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Prime Minister toured Baker's Bay Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham addressed opponents' complaints

By Julian Lockhart

The Prime Minister of The Bahamas, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, gave the government's full stamp of approval to Discovery Land for full steam ahead on their development of Baker's Bay on Guana Cay.

Mr. Ingraham and a large contingent of government ministers, officials and a press core made a trip to Baker's Bay on December 8 and were impressed with the project and the environmental standards they have set beyond what the Bahamas government expects. For many in the group this was their first visit to the development.

Baker's Bay is a multi-million marina and golf course community that is expected to pump hundreds of millions of dollars into Abaco and The Bahamas economy through taxes, wages and materials.

Prime Minister Ingraham said, "We came to tour the development here at Baker's Bay here on Guana Cay to reassure the developers that they have the full support of the government of The Bahamas, that we are satisfied that they have undertaken a project that is environmentally acceptable and sustainable. They are doing a development that is contributing significantly to the economy of Abaco and to the economy

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The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham did an on-site inspection of the development at Baker's Bay on Great Guana Cay on December 8. He was accompanied by the Minister of Local Government, the Hon. Sidney Collie, and the Minister of State with Works, the Hon. Phenton Nymour. Mr. Ingraham is shown here near the marina that is currently being dredged. A residence near the marina is under construction. The buildings are very well built of concrete and heavy steel. The group shown is Mr. Cephias Cooper, Senior Administrator for Central Abaco; Mr. Ronald Thompson, Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's office; Mr. Michael Meldman, a Director of Discovery Land; Mr. Ingraham; Mr. Livingston Marshall, a Vice President of Baker's Bay; Mr. Collie; and Mr. Nymour.

Block Party featured Junkanoo



Six shops at the east end of the Tourist Strip in Marsh Harbour held a Block Party to display their special Christmas gift selections. Live music, lots of finger food, and beautiful art displays provided diversions for the shoppers. The evening ended with a Junkanoo rush-out to entertain the shoppers.

Santa heard children's wish list

Santa took time out of his busy schedule to attend the Christmas Festival in Marsh Harbour on December 8. He listened attentively to all the children who visited him while their pictures were being taken. The Abaco Club at Winding Bay arranged for his visit to Abaco and were happy to provide the pictures. That booth was very popular all day long with children as well as adults who wanted to converse with Santa. The Festival drew hundreds of people who enjoyed a variety of activities, social contacts and food.



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Government approves of Baker's Bay project

Ingraham

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of The Bahamas. In recent times there has been some noise made by a few persons about the development. I came today to show the government's support and to assure them that we will do all in our power to support them and ensure they are successful. I know Abaco and I feel I know what is in the best interest of Abaco. We are satisfied that all questions raised have been satisfied," Ingraham added.

Mr. Ingraham said the Save Guana Cay committee argued that the Baker's Bay development did not meet environmental standards, and he feels it is accurate to say that they exceed the environmental standards set by The Bahamas.

The second issue was that the Bahamas government was giving away all the public land on Guana Cay such as Crown Land and

Treasury Land. However, Prime Minister Ingraham said after giving consideration to this argument, they sat down with the developers and told them they could not have as much acreage as originally agreed upon. Of the 40 acres of Treasury Land the developers would end up with about eight acres under a lease. Sixty acres of the Crown Land will be set aside as a preserve and part of the rest of the land will revert back to the government.

The third argument brought forth was that the approvals for the development were improperly granted by either the government in New Providence or the Local Government in Hope Town. Mr. Ingraham said since this argument is before the court, he can only say that the government of The Bahamas is satisfied that the development of Baker's Bay is to the benefit of The Bahamas.

The developers of Baker's Bay now know what they have to ask New Providence for approval on and what they need approval from the Hope Town Local government for.

Prime Minister Ingraham said, "This project is probably a year or so behind schedule. I think we have had some impact on its restart and the speed to which it is moving now. Unfortunately for The Bahamas when the Save Guana Cay or Fred Smith committee launched their assault, the Bahamas government did not step up to the plate to defend the project which had been approved. These poor souls were left to the mercy of this attack from this group of persons calling themselves Save Guana Cay. We continue to give them the assurance that the government of The Bahamas is behind them and they do not need to concern themselves for any kinds of terroristic attacks launched against them," he added.

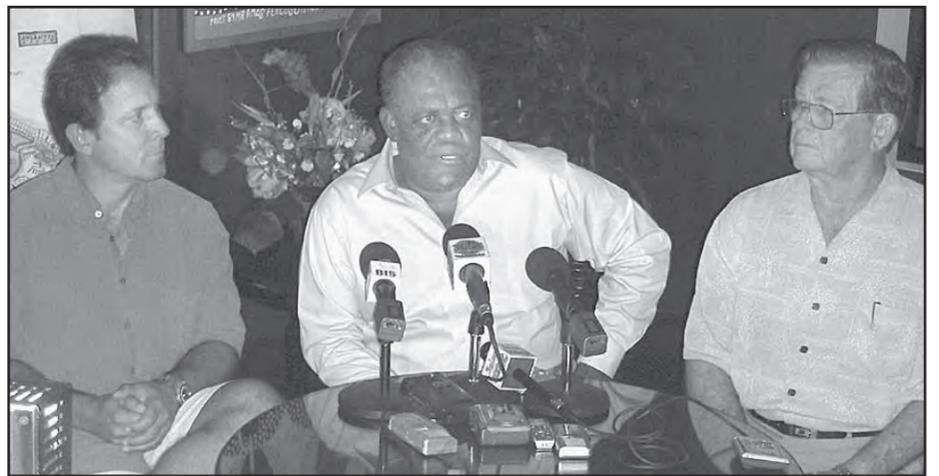
Baker's Bay currently pays out \$1 million a month in wages which leads to \$200,000 going into the public treasury. The company has 150 regular employees and another 150 construction employees.

To this date Discovery Land has spent over \$160 million and that figure should double over the next year as the 185-slip marina, 85 homes along the marina, retail shops and restaurants, waste water plant, golf course and other amenities are completed.

Discovery Land Chairman and CEO Michael Meldman said, "I listen to the Prime Minister and I hear him mention some \$25 million in taxes that are due by the year end. Prime Minister, we need a new jet runway. It would go a long way to put in a new airport and modern terminal. This will go a long way to help support areas like Baker's Bay, Winding Bay and other projects down south that have been



The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham toured the development at Baker's Bay on December 8. He was greeted on the dock by employees at the resort.



While Mr. Ingraham was at Baker's Bay, he held a press conference to answer newspaper's questions. He is shown here with Mr. Michael Meldman of Baker's Bay on the left and Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, on the right.

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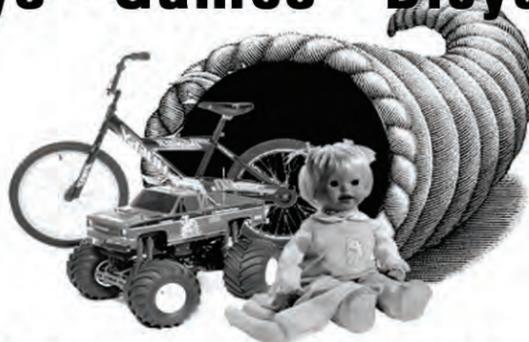
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Marsh Harbour airport gets a facelift

By Mirella Santillo

After several meetings to discuss what should be done to give a badly needed facelift to the Marsh Harbour airport, the Airport Beautification Committee finalized on the amount of work that should be done and invited contractors to submit quotes.

It was decided that Mr. Jeremy Wong of Well Done would drill four wells with catch basins required to handle the drainage on the aprons of the runway. Mr. Guy Toothe was retained to coordinate and supervise the roofing, carpentry, tiling and renovation of the bathrooms which includ-

ing changing all the fixtures in both bathrooms. Mr. Montana Whims was hired to execute the plumbing work.

The renovations started on November 19th with the construction of an overhang from the customs office to the terminal. Mr. Toothe donated the labor towards that project. The tiles were laid in the terminal and the bathrooms by Mr. Gilbert Reckley.

The project was to be completed within a three weeks period; however, on Decem-

ber 2nd, the committee decided to increase the outdoor sitting by constructing a roofed and tiled area measuring 15 feet by 52 feet which will provide an extra 80 to 100 seats. This additional work started on December 4th and according to Mr. Toothe, will be completed before Christmas.

The committee consisted of Mrs. Yvonne Key, Mrs. Judy Johnston, Mr. Marcus Bethel, Mr. Guy Toothe, Council members and the Administrator for Central Abaco, Mr. Cephas Cooper.



Work continues on improvements to the terminal at the Marsh Harbour airport. A roof extension has been constructed west of the main entrance and a roofed over area on the east end of the building now under construction will add about 80 seats. The terminal will be air conditioned and the bathrooms completely renovated. The building will be painted inside and out. The work will be completed before the holidays.



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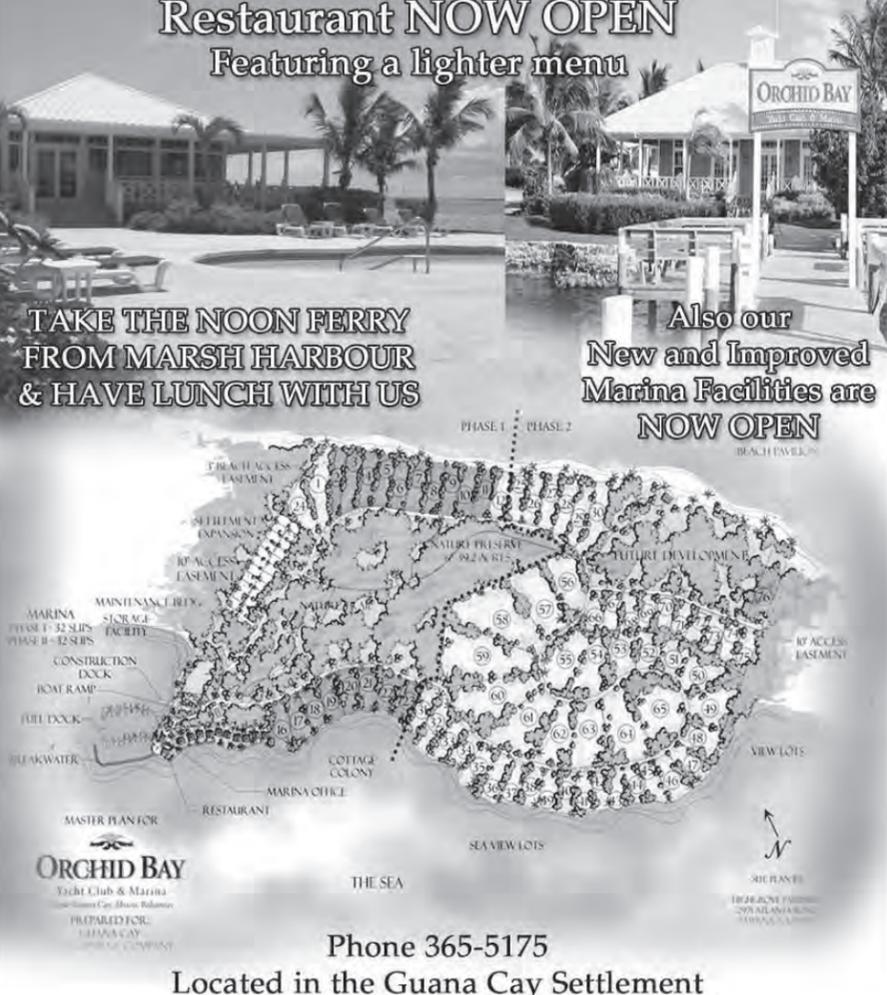
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The Editor Says . . . Change, progress and local input



Abaco has seen many changes over the past 150 years. The Elbow Cay Light Station was a major event imposed on Hope Town residents in 1863 by central authority. The residents did not want it as it upset their lucrative wrecking business and they sabotaged the construction. The authorities were more concerned with international shipping interests than the individual interests of the Hope Town residents. The lighthouse was built. Time changes perspectives and the residents there are now proud of their lighthouse.

Industry came to Abaco in 1905 with the Abaco Lumber Company mill at Wilson City. It is reported that they had 540 employees in 1912. This site is now just a name on the maps. As the lumber was cut within the 12-mile distance that their train track allowed, they migrated to five other Abaco sites, Norman's Castle, Millville, Cornwall One, Cornwall Two, and finally leaving the Cross Harbour site in 1943. Little remains of their legacy except for a few houses that can boast of being built of native Abaco pine.

Abaco's next developer was J.B. Crockett, who established a several thousand acre farm south of the Marsh Harbour airport in the mid-1950s. Scott Mattson Farms of Fort Pierce bought this in 1958. Our current Haitian population started as farm labour with this farm. Most of the larger farming efforts on Abaco can trace their roots to the Crockett farm.

Our two airports opened in the late 1950s giving Abaco people more exposure to the greater world.

The Owens Illinois pulpwood operation at Snake Cay began construction in 1958 with timber being cut the next year. The arrival of 500 employees with a weekly payroll to spend and the instant arrival of a supermarket brought a surge of economic activity. The major legacy of the logging operation is its extensive road network.

Except for the lighthouse, none of these changes created any resistance as jobs were needed, Abaco was under-developed and the changes were welcome.

Major development in Central Abaco is now viewed with some scepticism. The economy is good, jobs are plentiful and our

residents are now beginning to view their surroundings in a new light. Progress is wanted but with reservations. In the farther districts of Abaco, development is generally welcomed with less criticism.

Physical changes are easy to see and grasp. The most obvious change is when land is cleared, cement is poured and construction follows. Contractors love it. The labour force views development as a stepping stone to a better job and prosperity at the local level. But sometimes neighbors would rather see it happen somewhere else.

Those who abhor change either complain constantly or take active measures to reduce the effects or to stop progress altogether.

Less obvious changes involve new laws and regulations or the implementation of Local Government which is an evolving system.

Changes as a result of thoughtful planning are easier to accept but the thoughtful planning part is harder to cope with. Our Local Government system is not particularly good in this respect. In fairness, Central Government often falls short in this department, also.

This brings us to central government's role in the developmental process. Back in 1863 government decided that a lighthouse in Hope Town was in the best interest of the country and the residents there would have to get used to its presence. There was no consultation nor were options offered the local population.

This was government's practice into the mid-1990s. In 1996 local government was instituted in the Family Islands, giving a measure of decision making to the local people. Locals were told they had the option of approving or turning down devel-

opment. Interesting scenarios have evolved as central and local authorities wrestle with who has the final say on development.

It is becoming apparent that this approval process needs to be a cooperative effort. Central government still retains the right to decide on major issues and projects, using a broader perspective of the overall benefits. Criteria considered would include the creation of jobs, the impact on the economy, the revenue to the Treasury from duties and taxes and fostering the general expansion of the Bahamian economy. However, within the approval process by central government there now appears to be an effort to get constructive local input as well as possible conditions imposed on the project in question.

Changes are coming faster and faster, and we must be prepared to suggest modifications and be willing to negotiate and compromise to make proposals acceptable.

Even within the Local Government Councils, Boards and Committees, changes are coming. The general population is starting to hold both the local and central government to a higher standard and require more public notice on what is happening within their communities.

Government agencies are particularly bad at expanding or relocating without public consultation. They seem to believe they are exempt from public scrutiny. Current examples include the recent well field expansion in Central Abaco by Water and Sewerage, BEC's proposed relocation and expansion and two garbage transfer sites.

Water and Sewerage located the new well field for Central Abaco along the road to Spring City. This was convenient for them as they did not have to construct roads to a remote site. However, that is the direction that Marsh Harbour's growth will

occur. How soon will businesses spring up along that road? The original well field along Don MacKay Boulevard to the airport has been compromised for years as the entire area has been developed with many businesses and schools.

Presently, BEC is considering a new generation station inland from Wilson City. On the surface this location appears to be a reasonable choice. However, artifacts in that area indicate that this was the location of the worker's village for the Abaco Lumber company 100 years ago. This is only a minor problem to the BEC expansion as there is ample forest land adjoining the area that the corporation can consider.

The two sites for transferring trash, one on the road to Cherokee Sound and the other in Little Abaco, were chosen arbitrarily with local consultation only after construction began and an ensuing public outcry. In this case, consultation did not alter the plans and many people have good reasons to be upset with these locations.

Abaco people are become more enlightened on the role the environment plays on our economic and physical well being. They are realizing that protecting the environment is crucial to our tourist-based economy. Politicians and their attendant ministries are giving much more attention to consulting their constituents on major issues.

Accepting change is an evolving process. Elected officials in some local districts are beginning to interpret the rules more liberally and are realizing they have more influence than initially thought with central government if applied thoughtfully.

A problem with the present system is that it is beset with a lack of continuity as the three-year term of office is often succeeded with new representatives who must learn their responsibilities from scratch.

Viewpoint . . . The Distressing Litter Problem

By Jennifer Hudson

Once again I feel compelled to write about the distressing littering situation on Abaco. Our beautiful island continues to be sullied by litter and other refuse.

Recently, there has been a concerted effort by several community-minded people to improve the tidiness and cleanliness of the environment for which they are to be greatly commended. Groups of residents from Murphy Town and Dundas Town have carried out 'clean ups' of their neighbourhoods, showing that they are desirous of living in neater, cleaner surroundings. Various civic and church groups have donated hours of their time on weekends picking up litter from roadsides and beaches which is very praiseworthy. However, I wonder how they feel when they drive by these areas a couple of weeks later only to find them covered in litter and debris again. An area which immediately comes to mind is Forest Drive between the M&R

roundabout northwards past the Central Abaco Primary School. The church groups that cleaned it up must feel so disillusioned to see the littered state it is once again so quickly in.

While some of the litter is dropped by people, much is blown there when garbage cans are knocked over by dogs, and the litter is not picked up but left on the ground to blow around. If people would make a simple wooden structure around their garbage cans to secure them it would greatly help in eradicating the problem of litter.

Another terrible eyesore is the S.C. Bootle Highway which is littered with boxes, mattresses and much else which has dropped off the back of trucks on the way to the dump site. This road is traveled by tourists visiting Treasure Cay, and what a turn-off it must be. They must wonder what they have paid all that money to come and see. There is supposed to be a law that says the back of all trucks must be covered, but it is obviously not enforced for whenever do we see a covered truck? In Freeport, where this law is strictly enforced, no litter is seen and the place looks clean and tidy.

The dump site will, early in 2008, be moved to near Snake Cay. There is, sadly, already garbage along the Earnest Dean Highway, but what is to bet that this becomes a hundred times worse once the new dump site opens? That is the road traveled by visitors who pay a lot of money to stay at the exclusive Abaco Club on Winding Bay. What is it going to do for the Abaco Club's clientele? Are they going to want to come back and drive through mess? What will happen to the jobs of people employed there if the tourists stop coming?

Something which, to my mind, will compound the litter problem even more is the fact that a fee will be charged to dump at

the new site. What is going to happen? In order to avoid paying a fee many persons are going to dump their trash, whether it be plastic bags full of household refuse, old refrigerators, stoves or whatever, by the sides of the road. We will be in a worse mess than ever.

Boaters also need to be careful not to drop or throw items overboard. Anything, except food refuse which will feed the fish or decompose quickly, will eventually be washed up onto a beach which will not only destroy the beauty of our pristine beaches for ourselves and our tourists but is a danger to sea life. I assisted in a beach clean up during Coastal Awareness month and am sad to see that already that same beach is littered with flotsam and jetsam.

Our beautiful surroundings are a gift from God to be enjoyed while we are here and kept in trust for generations to come; They are not ours to destroy. So let us all do what we can to keep our part of the world clean and beautiful. All of the store owners along the Tourist Strip in Marsh Harbour have been complaining this year, "There has been no season, the tourists have not been coming," and these shopkeepers are hurting. I wonder if one of the reasons the tourists are not coming is because they are tired of seeing litter on our beaches and on our streets and have decided to go to other islands which are cleaner (and according to travelers, there are a lot of them). EVERYONE will be hurting if visitors stop coming as people will start losing their jobs, crime will increase and this beautiful island will cease to be the heavenly place it has always been. Please, everyone wake up and do your part. Don't leave it to a few who struggle to preserve it; that cannot work, it needs the help of EVERYONE.

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Letters to the Editor

Complaints about BahamasAir service

Dear Editor:

Our family had to joke a lot the first days of our vacation – to mask our frustration.

It all started out nicely. A pleasant airline flight on Delta for myself, my husband, my sister, her husband and six-year-old son. We left the frigid cold of Ohio and landed in balmy West Palm Beach. The BahamasAir stewardess even motioned at my winter clothes to indicate, "Aren't you hot?" Yes, I agreed, my winter coat and heavy pants were indeed the wrong apparel for the climate.

We stood on the steaming tarmac to board BahamasAir Flight 282 on December 3 to arrive in Marsh Harbour – happily noting our luggage on the cart ready to be loaded. The flight was uneventful. We arrived on time and filed through immigration. Then came the problem. There was no luggage for us to claim. None of it had been loaded onto the plane – T-shirts, shorts, sandals, swimwear, snorkeling gear, underwear, toothbrushes, pajamas. We had arrived at our vacation destination with one set of winter clothes, some reading material and a few electronics. There we stood in the customs area of the Marsh Harbour International Airport amid heaping piles of boxes, plastic tubs, shopping bags and coolers – but none of it was ours.

It wasn't just our party of five. Fifteen persons on that flight did not receive their luggage. Most were tourists. We all traipsed over to the BahamasAir office where the "person in charge" was on the phone. "Thursday is the next flight," he said. "It will probably arrive on Thursday." When the group started to protest, he told us basically to leave him alone and slammed the office door shut. Four days to receive our luggage? Four days out of a seven-day vacation with one set of winter clothes, no swimsuit, no snorkeling gear, no underwear? Is he kidding?

This is when the jokes started. "If you've got clothes to spare, fly BahamasAir." "Dare to go bare, fly BahamasAir." etc.

Here's the problem. Only so many pounds of stuff can be loaded onto the plane. I get that. The plane wouldn't be able to fly. Yes, we saw the many pounds of freight loaded – the cargo boxes, the sealed plastic tubs, the shopping bags of merchandise. All of it was carefully unloaded in Marsh Harbour – and there it sat. No tourists, actually no one at all, was there to claim it. The whole customs area was overcrowded with all the cargo being shipped over from the U.S. I'm sure it's all important, eventually, to whomever it belongs to. But to send it over instead of tourists' luggage, the only possessions we have at the moment? Who is thinking that one through?

Two gentleman were only here Monday through Thursday. They were going to receive their luggage in time to load it back on the plane and leave.

Another family of five who rented a boat to tour the islands had to stay docked in Marsh Harbour for four days waiting for their possessions to arrive. Oh, yes, that's how I want to spend my boating vacation in the Bahamas.

Fortunately, we are not naive visitors completely at the mercy of this disorganized governmental airline. Our family has vacationed here for 25 years and owns a home on Eastern Shore. The moment we arrived at our house, I started making phone calls to anyone we knew and to people we didn't know, but were told to call. I called Nassau, Marsh Harbour and West Palm Beach offices of BahamasAir all Monday night and Tuesday morning. I spoke with

BahamasAir personnel who would "call me right back" and when they didn't, I called them back. I left voice mail messages constantly and others made calls on our behalf. I've never heard so much disinformation, passing the buck, "the manager is in a meeting discussing the situation," and other excuses, but no one was solving the problem. One employee, who was supposed to be "assigned the job of chartering a plane to send the luggage here" was actually not even at work for two days. Finally, a wonderful BahamasAir ticketing agent in West Palm named Lorraine is the only person out of seven BahamasAir employees I spoke with who accomplished the task successfully by putting four of our six pieces of luggage on Tuesday's Continental flight to Marsh Harbour. Thank you! We had some clothes to wear. None of the other passengers received any of their luggage. We picked up our last two pieces of luggage on Thursday.

Okay, so what is really the problem? Tourism is a very elusive business. There are so many vacation destinations clamoring for the dollars that just pour from tourists' pockets. If this was my first time visiting the Bahamas, it would also be my last.

The airline, BahamasAir, is not just another business that screws up a lot. It is a governmental agency that represents all of the citizens of the Bahamas. Your tax dollars pay for the services of BahamasAir to cater to both yourselves and the visitors to your islands. This airline's attitude and treatment of these visitors represents the entire country of The Bahamas. It leaves a sour taste in one's mouth to know that the government of The Bahamas could not really care if you receive your luggage on time or not. Your country's government, through its airline service, should not be the brunt of jokes. That is sad. The Bahamian government should be leading the way to offer the best service, attitude, customer care and convenience for all travelers – whether Bahamian or visitor. There are other vacation destinations that would be glad to offer these simple courtesies. I would rather travel where I am welcomed and where people care whether I am visiting their country.

There should be a new slogan to say "Bring your favorite things to wear and fly BahamasAir."

Sincerely,

Karen Underwood Kramer

Airboats are ruining bonefishing

To the Editor:

Thank you for allowing me to put it in The Abaconian

To whom it may concern: Ministry of Tourism, Port Department, Police Department or Fisheries Department

I am sick and tired that every weekend the bonefish guides have to put up with three airboats running up and down in the marles while we have clients out there bonefishing.

- It is illegal to shoot anything out of a moving vehicle.

