand to come back in.

## Treasure Cay second homeowners help students learn to use computers



Students in grades three, four and five at the Treasure Cay Primary School get to work on the 13 computers in the school's Computer Lab each week. The lab was established three years ago through donations by second homeowners to the Treasure Cay Foundation. Over a dozen people volunteer to work with the children. The students are learning how to use word processing to write reports, add graphics and use color. The sixth grade students are studying Japan and are currently using the internet to obtain information for their reports. Both students and volunteers are enjoying this program immensely.

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# Club News

North

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## Charter ceremony is held for Rainbow Pilot Club

By Samantha V. Evans

Pilot Club leaders from across The Bahamas were on Abaco for the installation and initiation of new members and officers held at Mangoes Restaurant on February 27th. Charlamae Fernander and 15 others took part in this charter ceremony. Members and their guests were dressed in their finest attire as they all came out to participate in this historic event. This charter ceremony marked the beginning of a new Pilot Club called the Rainbow Pilot Club which is a service-oriented club. Charlamae Fernander, the president-elect gave a history of the Pilot Club's involvement on Abaco including helping and donating to Every Child Counts and families that had children with disabili-

ties. She is looking forward to the new club doing more now that they are officially a chartered club.

The guest speaker was Bahamas Governor of the Pilot Club, Jethlyn Burrows, who is an attorney and has been a Pilot Club member for 16 years. She stated that the entire district council came to Abaco for this occasion as this is very important. Chartering a new club brings opportunity to celebrate the Pilots of the past and to anticipate the future. Pilot Clubs are service clubs. Even though all of the members are busy, they must make time to serve. This club was commended by the Governor for being the first Pilot Club to donate to the Haiti Relief Fund.

The installation and initiation of members followed. The installation was led by Governor Burrows and the initia-

tion of new members was led by Ethlyn Morley. The officers of the new club are President Charlamae Fernander, President-elect Paul Pinder, Secretary Cecil Simon, Treasurer Sindy Lowe-Charles, Director of Membership Veronica Nairn, Director of Projects Claudia Pinder and Director of Anchors Neulesa Major. All officers were told of their responsibilities. Other special guests included Mr. and Mrs. Edison Key, Mr. and Mrs. Cephas Cooper, and Mr. and Mrs. Cubell Davis and his wife. A full dinner was served during the ceremony.

table, fresh fruit and a glass of 100 percent fruit juice. The meals are served with reusable trays and utensils to save money and the environment. Bridgett Mills is the cook for this program. The meals cost three dollars each and are available to all children at the school. There are no fried foods or items with added sugar on the menu. Students are enjoying the healthy meals and asking for seconds!

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The members of the new Rainbow Pilot Club were initiated in a ceremony on February 27 at Mangoes Restaurant. They are shown here with their official certificates of membership.



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**People** *From Page 12*

various deserts. Aside from food sales there was a box for donations.

Meanwhile people of all ages got involved in a fun game of softball. It was an enjoyable day of fun to raise funds for young Andrew, who started chemotherapy on February 24 in Nassau.

Andrew was diagnosed with lymphoma, a cancer that begins in the lymphocytes of the immune system, when he had to see a doctor for an unrelated matter in December while in Canada. He is said to be in good spirits as he begins his chemotherapy, and all remain hopeful of the success of the treatment.

**Schooner Bay** *From Page 9*

Another guest, a former realtor in the United Kingdom and now in Nassau, felt that the proximity of Serenity Point to the new community at Schooner Bay will be a great advantage. "On the Family Islands people like and need to be interdependent. They will be able to walk five minutes down the beach or take a golf cart a few minutes along the road to do their shopping in the Schooner Bay Village. In the other direction is the beautiful Delphi Lodge. The convenience will make the place sell."

Sales and Marketing Director, Gustav Herqvist, invited all interested persons to visit him in the sales office located at Damianos Realty in Marsh Harbour.

**Track Meet** *From Page 1*

donated them to the Abaco Association for use at local track events. Several organizations in Nassau contributed to the purchase of these starting blocks to further the training of Abaco youth in track events.

These two men intend to return in July to hold a track clinic for coaches and athletes and to offer technical support to furthering track and field athletes on Abaco.

They mentioned that in 2009 there were 32 Bahamian students on track scholarships in various colleges abroad.