- It is getting very dangerous now with those people flying around in their airboats shooting birds, not caring where they shoot or what happens if one of these times they shoot in a mangrove and one of the guides is on the backside of it. Someone can get shot or killed.

- I am tired of explaining to tourists why people all dressed in army fatigues riding around with loaded guns in airboats. It's not a good sight and it makes some of them nervous.

- That's how some of us make our living. So if the tourists stop coming, we don't have a job.

- What happens if someone does get hurt. Can we afford a tourist decline on Abaco? Can we afford a bad report about Abaco in the Guardian, Tribune or the Post.

- The airboats serve no purpose. You can't make a living from them.

The last three weekends on Saturday and Sunday it was pretty bad. They ran up and down scaring the fish and birds. They do not respect you. If they see you fishing an area, instead of their going the other way, they come a couple hundred feet away from you.

So I appeal to the right authorities please stop them. And don't allow any more into the country.

Thank you.

Sick and Tired

Systems need to be followed

Dear Editor,

Please place the following in your paper that it may be viewed by those decision-makers who hopefully have some sense.

If the developers who allegedly have now bulldozed some historic ruins in the vicinity of Hole-in-the-Wall are excused for this recent and second incident - the first being when they allegedly accidentally and possibly illegally bulldozed and cleared within the Abaco National Park and by doing so, allegedly buried a Bahama parrot nest and allegedly got away with it - then I think there are a number of folks who might deserve a refund.

So for all those other developers or proposed developments in The Bahamas

... who have gone through or are going through the red tape,

... who have applied for or are applying for permits from Physical Planning and Lands and Surveys

... who have performed or are performing studies on the ecological, the geological, the littoral and topographical

... not forgetting the hydrological, the infrastructural, the economical and the chemical

... in addition to further studying the meteorological and climatological, the archeological and sociological

... and further to have been asked by BEST to not forget studying what seems the illogical

... who have spent or are spending countless months waiting for approvals after

completing their EIAs and talking to BIA ... after meeting and conferring with the BEC, BTC and WSC

... maybe with some correspondence thrown in with the AMMC

... after talking to the BNT and finishing their EMP

... dotting their I's and crossing their T's

These folks deserve a refund!

Because IF the developers near Hole-in-the-Wall are excused a second time, THEN I think all the other developers who have gone about or are going about it by the proper channels may deserve some money back. For it may appear that for all their time and money spent, all they really needed to do was wreck and repent.

Michelle Bethell

Who writes our articles?

Dear Editor,

In the December 1 issue of The Abaconian, starting on page 12A and continuing on two subsequent pages, you published an article about Baker's Bay that spoke in glowing terms of its contributions to Abaco's economy. There was no byline on this article. Every other story that you published in that edition provided a byline or a reference to the government office providing the information. Based on many years of reading this newspaper, it is clear that your policy is always to credit an author for his contribution.

Sincerely,

Bonnar Spring

Editor's Note: We have had several questions about our policies in publishing The Abaconian, mostly about the letters that are published. We have been criticized for printing letters that are critical of specific institutions. We feel that anyone who wants to express his opinion should be allowed to do so even if it is not the sentiments or opinions of the editor. We feel that one of the primary responsibilities of a newspaper is to allow varying opinions to be heard. However, we will not publish letters that make derogatory comments about individuals.

We sometimes include letters without signatures. We feel that it is important to protect the identity of people writing about sensitive topics if they do not want their name used. In small communities it is sometimes hard for individuals to be comfortable

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Central Abaco News

Iggy Biggy holds Open House

By Samantha V. Evans

December 8th was a busy day for open houses as Iggy Biggy held an all-day Open House at their store on Front Street in Marsh Harbour. Linda Duggan, manager, stated that they have a lot of new items to feature this Christmas such as a new ceramic collection called Jessica's Tilework that is doing extremely well. Karen McIntosh, owner of Abaco Ceramics Treasure Cay, has a new line of ceramics that features Bahamian sayings. These mugs and platters in rich bright colors also have the meaning of the famous sayings on them which makes them great souvenirs for tourists. Some items of clothing, jewelry and bags in the store were marked off to 60 percent. The spirals, pock-a dots and many of the styles from the fifties and sixties are back, hotter and trendier than before! Even the shapes and colors of

the handbags are reminiscence of those "hip" years. As always, the shell jewelry and frames are big hits with the guests. The shop recently got in a new selection of bamboo frames which will make beautiful accent pieces for any home. There is absolutely nothing that Linda could point out to say that the tourists love more than anything else in the store. Their selection is so unique, rich and beautiful that people of all ages always find something in there that is sure to wow them. The Open House at the Iggy Biggy shop in Hope Town store was held on December 5 and was very well attended also.



Even young shoppers found interesting items at Iggy Biggy at its Open House held on December 8. Their Open House lasted all day, giving shoppers a leisurely time to shop for Christmas gifts.

Inspiration Beauty Depot Opens

By Samantha V. Evans

Dundas Town has another new business that is guaranteed to bring a bit of Miami to Abaco. Audrey Alvarez and her husband, Santos Alvarez, held the grand opening for Inspiration Beauty Depot on December 8th at the store on Forest Drive across from Abaco Youth Ministries. Partnering with the Alvarezes for this event was Enoch Pedro Roberts II of Commonwealth Drugs and Medical Supplies Co. from Nassau. They are the distributors of beauty and skin care products as well as the Black Opal cosmetic line sold at the Beauty Depot.

Today made 24 years that Audrey has dreamt of opening this business and that day it became a reality. This first class, state-of-the-art store is sure to make a significant mark in the community of Dundas Town. It is Abaco's first full-service beauty depot where customers and business own-

ers can shop for supplies. A Black Opal beauty specialist came to give free makeovers to all of the ladies as a part of this opening splash! The consultants focused on helping customers find the right foundation for their complexion, apply the make-up properly, provided them with beauty tips to take care of their skin and introduced them to cleansing products to remove the makeup properly without over drying their skin.

The prices at this shop are very good

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Inspiration Beauty Depot opened with a grand Open House on December 8. A supplier and a beauty specialist from Nassau were present to do free make-overs and make recommendation to their customers. Eight-seven-year old Rebecca Simms, mother of the owner, Mrs. Audry Alvarez, had the honour of cutting the ribbon. The two ladies are shown here.



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Christmas Message

from

Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham
Member of Parliament for North Abaco
December, 2007

I am happy for this occasion to extend warm greetings to all residents and visitors to Abaco's shores during this Yuletide Season. This year, I am pleased to extend these greetings as both Member of Parliament for North Abaco and as Prime Minister of our beloved Bahamas.

I have always been lifted up by the generosity of spirit and friendship that typifies Abaconians and residents of Abaco not just at Christmas but throughout the year. And so I hope that this year, as in past years, Abaco will once again use the Christmas season to share with friends and neighbours and also with the less fortunate.

I trust also that Abaconians and other Bahamians throughout our island communities will make welcome all those who are away from their families and friends and who find themselves in our midst this Holy Season.

I take this opportunity to thank the many individuals and businesses who respond positively throughout the year to those in need.

And I thank those in government service, in the uniform branches, in our schools, in our clinics, in social services and in the wider administrative and technical public service for their continued efforts to serve the Bahamian people here on Abaco.

Especially this year, I thank the many Abaconians and other Bahamians whose support for me and my Party saw us returned to leadership of our country's Government following upon the general election. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me and in my Party and I renew my pledge to you to work on your behalf and to strive to make life better for all.

On behalf of the Government of The Bahamas, my family and myself, I am pleased to wish you a blessed, peaceful and safe Christmas, and the joy that only Christ can bring.

Hubert A. Ingraham
Prime Minister



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and in some cases can beat Miami prices. Once customers make a visit to this Beauty Depot, they will truly be inspired to look their best. Customer representatives are trained to give beauty tips to customers even after the consultants leave so that they can make the right beauty decisions. They also sell Organic Roots and a wide variety of other natural and organic products that will not damage the hair.

Before cutting of the ribbon, Mrs. Alvarez was presented with a plaque by her friend Evelyn Joseph from Fort Lauderdale that spoke to her humble spirit, giving heart, and business sense. The ribbon was cut by Mrs. Rebecca Simms, the 87-year-old grandmother of Mrs. Alvarez. Many other well-wishers and family members came by to share the day with her. There was a lot of food, drinks and live music played by the

New Entry Band.
Three new businesses
By Samantha V. Evans

Abaco continues to grow by leaps and bounds as three new businesses open up here



For the past four years Abaco Block and Concrete has made the lives of the elderly and shut-in residents of Murphy Town better by donating gift certificates to Price Right for their benefit. Shown here is Mr. Cleveland Dawkins, Deputy Chairman of the Bluff Point and Murphy Town Association accepting the gift certificates for 25 residents. On the left is Rebecca Russell and Shawna Sands on the right, both employees of Abaco Block and Concrete, made the presentation. Murphy Town is well pleased with the presence of this company in their town. The company donates throughout the year to Murphy Town to events and assists with town needs.

on the island. TropicKool Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, owned by Fritz Bootle, Sr. started in Nassau in 2006 and relocated to Abaco in September of this year. Mr. Bootle believes that this business will do well on the island because there is so much development going on. He offers quality, affordable, first class service to all customers which will give them peace of mind. He uses top brand name air conditioners, installs and maintains them. He also carries a full inventory of parts as well.

The second business Twenty-Second Century Builders, with the motto We can Transform your Dreams and Create

a Beautiful Future, is owned by partners Fritz Bootle, Sr., and Wenzel McBride. They build residential and commercial structures. Both owners have been in the construction business for many years and decided to join forces. What is unique about this business is that they offer top class service, quality work at competitive prices and sound structures that will stand the test of time.

The third business is Abaco Pools and Chemical Company with the motto We can

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Salad:

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Entrees:

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- Orange Glazed duck \$30.00
- Broiled Grouper \$35.00

topped with Caramelized Vegetables Parmesan

Above includes salad, soup, dessert and a glass of wine

Vegetables:

- Ginger Pea Pods and Red Peppers
- Potato au gratin
- Mushroom Rice

Dessert:

Pumpkin Cream Cheesecake Brulee

New Years Eve Bash Menu

December 31st, 2007 - Seatings: 6 pm & 8 pm

Bread

- Rosemary & Basil Biscuits
- Jalapeno & Onion Biscuits with peach butter

Appetizers

- Stuffed Shrimp w/Lemon Butter Soup
- Cajun Gumbo & Squash Vegetables
- Asparagus Dijon or Fresh Green Beans Orange & Almond Zest Salad
- Endive Broccoli Salad served with warm Herb Dressing

Potatoes

Twice Baked Potato

Rice

Spinach Wild Rice

Entrees

- Prime Rib with a Red Wine Horseradish Sauce
- Lobster & Claws Steamed in Lemon Butter and White Wine Sauce
- Minted Pesto Rack of Lamb Grilled w/Mint Jelly Sauce
- Baked Grouper stuffed w/Fresh Vegetables Topped w/Lemon Cream Sauce

Dessert

- Blackberry Cobbler or
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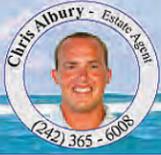
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<p>SOLD</p>  <p>"Pura Vida"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 Bedrooms, 4 Baths. - 2,100 s.f. Residence - 670 s.f. Raised Decks. - Over 1/2 Acre - Great Views - Beach & Dock Access - Furnished. <p>#GGH1005 SOLD</p>	 <p>"Tip O' the Tail"</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 Bedrooms, 4 Bath. - 1,255 s.f. Residence - 768 s.f. Covered Decks - 812 s.f. Open Decks - Rooftop Skydeck - Land - 17,792 s.f. - Fabulous Views - Furnished. <p>#MWH1023 - \$775,000.</p>	<p>NEW</p>  <p>"Leela"</p>	<p>Scotland Cay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath - 930 s.f. of residence - 1,086 s.f. of decks - 48,850 s.f. - 1.12 Acres - 1 1/2 parcels of land - 180' of Atlantic Ocean beach frontage - fabulous views - 280 s.f. storage shed - 12 KW generator - +/- 20,000 gallon cistern <p>#SCH1089 \$1,390,000.</p>
 <p>"Junkanoo Splash"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. - 1,150 s.f. Residence - 760 s.f. Covered Porch - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath - 490 s.f. Apartment - Workshop - Great Views - Near Settlement <p>#AS10689 - \$640,000.</p>	 <p>"Buttonwood"</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - Settlement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths. - 1,240 s.f. Residence. - 0.3213 Acre - 14,000 s.f. - Hillside for great Ocean Views. - Beautifully Landscaped - Fully Furnished & Equipped. <p>#MWH1020 - \$636,000.</p>	<p>NEW</p>  <p>"Blessing House"</p>	<p>Scotland Cay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath - 1600 s.f. of residence - 785 s.f. wrap around porch - 23,938 s.f. - .549 Acre land - 180 degree views - 250' to the Atlantic Beach - 240 s.f. garage - 28,000 gallon cistern - Fully furnished - Runway & Dock access <p>#SCH1093 \$954,000.</p>
 <p>"Sandcastle"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - Guana Seaside Village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths. - 960 s.f. Residence - Covered Porch. - Land - 5,000 s.f. - Dock Access - Furnished. <p>#GGH1011 \$375,000.</p>	 <p>"Schooner's Landing" - Southeast Facade</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay Condominium - Unit # 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Bedroom, and Bunkroom - 2 Baths. - 1,100 sq.ft. - Porch - Balcony - Central A/C. - Fully Furnished Equipped. - Fresh Water Pool - On-Island Management - Great Rental Property. <p>#MWH1070 \$455,000.</p>	<p>NEW</p>  <p>"Bountifully Blessed"</p>	<p>Tilloo Cay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath - 800 s.f. residence - 3.75 Acre, sea to sea - 109' of frontage on Sea of Abaco - 106' on Atlantic - Boat basin with lift - 170' of dock - Swimming Pool - Approved plans for 3/2 New England Style cottage <p>#TLH1086 \$1,595,000.</p>
	<p>Abaco Cays Realty Ltd. is proud to announce that: Mrs. Frances Sands of Great Guana Cay, Abaco has achieved her license as Real Estate Sales Person, by successfully completing The Bahamas Real Estate Association Course and Examination</p>	 <p>"Schooner's Landing" - Unit #3 Balcony View</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay Condominium - Unit # 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath - 920 sq.ft. - Porch - Balcony - Central A/C. - Fully Furnished Equipped. - Fresh Water Pool - On-Island Management - Great Rental Property. <p>#MWH1071 \$395,000.</p>	<p>NEW FRONTAGE</p>  <p>"Villa Gladys"</p>	<p>Wood Cay Little Abaco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,147 s.f. Residence - 21,213 s.f. - 0.487 Acre - 75' water frontage to Build dock - Great bonefishing area - Tranquility at its best <p>#ANH1014 - \$289,000.</p>
 <p>"Bonnie Dune"</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath. - 660 s.f. Residence. - 240 s.f. Studio Dock House - Land - Sea-to-Sea - 36,775 s.f. - .8442 Acre - 100' Ocean Beach Front - Private Dock On Creek - Fabulous Views <p>#MWH1018 - \$2,300,000.</p>	 <p>"Schooner's Landing" - East Facade</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay Condominium - Unit # 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Bedroom, and Bunkroom - 2 Baths. - 1,100 sq.ft. - Porch, Balcony - Central A/C. - Fully Furnished, Equipped. - Fresh Water Pool - On-Island Management - Great Rental Property. <p>#MWH1072 \$455,000.</p>	<p>SOLD</p>  <p>"Bonefish Bay"</p>	<p>South Cooper's Town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath. - 1,056 s.f. Residence - Land - 1.69 Acres - 170' Water-frontage - Excavated Harbour on Sea of Abaco. - Private Dock, Davits - Superb Views - Furnished. <p>#ANH1013 - SOLD</p>
 <p>"Viking"</p>	<p>Man-O-War - Dickies Cay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths. - 3,360 s.f. Residence. - 1,200 s.f. Covered Deck - 0.84 Acres Sea-to-Sea - Private 136' Dock. - Auxiliary Generator - Superb Harbour Views - Furnished. <p>#MWH1001 - \$2,000,000.</p>	 <p>"Schooner's Landing" - Unit #5 Master Bed</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay Condominium - Unit # 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath - 1,130 sq.ft. - Porch - Central A/C. - Fully Furnished, Equipped. - Fresh Water Pool - On-Island Management - Great Rental Property. <p>#MWH1073 \$430,000.</p>	<p>NEW</p>  <p>"Cave Cays"</p>	<p>North Abaco Private Island</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - +/- 220 Acres - 27,342 lin. ft. - 4.5 nautical miles of shoreline - +/- 20' elevations - Beaches - Lagoons - Harbors - Coves - Vista's - Controlling depth of 4.5 - Between east end of Grand Bahama and west end of Little Abaco <p>#API1088 Price Upon Request</p>

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design and create the pool of your dreams, also opened in September of this year. Owner, Mr. Bootle, stated that he can help anyone design their dream pool or install one that was store bought. He also carries chemicals for the pool and can ensure that it is properly maintained. Finally, for those businesses that want to keep their office place clean and well polished, he sells industrial chemicals to help them get the job done. Tutorials can also be arranged upon request. All of the businesses are located on Poppy's Way next door to Traffic Police Station in Marsh Harbour. The phone number is 367-5717. They are open five days a week from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

New Spa Opens at Auskell Clinic

By Jennifer Hudson

The Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic has now added a medical spa to its expanding list of services. On November 18 and 19 an Open House was held to introduce this new Med Spa to the public. On hand to show people around, answer questions and offer free massages were Massage



Two massage therapists are now at Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic full time. They offer a variety of treatments and are willing to make house calls. Emily Ferguson and Judy Gibson have both moved to Abaco from Nassau.

Therapists Emily Ferguson and Judy Gibson. The spa has been named Wings of a Dove which is a very apt name as their gentle treatments leave one feeling as if floating on the wings of a dove. I speak from first hand experience having received a delightful massage from Emily Ferguson during the spa's opening.

Both Ms. Gibson and Ms. Ferguson have relocated to Marsh Harbour from Nassau where they worked as massage therapists for the past two years. "We love this island and are eager to offer this spa to

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The Abaco Club On Winding Bay provides financial assistance to the Spring City Rockers Junkanoo group to defray the expenses associated with preparation for the Junkanoo parades. Shown here is Mr. Scott Bragg, Managing Director of The Abaco Club, right, presenting the check to Mr. Colon Curry, leader of the Spring City Rockers. Looking on is Mr. Floyd Swain, General Manager at The Abaco Club. (Photo by Stone McEwan)



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Abaconians," they enthused. Both are certified therapists having trained in Nassau at the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute and in Orlando at the Wood Hygienic Institute.

The spa utilizes two rooms in the southern section of the clinic which are used during the remainder of the week by the physiotherapists. The spa will be open on Sundays and Mondays and appointments can be made through the Auskell Clinic. On the remaining days both of the therapists are available to make house calls and

will be happy to carry their massage table over to the cays.

Several different treatments are offered to suit a person's needs.

- Swedish massage which promotes relaxation and good health
- Deep tissue massage: a massage that targets the deeper parts of the muscles and surrounding tissue and is used especially for people who work out a lot
- Stress reliever (mini massage) which relieves tension in the back, shoulder and neck
- Hydrotherapy: massage plus the use of hot packs

• Aquadetox: the feet are placed in water and detoxification takes place through the 400 pores in the feet

• Body scrubs: papaya, milk, herbal honey glow and salt scrubs are offered on Sundays only

• Colonic irrigation will begin in January or early February

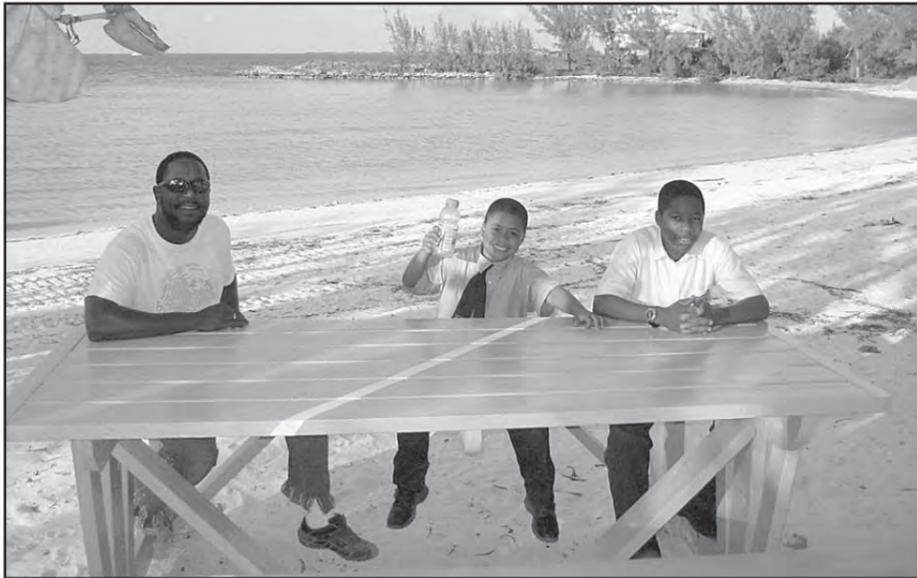
Ms. Ferguson stressed that the salt body scrub is not for people with high blood pressure and since all massage increases blood flow any persons with high blood pressure should obtain an okay from their doctor first.

The therapists stated, "The many benefits of massage include relaxation and healing, easement of tension, stiffness and pain, improvement in breathing and circulation and the enhancement of well-being. It is a detoxifica-

tion and purification process. Gift certificates are available and a soothing massage makes a wonderful gift."

"Anyone who comes to this spa will have the best care and we will suit the care

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The developers of the Crossing Waterfront Condominiums are assisting with the beautification of the Crossing Beach area in Marsh Harbour. Project Manager, Mr. Niels Wiethuechter, had one of his crew build a picnic bench and table which is now being enjoyed by many local families on their excursions to Crossing Beach. The developers will be donating a similar bench and table for the use of the taxi drivers at the ferry dock.



Wood You and Palm Cottage shops in Marsh Harbour held an Open House on November 30 displaying a variety of furnishings and accessories for the home. Here Mrs. Debbie Malone is interested in purchasing a Santa decoration while Mr. John Mitchell looks on.

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to each client's need," assured Ms. Ferguson.

Ms. Gibson may be contacted at 468-4238 and Ms. Ferguson may be contacted at 426-9169.

Open House at Palm Cottage and Wood You

By Jennifer Hudson

Palm Cottage is a very attractive store to visit at any time of the year with its large array of distinctive furniture and accessory items but at the Open House on November 30 it was a festive delight with the addition of twinkling lights, Christmas trees and an assortment of Christmas elves and Santas.

Store Manager, Mrs. Shanna Albury, graciously welcomed customers to her very cheerful and homely store and stated that she thanked all the people who have faithfully supported her in Palm Cottage's first year of business. "It is hard to start a new business, but it has been better than I thought it would," she stated. "I wanted to provide something different, and I also try to figure out what people want and buy items which are affordable."



Cost Right Wholesale Grocery Store in Marsh Harbour held a special promotion on December 1, inviting the public to view their merchandise, enjoy sale prices on a number of items and enjoy snack food while browsing. Two staff from Asa Pritchard in Nassau, Arieka Major Hannah and Tally Major, were offering samples of brand-named foods carried in the store. The store is now under the management of Mr. Knowles from Nassau.

Palm Cottage has on display a distinctive selection of very comfortable rattan sofa sets upholstered in various florals, stripes and striking blue and white nautical designs. There is also a Pandora's box of unusual rugs, lamps, bowls, whimsical signs and other decorative items. When asked what are the best sellers, Mrs. Albury replied, "Rugs, lamps and candles."

On entering the store persons were offered a glass of white wine or champagne and invited to partake of some tasty hors d'oeuvres. Everyone was enjoying brows-

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ing the wonderful display of merchandise and purchasing Christmas gifts for others and goodies for their own homes.

The Wood You store, which shares the other half of the large glass fronted premises on Don MacKay Boulevard just south of the Bahamas Electricity Corporation office, was also hosting an Open House. All of the furniture in the store is made from 100 percent natural wood from such exotic places as Malaysia, China and Brazil, via a distributor in Jacksonville, Florida, and what a delightful woody aroma greets one on entering. The store is packed to capacity with a huge array of furniture items including beds and bedroom sets, dining table

sets, bookcases and entertainment centres, chests, cabinets and occasional tables.

Wood You was established here on Abaco three years ago but has been in its present location for just one year which is a plus for Palm Cottage, considers Mrs. Shanna Albury.

Christian Counseling Centre Opens

By Jennife dson

The official opening of the Christian Counseling Centre in Marsh Harbour took place on November 30 though the centre had unofficially opened last month after about two years of planning. The office is upstairs in the D&S Building sharing an office with the office of Pathfinders and the

Chamber of Commerce. Several members of the Board of Directors from Nassau were in attendance. "This was once just an impression on the heart and mind of someone, but they acted on it and so we have something to celebrate today," stated Dr. Susan Newbold, Mistress of Ceremonies. Dr. Newbold is a psychologist, counselor and educator who said, "I deem it a privilege to carry out the training for the team of Abaco counselors," and she reminded everyone present, "We are all touching lives directly or indirectly every day; I challenge you not to squander any opportunity that comes your way to impact lives every day as it is done as to the Lord."

Ms. Erika Lowe, who has recently completed three months of specialized, hands-on counseling training in Nassau in addition to her bachelor's degree and other previous instruction, is the full time counselor in charge of the centre and gave the welcome address, "I am passionate and blest to be in this position. I hope to meet all here one-on-one after the ceremony and hope all feel welcome," she stated.

Remarks were presented by the Vice Chairman of the Board of the Christian Counseling Centre in Nassau, Mr. Michael Symonette, who said that he was very encouraged to see all of the people who turned out to support the Christian Counseling Centre on Abaco. "Reach out and touch hurting souls as done to the Lord." He then sang a most beautiful and moving rendition of the song Touch Through Me.

Pastor Frederick Arnett, Execu-

tive Director of the Christian Counseling Centre in Nassau, gave a brief history of its work, stating that in the past 21 years of its existence, the centre has completed over 38,000 consultations. "It takes a real person to recognize that they need help and to come and ask help. My prayer is that we will see many lives transformed by the work of this centre here on Abaco," he stated and underscored the importance of confidentiality saying, "Whatever is said here stays in here."

Following Erika Lowe's introduction of the team of part-time counselors on Abaco, Ruth Pinder, Coral Johnson, Ruth Smith and Tim and April Higgs, everyone went

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Van's Insurance Company hosted a dinner to show its appreciation of its patrons. The dinner was held at the Jib Room on December 6. Mrs. April Parotti, right, owner of the business, is shown with her staff, Sabrina Sweeting, left, and Kathy Whiting.



A Christian Counseling Center has recently opened in Marsh Harbour. Shown here are Ruth Pinder, Coral Johnson, Tim Higgs and Erica Lowe, all part of the group of concerned Abaco residents who have opened this much needed facility. Ms. Lowe is a full time counsellor at the office while the others are being trained as counsellors.

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Prime Minister is honoured



The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, was presented the Star of the Caribbean Award from the Caribbean Central American Action (CCAA) on December 5

in Miami, Florida. According to the CCAA, the Star of the Caribbean Award is given in recognition of "distinguished service and committed efforts to improve the economic well being of the people of the Caribbean Basin." The CCAA added that Prime Minister Ingraham has consistently called for honest, open, transparent and accountable government and his terms in government have been marked by deliberate reductions in the size of government and the promotion of private sector led economic development, both local and international. He and his government were credited with the revitalization of The Bahamas economy since 1992, most particularly in its tourism and financial services sectors. Shown is Mr. Ingraham being presented with the award by Manuel Rosales, Caribbean Central American Action official, with the Hon. Brent Symonette, Deputy Prime Minister looking on. CCAA is a non-governmental organization that promotes private sector led economic development in the Caribbean.

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outside for the unveiling of the plaque by Betty Roberts of Nassau, who has been the driving force behind the project.

A closing vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Ruth Pinder, who thanked the board in Nassau for its vision and will to carry out the training of persons here and asked for the continued prayers and support of all present. She stated for the benefit of second homeowners that the Christian Counseling Centre is a non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible.

Following the formal opening which was attended by a very pleasing number of persons, all gathered for light refreshments and a time of fellowship with the board and counselors.

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able after expressing their opinions if their opinions are not widely held. When asked to withhold a name, we are very careful never to divulge that name. However, we do have to know who wrote the letter and we verify that there is such an individual. If someone wants a letter published, we will have to know his name.

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South Abaco News

Sandy Point Spanish Club welcomes Tourism's foreign language unit

By Shawn Roberts

The Buenos Amigos Spanish Club was pleased to welcome two staff members from the Ministry of Tourism's Foreign Language unit from Nassau, Shena Newton, General Manager, and Joy Johnson, Senior Manager. The unit offers tours in Nassau that are conducted in Spanish.

At the Spanish Club we continue to educate ourselves in the language and culture, realizing that if we are going to be able to move with the times of globalization, we must prepare now.

Viva el espanol!

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Newest Arrival

Congratulations to new parents Darrell and Kelly Pinder on the birth of their first child, a son, Nicholas Anthony, born in Nassau on November 15th. Kelly is employed with Buds and Blooms, and Darrell is self employed and does outboard motor repairs and rebuilding. Mother and baby are doing just fine.

Kid's Korner

Christmas Program

A nearly full house was on hand to hear the children's Christmas Program at Epworth Chapel. Directors Ellen Curry and Doreen Albury have to be commended for putting together such a well organized and entertaining program. The children were well rehearsed

and managed to perform to near perfection. Parents, family and friends came out to enjoy their performance and holiday refreshments were served immediately afterwards at the back of the church.

In addition to the evening's entertainment, local townsfolk were able to say their personal "goodbyes" to Rev. Steven

Hale, who will be returning to the U.S. on December 30th after a year and a half on Abaco as the District Director for St. Andrews Methodist Church in Dundas Town, St. James Methodist Church in Hope Town

and Epworth Chapel in Cherokee. Rev. Hale quickly won the hearts of his parishioners. A district-wide farewell luncheon will be held

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Youth in Sandy Point enjoy being part of a community band. They are shown here at one of their marching practices.



The children attending Kid's Korner in Cherokee put on a program for their families and friends. It included songs and recitations. The well rehearsed program was well received.



Ms. Shena Newton and Ms. Joy Johnson with the Foreign Language unit of Tourism in Nassau pose with some members of the Buenos Amigos Spanish Club in Sandy Point.

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Mr. Ingraham explains government's view of Baker's

By Julian Lockhart

With the development of Baker's Bay, the expansion and continual building of the Abaco Club and with two new developments opening in the southern part of Abaco, the public treasury is going to sustain a major boom in tax dollars from the island. These taxes are going to be levied from wages, property sales, tariffs and real property tax – which will be a consistent yearly tax paid by the home owners in these developments – and will reach the hundreds of millions of dollars over the next 10 years.

Prime Minister of the Bahamas, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, visited the Baker's Bay development for the first time since taking over the government and stated that before the end of the year Baker's Bay will pay the Treasury \$25 million and that is just the beginning of the amount of taxes the Bahamas and Abaco will gain.

A number of Abaconians feel that more of this money should be returned to Abaco to be used by Abaco and that Abaco should get a larger share of the taxes that are levied by the island.

However, Prime Minister Ingraham said that Abaco gets more than its fair share and that Abaconians don't realize how much it costs the government to run Abaco and the taxes they pay are definitely not enough.

Mr. Ingraham said, "Tell them, (Abaconians who feel more of the taxes Abaco pays should stay on Abaco) Hubert Ingraham said they are dead wrong. Abaco is getting its fair share and will continue to get its fair share. They ought not to have

a view that this money they are thinking they are putting in the treasury is more than what is costing the Government to run Abaco. We know what Abaco needs, Abaco has elected us (Free National Movement) to govern and you (Abaco) will wait its turn. Abaco will get its share and so will the rest of The Bahamas," he added.

Central government has to pay the wages for all government school teachers, nurses and doctors, policemen, immigration and custom officers, employees of all government agencies, rent for these agencies and the housing for any worker who is not from Abaco. This does not take into account the maintenance of the roads, clinics, airports and all other incidentals that Central Government have to pay for to run Abaco.

Member of Parliament for South Abaco, Mr. Edison Key, said he just wants Abaco to get its fair share and is pushing for the completion of the new runway and terminal at the Marsh Harbour airport to better support the developments that are in place and the ones to come in Abaco.

Mr. Key said, "I would like to thank you (Prime Minister Ingraham) for coming

and the impressive show of support from the government. We are spending a lot of money to progress with this project. We are proud to be here and are happy to be here. We embrace not only the environment but also the culture and people of the

Bahamas. There will be hundreds of millions of dollars in stamp tax. This will be a huge impact on Abaco and Guana Cay economically. We cater to a fairly wealthy and influential market," Mr. Key concluded.



The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, Prime Minister, held a brief press conference during his tour of Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club on December 8. He reiterated his support of the development and answered several of the concerns of critics. He is shown here with Mr. Michael Meldman, a Director of Discovery Land Development Company on the left, and Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco.



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People in the News

Mr. Benjamin Beneby Leaves Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

The last day of November was the last day as Manager of Bahamas Electricity, Abaco, for Mr. Benjamin Beneby. In a short interview, Mr. Beneby stated, "I leave with mixed feelings. I have been here for nine and a half years but look forward to the challenge of my new posting as Project Engineer in Nassau as I will be dealing with new growth and additions. During my tenure on Abaco I have seen tremendous growth; but there have also been lots of challenges in trying to keep things going. The staff has increased from 60 to 83 during this time but still more specific staff are needed in some areas. The increasing cost of fuel, which absorbs 73 percent of our revenue, provides a challenge to running this operation.



Benjamin Beneby

"Next year there will be even more challenges for BEC Abaco due to increased growth and the limited number of machines here. The 17 machines which provide the power are small and keep breaking down. The situation is not as bad as it used to be but not as good as I would like it to be."

When asked about the new power station for Abaco, Mr. Beneby stated "A new power station would have made my life a lot easier. The powers that be are saying

that it will be ready by 2008 but that will not happen as it is not even started yet."

At the close of Mr. Beneby's last day in office, the staff of BEC Abaco held a leaving party in his honour. Present to wish him well in addition to BEC staff were Mr. Cephas Cooper, Central Abaco Administrator, and heads of various government departments. Mr. Beneby was presented with a set of luggage as a going away gift.

Mr. Beneby, a BEC veteran of 20 years, thanked his Abaco staff for everything and admonished them, "When the new manager arrives, don't say that Mr. Beneby did things this way or that way; Beneby is gone."

Anthony Maillis Celebrates 90 Years

By Jennifer Hudson

Congratulations to Mr. Anthony Maillis on reaching the distinction of being 90 years of age. Now a resident of Marsh Harbour,

Mr. Maillis was born in Nassau on December 4, 1917, and celebrated his 90th milestone with family and friends at a beach party on December 1.

Family members from Nassau and the United States flew in to join a large group of friends and family members from Abaco at Gilpin Point in South Abaco. Unfortunately, torrential rain and a keen wind de-



Anthony Maillis

Birthday is celebrated



Abaco's new Immigration Chief, Mrs. Fausteen Major Smith, celebrated a birthday recently. While she was accompanying the Prime Minister on his recent tour of Baker's Bay, the staff there gave her a surprise birthday cake with much whoopla. She is shown here sharing a piece of her cake with one of her staff, Montello Gibson.

Mr. Maillis has led a very interesting life. He spent several years in New York where he trained as an opera singer, having won four scholarships to train at Carnegie Hall under one of the best Italian opera singers of that time. He performed in New York and often "filled in" scenes at the Met. At his birthday party recordings were played of Mr. Maillis' singing The Lord's Prayer and Gounod's Ave Maria which had been recorded during his heyday. They are still in remarkably good condition and his voice is truly amazing. Mr. Maillis began singing at the age of three years and his great interest in opera was awakened by his father who had a collection of Caruso records which he would play on the old gramophone by getting his son to wind the handle. The young boy would hum along and thus his love of opera was born.

After surviving a couple of close calls while serving on the destroyer during the war, Mr. Maillis returned home to Nassau where he began business with a fishing boat and supplied the Nassau Seafloor Aquarium with live fish for nine years. He formed Nature Girl Cruises which gave charter sightseeing boat tours. I have been told by people who would see him going up and down the harbour that he always sang for his customers while driving the boat. Mr. Maillis told me that one day he was singing opera when one of the ladies went up to him and said, "I sing, too." She then told him her name - Celine Dion. She sang for him and they became very good friends. She would call him from Canada and ask him to take her out on his boat when she was next in Nassau which he did a total of six times.

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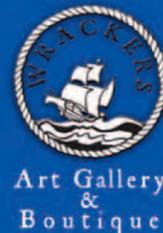
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Nowadays Mr. Maillis enjoys Abaco where it is quieter and he enjoys cooking, especially spaghetti which he learnt to cook while staying with an Italian family in New York. "He cooks the best spaghetti," echo his grandchildren who think the world of their grandfather. They have fond memories of his taking them out on his boat conching and snorkeling, playing cards with them (which he is still very good at) and feeding wild pigeons which became as tame as pets.

Mr. Maillis is married to Marjorie (nee Roberts) and they have two sons and a daughter, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. We wish Mr. Maillis many more happy years of retirement on Abaco.

Gymnast is making Bahamian history

By Jennifer Hudson

Twenty-five-year-old Troy Maillis has already begun to put The Bahamas on the world scene of gymnastics having recently competed very successfully in the World Gymnastics Championships in Stuttgart, Germany. He represented The Bahamas in the floor exercises and, though he did not qualify to compete in the 2008 Beijing

Olympics, he "gained valuable experience and made great connections" and is working on getting credentials to go as an athlete representative.



Troy Maillis

Troy's love of gymnastics began at the age of seven when he enjoyed tumbling on the beach. He received his first basic training at St. Andrew's School in Nassau during his lunch hours and was then "discovered" by Trevor Ramsey, coach at Nassau 'Nastics, who encouraged him further. "It was during the Atlanta Olympic Games that I became really hooked," said Troy, who by then had moved with his family to Florida. He began competing at the age of 13, firstly in all routines but now concentrating on floor exercise and vault. In 2003 Troy made history by being the first Bahamian to ever get to the World Championships for gymnastics.

Whilst studying for a degree in public relations at the University of Florida, Troy continued to train privately and compete in local and state meets. He represented Nas-

sau 'Nastics at a national meet in Colorado Springs in 2005.

Troy has a very busy schedule since, in addition to his job with a public relations firm, he fits in freelance work, gymnastics coaching and training. "I am still relatively young for a male gymnast and am at a good age for competing," says Troy, whose next major events will be the World Championships in London in 2009 and in Prague in 2011. "These are the next best thing to the Olympics," he says. At the 2011 World Championships Troy will have the chance to try for a place in the 2012 Olympics but "that is a long term goal," he says. "I prefer to think more about close range targets."

Having worked since graduation in Florida and Toronto, Troy will soon be moving to Manhattan, New York, to further advance his gymnastic career. He is very excited that he will be training at the Chelsea Piers Gym with the very well renowned coach, Peter Kormann, who won a medal in the 1972 Olympics and was the Olympic Head Coach for the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games.

The Bahamas is already a mighty sports nation in the field of tennis, sailing, athletics, basketball and boxing, and Troy is eager to add gymnastics to that list. "My

number one goal is to get The Bahamas out there in the discipline of gymnastics," he enthuses.

Troy is the son of Abaco resident, Perry Maillis, and enjoys spending time visiting family on Abaco a couple of times a year. He would love to see the children of Abaco being introduced to the sport of gymnastics and likes to encourage the young people. "This morning while I was driving along I noticed some young children doing flips off garbage cans; I was excited to see them as that is how I started," he reminisces, "so I stopped and did a few tumbles for them and gave them some pointers and encouragement."

We wish Troy much success and will watch for his name in the sport of gymnastics.

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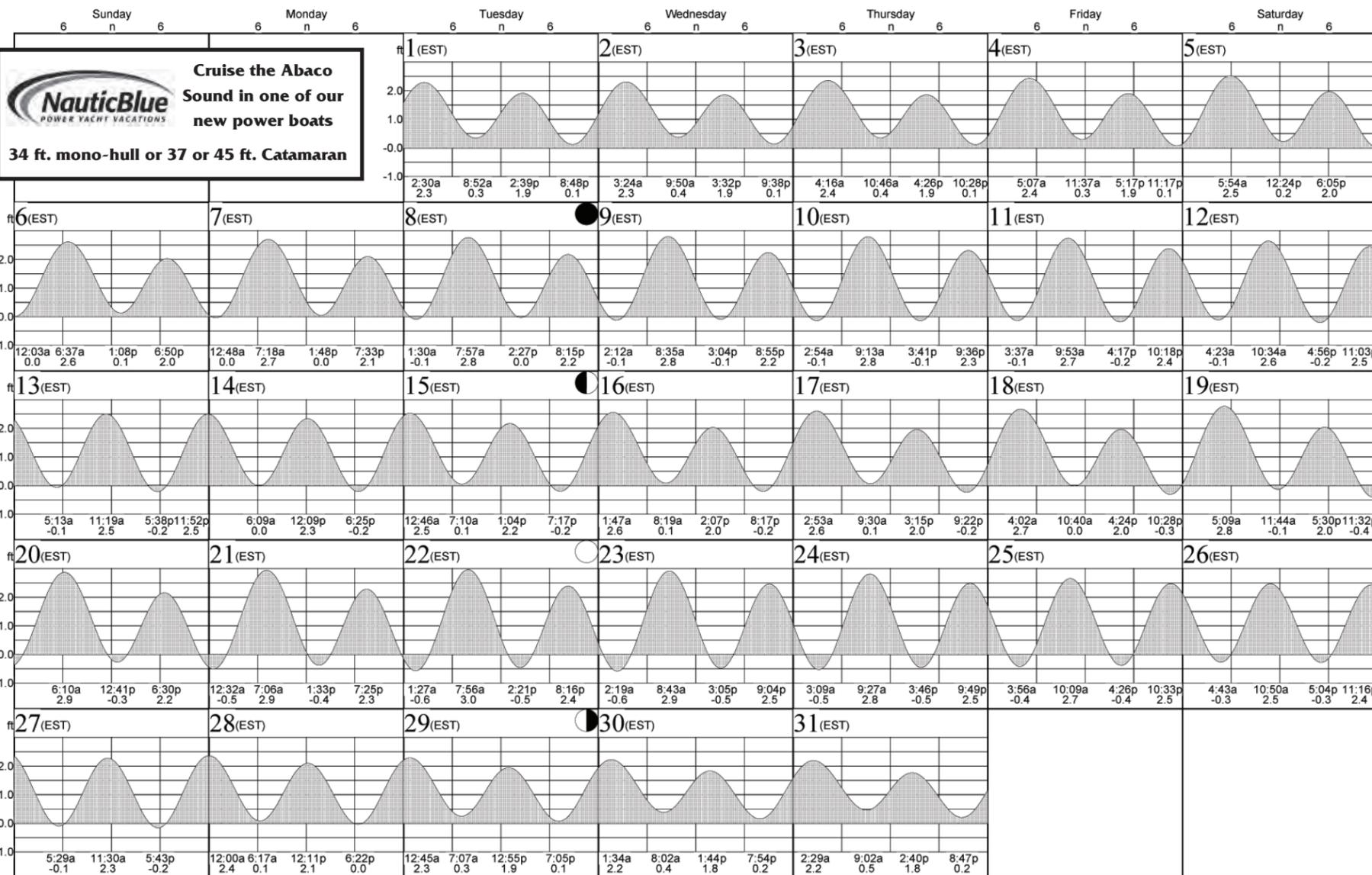
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Science Conference will feature Bahamian research

By Jennifer Hudson

Thanks to generous donations from the First Caribbean International Bank and the Royal Bank of Canada students from high schools throughout Abaco will have the opportunity to attend the third Abaco Science Alliance Conference 2008 to be held from January 3-5.

The aim of the conference, which is hosted by the Friends of the Environment, "is to share scientific knowledge of Abaco and the Bahamian environment with local people and other researchers." Friends hopes to "encourage more research in the area for educational purposes and to stimulate the use of these findings in local environmental management decisions and provide a forum for the networking of researchers and the sharing of scientific information in and around Abaco."

On January 3 a Welcome Reception will be held in the Friends of the Environment's new Educational Centre and will combine the official opening of the Friends of the Environment's Educational Centre and the third Abaco Science Alliance Conference.

During the following two days the conference will be held at New Vision Min-

istries when approximately 16 speakers from Nassau and the United States will make Power Point presentations on a wide variety of interesting environmental subjects. Some of these will include Dr. John Durban on Bottlenose Dolphin Research on Little Bahama Bank, Diane Claridge on Whale Surveys, Dr. Craig Layman on Tidal Creek Research on Abaco, Allison Higgins on Plants and Products to Keep Your Yard Island Friendly, Dr. Charles Kwit on Spatiotemporal Patterns of Rainfall throughout the Bahamian Archipelago, 1961-1990 and Dr. Keith Tinker on Cultural Heritage and Tourism in the Bahamas. There will be poster presentations by several organizations. A closing reception will be held on Saturday January 3.

All interested persons are invited to attend this conference. There will be an admission fee of \$100 to defray costs. "Friends is very grateful to the two sponsoring banks for providing funding for students to attend as the main emphasis is on educating the public and we hope that the young people will become involved in the work of saving the environment," stated Mrs. Anita Knowles, organizer of the event.

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in his honour on the 16th of December at St. Andrews. We all wish for him God's blessing, a safe journey and success in any new assignment. Although his time on Abaco was short, he certainly left his mark on the community, and he will be greatly missed.

Christmas in Cherokee

After the Kid's Korner Program the second item on the calendar is the school Christmas party and the first arrival of Santa Claus to hand out presents to all the children. After that comes the annual Candlelight Service which will take place this year on December 23rd. And, last but not least, is the lighting of the community tree on Christmas Eve, the second arrival of Santa on his sleigh and again, more presents for the children, being handed out.

In addition, in the week prior to Christmas there are carolers who sing familiar Christmas carols while passing through the community

and who take requests from the shut-ins and elderly. There are also the Fore-day meetings that are held in the Methodist Church a couple of days prior to Christmas as well as Christmas morning at 5 a.m.

Everyone looks forward to Christmas in Cherokee, including present residents as well as Cherokee-born persons who might now live in other places. They all try to be home for the holidays. Needless to say, the Cherokee family is growing larger every year, and they all want to join in the fun of seeing all the bright eyed children as they wait for Santa's arrival at the community tree in front of the Methodist Church, keeping up a tradition that has been taking place every December 24th for more than half a century. But, more than anything the people come to mix and meet with past school chums, old friends and family. It's that one time of the year when warmth and good cheer abound and everyone is wishing everyone A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Luggage \$1.00 each over four, Surf boards \$4.00 ea.	
Between Treasure Cay Airport and: Effective 13 Nov 05	
Treasure Cay Resort	\$20 + \$5
Madeira Park	\$14 + \$4
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$8 + \$4
Moxy	\$18 + \$5
Bahamas Star farm	\$24 + \$5
Sand Banks	\$24 + \$5
Joe's Creek, Leisure Lee	\$44 + \$10
Black Wood	\$18 + \$5
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$37 + \$5
Cedar Harbour	\$55 + \$5
Wood Cay	\$60 + \$5
Mount Hope	\$65 + \$5
Fox Town	\$70 + \$5
Crown Haven	\$75 + \$5
Marsh Harbour Airport	\$75 + \$10
T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$65 + \$10
T C Hotel to G Turtle Ferry (Blue Hole \$24)	\$18 + \$ 5
T C Hotel to Bonefish Marles	\$22 + \$5
T C Hotel to Joe's Creek	\$35 + \$5
T C Hotel to Moxey	\$16 + \$5
T C Hotel to Banyan Bch Club XX	\$ 6 + \$3
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$75 + \$10

Airlines Serving Abaco	
Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
Chaulks - Ft. Lauderdale	954-359-0329
Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
Island Express - Ft Lauderdale	367-0169
Southern Air - Nassau	367-2498
Twin Air Calypso - Fort Lauderdale	367-0140
Vintage Props & Jets - New Smyrna B.	367-4852
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Local air charters serving Bahamas & S. Florida	
Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-3450

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

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Items of interest • Man-O-War boat yards • Blackwood blue hole & sisal mill • Cedar Harbour plantation ruins - need guide • Hole in Wall lighthouse - last mire very rough road • Abaco wild horses by appointment 367-4805 • Bird watching - ask tourism 367-3067

Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

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

Abaco Ferry Service	VHF Ch 16 • MH/HT One way \$15 / RT \$20 • Children 6 - 12 half fare,
Marsh Harbour > Hope Town	7:00am* 8:50 10:20 12: pm 1:55 3:55* 5:40
(Limited Sunday Schedule) Return	7:55 am 9:30 11 12:30pm* 2:55 5 6:15
Marsh Harbour > White Sound	7am 12pm 3:15 Return 7:40 1:10 4:25
* to or from White Sound	
Albury's Ferry Service	Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16
Marsh Harbour > Hope Town	7:15 am 9 10:30 12:15 pm 2 4 5:45
Return	8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 5 6:30
Marsh Harbour > Man-O-War	10:30 am 12:15 pm 4 5:45*
Return	8 am 11:30 1:30 pm 4:30
Marsh H. > Guana Cay (& Scotland Cay with advance notice) from Conch Inn	* Not on Sundays
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock)	10:30 1:30 pm 3:30
Return	8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45
Same day fare • Adult prepaid oneway \$16 / Round Trip \$22, • • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free	

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride

Green T Cay to Treasure Cay Airport	8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30
T Cay to Green T Cay	8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5

New Plymouth one way adult \$10 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$15 • Extra to some G T Cay docks

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16

Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday Lv 12 & returns 4:45 p.m. \$25 RT

T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm \$35 RT

T Cay to Guana Cay Sunset Cruise - Fr \$25, call for time

Pinder's Ferry Service Between Abaco & Grand Bahama -

Crown Haven, Abaco to McLean's Town, Grand Bah. -Daily 7:00 am & 2:30 pm

McLean's Town to Crown Haven - return Daily 8:30 am & 4:30 pm

Fare \$45 OW / \$90 RT • Children half fare • Call Abaco 365-2356 for information

Bus between Freeport and McLean's Town • Rental automobiles at both terminals.