Touring coach, Ronald Cartwright, also

from Nassau, accompanied them. He was "searching for talent," he said. Any promising athlete that he noticed will be invited to go to Nassau for better training. Mr. Cartwright intended to talk to the parents of the students he had noticed before leaving the island.

Two more Nassuvians attended the sports meet, James Smith and Andrea Lockhart, both members of the Bahamas Association for Certified Officials. They were invited by one of the local coaches, Vogel Williams, to officiate at the event.

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# An appeal to support local businesses

By Timothy Roberts

In the midst of an economic recession many business houses in The Bahamas and in particular Abaco are feeling the effects of a declining economy. We know that tourism is down; consequently, sales are affected at all levels in the business community as many businesses are tied to the tourist industry directly or indirectly. Business houses we spoke to seem to feel their sales are down anywhere from 25 percent to 40 percent. This is also reflected in the shipping industry with most businesses bringing in less freight.

The Business Section of The Tribune recently published an article indicating that Tropical Shipping reported a drop in cargo volume of approximately 30 percent. As a result it is in the process of closing down its warehouse operation in West Palm Beach and transferring most of its freight

to its Miami warehouse operation. What effect this will have on freight movement to Abaco is too early to tell at this time.

Local shipping companies have felt the pinch as well with freight volume declining anywhere from 30 percent to 50 percent, subject to the time of year. A spokesperson for Abaco Shipping recently indicated that despite a reduction in freight movement, prices have remained the same and in some cases, due to competition from larger international shipping lines, prices have dropped in order to maintain what freight they have so as not to lose it to the bigger shipping lines. Competition for local business is very keen in that Abaco has three Bahamian shipping companies and at least two international companies competing for business that is estimated to be down 30 to 50 percent.

Despite the decline in freight the local

shipping companies are cutting costs where possible in order to avoid layoff and loss of jobs as this will have a further negative effect on the economy. Salary cuts and days off are an integral part of reducing operating expenses so that employees still have a means of meeting their everyday expenses despite less income.

What does the future hold for Abaco? All of us are feeling the effects of a slow economy. Abaco businesses need to support each other where possible until we see a resurgence of the economy. Hopefully, that will be sometime later this year. In the meantime where possible buy locally, shop locally, support Abaco so that when better days arrive, hopefully we will all have survived to enjoy better days once again

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## Another Green Turtle Cay boat is stolen



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JetSkis, 3 Yamaha 4 stroke FX HO Cruisers 2004, 2005, 2007 models for \$5K,\$7K,\$9K. Low hours, well maintained. 242-367-5032



Man-O-War Albury Brothers Wooden Skiff. Reportedly the last one built. Structurally sound, but extensive restoration required. \$2,500. E-mail billyd4558@yahoo.com or call 365-8117 for more information.

19' Boat Trailer, lights. Can be seen at Abaco Outboard. \$1700. Call Jacques at 365-6114

13' Boston Whaler 25 HP Mercury, includes Bimini top. Asking \$3500 OBO Call 366-0479



20' Key West CC2020 Yamaha 200 HPDI, FAST! Low hrs, SS prop. GPS, covers, trailer, DUTY PAID. \$16,000 US You will enjoy this boat! 904-471-6450 or joel\_01773@yahoo.com



20' full keel sailboat "Daisy" Pacific Seacraft Flicka, 2005 1GM10 diesel, 2008 9' inflatable, sm engine. Lots of extras. Man-O-War harbour. DUTY PAID \$30,000 828-693-7656 nancysbell@hotmail.com

### BOATS & MARINE ITEMS FOR SALE



20' Proline Fisherman w/ trailer, center console, T-top, Garmin GPS, trim tabs, VHF, 115 outboard on bracket. Needs attention. Not used in 5 years. \$4,250 Call 242-458-0525

23' SeaCraft CC, 225 HP Evinrude, rocket launcher, GPS/fishfinder, outriggers, fiberglass T-Top w/ radio box, VHF. Dual Alum Trailer, 1 owner, excellent condition. DUTY PAID. Make offer. dmh@gojade.org or 954-727-5377



23' Parker SE, 2001, 200 HP Yamaha HPDI, trims, outriggers, VHF, GPS, Chartplotter. \$23,000. Call 366-3149



25' Mako, T-top, new engines, tank & electric, etc. \$28,000 Contact 901-082-3657 or hagen\_peters@yahoo.com