Bahamas Ferries Sandy Point to Nassau under 4 Hr. Call Sandy Point 366-4119 or Marsh Harbour 367-5250 for sailing dates • Adults \$95 RT, \$55 OW • Cars & trucks

Enovahs Bus Service - Hourly bus through Murphy Town, Dundas Town & Marsh Harbour to Ferry dock. Spring City early morning & late afternoon.

The Great Abaco Express Marsh Harbour bus to N Abaco • Call 367-2165

Lv Marsh H. 5 am & 12:30 pm, connect with ferry to Grand Bahama & bus to Freeport

Lv Crown Haven 9:30 am & 5:30 pm bringing ferry passengers to Marsh Harbour

Abaco Marinas - Slips Fuel Phone	
Walker's Cay	Closed
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	45..... F..... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32..... F..... 365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15..... 365-4531
Other Shore Club	12..... F..... 365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10..... F..... 365-4033
Treasure Cay	
Treasure Cay Marina	150..... F..... 365-8250
Man-O-War	
Man-O-War Marina	26..... F..... 365-6008
Marsh Harbour	
Boat Harbour Marina	183..... F..... 367-2736
Conch Inn	75..... F..... 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36..... F..... 367-2182
Marsh Harbour Marina	52 F 367 2700
Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	16..... 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	..... 366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6..... F..... 366-0154
Sea Spray	50..... F..... 366-0065
Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina	75..... F..... 365-0083
Guana Cay	
Orchid Bay	32..... F..... 365-5175
Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

Tours & Excursions	
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
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Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0024
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0431

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Bikes & Scooters • Boats • Cars & Carts	
Rentals * Marsh Harbour	
A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
B & B Boat Rentals	367-7368
Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Power Cat Boat Rentals	
Quality Star Car Rentals (Texaco)	367-2979
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887
Green Turtle Cay	
Bay Street Rentals +	477-5300 365-4070
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D & P Cart Rental	365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
New Plymouth Cart Rentals	365-4188 or 4149
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts +	477-5497
T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055
Guana Cay	
Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Dive Guana Boats & Bikes	365-5178
Man-O-War	
Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6502
Island Treasures Cart Rentals	365-6072
Ria-Mar Golf Cart Rentals	365-6024
Waterways Boat Rental	357-6540 & 365-6143
Hope Town	
Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
J R's Cart Rental	366-0361
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069
Treasure Cay	
Alison Car Rent	365-8193
Cash's Carts	365-8771
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Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
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Vernal Burrows	Casuarina Point
Kendall White	Junior Albury366-3058
Anthony Bain 366-4107	Budy Pinder366-2165
Floyd Burrows 366-4175	Hope Town
Links Adderly 366-4335	Maitland Lowe366-0234
Valentino Lightbourne	North Abaco
Ricky Burrows 366-4233	O'Donald McIntosh..477-5037
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Jay Sawyer 367-3941	Jeff Survanco365-4040
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Tony Russell366-3259	

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Restaurant Guide

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

Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
Curly Tails	\$\$\$ 367-4444
Gino's	\$ 367-2002
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Hummingbird	\$\$ 367-2922
Jamie's Place	\$ 367-2880
Jib Room	\$\$\$ 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	..... 367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Pop's Place	\$ 367-3796
Sapodilly's	\$\$\$ 367-3498
Sea Shells	\$ 367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ 367-4005
Snappas	\$ 367-2278
Subway	..... 367-2798
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074

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

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

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

Guana Cay	
Blue Water Grill	\$\$\$ 365-5230
Grabbers	\$\$\$ 365-5133
Guana Seaside	\$\$\$ 365-5106
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Orchid Bay	..... 265-5175

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

Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro \$\$ 365-4200
Green Turtle Club \$\$\$ 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill \$\$



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SECTION B



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Police Band entertained at Festival

Christmas Bazaar featured popular entertainment



The Royal Bahamas Police Marching Band made an appearance at the Christmas Festival held in Marsh Harbour on December 8. The Pop Band made up of some of these same musicians played for an hour later in the evening. This band was very popular with everyone as they performed intricate maneuvers while playing a variety of Christmas music. Their colorful uniforms add greatly to their appeal.

By Jennifer Hudson

The spirit of the Christmas season certainly came to Marsh Harbour on December 8 when, from 12 noon to 11 p.m., the Abaco Christmas Festival brought people together from all over Abaco to enjoy all the fun of the fair with its many varied attractions. As our Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham said in his opening address, "There is obviously something here for everyone- men and women, young and old, locals and visitors."

As always plenty of food stalls satisfied the Bahamians' love of food from conch fritters to full dinners and plenty of cakes, pastries and homemade ice-cream to top it all off. The smells from the many stalls were tantalizing. It was good to find that thought had been given to providing a place for people to sit and eat and plenty of tables and chairs had been placed under a nice big shady tent which was also appreciated by people with weary legs to get a little respite.

People looking for Christmas gifts or even treats for themselves had plenty

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Ministry of Education Hosts First Festival of the Carols

By Samantha V. Evans

Under the theme Sailing into Christmas through Abaco, the Department of Education held its first Festival of Carols at Church of God Cathedral in Dundas Town on December 4th. Students from public and private schools came in large numbers to render selections and to support their school mates as spectators. Bishop Anthony Campbell brought brief remarks to officially begin the carol service by saying that Christmas time is the season of love. It is a time that each person should find someone to share the holiday spirit with.

Administrator Theophilus Cox from

North Abaco stated that as adults, we have to show the students the way of the future. They will follow the examples we set but we must set the right examples for them to follow.

Mrs. Black stated that is proud to have been asked to lead this district that is made up of so many hard working people. She stated that the students represented our district well. It took a team effort to make that program such a resounding success.

The carol service message was delivered Rev. Stafford Symonette of Full Gospel

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Block Party drew shoppers



The Block Party held in Marsh Harbour on December 7 was a popular place to see friends and socialize while Christmas shopping. Six shops combined to provide a delightful evening for Abaco residents to shop in a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere. See story on page 10.

Min. of Health visited clinics



The Hon. Dr. Hubert Minnis, Minister of Health and Social Development, spent a couple of days on Abaco acquainting himself with the clinics on the island and hearing about problems facing the medical staff. He is shown at St. Andrews Methodist Church where he met with staff from the clinics, Environment Health and Social Services. He is the tall gentleman on the left side of the photo. See story on page 8.

BAIC classes use native materials

By Mirella Santillo

Pursuing its efforts to teach Bahamians to use their natural environment to produce craft items made in the country, the Bahamian Agriculture and Industrial Corporation has been offering several new craft training sessions on Abaco. A shell jewelry making class took place from November 7th to the 16th in Marsh Harbour and a straw class was offered in Hard Bargain, Moore's Island, from November 26th to December 6th.

Mrs. April Fox-Martin, a shell products manufacturer since 1995, came from Nassau to teach the shell class which was held at Abaco Central High School. For 10 days, 21 people learnt about shells, how to sort them, clean them and how to use them to design jewelry items such as hair pins, clips, combs, earrings, bracelets and

necklaces. They were even taught how to make home decoration items such as lamps and picture frames.

Straw plaiting was the first craft class ever to be offered on Moore's Island. It started with a ceremony held at the Moore's Island's All-Age School where the training was to take place. The Moderator was Ms. Patrice Cox, who is in charge of coordinating the BAIC classes on Abaco, while the introduction of the trainer was made by Ms. Lillian Laing. Seventeen people attended the class instructed by a well qualified teacher, Mrs. Eloise Smith, a native of Exuma who learnt the craft from her mother. Besides teaching in several seminars,

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Festival entertains hundreds

Festival

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of stalls to browse around. Some of the crafts offered were baskets, bags, shell art pieces, half model boats, a line of greeting cards from prints of artist's originals and a plethora of very attractive Christmas tree decorations. Several stalls offered jewelry while others sold clothing, shoes and other sundries.

Several organizations and clubs took part including the Friends of the Environment which was promoting their Green Bags and encouraging membership, the Rotary Club, Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club, Humane Society of Abaco, Junior Achievers, Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue and the St. Francis de Sales and Forest Heights Academy Interact Clubs. The Abaco Club on Winding Bay this year sponsored the Photos with Santa booth in addition to the donations of gifts to children which they traditionally make.

For the young (and young at heart) there were games, face painting and a

bouncy castle and a Flashers stall which was very popular. Flashers soon sold out of cans of Crazy String which provided the children great fun covering each other (and anyone else who happened to get in the way) with strings of pink and blue "stuff."

The festival began with the blessing of the Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club members who drove off on their traditional ride through Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town and Murphy Town distributing candies and goodies. Various musical items by choirs, bands and soloists followed providing a va-

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The lot across from Memorial Plaza in Marsh Harbour was transformed into a festival site with all the attractions anyone could want. People from all towns on Abaco came and went throughout the day with the biggest crowds coming after dark.



Ms. Jeritzen Outten, second from left, returned to Abaco for the Christmas Festival that she was instrumental in creating. She was the first Director of Tourism for Abaco and was on Abaco for three years. She was presented with a plaque for her excellent service while she was here. With her are members of the Festival Committee, Mrs. Brenda Sawyer, Ms. Wynsome Ferguson and Mrs. JoAnn Bradley.

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Joe's Creek



Joe's Creek is about 14 miles North of Marsh Harbour
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Guana Cay



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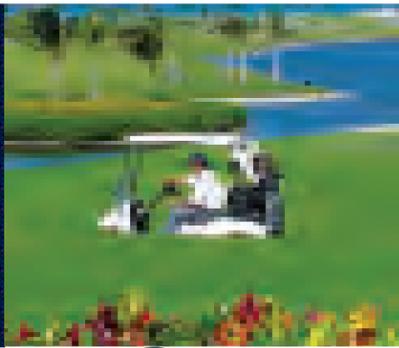
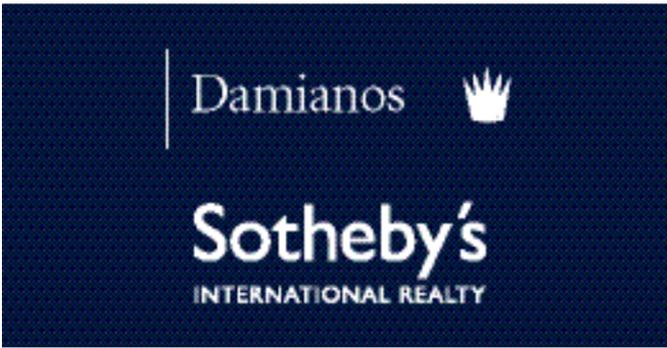
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The Abaco Dog Training Club held a demonstration of obedience tests for dogs in the program. Shown here is Mrs. Brenda Sawyer with her Golden Retriever, Shadow. The trainers are Mrs. Maureen Koepp and Mrs. Amanda Darville, who can boast that their dogs rate well with dogs nationally in obedience training. The Abaco Humane Society held a competition for the best dressed dog and the dog that could do the best tricks.



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competition, each one showing off its own unique moves. Katy, handled by 8-year-old Rebekah Higgs, came in first for her dance, a High 5 and a rollover while Belle and Casey came in second and third.

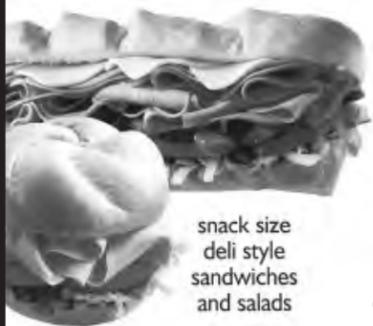
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Entertainment was scheduled throughout the day. Tents for the comfort of the public included this one with comfortable chairs for viewing the stage where much of the entertainment took place. Another tent with picnic tables and benches provided comfortable seating for eating. The organizers made sure that those attending the Festival were well taken care of.



The Festival even had a clown in full regalia. He was seen working with the dogs at the dog show. The animals responded well to him.



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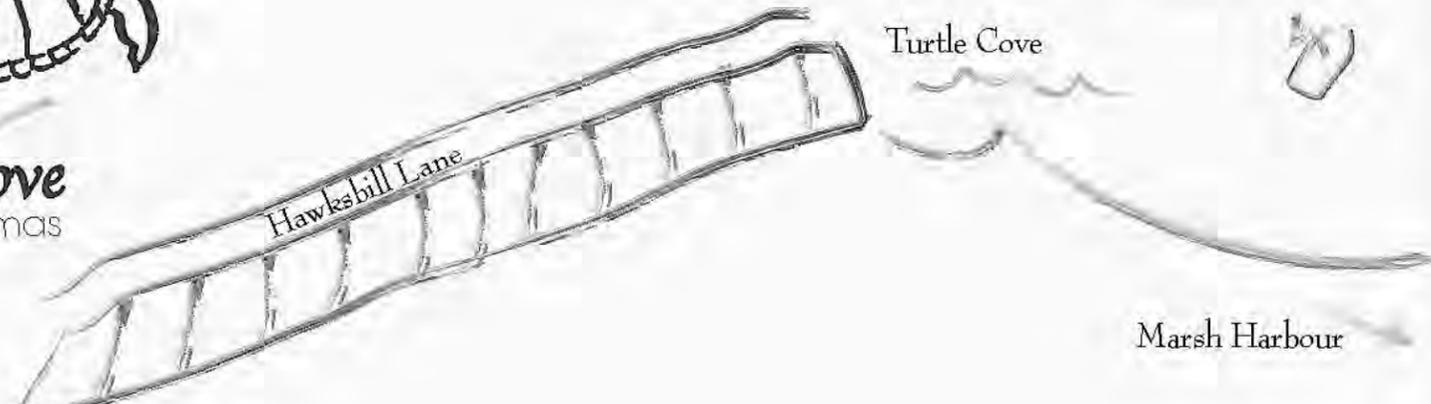
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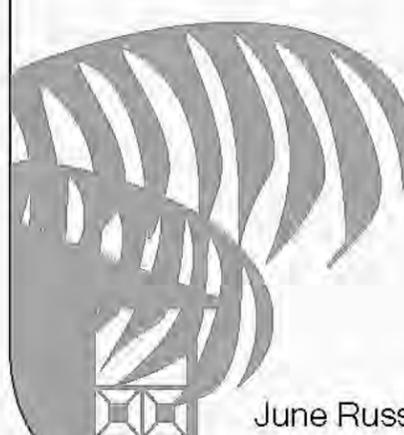


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ABBREVIATION CODE

EXC - Exclusive listing
 FGS - Full gross or all-inclusive price
 MLS - Multiple Listing
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Health Minister toured clinics, solid waste facility

The Hon. Dr. Hubert Minnis, Minister of Health and Social Development, was on Abaco on November 26 and 27 to visit many of Abaco's clinics including Fox Town, Cooper's Town and Green Turtle Cay in North Abaco.

After visiting facilities in Central Abaco he attended a luncheon at St. Andrews Methodist Church attended by staff from clinics, Environmental Health and Social Services since these departments are included in his portfolio. This consolidates the broad aspects of the health system.

During the luncheon Dr. Minnis commented on the facilities. He was

impressed with the outreach programs conducted by Marsh Harbour and Fox Town clinics. He was particularly impressed with the Fox Town social services staff who accompany the nurses on their home visits.

The staff emphasize healthier eating habits and exercise during their house visits to the elderly which translates to better life styles, resulting in reduced medication being necessary. He discovered that medications were often delivered late to clinic pharmacies and he'll work to improve the delivery of these medicines.

Tele-medical equipment has just been

installed in the Marsh Harbour clinic, the first Family Island clinic using the internet to connect with the hospital in Nassau. This will allow patients in Marsh Harbour to be examined by specialty physicians in Nassau. Canada has similar challenges and provides medical care to outlying and far flung communities by using tele-medical techniques to isolated or distant clinics.

It is hoped that this advanced diagnostic tool will reduce the emergency flights into Nassau. Abaco, Eleuthera and Exuma put the greatest burden on the air ambulance flights, and it is hoped

that this medical advance enabling local treatment will reduce the need for many of these flights. Dr. Minnis reaffirmed that a mini hospital should be constructed during this term of government.

The new landfill south of Spring City was visited and cited by Min. Minnis as being state-of-the-art. It is nearly ready to use with electricity being the last major item to be put in place.

Different areas within the facility have been designated as separation sites

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Dr. Hubert Minnis, Minister of Health and Social Development, was greeted by school children when he arrived in Hope Town on the ferry. He went to Hope Town to see first hand the clinic that is staffed with a nurse.



While on Abaco, Dr. Minnis viewed the solid waste landfill site that is close to being completed. Waste disposal is in his portfolio. When the new facility opens, garbage from the entire island will go to this site that is south of Spring City. The weigh station can be seen in the background.

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Solid waste landfill will open soon

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to remove and store recyclable items and keep bulky appliances out of the landfill. The design of this facility will eliminate underground fires which are frequent in the Nassau dump. The first of five disposal landfill cells is ready for use and is expected to have a five to six-year life before it becomes full and is sealed. Space has been allowed for four additional cells. The five cells are expected to give a 25 - 30 year life for the facility.

Tenders are now out requesting a management company to operate this

site. Improvements to the garbage and trash handling will come with time. It is planned to engage in recycling, but this will take some time to fully implement. Junked automobiles and other vehicles will be collected, crushed and shipped off the island.

Full utilization of this facility will take time as operational procedures are worked out and the public is educated in the best disposal practices.

Dr. Minnis stated that this facility is more modern than the landfill site in Nassau.

Accompanying the minister were Mrs. Barbara Burrows, Permanent Secretary;

Dr. Baldwin Carey, Consultant; and Principal and Senior Nursing Officers, Mrs. Gloria Gardiner and Mrs. Brenda Armbrister. Mr. Henry Moxey represented the Department of Environmental Health Services with extensive knowledge of the landfill operation.

An announcement is expected for a public meeting to be held to bring the public up-to-date on the landfill operation.



Dr. Hubert Minnis toured the clinics in North Abaco. Here he is discussing problems with Steve Pedican, Chief Councillor for North Abaco.



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A variety of gifts was offered at Block Party

By Jennifer Hudson

A block party on December 7 officially kicked off the Christmas shopping season for several stores along the Tourist Strip. Sharing in this event were Wrackers, John Bull, Abaco Gold, Conch Pearl Galleries, Fine Living and Java. Christmas lights, plenty of goodies to eat and drink, great displays of merchandise and a Junkanoo Rush out all combined to engender a festive spirit and encourage persons to take out their purses and begin working down their Christmas gift lists. Although there seemed to be fewer people out this year, the shop assistants, nevertheless, seemed to be kept busy which is what they were hoping for after what they are all deemed, "a very poor season which had not begun to pick up yet."

Peter Bradley of the Conch Pearl Gal-

lery welcomed people into the store to the delightful accompaniment of music played by Garnelle Stuart and Okasa Dawkins on keyboards. Peter is not only a fine jeweller but also an accomplished cook as was evident by the wonderful array of tasty ethnic foods prepared by himself. The shop contains a wide variety of arts and crafts, all by Bahamian artisans which include eight painters, three wood turners, a bronze artist, a stone artist and two jewellers.

While Peter likes to concentrate on conch pearl jewellery and is always looking for people who can supply conch pearls, he now has the assistance of a young lady who likes to work with sea glass. Vicki Forbes began working at the Conch Pearl Galleries three years ago on Saturdays while still a student at S.C. Bootle High School. She was the top student in art and her teacher thought she would do well in jewellery making. "She is now a fabulous jeweller who in a few years will be overtaking me," says Peter. In stock now is a new line of very unusual whimsical sculptured boxes by Marc Andre, who, though originally from Paris, now spends his time sailing the waters of Abaco.

Next door at Fine Living, Colette Bootle was happy to show her distinctive line of furniture and home décor, all of which are unusual handmade originals

from many countries including Spain, Indonesia, Mexico and The Bahamas. Some of her remarkable items are furniture made from water hyacinth and banana leaves and decorations made from sticks and other types of leaves. "Home décor accents are my best sellers, especially pillows and vases," says Colette. There are many other incredible items tucked into this eclectic store such as coconut necklaces, marble chess sets and colorful handmade shoes.

A tantalizing aroma of coffee was wafting out of Java, the coffee shop next door, and Kim Sands was



Three generations shopped together at the Block Party held in Marsh Harbour on December 7. Olivia Patterson, her mother, Debbie Gates Patterson, and grandmother, Mrs. Peggy Gates, enjoyed looking at art work and jewelry. Many people found that Christmas shopping was hassle free at the party.



Ms. Anita Rolle and Ms. Elaine Martinborough admire the art displayed at Wrackers during the Block Party



These shoppers are looking at Rolex watches.

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Shopping and socializing combined at Block Party

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kept busy serving her many different tasty drinks. As always her shop is an Aladdin's Cave of arts and crafts by Bahamian artists. The shelves were full to overflowing with pieces such as Abaco Ceramics pottery, shell photo frames and tree ornaments while the walls were hung with paintings and wood carvings, and shell mobiles hung from the ceiling. Java has been opening only in the mornings for the past few months but is now open normal full hours.

Abaco Gold's striking Christmas decora-

tions both outside and in along with special deals of 20 percent and 60 percent off some items certainly attracted a large number of customers and the shop assistants appeared extremely busy. Although Fresh Produce and Guy Harvey clothes lines, pottery and glassware and many other items are sold in the store, it seemed to be their very large line of jewellery, much of which is hand crafted, which was their biggest seller.

John Bull is well known for its wide assortment of perfumes and colognes and also for the many lines of watches and jewellery it carries. John Bull is the exclusive retailer in The Bahamas for Cartier, David Yur-

man, Tiffany and Rolex. New lines which they are offering are David Yurman's Graphite Ice Collection and John Hardy's Lavafire jewellery collection. Another new line is Women's Kawung Gold and Silver Balinese jewellery. Store Manager, Mrs. Sheree Wallas, was pleased with the number of sales during the evening; "The block party



This holiday season Junkanoo dancers were at the Block Party and the Christmas Festival. But that will be the only rush-outs that Central Abaco will enjoy this holliday season as the normal Junkanoo parades have been postponed until February.



Royal Bank manager Antonio Eyma is looking at the jewelry selection while a young shopper is fascinated by the display at another counter.

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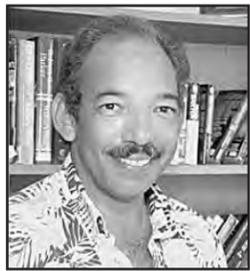


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Relaxed fishing rules will encourage boaters

By Julian Lockhart

After tremendous outcry from both foreign sports fishermen and marinas throughout The Bahamas, the new Free National Movement government amended the fishing regulations that were made into law in January of 2007 by the Progressive Liberal Party.

Marinas throughout the Bahamas and on Abaco saw their number of boats drop from the previous year as American boaters felt the new regulations were too stringent and thus decided not to come to The Bahamas or not stay as long as in past years.

The new revised fishing regulations were tabled in Parliament on November 14, 2007, by the Hon. Larry Cartwright, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Kevie Thomas of the Abaco Beach Resort and Marina said, "I think the damage is done and it is going to take us about a year and some to get the word back out to our customers before we can start to see a change. Our numbers are definitely down. We are down now from where we were last year, we are down 1,000 slip nights. It won't affect the tournaments but they come for a week at a time and that is to fish the tournaments and leave. It is going to affect our regular guests who normally stay for a couple of months to do their fishing. We just have to get the word out there with as many people as possible. You will definitely see a decline in the restaurants, food stores and taxis; they are all going to see it and feel it," Mrs. Thomas added.

The new regulation changes now allow for demersal fish or bottom feeding fish such as snappers or groupers a catch limit of 60 pounds or 20 fish per vessel.

For the pelagic species or migratory fish such as wahoo, tuna, kingfish and dolphin,

the catch limit is now 18 fish per vessel. If a sports fisherman catches more than this amount during a tournament, he is still only allowed to take the 18 out of the country on his boat.

The maximum number of crawfish per vessel is now 10, conch has now been moved from zero per vessel to six and no foreigner is allowed to capture or possess any marine turtles.

Mrs. Thomas said despite the changes, and they are beneficial, it is going to take a while for boaters to feel comfortable with The Bahamas again and trust that they won't have rules changed on them without any forewarning.

One facet of the regulations that was not cleared up was the keeping of the head and tail of each fish on the boat at all times so when a vessel comes to dock, the proper authorities can see how many fish are on board.

However, Mrs. Thomas said her clients want to know if they have to keep the head and tail around for the entire time they are in The Bahamas or just until they are checked out. She added that it takes a lot of space to store a whole fish, instead of just fillet.

Mrs. Thomas said, "You hear so many different stories of what is happening on different islands where people are being fined for silly things that don't make any sense. So a lot of people are angry at The Bahamas because their friend is being fined because they had one extra fish aboard the boat. It is things like that have to be addressed in a better way. Is it worth fining a guest who comes here for three months every year and spending all that money to be fined because he has an extra wahoo?" she added.

Abaco Beach Resort and Marina is the largest marina on Abaco and most of the tourist dollars that are generated in Marsh Harbour are done through the resort. With their numbers down, the financial repercussions will be felt by the restaurants, stores and other vendors associated with tourism in Marsh Harbour.

The Abaco Tourist Office is doing their best to get the word out to the boating community in the United States about the new changes and Melinda Williams said she got a lot of positive feedback at the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show in October about the changes.

The fishing tournaments held on Abaco should not be affected. However, those boats come in just for the tournament and the majority of them leave afterwards.

Ms. Williams said, "I just attended the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show in October during the same time the changes were made

to the regulations, and so far everyone I spoke to is very excited about it. They feel that it is quite fair, so I think we will have a beautiful season next year. I won't say it was a major dampening, but we did have a few set-backs and cancellations, but nothing major. I think the new regulations are good and some nice changes with the conch, lobster and fish. Most definitely the boaters are going to come back and it will be a good season next year and the boaters seem to be looking forward," she concluded.

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was definitely worthwhile," she said.
Linda Wiltfang, Manager of Wrackers Boutique, took me around the store showing me all of the new lines which are on display this year. They have several new lines of jewellery from designers in Nassau. One uses semi-precious stones to make very colorful pieces and the other uses copper, silver and rose gold to make very striking pieces which Mrs. Wiltfang describes as "wearable art which is so unique it really needs to be tried on to be fully appreciated." A line of wirework earrings was attracting a lot of attention and apparently sells well.

"Jewellery incorporating replicas of Atocha coins also sells well," stated Mrs. Wiltfang. This is made from the actual silver bars recovered from the 1622 wreck of the Spanish Galleon Atocha which sank off the coast of Key West and is becoming more valuable because of the increase in the price of gold and silver. I was also shown an elaborately beaded bracelet with matching

rings and earrings which are handmade in Guatemala. Part of the proceeds of the money made by the sale of these bracelets made by Mayan women is donated to a women's charity in Guatemala which builds co-operatives to help women there.

Ms. Lilian Cash sells her line of straw bags, Lily's Creations exclusively at Wrackers and was on hand to talk to customers about her work. Her baskets are handcrafted on Abaco mainly from Silver Top palm with some Pond Palm. Bags made by Yolanda Smith of Crown Haven are also sold in the store.

A colorful Junkanoo Rush Out added a final festive touch to the evening.



Ms. Collette Bootle, owner of one of the host shops, Fine Living, and Ms. Molly Davis had a great time looking at all the gift ideas while seeing their friends.

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er. Besides teaching in several seminars, Mrs. Mrs. Smith has participated in many trade shows at home and abroad.

Many training sessions have already taken place in Marsh Harbour for shell craft, coconut craft and straw plaiting so BAIC is now turning its training efforts to the other settlements. Straw craft training will be offered in Treasure Cay from January 7th to January 16th, 2008, and in Sandy Point/ Crossing Rocks from February 11th to the 20th. Shell and coconut craft training will be offered there as well as on Green Turtle Cay, Little Abaco, Cooper's Town and Moore's Island, but the dates have not yet been finalized.

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Assembly who addressed the students on the importance of Jesus as the prince of peace. He stated that it is important for us to have peace with God. He spoke of many things that have gone contrary on this island that only God can change. He believes that it is not only good enough to love God but people must fear Him to the point that they will not want to do anything to hurt or offend him.

At the end of the service Mrs. Black presented Mr. James Williams from Sybil's House with gifts. She thanked him for opening up his home to the elderly who need a place to live and need a care giver.

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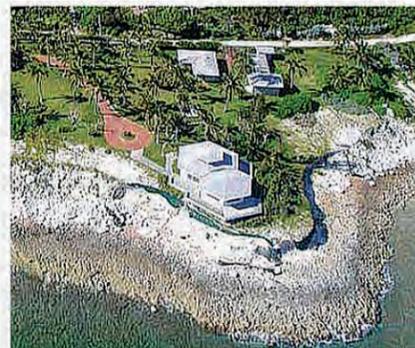
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News of the Cays

Man-O-War Cay Plaque honours early residents

Fifty to sixty persons gathered at the Man-O-War cemetery mid-afternoon on December 1 for a ceremony honouring those person buried in the old cemetery. A pedestal with a plaque has been erected in the old cemetery commemorating those person buried there from its inception in the early 1800s through 1965. Being on the beach, the graves were dug in the sand and

this was satisfactory until Hurricane Betsy destroyed a portion of it in 1965. At that time a new cemetery was established just inland from the old plot that is still in use. The new graves are now in rock and not subject to erosion.

A short history on some of those buried there was given by Chief Councilor Jeremy Sweeting in his short address. The first burials were that of Eleanor and Benjamin Albury, known as Mommy Nellie and Pa Ben, who were the original settlers on Man-O-War. Other stories were

told of the people buried there, One was Percy Sweeting's mother who actually died in Hope Town in childbirth. But her Man-O-War family members wanted her to be buried in Man-O-War. Capt. Eddie Albury sculled to Hope Town towing another boat with a casket to take his sister's remains

back to her home for burial.

The cemetery is quite picturesque on the ocean beach bordered by coconut trees. The reverence for the cemeteries was evident in the care given to both cemeteries.

Please see **Cays**

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On December 1 Man-O-War residents dedicated a monument to the memory of those buried in the old cemetery. The original cemetery that had served the community for about 150 years is in sand. The graves in the new cemetery are more permanent in rock. Mrs. Patricia Albury unveiled the plaque during the ceremony. As one of the older residents of the town, she was very helpful in assembling the list of those buried in the old cemetery. Her daughter, Mrs. Sandra Roberts, is with her.



The cemeteries in Man-O-War are in a beautiful location overlooking the ocean with palm trees swaying and the soothing sounds of the water on the shoreline. The new cemetery in the foreground is next to the old cemetery that is directly on the ocean. This group gathered to dedicate a plaque to those buried in the old cemetery.



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More News of the Cays



At the conclusion of the service, Mrs. Patricia Albury was invited to unveil the monument with the names of those known to be buried there. The group then enjoyed refreshments at the Church of God.

A contract for road work to be done in Man-O-War was signed in the Administrator's office in Marsh Harbour. The contract for \$96,924 will allow five sections of road to be repaired. The repairs will total 597 feet of roadway. Seated on the left is Mr. Bill Albury, who contracted to do the work. Also seated is Mr. Jeremy Sweeting, Chief Councillor for the Hope Town District Council. Overseeing the signing is Senior Administrator for Central Abaco, Mr. Cephias Cooper.

Where in the world is this?



Santa, reindeer, a snowman and the whole area covered in snow! This snowy Christmas scene is, unbelievably, on Abaco. However, the thermometer was in the 80s. This scene is in Hope Town atop Harbour's Edge. It's there to remind our many winter residents why they left their homes up north to enjoy our wonderful winter weather.

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<p>"Blue Lagoon"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay Lot # 45 -Orchid Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 43,480 s.f. - 0.9982 Acre - 190.88' on Sea of Abaco frontage - prime building site - +/- 15' elevations - Orchid Bay amenities - Allows for private deeded dock - mature trees <p>#GGV1087 \$940,000.</p>	<p>"Conched Out"</p>	<p>Green Turtle Cay Coco Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 0.0573 Acre to 3.08 Acres - offered in 1 to 4 prime sites - 100' - 460' of waterfrontage - Both Atlantic Beach and Sea of Abaco frontage available - 10' - 32' elevations - 360 degree views - Very private Area <p>\$598,000. - \$3,000,000. #GTV1004</p>
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<p>"Lost Shaker"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beachfront Building Site - 36,839 s.f. - 0.845 Acre - 65' Beach Frontage - Good Elevation - Superb Ocean Views - Lush Native Vegetation <p>#GGV1000 - \$545,500.</p>	<p>"Coco Bay Breeze"</p>	<p>Green Turtle Cay Coco Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 19,558 s.f. - 0.4490 Acre - Prime Building Site - Dock Access - Beach Access <p>#GTV1007 \$167,500.</p>
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		<p>"Grand Bois"</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - Beach-front</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rare Prime Ocean-front building site - 0.51 Acre - 125' Atlantic Ocean frontage - Central Location - Fabulous Ocean Views - Lush Native Foliage. <p>#MWV1081 - \$850,000.</p>
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Festival improves and grows each year

Festival From Page 6

The colorful Royal Bahamas Police Force Marching Band impressed the crowd as always with its joyful renditions of Christmas carols, drumming displays and marching drills. They were followed by the Official Opening Ceremony at which the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, was the keynote speaker. The ceremony began with an unusual and very well rendered version of the National Anthem of The Bahamas sung by three members of the Jes'Us quartet. Marcus Sands, an Abaco Central High School student who has been dubbed Abaco's Junior Minister of Tourism gave the welcome.

Introducing the keynote speaker was Jonnajah Boodle, an 8-year-old student of St. Francis de Sales School who was selected for this honour by winning first place nationwide in the My Bahamas essay contest. She did a wonderful job of introducing "Her Prime Minister" and impressed the crowd with her very assured deliverance of her speech. She certainly wowed Mr. Ingraham, too, who said, "I would like to take her with me as she makes me look good."

Mr. Ingraham was brief and to the point in his opening remarks commending the Police Band and all of the youth bands and soloists. He stated that this is the season to be giving and sharing, and he was pleased to learn of the support of the business sector. He also thanked people for their support in 2007. "Abaco has been good to me and my party, and I will deliver on the promises made. I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and declare this fair of-

officially open."

Remarks were also made by Mr. Edison Key, Member of Parliament for South Abaco, who congratulated the Festival Committee for doing a fantastic job in organizing this year's fair which is even bigger and better. He thanked everyone for their generous support for the flood victims and wished warmest holiday greetings to all.

Rounding out the opening ceremony was a brief history of the Christmas Festival by Co-chairperson of the Festival committee, JoAnn Bradley, who reminded people that the first fair took place four years ago after the visit of "the two ugly ladies, Frances and Jeanne" in order to raise people's spirits. Also a presentation of an award to Jonnajah Boodle by Wynsome Ferguson, Festival Coordinator, and vote of thanks to all involved in the organization of the fair in any way plus the many sponsors by Brenda Sawyer, Co-Chairperson of the Festival Committee.

Impressive musical selections by Anitra Cornish, the Treasure Cay Primary School and Wesley College Band interspersed the ceremony. The stage on which the opening ceremony and all of the entertainment took place was beautifully decorated this year with garlands, bows, Christmas trees, lights and a painted wooden cut-out Nativity scene, all of which combined to bring a very festive look to the festival.

People came out in full force to enjoy this fourth Abaco Christmas Festival and there was a spirit of merriment and fun but 6-year-old Justice McEwan really showed the true spirit of giving as he went around offering people a candy from a bag which he had purchased to give away.



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A Tropical Storm Wedding

By Jennifer Hudson

A wedding day is always a very special day in a person's life but for Alan Hamilton and Melissa Nuzzolo of Bridgeport, Connecticut, it was a memorable day in more ways than one. They were married in Hope Town in the middle of Tropical Storm Noel.

Originally they had planned to elope but at the last minute decided to bring some family members with them for their Halloween wedding on October 31st. They arrived on Abaco on Monday 29 to learn that another rather unwelcome visitor named Noel was also scheduled to make an appearance.

Their first stop after arrival in Marsh Harbour was at the Administrator's office to obtain a marriage licence only to find that Mr. Cephas Cooper, Island Administrator, was in Nassau for a week of meetings. This was their first obstacle but after arriving on Elbow Cay, the "Mayor of Hope Town," alias Mr. Vernon Malone, who was to be the officiant, soon set about to solve their problem as he is wont to do and managed to get everything straight for them by the following day.

The prospective bride and groom rented a boat to go to Marsh Harbour to obtain their licence but soon discovered that the

sea was already too rough so they would have to go by ferry. Albury's Ferry then announced that service would be discontinued later in the day due to the impending arrival of the storm so the couple had to hurry to get everything done in Marsh Harbour by the last ferry at 4 p.m. Melinda at Buds and Blooms managed to do flower arrangements for them despite the lack of floral shipments due to cancellation of flights and sent the flowers over on the last ferry.

Wednesday was Halloween, the day Alan and Melissa had planned for their wedding. They were determined, come what may, that nothing was going to stop their getting married outdoors on that day. However, right up until wedding time no one was sure where this ceremony could take place. The Hope Town Harbour Lodge beach, which was where they had planned, was out of the question as there were already 15 - 20 m.p.h. winds blowing on the north side.

So the ceremony was held on the Lodge dock on the leeward side where it was more sheltered. Alan and Melissa exchanged their vows under the roof on the dock where the ferries come in, the rain having held off long enough for her bridal walk from the Lodge to the dock.

The sun had not shown its face during the entire day but at 6 p.m., just as the couple exchanged their vows, the church chimes surprised everybody and provided a bit of humour by striking up with the very appropriate hymn Jesus wants me for a sunbeam.

Following a dinner reception at the Lodge, the newlyweds had looked forward to spending a lively evening at Cap'n Jack's world famous Halloween party but unfortunately, tropical storm Noel forced a cancellation of these festivities.

Vernon Malone, who has now married more than 500 couples, is of the opinion that since this couple was so determined to get married that day no matter what, it is a good sign that they will be willing to really work on their marriage.

The winds picked up during the night and actually reached Category 1 hurricane strength. So the newlyweds were quite impressed that they would be able to tell their friends back home, "They were married during a tropical storm and honeymooned during a hurricane."

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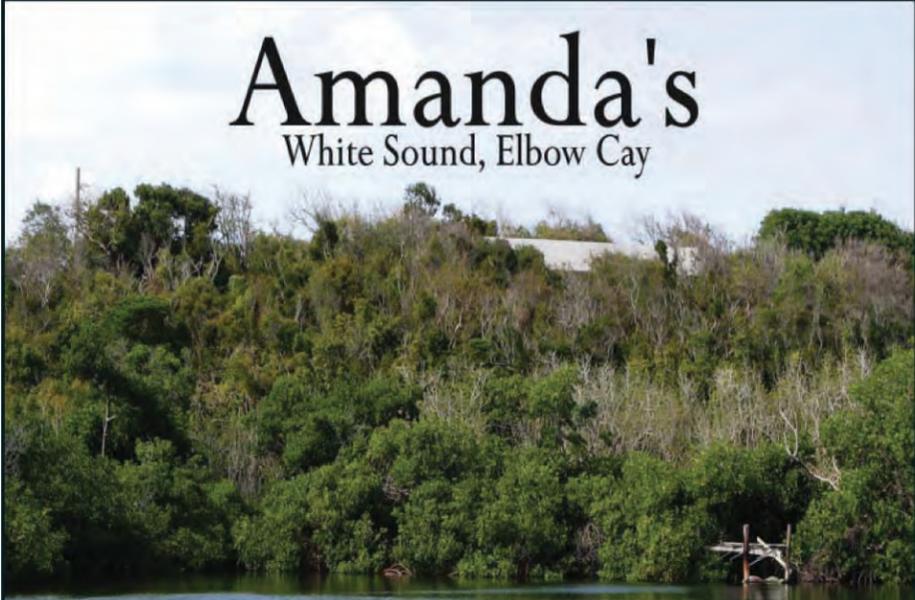
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Sports News

Abaco Darts Association Gold Cup Trials

The Abaco Darts Association held its Gold Cup trials at the Hummingbird Restaurant on November 30 and December 1 as players fought for a place on the Abaco team to face Nassau and Grand Bahama in the 25th Annual Gold Cup event to be staged on Abaco on February 1-2. The top nine men and top five women make the squad and after 20 hours of play in which each of the 25 players had to play 72 games each, the Abaco squad was formed. Surprise of the tournament was rookie Robin Albury taking first place with veterans Dwight McDonald and Shane Sawyer coming in second and third. Making up the rest of the squad were Roscoe Thompson, Donald Burrows, Lloyd Deveaux, Keith McDonald, Mark Albury and Ian Russell.

For the women national team member Angela Russell took first place with ADA president Faith Sawyer in second. Lenora Pinder and Natisha Lowe made up the next two and a playoff is required for the 5th place women with Lakeisha Albury and Coco Curry tying for 5th place.

Abaco Gold Cup Trials Results 2007

Men

1	Robin Albury	258
2	Dwight McDonald	222

3	Shane Sawyer	211
4	Roscoe Thompson	203
5	Donald Burrows	181
6	Lloyd Deveaux	172.5
7	Keith McDonald	169.5
8	Mark Albury	168.5
9	Ian Russell	148
10	Randy Pinder	136.5
11	Gary Bethel	135.5
12	Junior Albury	125.5
13	Cordero Russell	118.5
14	David Hall	108.5
15	Kansas Fields	105
16	Brenton Russell	89.5
17	Dwayne Reckley	71
18	Jace Russell	69.5
19	Kevin McDonald	65
20	Malcolm Spicer	52.5
21	Pedro Adderley	51.5
22	Zhivago Strachan	39.5
23	Rhyan Spicer	39.5
24	Devin Rolle	23

Women

1	Angela Russell	86
2	Faith Sawyer	59.5
3	Lenora Pinder	42
4	Natisha Lowe	39
5	Lakeisha Albury	26
6	Coco Curry	26
7	Louise Maury	24.5
8	Ingrid Farrington	17.5
9	Winnie Albury	7

Twenty-four men and nine women met at Hummingbird Restaurant to compete on December 7 and 8 in the official Abaco Darts Association games to name the Abaco team that will compete nationally in February for the Gold Cup. After 20 hours of playing an unexpected first place went to rookie, Mr. Robin Albury. Top woman player was Ms. Angela Russell. Shown here are Keisha Lightbourne enjoying her game while Mark Bethel is keeping score.



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More Sports News

Swim-a-thon held a fund raising swim

By Mirella Santillo

The organizers of Abaco swimming team Abaco Swift put together a fund raising event in the afternoon of November 25th at the Long Bay School. While parents sold the goods they had baked, 17 children swam laps for an hour to earn money from sponsors who were mostly friends or family members. Some children earned as much as \$500 while some earned 50 cents a lap. Whatever the amount pledged towards their efforts, they put all their hearts in it.

Brian Higgs, the local open sea champion, swam 168 laps and raised \$240. Solomon Lee 118 laps, 10-year-old Luca Silvester swam 96 laps, eight-year-old Joshua Wong, 88 laps and six-year-old Tanner Cartwright shocked his parents by

swimming 40 laps, earning the team \$100. One of the few girls to participate, Christina Pyform, contributed a \$400 donation by swimming 86 laps.

Mrs. Brenda Sawyer was more than happy with the results. Altogether over \$2,000 was raised. Two adults, Mrs. Judie Albury and Mrs. Maria Silvester, were the only adults who committed themselves to swimming that afternoon, adding \$138 to the funds. The money collected will buy a heater and cover for the pool as well as kick-start boards.

The last swimming competition which was supposed to take place in Nassau on October 31st was cancelled because of Tropical Storm Noel, but it was turned into time trials. The next competition is scheduled for January 2008.

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The Abaco swim team raised money by swimming laps in the pool at Long Bay School on November 25. The money will go toward a pool heater and a pool cover. More than \$2,000 was raised.



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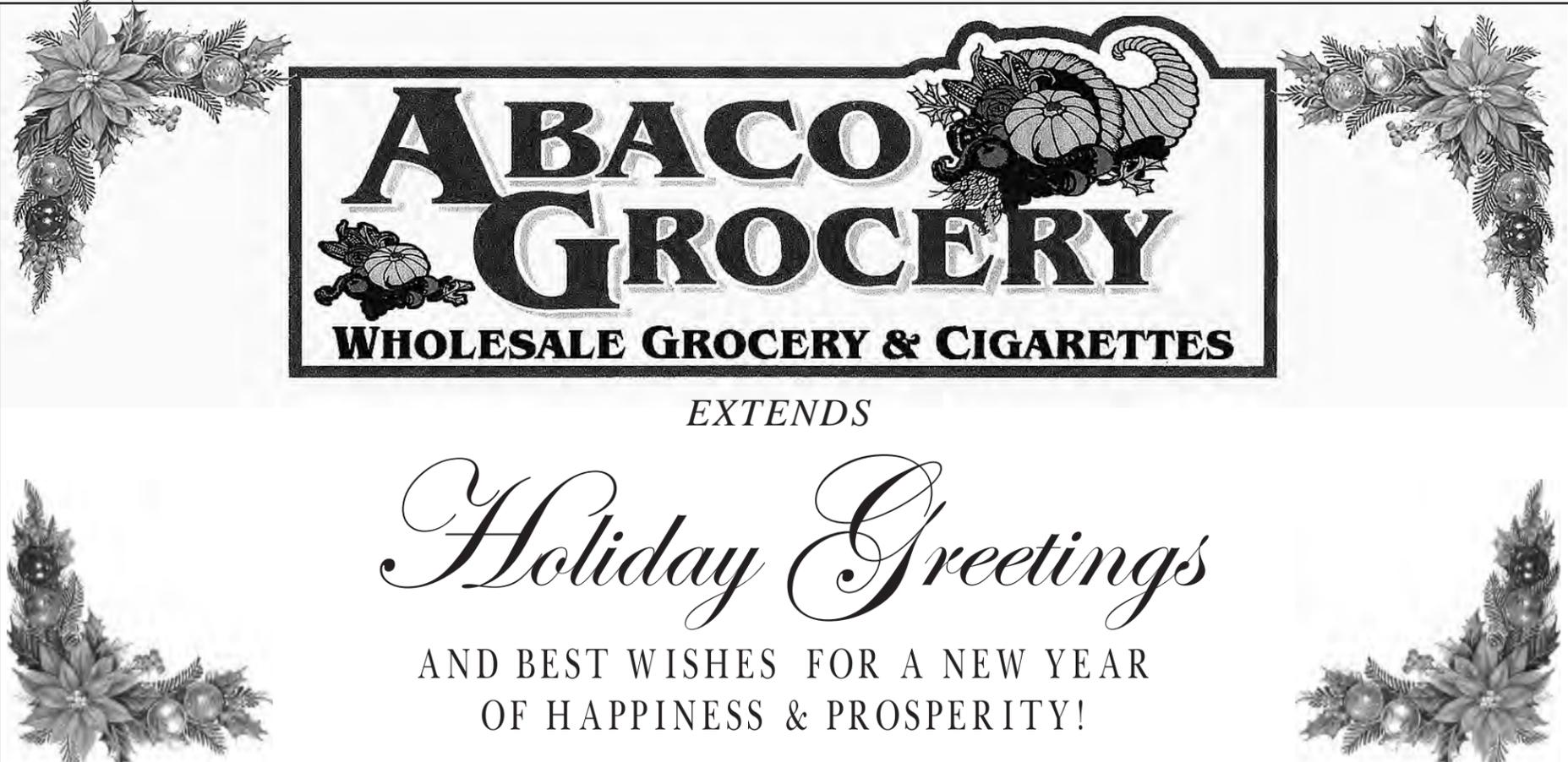
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Club News

Rotary News

By Mirella Santillo

November was a busy month for the Rotary Club of Abaco. Two very well informed speakers were scheduled to talk about completely different topics. Beginning the day after Thanksgiving Rotarians began their annual bell ringing in front of the food stores. On the last Tuesday of the month

Mr. Keith Thompson, Director of Water and Sewerage on Abaco, has been a great help to the Rotary Club with its fire hydrant project. He was the guest speaker on November 6th. He addressed the club about the water infrastructure on Abaco and talked about the upgrades planned by the company throughout the island. He mentioned a few proposed projects in the South of the island, such as a storage tank for Sandy Point and the supply of potable

water to Cherokee Sound, which, he said, was a major challenge because of the narrow streets. He explained that the construction of a Reverse Osmosis plant on Green Turtle Cay was abandoned because of cost, but instead New Plymouth will be supplied with water piped from the mainland. He announced the opening of an office in Cooper's Town in the very near future as well as the installation of a reverse

osmosis plant in Grand Cay.

Mr. John Smarge, a Rotarian from Naples, Florida, talked about the undertakings of the Rotary Foundation in its effort to eradicate polio from the world. He shared his experiences during his travels to Africa and India where he went to administer the vaccines. His mission in India was to immunize millions of children. He announced that today two billion children have been vaccinated and shortly the world will be polio-free, thanks to the Rotary Foundation.

The new District Governor, Mr. Richard McCombe, came from Nassau with his wife, Carla, for a visit. Rotarians enjoyed an evening of fun and socializing at Solid Gold Chinese Restaurant with the McCombes on November 27th. Rotarians showed up in great numbers with family and friends to meet the new Governor and his wife. The Governor talked about the



The Rotary Club of Abaco adopted the traffic circle at the junction of Forest Drive and Crockett Drive. Members landscaped the circle and now maintain it.

economic diversity he noticed while visiting the various clubs composing his district 7020 and stressed that with money such as the Cayman Islands or without money such as Haiti, they all did amazing things. He talked about Rotary's involvement with health care and its fight against preventable diseases such as malaria and stressed that wars around the globe had a limiting effect on Rotary's job. Goodwill, peace and understanding will be needed to ultimately preserve the planet Earth. He discussed the Rotary Foundation and the contribution of Mr. John Smarge to its cause and announced that Mr. Bill Gates had pledged \$100 millions to the foundation to help with the eradication of polio from the world, a sum to be matched by Rotary International.

Closer to home Every Child Counts, which now caters to the learning needs of close to 90 children, will be receiving \$24,868.01 to help defray expenses. The sum is the matching grant that the school has already received from Rotary International. Mr. McCombe gave a certificate to to ECC teacher and Rotarian, Mr. Marsden Lawley, who was accompanied by two of his students Patrick Darville and Anthony Garcon.