26' Custom Fiberglass Commercial Fishing Boat by Florida Marine, twin 200 HP Yamahas, 220 gal gas, 25 gal water, 85 gal circulating well, hydraulic steering, VHF, depth finder & GPS, stereo, T-top, rocket launcher, raised bow platform, all cushions, extensive dry storage, rod holders. DUTY PAID. A deal at 26K. Call 242-366-0122

### BOATS & MARINE ITEMS FOR SALE

27' Sailboat, swing keel w/ 3' / 5.7' draft, new 08 Yamaha inboard engine with 50 hrs. only, components mostly refurbished or new. Many other features. \$17,000 US Contact 242-577-9867



### Stolen Boat

28' Whitewater w/ twin 250hp Evinrude E-Tech engines, white with green trim, last seen Sunday 21st Feb. Call 367-4842



30' Fishing Machine, 453 Detroit diesel, hydraulic, with most electronics. Very good buy for \$12,000. Call 455-3391 or 559-9721



40' Hatteras Sportfish, 2004 Yanmar 6LY2A-STP, 440 HP diesel, Isuzu generator, needs TLC. New River Marina, Ft. Lauderdale 954-584-2500. \$49,000 ONO



43' Cigarette Sportfish, Caterpillar 3208 straight shaft, new generator, new tower and much much more. New River Marina, Ft. Lauderdale 954-584-2500. \$99,000 ONO www.newrivermarina.net



52' Hatteras Sportfish, Detroit 8V92TA's, generator, A/C, galley down, 2 staterooms. New River Marina, Ft. Lauderdale 954-584-2500. \$149,000 ONO www.newrivermarina.net

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## FOR SALE Bahama Cay, Abaco



Bahama Cay is Abaco's newest private island development. Consisting of four small pristine islands, all with stunning beaches and located just 10 miles north of Little Abaco. Construction of Phase 1 is almost complete which includes one and three bedroom apartments. Contact Neil Aberle at (242) 367-5454 or C (242) 577-0277, or Email: neil@hgchristie.com.  
**Furnished Apartments Starting at \$279,990. Ref. AS11336**



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### ELBOW CAY

Charming residence designed with two - 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments, a large 2 car garage and utility room.  
**\$580,000. Ref. AS11158**



### WALKER'S CAY, ABACO

A premier deep-sea fishing destination. 58 acres makes this island ideal for a luxury resort and marina.  
**\$26,000,000. Ref. AS11252**



**BLESSING HOUSE**

### SCOTLAND CAY

On a quiet island paradise, this ocean view home has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and garage.  
**\$699,000. Ref. AS11241**



### MARSH HARBOUR

Sea view 2 bedroom condos and 3 bedroom penthouses in a gated development with pool and dock.  
**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**



### TILLOO CAY

A stunning parcel of elevated land with 75 ft. of shoreline and 180 degree views of the Sea of Abaco.  
**\$175,000. Ref. AS11309**



**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**



### MARSH HARBOUR

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



### CORNISH CAY, ABACO

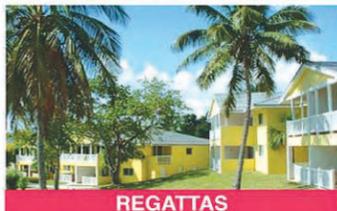
34 acres in the heart of Abaco's idyllic fishing and boating waters. This private island is a perfect investment.  
**\$9,000,000. Ref. AS11258**



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### 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**



### 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**



### ISLAND BREEZES MOTEL

This recently renovated motel is located in Marsh Harbour and is a great small business investment.  
**\$650,000. Ref. AS11282**



### LITTLE HARBOUR, ABACO

A quaint cottage with 150 feet of pristine beachfront. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath on 1.4 acres of elevated land.  
**\$678,000. Ref. AS11353**



### 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 bath 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**



### GREEN TURTLE CAY

Enchanting 2 bedroom, 2 bath cottage with 140 ft. of beach in Long Bay near New Plymouth settlement.  
**\$1,095,000. Ref. AS11322**



### 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



### MERMAID REEF VILLAS MARSH HARBOUR

This luxurious 2 bedroom, 2 bath water front villa comes fully equipped. In a peaceful neighbourhood near the heart of town. Great snorkelling. Sleeps 4.  
**\$480/night. AR10597**



### SUNRISE ON THE BEACH GREAT GUANA CAY

Stunning beachfront 6 bedroom home. Spacious lot making it feel like your own private beach. Full amenities and club access. Sleeps 20.  
**\$7,000/week. AR10584**



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