Pilot Club named District Youth Coordinator

By Samantha V. Evans

Neulessa Lundy Major was recently named the Pilot Club District Youth Coordinator for 2007-08. Mrs. Major joined Pilot Club as a charter member in 1998 and since then has served as Pilot International Youth Officer of co-ed clubs; has served as

president of the Abaco Pilot Club and has organized and chartered five Anchor Clubs: Abaco Central High, St. Francis de Sales School, Forest Heights Academy, S.C. Bootle High School and Eight Mile Rock High School on Grand Bahama.



Neulessa Lundy Major

Most recently Mrs. Major chartered the first primary school Anchor Club in The Bahamas. This vibrant young club began in September 2006 and was chartered on November 10th, 2007. The Club, named VIP Anchors of Central Abaco Primary School, has 30 members including students from grades 2-6.

Mrs. Major continues to work with all the Anchor Clubs. As Youth Coordinator, she is responsible for Anchor Clubs in Nassau, Abaco, Exuma and Freeport. In March 2008 Anchors throughout the Bahamas will be hosting their third annual convention, this year to be held on Abaco. The weekend will be full of activities such as competitions, activities, sharing, and socializing. It promises to be an exciting time. Mrs. Major and the entire Pilot team on Abaco are working extremely hard to make this an experience to remember.

JA Orientation

By Mirella Santillo

Approximately 60 top students from

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four high schools of Central Abaco attended the Junior Achievers' orientation ceremony that took place over the weekend of November 17th and 18th at Friendship Tabernacle and the Church of the Latterain. The students were from Forest Heights Academy, Abaco Central High, St. Francis de Sales School and Agape Christian School. Ms. Chervon Mackey, Secretary of the JA Board, made the presentation in place of Mr. Lionel Elliott, the Junior Achievers Executive Director, who was unable to attend because of a health problem.

The students were introduced to their sponsors, Bahamas Electrical Company, Bahamas Telecommunication Company and Water & Sewerage and were instructed on the rules and regulations of

running a business. They were told to form a board and elect board members. Candidates had to apply and be able to make a speech. They were advised to open a bank account and issue shares that could be sold. Each share in a JA business sells for \$3.

Orientation lasted all morning and continued the following day at the Church of the Latterain. During the service the students were presented with their official business licenses, entitling them to do business on Abaco. They had named the company sponsored by Water & Sewerage Drip Drop Design, the one sponsored by BEC Energy and the one sponsored by BTC We Have Class. They will have to run their operation as a real business would, taking into consideration the marketing, production, human resources and finance aspects of their company.



Junior Achievers when through an orientation and training session on November 17 and then attended a church service on November 18. Ms. Chervon Mackey instructed the students who will be setting up businesses, managing them and hopefully making money so that by the end of the school year they will have a profit that can be divided up.

Bird Count in North Abaco

This year for the first time Friends of the Environment will organize a Christmas Bird Count in North Abaco on December 29. Dr. Woody Bracey will guide the counters and will be the compiler. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome. You do not have to be a birder to assist in this count that is conducted worldwide. They ask that, if possible, you register

with Anita Knowles at the Friends office in Marsh Harbour. She can be reached at 367-2721. If you are unable to register, just show up at the junction of the Treasure Cay Road and S.C. Bootle Highway at 6:45 a.m. on December 29. Dr. Bracey can be contacted at 365-8305. It is helpful if you take water, also binoculars and a bird book if you have them.

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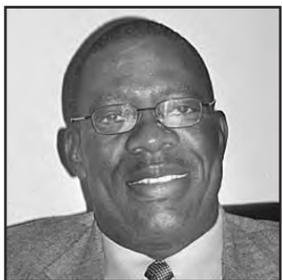
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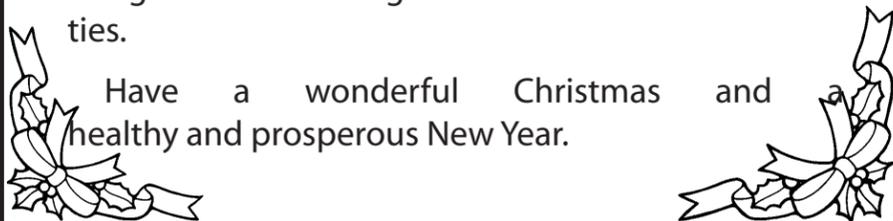
we do so with gratitude to Almighty God for the many blessings we now enjoy.

We are privileged to live on an island that continues to experience unprecedented economic growth. This gives us reason to look to the future with much hope and optimism.

However, as we move forward, it is essential, however, that our social development keeps pace with our economic growth.

It is my wish, therefore, that during this season each of us will recommit to giving more focused attention on the strengthening of our families which will ultimately bring about stronger and better communities.

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Church News

New Haitian Mission Baptist Church

By Jennifer Hudson .

The New Haitian Mission Baptist Church proudly opened its doors for the first service in its new building on Don MacKay Boulevard on July 15. The old church building in the Pigeon Pea had become inadequate; it was too small in size with the capacity to hold only 100 people and was cramped and hot with not even any glass in the window openings to keep out the bugs.

Several years ago Rev. Meme, who has pastored the church for 18 years, decided that it was time to seek out new premises. He or-

ganized concerts and fundraisers to build up enough money to go ahead with new plans. Two years ago he purchased an unfinished triplex near Forest Heights Academy which he then went about converting into a single space. Though it will be some time before the building is totally complete, remarkable progress has already been made.

The sanctuary is spacious and can hold 400 people. At present worshippers sit on old pews brought from the former church and other used pews which were donated by a church in Nassau. "One day I will buy everything to match," stated Rev. Meme. Presently the church is cooled by several large fans but wiring has already been installed for a central air conditioning unit. The church members are still raising funds to complete the church which will involve finishing the ceiling, putting in floor tiles and finishing the rooms behind the sanctuary which include an office for the Pastor, a secretary's office, kitchen and bathrooms.

It is very impressive that all of the fine work to get the church to this stage has been done by members of the church who continue to donate their time and talents every Saturday to do every type of construction work necessary.

Rev. Meme proudly states, "There are church members who can do everything from masonry to carpentry, electricals, plumbing and, in fact, everything that is necessary to finish the building."

The New Haitian Mission Baptist Church is a very active church and Rev. Meme says that there are never less than 200 people at the Sunday morning service and 200 again at the Sunday evening service. Often church elders will take a turn preaching the sermon. Five Sunday School classes, four for adults and one for children, are held every Sunday at 10 a.m. "Every night of the week there is something going on in the church," stated Rev. Meme. "The four bands which play for the different services and the ladies choir with 44 members and a mixed choir with 40 members practise on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and then there is Bible study on Tuesday nights and Prayer meeting on Thursday nights." When asked how the church membership

has grown to so many, Rev. Meme explained that when he was starting the new church, he went house to house inviting people and told church members to invite their neighbours.

Rev. Meme was very proud to speak about the big revival which took place from September 2-9 marking the 18th anniversary of the church. The theme for the week was *The Plans of God for His people*. Guest speaker was Bishop Cherelus Exante from Nassau and pastors and people, both Bahamians and Haitians, attended from all over Abaco. "The church was full to overflowing every night and there were people standing at the sides and the back and even outside the door."

Rev. Meme is presently what he terms a part-time pastor as he still has a day job. But once the church is finished, he intends to become a full-time pastor, working for the church from his office behind the sanctuary assisted by his wife.



Pastor Meme is shown at the blessing of his new church. The congregation has raised the money to buy a building on Don MacKay, and the members are slowly converting it into a church that can hold more than 200 people.

Christmas Greetings

from
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Member of Parliament

South Abaco Constituency

My fellow Abaconians and friends 2007 has been a most eventful and exciting year in the life of our country and its people.

Abaconians, like the majority of Bahamians, embraced the challenges and the changes with determination and enthusiasm.

The ensuing year will no doubt present challenges of its own. I am confident, however, that all of you will respond to each and every challenge with the same zeal and clarity of purpose for which Abaconians have become legendary.

Your recent overwhelming response to the unfortunate victims of Hurricane Noel bears this out. It is, therefore, with a deep sense of appreciation

and great pleasure that I extend warmest greetings for this holiday season and wish you all the peace and joy that this special time of year brings.

My family joins me in wishing you a new year filled with God's richest blessings.



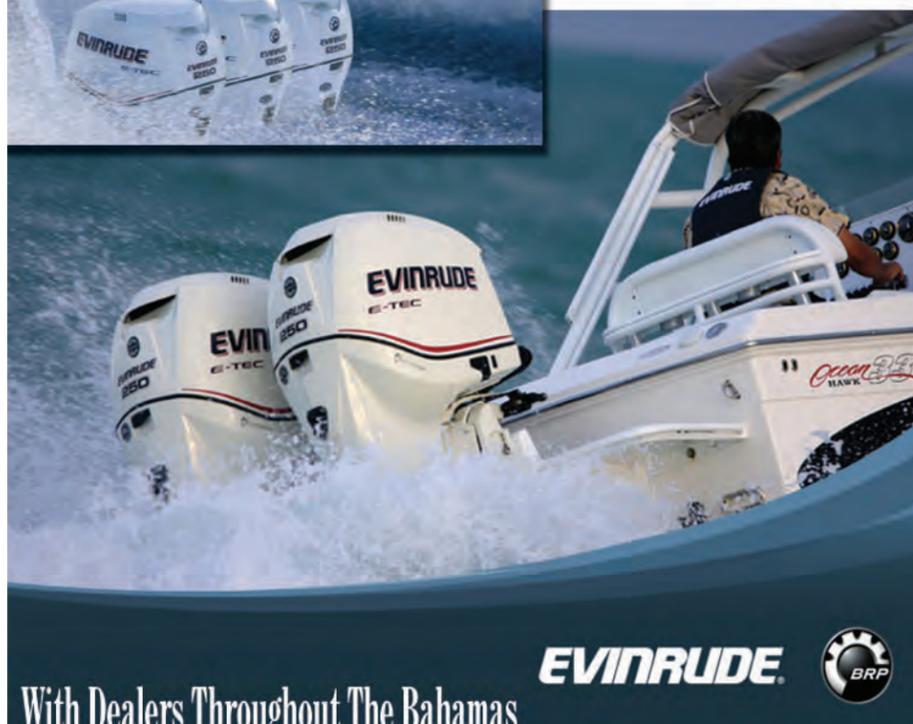
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More Sports News

Sports From Page 21

New soccer season has started

By Mirella Santillo

Soccer started again on November 11th at the Murphy Town Park. There was a re-shuffling of the players since some of the teams will not be playing this year, creating a league which ended up with six strong teams: the Hope Town Show Stoppers, the Treasure Cay Tigers, and four Marsh Harbour teams: Abacom United (last year's winner), Phat Max, New Stars and Stanley Steelers.

As usual two games are played every Sunday, the first one at 1 p.m. and the second game at 3 p.m. There is a fee of \$5 to enter the soccer field, but once inside you'll not only enjoy the games, but will

be able to buy refreshments such as soft drinks, beer and more food than the usual hamburger and hot dog.

The first games of the season saw the New Stars losing 1 to 4 to the Show Stoppers while the Steelers and the Phat Max tied 0. In the second meet Abacom United won over the Show Stoppers 2 to 1 and Phat Max defeated the Tigers 2 to 0. On December 2nd Phat Max won again over the Show Stoppers 1 to 3 and the New Stars ended up winning 1 to 0 against the Steelers.

The teams will play against each other until the last weekend in January to prepare for the Knock-Out Preliminary which will take place on February 3rd. The Knock-Out semi-finals are planned for April 6th, 2008, and the finals on May 18th which will mark the end of the season.

Body building

On November 24 the South Florida Bodybuilding Fitness and Figure Championship was held in Hialeah, Florida. This competition closed out the Florida bodybuilding events for 2007. Veteran bodybuilding Arthur Elden competed and won the Masters Over 60 Heavy-weight Division.

The 2008 events will begin in March. Arthur will compete again in 2008 and plans on doing a show outside of Florida.



The soccer league has six teams this season: Hope Town, Treasure Cay and four in Marsh Harbour.



With the soccer ball high in the air, these players are all eager to control it. The soccer season has had a good atart and much enthusiasm among its fans. Games take place every Sunday afternoon at the Murphy Town park.

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral service for **Erskin Wells**, 84, of Fox Town was held on December 1 at St. Anne's Anglican Church in Crown Haven. Fr. Dwight Rolle officiated assisted by Canon Ivor Ottrey. Internment was in the Fox Town Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ruth Wells; sons Fred, Erskin Jr., Roosevelt and Anthony Wells; daughters Arlene McIntosh, Diana Wells, Idella Mills, Shirley Wright, Barbara Williams, Valarie Rolle and Eleanor Burrows; daughters-in-law Veronica, Virginia and Lillian; sons-in-law Charlie Mills, Alphonso Wright, Augustine Williams, Whitney Rolle and Wellington Burrows; sisters Olga Albertha Russell, Leonie Russell; sisters-in-law Lettiemae Jones, Florence and Leanza Thompson; brothers-in-law George Russell and Charles Jones; grandchildren Garnet, Marilyn Edgecombe, Riko, Pricilla, Jollyan, Coretta, Daniel, Vangie, Walter, Pevan, Carlton, Livinia, Elvis, Tamara McIntosh, Rodney, Freda Flowers, Oswald, Fretima, Parker Jr, Robbie, Lakisha Taylor, David, Sharon Jones, Tina Wells, Anita, Donnie McIntosh, Indira, Millisa Wells, Mark,

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Carlos Alexander Cox, 75, formerly of Spring City, died at the Princess Margaret Hospital on December 2nd.

He is survived by his wife Corene Cox; sons Godfrey, Barry, and Bishop Lester M. Cox; daughters Clarisse Williams, Rev. Pauline Cox-Rolle, Debra Hamilton, Min. Claudine Smith, Min. Patrice Smith and Gina James; sister Dorothea Myrick; brothers Leon Cox and Stanley "Bobby" Jones; nieces; nephews; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends

Green Bags help the environment

By Jennifer Hudson

GREEN BAGS, GREEN BAGS, GREEN BAGS. That is what the Friends of the Environment would like to see coming out of the grocery stores instead of the thousands of plastic 'Thank you' bags that pour out of the doors every day.

In March of this year the Friends of the Environment began a campaign to reduce the number of plastic in the environment and so brought in the green bags. The first 6,500 sold out in record time and a second order of 3,000 has now arrived. However, "people are not using these bags for the purpose for which they were intended," stated Green Bag Committee Chairman, Cha Boyce. "They are being used for carrying things to the beach, carrying school books and various other items but not as grocery bags which is what they were intended for. The whole idea of green bags is to use them instead of plastic. Get into the habit of always taking them with you not only into the grocery stores but any store," she entreats.

There is a movement around the world these days "to be green" and in some countries in Europe plastic bags are not used at all - people must take their own green bags to the store. Friends of the Environment is asking people here to be a part of that movement. "Please be a part of taking care of our country and leaving it intact for our children, use the green bags to help the environment and show that you take pride in it," pleads Cha Boyce.

It is estimated that on Abaco approximately eight million plastic bags are used each year. People continue to use plastic bags without giving a thought to their devastating effect on the environment. Plastic bags can take between 15 to 1,000 years to break down and millions of these bags end up as litter on our beaches and on the sides of the roads and can block drains and trap birds. Many plastic bags are blown from our garbage dump back into the community. In the marine environment plastic bag litter is lethal, killing fish, turtles and whales.

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I am happy to report that funding for our town was increased, allowing us to do more than we have been able to do for the past few years.

Our towns are going through a tremendous spurt of growth, and it is a continual struggle to provide the necessary services. But we are doing our best to keep the area clean, the garbage picked up and landscaping put in.

We have cleaned up around the immigrant community near the port and we are working on making the Marsh Harbour airport look better. The Marsh Harbour Town Committee in conjunction with the Central Abaco District Council is installing signs throughout Marsh Harbour. We have plans to improve our town even more in the next few months. This will include opening up the old road from the airport round-about connecting with S.C. Bootle Highway, going behind Forest Heights Academy.

Feel free to contact me with your constructive ideas to make Marsh Harbour even cleaner and better in the coming year.

Meery Christmas to you. My wish is that you and your family will have a healthy, happy and fulfilling new year.

Christmas Message

from
Administrator North Abaco District



My fellow Abaconians, as we once again prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, we are reminded of God's great love for us. Christmas is and has always been an extraordinary time for sharing and giving. It is also a time for peace, love and goodwill among mankind.

It is the season for celebration and for renewal. It is a time for us to forget the things that have divided us during the course of the year and to celebrate the things that bind us together as a community and people.

May this holiday season come to represent an oasis of warmth. Let it be a time for hope and renewed promise of joyful expectation for young and old alike, a time for the giving and receiving of gifts, especially the greatest gift of love and friendship.

This year as we gather with family, friends and loved ones to enjoy the season, we must look back on 2007 and consider how good God has been to all of us and reflect on the true and eternal spirit of the season.

As I close I would like to take this opportunity to remind you not to take the Christ out of Christmas and to wish you and yours a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Theophilus Cox

Soccer player does well in U.S. school

By Mirella Santillo

We recently received news of Marsh Harbour's prodigy son, Mackenson Altidor, who won a scholarship to Temple University last year thanks to his talented soccer playing.

Mackenson joined Temple University on his first year as a pre-season All-Rookie, but was soon named to the All Tournament Team as one of eleven best players out of four teams. He carried on his exploits by being named MVP when playing in a tournament at Drexel University.

He later played at Old Dominion University in Virginia as part of the All-Tournament team and made Honorable Mention at the All Conference Team, meaning that he was recognized as one of the best players not only by his coach but also by the opposite teams' coaches. But according to Mackenson Altidor, the most prestigious award of all was being named a member of the Philadelphia All-Star team as the only defender. Being part of that team is

an award granted to only eleven of the best players in the State of Pennsylvania.

The 2007 Summer break was dedicated to training for one month in New York and one month in France where he was offered a position as professional player. However, pursuing an education and getting a degree are still some of his main concerns and he turned that offer down, hoping that the opportunity will again present itself later on.

The Christmas vacation will be spent in Nassau training with the Bahamas Men National Team to prepare for a game against the British Virgin Islands for qualification in the World Cup.

Mackenson will not be home in Marsh Harbour for Christmas, but he sent a message for the kids of the Mud and the Peas where he grew up. "I came from the same place as you and sat at the same desks at Abaco Central High School. So this same opportunity could be yours, too. But for that you must do the basics which are your school work and getting good grades."

Mackenson added a special message of thanks to Mr. Vogel Williams, who, he said, "was the best coach he could have had, waking him up at 4 a.m. in the morning to train. He also sent a special thought to his team-mates of Abacom United.

AA and AI Anon Meetings

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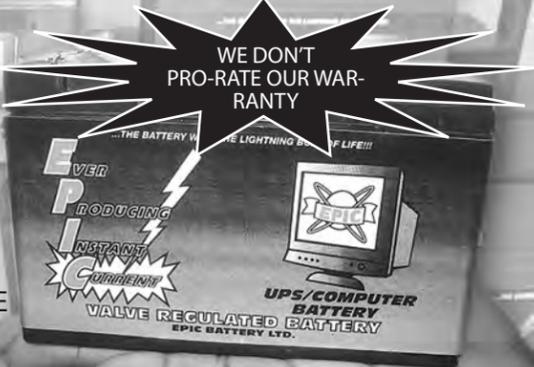
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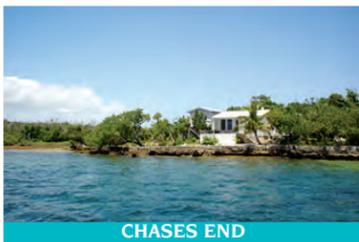


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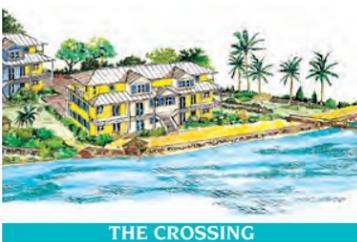


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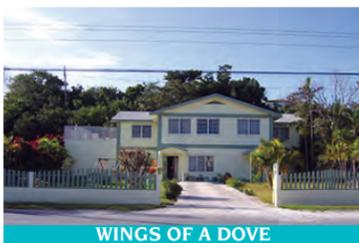
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Students Parade for AIDS awareness Week's activities culminated in march in Central Abaco



Abaco held a week of activities to bring awareness to the public of the growing danger of HIV/AIDS. These events included a church service and programs in many schools. The activities culminated with a parade through Marsh Harbour and Dundas Town. The parade was led by the Wesley College band.

By Mirella Santillo

December 1, 2007, was dedicated worldwide as AIDS Day. During that time many functions took place in The Bahamas to promote AIDS awareness and AIDS prevention. On Abaco AIDS awareness was directed to the schools, particularly high schools. Two HIV positive persons from Nassau told their stories at several schools and addressed the students about AIDS. These two people also took part in the Aids March that was organized by Mrs. Sandra Edwards.

Students accompanied by teachers and chaperons met at the St John's Parish Hall on December 7th to participate in the AIDS march. It was led by the Wesley College Band under the direction of Rev. Charles Carey. Students from Abaco Central High School, Crossing Rocks Primary School, Central Abaco Primary School, J.A. Pinder Primary School and Treasure Cay Primary School joined them for the parade. Many held banners inscribed with logos relating to AIDS.

The group walked to Ocean View Park in Dundas Town where they were received by the Director of Education, Mrs. Lenora

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Junkanoo Committee distributes awards

By Samantha V. Evans

After an entire year since Junior Junkanoo ended and the winning schools announced, the school principals received their awards on December 3rd in a short ceremony held at Central Abaco Primary School. Leading the ceremony was Mr. William Davis, who stated that Junkanoo has many benefits: the students get to socialize and fellowship with each other and

it promotes healthy competition among schools. However, during the next parade no vulgarity will be allowed. In fact, schools will lose points if they violate this rule. He believes that even though the time was long, he is thankful to the sponsors who made the gifts possible. The main sponsor of Junior Junkanoo was Cable Ba-

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Hole-in-the-Wall area was site of old settlements



These walls are the remains of a settlement on the southeast coast of Abaco just north of Hole-in-the-Wall lighthouse. It is known that there were two settlements, one at Lantern Head and the other at Barque Bay. Research still has to be done to determine the dates of the settlements. Besides walls of buildings, there are fireplaces and rock fences.

By Jennifer Hudson

The areas of Lantern Head, Barque Bay (also known as High Banks Bay) and Alexandria in South Abaco are valuable historic sites reportedly dating back to Loyalist and pre-emancipation times. In a report prepared for Mr. Keith Bishop, Islands by Design, Nassau, as requested by the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation and submitted in 2006, Mr. Colin Brooker, an architectural archaeologist from the United States, describes the exceptional scenic and architectural value of this area and stated. "Although much remains to be learned about them, the settlement at Alexandria and ruins at Lantern Head both qualify

for nomination to the Bahamas National Register of Historic Resources. Discussion to this effect is presented along with recommendations regarding the protection, recording and mitigation of historic and archaeological resources at the two sites."

While Alexandria, which stands on the southwestern tip of Abaco is not in question regarding this development, it is the area of Barque Bay and Lantern Head, located approximately two miles north of the Hole-in-the-Wall Lighthouse on the east coast of Abaco which is endangered. The remains of a large house still

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Murphy Town holds tree lighting ceremony



Murphy Town ushered in the holiday season with a tree lighting ceremony on December 6. The lights were turned on by Rev. Roland Swain. The event was organized by the Murphy Town Beautification Committee. Shown here are Mr. Brian Thompson, Senior Administrator Cephas Cooper, Rev. Swain, Mrs. D'Shan Maycock, Ms. Joan Hall, Chief Councillor Cubel Davis and Tourism Director Don Cornish. See story on page 20.

HIV/AIDS - Still on the Rise in the Bahamas

By Samantha V. Evans

Abaco AIDS Awareness Week brought with it many startling statistics. Adolescents and young adults make up the fastest growing group of new cases of HIV carriers. The leading cause of death in persons ages 15-25 is AIDS. As of March 2007, 10,928 persons tested positive for HIV in The Bahamas. Of this number, 7,080 of them develop full blown AIDS or are still with HIV.

The week of November 25-30 was set aside to raise the awareness of Abaconians to the seriousness of this disease in The Bahamas in general and on Abaco particularly. Mrs. Sandy Edwards spearheaded the week's activities assisted by a committee made up of educators and persons from community agencies. World AIDS Day is observed on December 1st every year.

This year two persons living with the virus came to the island to help Mrs. Edward spread the word about AIDS prevention under the theme Stop AIDS: You take the Lead." Edwards explained that since so many Bahamians are now transient, it is very hard to tell where all of these persons who have HIV or AIDS live. Additionally,

the figure given is only of those known cases of the virus. Many health care professionals predict that there are still a great number of persons who have the virus and are not taking treatment as well as there are those persons who do not know that they have a disease. In both cases, these persons are still sexually active. Hence, they are spreading this disease to innocent persons.

The week began with a church service at Full Gospel Assembly of God Church in Treasure Cay. During the week of activities, Mrs. Edwards and her guests took their message on HIV/AIDS to the streets, schools and businesses where the people are. They visited 12 schools to speak to the youth since they make up the largest group of new infections. From schools to radio shows, Mrs. Edwards continued to spread the word. Even though every year across The Bahamas the Ministry of Health in conjunction with their partners speak out about the seriousness of this disease, still too many people remain promiscuous and unsafe in their sexual activity practices.

On November 28th Mrs. Edwards and her team spoke at the monthly principals'

meeting held at the Dundas Town Church of God. At this time they encouraged the leaders to know their status so that the spread of HIV/AIDS can stop in The Bahamas. She told them that too many of the young people are not taking this disease seriously, but she told the group to do its part to help educate the students and teachers at their respective schools.

The two victims of HIV/AIDS shared their stories with the body which were very moving. The male speaker told them that many persons thought that he got the disease because he was gay or bisexual, but he told them that this was not the case with him. However, this brought to light the fact that many persons still believe that you have to be gay or bisexual to contract the disease. This is very untrue. It is very important that every person becomes aware of what the risks are and the ways that the disease can be contracted so that they can keep themselves safe. Mrs. Edwards would like the public to be aware of what is regarded as risky behavior which includes not knowing your status, having unprotected sexual intercourse, sharing needles used to inject drugs, and an infected mother breast feeding

her baby. Hence, the best prevention is still abstinence. The week ended with a march and rally on November 30th beginning at the Department of Education sub-office on Don MacKay Boulevard ending at Ocean View Park in Dundas Town. Six schools attended and participated in the march.

The two guests were very enthusiastic about this visit and are ready to come back again at anytime. They were especially impressed by the reception given to them by the students and the very intellectual questions many of them asked. Additional information can be obtain by calling 367-5394 or by email healthyabaco@gmail.com.

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Winning schools received computers

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hamas that made it possible for the entire Bahamas to view the splendor of Abaco schools.

Administrator for Central Abaco, Mr. Cephias Cooper, and Abaco Education Superintendent, Ms. Lenora Black, both stated that they too watched it on Cable 12 and were very impressed with and proud of the students. Abaco Junior Junkanoo received high praises nationally due to it being televised and Mr. Cooper stated that he is looking forward to a large contingency going into Nassau for Junior Junkanoo in December 2008 to represent Abaco. Mr. Cooper encouraged the teachers from the North and South that inclusion will be sought so that they can have more input in both junior and senior Junkanoo parades, to include persons from those areas on both committees. He plans to work on getting

the seed money increased because it has been too low for too long. It is time that Junior Junkanoo groups get more than \$500 and senior groups more than \$1500.

Mrs. Black supports schools being involved in Junior Junkanoo because it is a part of the Bahamian culture. It teaches them many life skills including discipline so they will know how to act on the parade, good interpersonal skills, mathematical skills and artistic skills. She told the principals and teachers that it took a long time but today they will receive the fruits of their labor. In the high school division Abaco Central High School won, receiving three flat screen computers donated by Malcolm Spicer. In the All Age School division Amy Roberts won first place, receiving three flat screen computers, Wesley College placed second, receiving two computers, and Moore's Island came third, receiving one computer. In the pri-

mary school division Central Abaco Primary School came in first, receiving three flat screen computers, Fox Town Primary School came second and received two computers, while Treasure Cay Primary School came third and received one computer.

The committee thanks the following companies who continue to pledge their support every year. They are Baker's Bay, The Abaco Club, Abaco Beach Resort, Lo-

cal Government, Marco Air Conditioning, Texaco and many school sponsors who supported their schools on many levels.

Finally, it is hoped that the committee will make a greater effort to ensure that the schools receive their awards sooner after the parade instead of waiting an entire year later after many of the students have graduated or moved to another school. By now the excitement of Junkanoo has died down.



Schools that won in the Junior Junkanoo competition last December finally received their awards - computers. These Central Abaco Primary students received three computers for coming in first in the Primary division.



Central government provided seed money to schools to defray expenses in preparing for this year's Junaknoo competition. Senior Administrator Cephias Cooper gave it to the principals who want their schools to compete. However, both the Junior Junkanoo and the adult Junkanoo have been postponed until February.

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Wesley College band led the march

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Black, who addressed them on the subject and was coaxed into donating \$20 as a prize for the school shouting the loudest "AIDS Free Schools." The money was won by the Abaco Central High School.

The two HIV positive people addressed the crowd of students which by then included S.C. Bootle and Cooper's Town Primary Schools. One of them explained how she had to face discrimination and talked about the fact that she had to take medicine the

rest of her life. The other victim told how he contracted HIV five years ago and urged the students to take precautions not to be infected.

The Wesley College Band resumed playing and was joined by Mr. Jeffrey Victor's Junkanoo group from Central Abaco Primary while the students paraded with their banners.

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The Wesley College band led the AIDS awareness parade on November 30.

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Historic ruins in South Abaco are in jeopardy

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stand at Lantern Head which, based on its architecture, has been ascertained to pre-date the emancipation of 1837. It stands on part of a 210-acre tract which, according to reports, the Department of Lands and Surveys granted to a family by the name of Stuart. Another source stated, "Some of the land was once the original J.S. Johnson estate where sisal and pineapples were grown. Although some is private land, it seems that much of it is Crown Land." Findings at Lantern Head suggest that the height of the land provided a good lookout for ships passing and that the sea provided sustenance.

According to a very concerned member of the Abaco community who has visited this area, "Some of the most substantial ruins on Abaco can be found here. The biggest collection of buildings is at Barque Bay where some of the ruins appear to be

of a military nature and one building appears to have been a barracks building with three windows and three doors on either side. On some of the structures very detailed sketches of old ships, which even show the rigging lines and sails, can still be seen etched into the plaster. There are two sketches of large ships with what appears to be whales alongside suggesting that this may have once been a whaling camp. It is thought

likely that these sketches were the method the people used to record the boats which passed. Also, the remains of slave quarters, chimneys and a cookhouse can be seen in a completely walled in compound which is in pristine condition located about four or five miles from the lighthouse."

Sadly, the people of Abaco are in imminent danger of losing this area of great historic significance. This would be a travesty for not only our island but the entire Bahamas. Early in May developers moved into the area and, according to reliable sources, "about a month and a half ago began work in earnest pushing several roads through the area both along the shoreline, parallel to the shoreline and also in an east west direction leading to the shoreline. Close to 30 miles of roads have already been pushed through, damaging or destroying several of the historic buildings and pushing through a retaining wall in three places. The dunes have been cut through which is illegal and



The ruins of two historic settlements in South Abaco are not seriously disturbed at this time. Walls of buildings, rock fences and fireplaces still stand including this one at Barque Bay. However, a developer has bulldozed survey lines that have knocked down some part of the rock fences.

now makes it easier for any storm surges to wash through. The bulldozers have also cut through some of the highest coppice land on Abaco destroying many beautiful hardwood trees."

It is alleged that "the developer has no permits or permission from the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation or Physical Planning, has not conducted an Environmental Impact Assessment and has not received approval from the appropriate government agencies to clear these areas. Since May two concerned persons, David Bethel and Dale Hill, have been to the area 10 times and state that they have seen no parrots as they have all left the area due to all the activity with the bulldozers and there is evidence that at least one active parrot nest was run over.

Mr. Hill stated, "I have been told that it will be a 'high end' development but no one knows the exact plans of the developer who is from Atlanta, Georgia. I was told by people from Nassau to go and put a stop to it until something can be sorted out. I met one of the developers down there who was very arrogant and said that he had done two years of research and had got the necessary approvals and was pushing boundary lines. However, the first anyone on Abaco knew about this development was when a call was received from a man in Nassau who had flown over in a small plane and been astounded to see what was happening. The Hon. Brent Symonette, Deputy Prime Minister, was surprised to hear about this development of which he had no knowledge, and it is of great concern to him. This area should be protected, not only for the historic buildings but for the dunes, which are approximately 40-50 feet high, the parrots, wild ducks, hogs, pigeons and

A statement by Pericles Maillis Past President of the BNT (1991-1994)

"These present development proposals and land dealings in the Lantern Head / Barque Bay area came to me with some sadness and bitterness," said Mr. Maillis. Stressing that he was speaking personally, he continues, "The BNT Council will be deliberating on the entire proposals fully in due course." He recounted, "In 1994 when the great parrot public education program ended successfully with the creation of the 20,500 acre Abaco National Park, I brought up then that all the land (or most of it) was pine land and that some 5000 acres of private land in the area was all coppice - of far greater value botanically and to bird life. I wondered whether we should start a new campaign to buy it - then for around \$1.2 million. Otherwise someday we would face development, golf courses, etc. Anyway, the consensus sadly at that time was that we were too exhausted and other priorities intervened. Now we face a situation that could have been death with back then."

turtles. It is a major turtle nesting area. If this area is destroyed, there will be a huge backlash for the government."

Up until this development began, the area was known only to hunters, relic collectors and naturalists. It was inaccessible to the general public so it remained protected but

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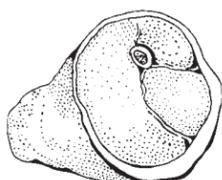
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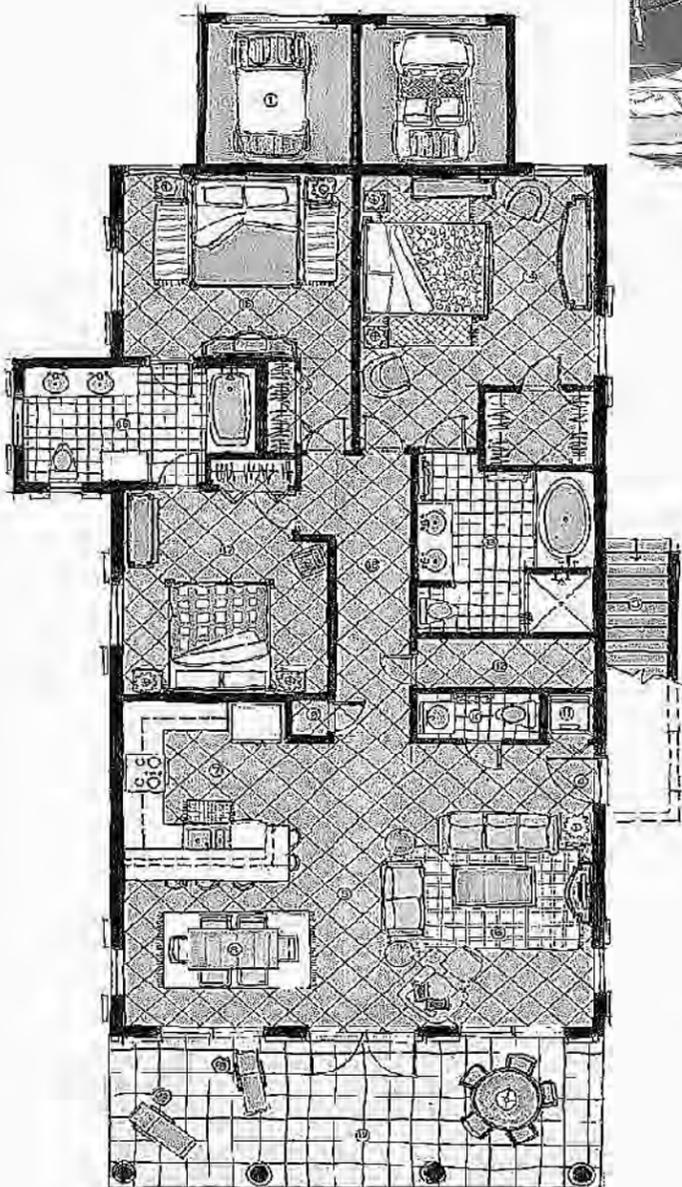


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Murphy Town Committee Nov. 19

By Mirella Santillo

The Murphy Town Committee meeting took place on November 18 at the Local Government office.

The motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting was contested by Mr. Glen McDonald on the grounds that they contained suggestions made by the Administrator. The argument was carried on at length with Mr. McDonald insisting that the Administrator could not tell the town what to do. Mr. Cephas Cooper reminded Mr. McDonald, "The Administrator and Local Government are one intrinsic part of government and are supposed to work together for the betterment of the communities." Mr. McDonald answered that he would follow up with complaining letters to the Administrator and the Minister.

There were objections as to whether the contractors in charge of mowing the side streets and the cemetery were keeping their schedule and whether they should be paid if they did not fulfil their monthly contracts. The man charged with inspecting the work, mentioned that some work had not been completed in October in the cemetery. Mr. Tinker strongly argued, "If Mr. Brooks said somebody should not be paid, let's take his word," arguing against favoritism if the community was to go forward.

The Chairman, Mr. Cubel Davis, mentioned that Local Government would contribute \$350 for a prize for the winner of the Best Kept Yard Competition. A contract was given for the removal of derelict cars. A budget of \$2,000 was granted for the

Local Government at work

food expenses of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The grounds in front of the Burial Society will be cleaned and the building will be painted.

The Coconut Tree Bay project was brought up. Contracts awarded had not been fulfilled. The projected restoration of Coconut Tree Bay includes the construction of a boat ramp, cabanas and restoration of the creek.

It was confirmed that a dumpster would be placed on the road to Great Cistern and another one will be placed at the entrance of Bahamas Coral Island.

Hope Town District Council Nov 29

Session started privately with Administrator Cephas Cooper giving a brief overview of members' responsibilities.

Representatives attended from Baker's Bay and Save Guana Cay Reef and each was allowed five minutes to make a presentation. SGCR briefly listed objections to project. The group wants proof of ownership of land being built on, private, Crown and Treasury land. They stated that half

the population of Guana Cay is against the project and they will bring a petition to the Council. They objected to employees of the project speeding and driving recklessly on the island. Many accidents have occurred due to these employees. They dwelt on the fact that the acquisition of various parcels took place on July 27, 2007 but construction took place prior to that date. So this was illegal as they did not own the land when improvements were made. They stated that temporary buildings were erected without permission.

Livingston Marshall spoke on behalf of Baker's Bay. Leases were signed and in hand. He wants transparency in all of Baker's dealings. He left two copies with Council of an environmental report written by Kathleen Sealy. Anthony Roberts stated that many facts in the article were not correct. Mr. Marshall mentioned that the BEST Commission makes frequent visits to the cay, and they are in constant communications with the BEST Commission. He estimated that dredging the marina is 60 to 70 percent completed and they are

beginning to shape the golf course. Their generator should be in place early next year. It was stated that there are 86 registered voters on Guana who are eligible to sign the petition.

Other matters: Concerns were raised over unlicensed vehicles in Hope Town and the lack of any effort to bring this situation under control.

Central Abaco Dist. Council Nov 29

The meeting began with two principals present of the Crossing condominium project who announced that their application to reclaim seabed was withdrawn and that their neighbour was withdrawing his application as well.

Glender Knowles made a presentation proposing a local government forum to be held in February, 2008, to bring Abaco local government practitioners together and have Nassau speakers elaborate on various aspects of local government. There is much to be gained by a seminar. Everyone

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complimented her on her presentation. The idea was discussed by the Council and it was generally conceded that a gathering of this sort would be more effective in July with the newly elected people as opposed to educating people in February when they had only four more months to serve. Administrator Cephas Cooper suggested that the Councillors and Town Committee members state their specific needs and issues that could be elaborated on by the speakers.

Mrs. Yvonne Key spoke extensively on airport renovations. One area of roof over the exit from Customs has been extended. It was recommended that the roof be extended on other side of the building and around the side. They plan to extend the roof by 15 feet on the side that will give

a porch for additional seating. They will continue the cement out to the side so the area will be level with no steps. Marco Air Conditioning is donating two air conditioning units. Mrs. Key is going to contact Civil Aviation to get non-skid tiles for the porch.

The problem of the window access to the food concession at the airport was discussed. It was suggested that the window be changed to be accessed from the outside. After much decision about the danger from cars, dust, flies, etc, it was decided that for the best use of the building they will move the window. This will disrupt the business briefly but the work will be done quickly so it would be closed only for a couple of days. The final decision to move the window.

Capital funding of \$125,000 is expected any day. The Council decided to keep the

entire amount for projects that will benefit all of Central Abaco. This will include the expense of improvements to the airport terminal.

The Marsh Harbour Town Committee has paid \$6700 for quarry to level the area beside the new dock road along the Mud. They need an additional \$6000 to \$8000 for more quarry to finish the job. A dredging job on the far end of Pelican Shores has created quarry in Fanny Bay. Mrs Key is hoping that she can arrange for that quarry to fill in the newly cleaned area.

Mr. Dale Hill mentioned that traffic lights have been on the island for a long



time to be installed at the K&S corner. But the lights will require two poles and there is no funding for this. Mr. Cooper will contact the Ministry of Works in Nassau to get their recommendations so it is done in conformity with national standards.

Mr. Cooper mentioned that he will be writing an official letter to Town Planning advising that beginning on January 1, the

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Students ran relay marathon

By Mirella Santillo

More than 100 students from the Treasure Cay Primary School, Central Abaco Primary School and Abaco Central High School participated in a relay marathon on December 1st.

The youths were divided into eight-member teams, except for Mr. Godfrey Rolle's Treasure Cay team which only had five boys under 13 years old. Each team member had to run one mile on the S.C. Bootle Highway from Treasure Cay to Abaco Central High School. The students were divided into teams of under 13, under 15, under 17 and under 20.

The marathon was a brain child of Abaco

Central High School's physical education teacher, Mr. Vogel Williams. He was helped in the organizing and chaperoning of the marathon by several teachers and parents, including Mr. Stretch Morley, the Youth Coordinator for Abaco.

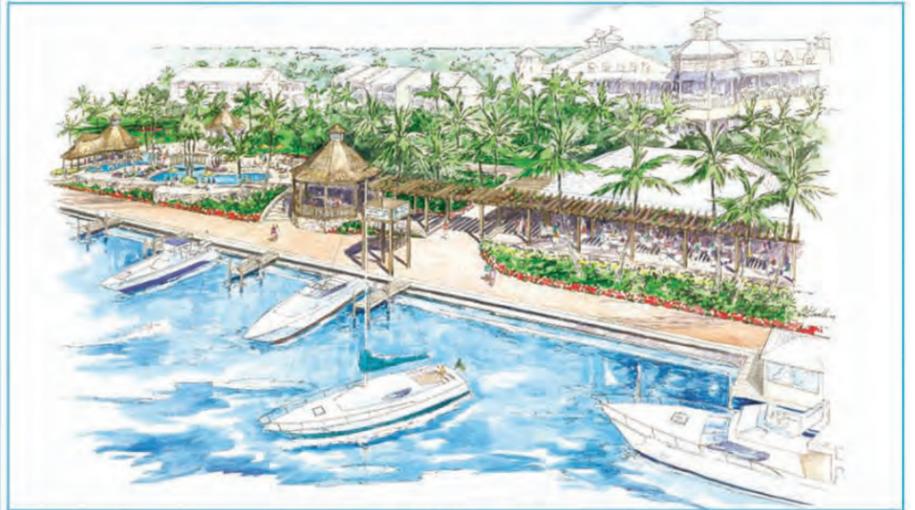
The boys under-20 team covered the eight miles distance in 1 hour 30 minute while the boys under 17 made it in 1 hour 33 minutes.

Ms. James, the Acting Principal of Abaco Central High School and Ms. Denise Gadsby had soft drinks, medals and trophies which were handed out when the whole group arrived. The event was sponsored by Mr. Frank Hepburn.



These are some of the winners of the relay marathon that school students ran on December 1 between Treasure Cay and Murphy Town. The race attracted students from three schools.

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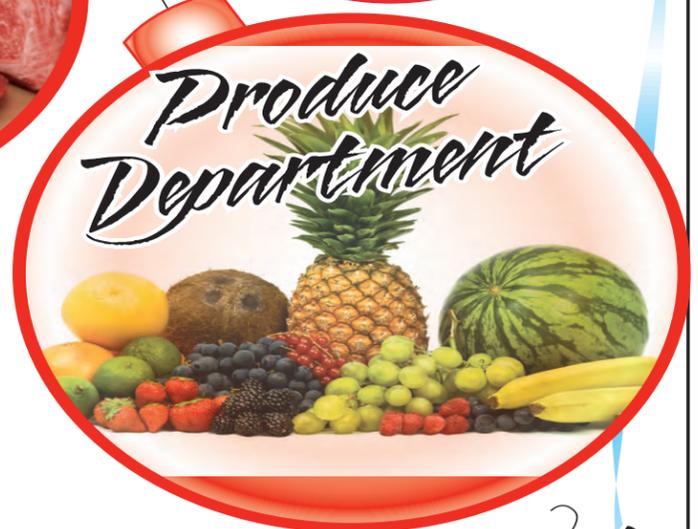
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this is no longer the case and vandalism has now occurred in some places.

Work was halted about two weeks ago but, according to sources, "So much damage has already been done. While one cannot prevent people from developing their own property, consideration should be given for the preservation of the past because the history and the exceptional architecture are significant and have the potential to yield an architectural heritage for Abaco. People who have been finding out about this desecration are shocked and the more people who know about it the better," stated a very concerned environmentalist. On December 10 several people will be meeting with the

developer's lawyer to visit the site in question and discuss the matter."

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Town Planning Board will make recommendations on building applications but that Council will make all final decisions on building plans.

A new building has been erected between Gina's Restaurant and the B&L building in Marsh Harbour. The business there is wanting a license to sell food but it appears that there was never a building permit approved. A licensing decision was deferred pending an investigation regarding a building permit.

Mr. Sonith Lockhart asks that Witches

Point to be made a public beach permanently. The road going out to Witches Point is a public road. Mr. Lockhart will secure a land plat of the area from a surveyor so the Council can know the status of the land in that area.

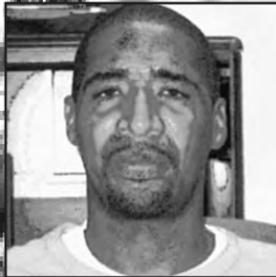
Mr. Drexel Tinker brought up the fact

that some local government employees are receiving pay that is less than the minimum for government employees. Mr. Cooper wants all employees to be brought up to the minimum. So some people will see increases in their pay - a nice Christmas gift.



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October presented a challenge for the nation as we prepared for the arrival of Tropical Storm Noel. However, we were spared the wrath of this natural disaster on Abaco and would like to take this time to remember our brothers and sisters in the Southeast Bahamas who were not so fortunate.

This year we welcomed our new administrator, Mr. Cephias Cooper, and his assistant, Mrs. Margaret Symmonette, to our District as well as two new members in the Dundas Town Committee.

As you move about through your holiday festivities, we would like you to take this time to remember the less fortunate amongst us, the elderly, the sick and shut-in and most of all, the Almighty God, who is the reason that we celebrate this sacred time of year.

I pray God's blessings on you that this will be a safe holiday season and that you will find your way to the church of your choice.

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North Abaco News

AIDS Awareness Church Service

By Vernique Russell

The first week in the month of December was declared AIDS Awareness Week. The theme for this year awareness was Stop AIDS: You Take the Lead. Throughout The Bahamas AIDS Secretariat Department has been educating the public on HIV/AIDS. Abaco was not left out of the education process and a special church service was held among other events. The church service was held at the Full Gospel Assembly Church in Treasure Cay.

Over 7,000 persons in The Bahamas are presently living with HIV/AIDS. The largest group is young persons between the ages of 15 and 29. Mrs. Sandy Edwards, Chairperson of the Awareness Committee on Abaco, and her team gave those in attendance an eye opening lesson as facts were distributed and moments of reality presented.

Mrs. Lenora Black, Abaco Superintendent of Education, declared the week officially launched. In her address she reflected on cases of HIV/AIDS deaths that she had encountered during her career. She informed the attendees that they are about 200 children in the school system that are living with the disease. She further admonished the students to take the information seriously and be their brother's keeper. Choose healthy lifestyles that will lead to long life and take an active role in the fight against AIDS. Senior Administrator Cephias Cooper vowed his support to Mrs. Edwards and her team to assist to educate the public. He reminded the congregation that the choices we make have con-

sequences, be they good or bad. Students from various schools gave speeches they had written.

The most interesting moments were when two persons who were living with HIV shared their stories with the audience. The young man told the audience that it was the first time he had sexual intercourse that he contracted the disease and the other lady had contracted through a series of events. The young man advised parents to talk with their children, stating that although his parents were preachers, no one ever talked to him about sex. Today he is an activist against discrimination for people living with AIDS.

The keynote address was delivered by Pastor Stafford Symonette, Senior Pastor of of the church. His message was directly geared towards the members, asking what they were doing about this crisis. He charged that the members must stop talking and start working as it is the responsibility of the church to save, preserve and protect its people.

The reality of this alarming crisis is that we must unite and stop the spread of AIDS. Each of us has a role to play in the fight against HIV/AIDS and we must take the lead.

New Businesses

By Vernique Russell

On December 8th Gabrielle's Gift Shop will opened in the Lowe's Pharmacy Plaza adjacent to Royal Bank. It will be carrying a wide variety of perfume, make-up jewelry and authentic Coach Designers hand bags. Store owner Gail McIntosh is optimistic about the opening of the store and is looking forward to serving you.

Nique's Hair & Nails Style Floft also opened on December 8th in the Colina Building next door to Epic Batteries. This beauty salon will offer a variety of services. Only the best of the best will be available to serve you and meet all of your hair care and nail needs. Nique's is owned and managed by Mrs. Dominique Rolle. The management and staff are looking forward to hooking you up with your royal treatment.

Burns House Relocates

By Vernique Russell

Spanky's Liquor Store in Treasure Cay operated by Burns House has relocated. The retail and wholesale liquor store that has been in operation for over 10 years in the Ossie Parker Building in Treasure Cay has moved to the Kula building on the corner of Treasure Cay and Sherlin Bootle Highway opposite the Treasure Cay Primary School. The business hours are still 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the inventory has increased. There is now a larger variety of wines, beers and other alcoholic beverages.

School News

Fox Town Parents Workshop

By Vernique Russell

The principal and staff of Fox Town Primary School held a parents and teachers workshop on November 17th to give parents an in-depth look educationally, socially and religiously into the school's plans for their children. Dynamic speakers for the workshop included Mrs. Lenora Black, District Superintendent who spoke on the educational aspect of the Ministry of Education's plans for the school and the requirements of parents.

Bishop Terrence Strachan of Life Gate Ministries International addressed the role of the church and its involvement in the school and W/ Sgt. Johnson of the Fox Town Police Station spoke about crime and other social issues that affect the school. Mrs. Sandy Edwards gave a presentation on HIV/AIDS and its effect on society since it was first detected in The Bahamas.

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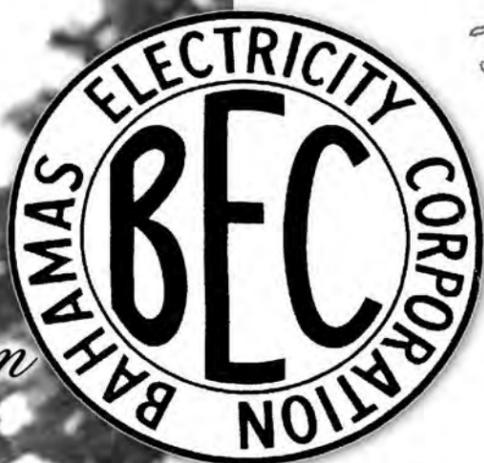


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She conducted an activity session the crisis that we are faced with by HIV/AIDS to hit little closer to home. Though the parental participation was very poor, the information that was disbursed was important and appreciative by those who attended.

Fox Town Primary Celebrates Thanksgiving

By Vernique Russell

The principal, staff and students of Fox Town Primary along with parents celebrated Thanksgiving Day in grand style with a special assembly held on November 21st. Students from grades one through six competed in an essay competition leading up to the day and the winning essays were read at the assembly. Mrs. Yvette McIntosh was the special guest speaker for the assembly and special prayers were offered for the children. The thanksgiving assembly was significant in that the playground was dedicated. The school is now equipped

with a playground that allows the children to enjoy recess to the fullest.

Math Workshop

By Vernique Russell

A math workshop was held on November 29th at the St. Simon by the Sea Anglican Parish Hall. The workshop catered to students of the upper primary school levels (4-6) from schools throughout North Abaco inclusive of Green Turtle Cay. The workshop gave students an opportunity to enhance their arithmetic skills. The workshop was hosted by the Ministry of Education and personnel from the Ministry in Nassau.

Special Events

By Vern Russell

A special assembly was held at the Treasure Cay Primary School on November 28th in observance of the AIDS Awareness Celebrations on Abaco. Students were educated on the dangers of HIV/AIDS and were able to meet persons living with the disease. Students learned of sexual crimes that can result in their contracting the disease.

There was a HIV/AIDS Sensitization held at the Sherlin Bootle High school on November 29th during the school's monthly PTA meeting. The committee appealed to the parents for their support and solidarity and to help them realize the importance of protecting themselves.

Sports

Basketball team visits Abaco

By Vernique Russell

The Sunland Baptist Stingers of Freeport were on Abaco on November 23rd-25th to raise funds for travel expenses as they prepare to represent The Bahamas in

two tournaments in the United States and to display the talent that they had recruited from Abaco as almost half the team are from Abaco. The events that were planned did not turn the way it was expected but the team was still able to show off their skills and talents. They played a game during the Abaco Basketball Association league game night against the Abaco Central Blue Marlins at the Ocean View Park in Dundas Town that they won. The boys enjoyed their trip here and are looking forward to

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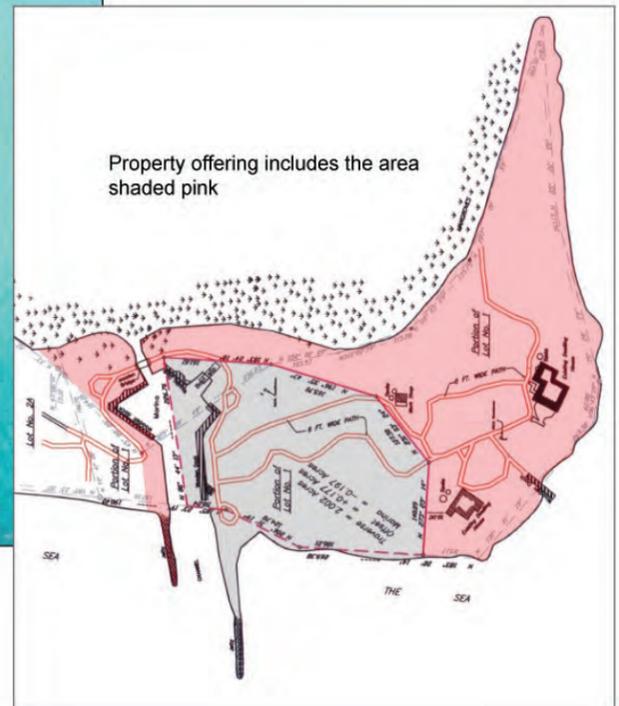
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doing well in Daytona and Orlando. The team was accompanied by two of their coaches and a high school recruiter from the United States. They stayed in Treasure Cay and visited several of the other settlements on the island.

Basketball Association has returned

By Vernique Russell

The Abaco Basketball Association has returned to North Abaco and games will once again be hosted in Treasure Cay. It has been quite awhile since the ABA has visited us and we are grateful to have them back among us again.

On November 17th the league hosted three exciting games at the Don Corbett basketball court in Treasure Cay and the featured the Youth In Action versus Treasure Cay Youth Club, St. Thomas versus Junior Crusaders and Full Gospel Crusaders Senior versus Sherlin Bootle.

At the end of the night the Youth in Action team of Marsh Harbour won their division.

The other winners were the Junior Crusaders and the Senior Crusaders. Residents in the North came to be a part of the family fun-filled night. Residents are very grateful to once again be able to enjoy an exciting game of basketball without having to drive to Dundas Town and our players are thankful for the home court advantage.

Church News Church hosts Tea Party

By Vernique Russell

The Women's Ministry of Full Gospel Assembly hosted a Down Home Style Tea Party to raise funds for transportation. The Tea Party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ornald Cornish in Treasure Cay on November 24th. This worthy cause brought together people from all walks of life and denomination that were entertained through skits, dance, poetry, a hat fashion show, song selections and a silent auction.

People came to be a part of this memorable event. There was lots of food, sweets and treats. Authentic Bahamian gifts were auctioned including beautiful straw work, handmade jewelry and other items. Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in the Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands, Mr. Patrick Paul and his wife, and other distinguished guest attended. The event was declared a success and the first of many more to come. The organizers headed by Mrs. Melvern Cornish wishes to express



The Women's Ministry of the Full Gospel Assembly held a tea party to raise for transportation.

her sincere appreciation for all those who made the event a grand success.

Zion Baptist Fundraiser

By Vernique Russell

Zion Baptist in Fox Town hosted a fair on December 8 at the church to raise funds for their church building. The funds will help rebuild their church that was destroyed by the rage of Hurricanes Francis and Jeanne.

Battle of the Choirs

By Vernique Russell

On December 22nd the place to be will be Revival Time Pentecostal Church in Crown Haven for the battle of the churches. This event will be staged to bring together church choirs and soloists to display their talents and abilities for the chance to be crowned the best in the north. Organizers are looking forward to staging an exciting and fun-filled night for the entire family. If you think you got what it takes, sign up for your opportunity to be crowned champion.

Revival in the park

By Vernique Russell

Pastor Miriam Emmanuel of Good Samaritans Ministries in Nassau along with ministers from their church held three nights of revival services at Ingraham's Park in Cooper's Town. Pastor Miriam, a daughter of the soil, encouraged, rebuked and chastised the people who to the services. Her message throughout the revival was holiness, encouraging those in attendance to live a life of holiness and return to pray. Trust God and be sincere about the commitment that they have made to Him. Pastor Emmanuel appreciates all who supported the services and encouraged all believers to serve the Lord.

End Time Harvest District Convention

By Vernique Russell

Bishop Tyrone Mills along with the officers and members of End Time Harvest Ministries in Crown Haven hosted its 11th Annual District Convention at the church on November 12th-18th. Under the theme For the Glory of God, services were held nightly. Speakers for the convention included Pastor Bridgette Mills of Cities of Refuge in Treasure Cay, Pastor Samuel Cornish of Change Ministries in Murphy Town, Pastor Cardinal McIntosh of Freeport Family Fellowship Center and Min. Christine Curry of New Hope Baptist Church in Mount Hope. People were inspired, hearts were challenged and change was present as God was made the focus of the services.

The communities of North Abaco congratulate Bishop Mills and his congregation on their 11th District Convention. We pray that you will continue to be faithful to the work that God has chosen you for and that you won't get tired in well doing but rather keep pressing for the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. Once again, congratulation for a job well done!

Ordination and Thanksgiving Service

By Vernique Russell

Pastor Bridgette Thurston-Mills along with the members of Cities of Refuge Non-Denominational and Restoration Ministries invite you to a special service on Decem-

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ber 2nd when it will officially merge under the leadership of Bishop Tyrone Mills. The service will include an ordination and installation of members into their positions as officers and a service of thanksgiving. Prior to the special service, a week of services will be held at the church in Treasure Cay which will be the venue for the special service.

People News
New Arrival - It's A Boy
By Vernique Russell

The communities of North Abaco welcome little Odell Cox, Jr. to the big world, born on November 20th in New Providence. He is the latest addition to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cox of Cooper's Town. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Cox on the arrival of their bundle of joy.

Welcome

By Vernique Russell

A special welcome is extended to Insp. Kenry Stubbs, who is posted at the Marsh Police Station. We hope that his time here with us be a productive and fruitful one and that he will be committed to loyalty, integrity and trust as he labors among us. We welcome him to the island of Abaco!

Merry Christmas

By Vernique Russell

Special Christmas greetings are extended to everyone in North Abaco. It is my prayer

that this Christmas brings you lots of good cheers and joy. Remember that Jesus is the reason for the season and keep Him as the focus of your celebration. Take time out of your busy schedule to visit the church of your choice and spend time with your family. May every gift unwrap a smile and joy to each recipient and most of all, be reminded of children that are not as fortunate as you this Christmas. Give and share and help someone else to have a merry Christmas. God bless you and be with you throughout the holidays. Merry Christmas, North Abaco!




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MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTIES

Abaco Properties

Dundas Town Crown Allotment Appraisal \$265,225.00



ceiling is sheet rock and the floors of vinyl tiles.

One two bedrooms, 1 bathroom, triplex. Approximately 9,000 sq. ft. lot no. 18B with an area for a small shop. Age-12 years the land is a portion of one of the Dundas Town Crown Allotment parcels stretching from Forest Drive to Front Street, being just under a quarter acre in size and on the lowside. A concrete block structure, with asphalt shingle roof and L-shape in design with a total length of 70 x 26 ft. Plus 50 x 22 ft. 2,920 sq. Ft. the interior walls are concrete blocks;

Portion of Murphy Town Crown Allotment, Murphy Town, Abaco. Appraisal: \$108,000



The property is 890 x 100 ft and rectangular in shape. The land is elevated approximately 15 ft above road level and approximately 25 ft above sea level. Located on this property is a 20 yr old three bedroom, two bathroom, living, dining, kitchen and laundry room house. The structure requires much attention.

Eleuthera Properties

Lot No. 62, Lower Bogue Eleuthera Appraisal: \$235,638



is approximately 85% completed. The property is well landscaped with crab grass and some fruit trees.

All that piece, parcel or lot of land and improvements in the settlement of Lower Bogue, North Eleuthera, being No. 62, comprising of about 34,210 sq. ft. This site encompasses a 12-year-old single storey home comprising of 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, front room, dining, breakfast room, kitchen and laundry room with a total living area of approximately 2,342.06. Property also includes a double car garage and front entrance with a total sq. ft. of approximately 655.75. This home

Lot No. 7. Boiling Hole Subdivision Appraisal: \$153,521.00



sq. ft. and covered porch area of approximately 164.70 sq. ft. This duplex was built in accordance with the plan and specification as approved, and at a standard that was acceptable to the Ministry of Public Works. This structure is in good condition. Each apartment could be rented at \$800.00 per month. The land is landscaped and planted with ficus trees but needs some manicuring.

This property is situated on the western side of Eleuthera Highway in the settlement of Lower Bogue.

All that piece, parcel or lot of land and improvements situated on the Island of Eleuthera, North of Governor's Harbour, comprising of Lot No. 7 in the Boiling Hole Subdivision and comprising of approximately 10,000 sq. ft., this site encompasses a 17-year old duplex with each unit consisting of 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, front room, dining room and kitchen with a gross floor area of approximately 1,474.20

Eleuthera Lot No. 1, Block No. 45 Appraisal: \$151,007.00



on the upper level, approximately 1,610 sq. ft. of enclosed living space, with 3-bedrooms, 2-bathrooms, front room, dining room, den, kitchen, and utility room. The wooden porch on the upper level approximately 148 sq. ft. There is also a water cistern under the dining room floor area. All utilities and services available. This property is situated in Eleuthera Island Shores.

All that place parcel or lot of land having an area of 9,644 sq. ft, being lot #1 In block 45, Section E in the subdivision called and known as Eleuthera Island Shores Subdivision, situated in the vicinity of Hatchet Bay Harbour, on the Island of Eleuthera, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. This site encompasses a two-storey building which is approximately 14 yrs. old and is abandoned. There is a wooden landing approximately 7'-4" wide by 20'-0" on

Long Island Properties

Hamilton's, Long Island Appraisal: \$112,000.00.



the property such as electricity, water, cable and telephone. The property is accessed by the main Queen's Highway.

All that piece parcel or lot of land and improvements situated in the settlement of Hamilton's on the Island of Long Island and comprising of approximately 13,547 sq. ft. and is elevated approximately 7-8 ft above sea level. This site encompasses a 35 yr. structure. A simple style home consisting of two bedrooms, one bathroom, kitchen, living and dining room. The home, however, is consisted of separate constructions; 360 sq. ft of concrete construction and 624 sq. ft of wooden construction. All amenities are to

VACANT PROPERTIES

Exuma Vacant Property

Island Harbour Beach, Exuma Appraisal: \$80,000

All that parcel or lot of vacant land containing 10,000 (80' x 100') sq. ft. being lot No. 9, Block 2, Island Harbour Beach Subdivision situated the western most portion of the Hermitage Estate, Little Exuma, Bahamas. The property is located on an unpaved road known as Stocking Road. The property also has a commanding view of the ocean.

Abaco Vacant Property

Blackwood, Abaco Appraisal: \$219,354.40

All that lot of land having an area of approximately 258,064 sq. ft. This property is yet to reach its highest and best use. It is ideally suited to single or multi-family development as is the nature of surrounding properties within the community. The site may also serve well as a commercial site as the area remains un-zoned the property remains largely in its original state. It is covered with low brush and broad leaf coppice vegetation interspersed with broad strands of mature yellow pine indigenous to the area. The property is well drained and represents no immediate flooding danger under normal conditions. The subject property is vacant and is situated at the southeastern entrance of the community of Blackwood, Abaco. The property is undivided and comprises approximately 6 acres of a larger tract of land of approximately 26 acres.

New Providence Vacant Property

Lot B, Wilson Street, Rock Crusher Appraisal: \$97,214

All that lot of land having an area of 10,498 sq. ft. being Lot B, between the subdivision known as Rock Crusher and in the vicinity of Perpall Tract situated in the western district of New Providence, Bahamas. This property is zoned multi-family / single family. Also located on this property is a structure comprising of a duplex at foundation level under construction, and consisting of approximately 1,566 sq. ft. of enclosed living space with a patio consisting of 270 sq. ft. The starter bars are in place and foundation poured. Traveling west on Farrington Road take a right after the PLP Headquarters, go about midways through to Wilson Street. Go through the corner all the way to the dead end. The property is located behind the chain link fence at the back of the yard.

New Providence Properties

Kennedy Subdivision Nassau Appraisal: \$188,406.00



Lot no. 21 all utilities available 10 year old single story house, 3 bedroom 2 bathroom, living dining area, family room, kitchen, study, laundry and an entry porch. Heading west along Soldier Road take main entrance to Kennedy Subdivision on the left, then take the 1st corner on the left, then 1st right. House is second on your right with garage.

Lot No. 1490 Appraisal: \$162,400.00



improvements including driveway, walkway and low shrubs. Yard is enclosed on one side with 5-foot chain link fencing and a low cement block wall to the front. Traveling west on Carmichael Road turn left, then right onto the service road opposite Bahamas Faith Ministries Complex, then first left again after passing clico and pre-school. The subject house is the 6th house left painted green trimmed white.

Golden Gates Section 2 All that lot of land having an area of 6,000 sq. ft. Being lot no. 1490 of the subdivision known and designated as Golden Gates, the said subdivision situated in the southwestern district of New Providence, Bahamas. This property is comprised of a 25-yr-old single family residence consisting of approximately 2,480 sq. ft. of enclosed living with three bedrooms three bathrooms, living room and kitchen. The land is on a grade and level; however, the site appears to be sufficiently elevated to disallow the possibility of flooding during annual heavy rainy periods of the year. The grounds are fairly kept with

Lot No. 130, St. Andrews Beach Estates Appraisal: \$245,237.00



room, and one bedroom, l-bath, living /dining rooms and kitchen. The land is on a grade and level; however, the site appears to be sufficiently elevated to disallow the possibility of flooding during annual heavy rainy periods of the year. The grounds are fairly kept; the yard is enclosed with chain link fencing at the sides and back with gated access on both sides of the property. The front lawn section is not enclosed.

All that lot of land having an area of 8,100 sq ft, being lot no. 130 of the subdivision known and designated as St. Andrews Beach Estates, the said subdivision situated in the eastern district of New Providence, Bahamas. Located on the subject property is a structure comprising of an approximately 12 yr. old duplex apartment consisting of approximately 2,072 sq. ft of enclosed living space which includes one 3-bedroom l-bath, living, dining rooms, kitchen and utility

Traveling east on Yamacraw Hill Road take the third corner right with sign for St. Andrews Beach Estates, then take first left, then first right, the subject property is the 2nd property on the left side painted beige trimmed orange.



New Providence No. 21B Fraser Allotment off Soldier Road Appraisal \$303,000

The subject property consisting of 8,400 sq ft is developed with a split level home with 1925 sq ft of floor area on the ground floor, a porch area of 437 square feet and second floor area of 735 square feet. The building is of sound construction and completed in its entirety. The ground floor comprises 2 bedrooms, one bath, a kitchen, dining and family room. The second floor comprises two bedrooms, one bath, living and dining areas. Directions to property: Heading East on Soldier, turn

left onto first paved road opposite Lowe's Wholesale, 2nd to last house on the road with chain link fence.

VACANT PROPERTIES

Eleuthera Vacant Property

North Eleuthera Heights, Eleuthera Appraisal \$41,275.00

Lot #20 approximately 11,200 sq. ft. and bounded on north by Early Settler Drive and south by Deal Investment Ltd. This is single family zoning and 50 ft. above sea level. This site encompasses a foundation with plumbing and roughing in place and well compacted quarry fill. The concrete floor has not been poured as yet. The foundation is 2,511 sq. ft. Lot # 20 situated 1/5 miles eastwardly of the Bluff Settlement. The said lot is vacant and on a hill overlooking the Atlantic Ocean

Lot. 1 10B, Palmetto Point Appraisal: \$72,000

All that piece, parcel or lot of vacant land containing 9,000 and being lot No. 10B situated north of Ingraham's Pond and easterly of Palmetto Point, on the Island of Eleuthera, one of the islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and is bounded and abutting as follows: - on the north by Lot No. 3B and running thereon for a distance of 90 ft; on the East by Lot No. 11B and running thereon for a distance of 100 ft; on the south by a 20 ft. wide road reservation and running thereon 90 ft. on the west by Lot No. 9B running thereon for a distance of 100 ft., the said lot is overgrown with shrubs and is in close proximity to a white sandy beach. This neighbourhood is zoned residential development and is quiet and peaceful with a topography of approximately 50 ft. and because of this there is no danger of flooding. The area is approximately 80 percent developed with all utilities and services available.

Mutton Fish Point, North Eleuthera Appraisal: \$51,421.00

All the piece, parcel or lot of vacant land containing 44,714 sq. ft. and designated E which forms a portion of land known as "Mutton Fish Point" situated about two miles northwestward of the settlement of Gregory Town on the Island of Eleuthera, one of islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and is bounded and abutting as follows: Northwardly by the land now or formerly the property of Coridon Ltd. and running thereon for a distance of 393.13 feet; outwardly by a 30' wide road reservation and running thereon for a distance of 402.57 ft. eastward by the main Queen's Highway and running thereon for a distance of 109.73 ft; westwardly by land now or formerly the property of Coridon Limited and running thereon for a distance of 110.75 ft. This property having an area of approximately 44,714 sq. ft. This neighbourhood is zoned commercial/residential development and is quiet, peaceful and has a topography of approximately 2 ft. with all utilities and services available.

Mutton Fish Point North Eleuthera Appraisal: \$51,421.00

All that piece, parcel or tract of land containing one acre situated about 2 miles northwest of the settlement of Gregory Town on the island of Eleuthera, one of the islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and is bounded and abutting as follows; Northwesterly by the main Queens Highway and is running thereon for a distance of 125.462 feet northwestward by the land now or formerly the property of Coridon Limited, and running thereon for a distance of 390.274 ft; southwestwardly by a 30' wide road reservation and running thereon for a distance of 128,128 ft; Southeastwardly by the land now or formerly the property of the Vendor and running thereon for a distance of 322.955 ft. This property having area of approximately 44,847.76 sq ft. This neighbourhood is zoned commercial development end is quiet and peaceful with a topography of approximately 2 ft. with all utilities and services available This lot is vacant land and is located in the area known as "Mutton Fish Point."

Mutton Fish Point, North Eleuthera Appraisal \$51,276.00

All that place, parcel or lot of vacant land and improvements containing approximately 44,587 sq. ft. and designated 'F' which forms a portion of land known as "Mutton Fish Point" situated about two miles northwestward of the settlement of Gregory Town on the Island of Eleuthera, one of the islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and bounded and abutting as follows:- Northwardly by the land now or formerly the property of Coridon Limited, and running thereon for a distance of 383.56 ft; southwardly by land now or formerly the property of Coridon Limited and running thereon for a distance of 393.19 ft, eastwardly by the main Queen's Highway and running thereon for a distance of 113.40 ft. westwardly by land now or formerly the property of Coridon Limited and running thereon for a distance of 113.40 ft. This neighbourhood is zoned commercial / residential development and is quiet, peaceful and has a topography of approximately 2 ft. with all utilities and services available.

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Schools given Internet service

By Julian Lockhart

Out Island Internet (OII) and Computer Creations continue to give back to the community of Abaco as they are donating the equipment for full wireless internet access at the Marsh Harbour Community Library and full wireless internet service as well.

The two companies will each supply the equipment to set up the internet access and OII will supply the internet service for free. OII owner Christopher Claridge said children on Abaco who are less fortunate will be able to do school research and have internet access available to them.

Presently OII supplies internet service to three schools on Abaco free of charge (Every Child Counts, St. Francis de Sales and Guana Cay All Age). They will give free internet service to any school on Abaco that wants it. If the wires are already run at the school, they will even donate the basic router equipment. But if it takes a lot of setting up, they will charge the school only the cost price for all the equipment.

Mr. Claridge said, "It was our way of giving back to the community. We know that in some of the areas some of the kids are not as fortunate to be able to have computers or internet access. This was our way of being able to help the kids out to learn how to research. Any school that we can get service to, we will give wireless to. We have wireless service from Green Turtle Cay all the way down to Cherokee and for the dial-up services, anywhere there is a decent phone line we will give the service. As long as the kids are using the computer strictly for school work, they can come in and use the computers at our office. If they need to do research they can come in during office hours," he concluded. Their hours are Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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2. HAWKSBILL SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT

LOT NO. 152
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Residence
 0.12 acres
LOCATION: Northwestern side of intersection of Inagua Drive & Court #3
APPRAISED VALUE: \$82,250

3. HAWKSBILL SUBDIVISION PHASE I, FREEPORT

LOT NO. 57
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Residence
 5,487 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Abaco Drive
APPRAISED VALUE: \$89,000

4. MURPHY TOWN, ABACO

LOT NO. 65 Crown Allotment
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Residence
 10,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Front Street Murphy Town
APPRAISED VALUE: \$97,450

5. QUEEN'S COVE, FREEPORT

LOT NO. 5 Block 25
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Residence
 0.22 acres
LOCATION: Along Victoria Lane South of Whitehall Place
APPRAISED VALUE: \$170,000

6. BAHAMIA WEST REPLAT SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT

LOT NO. 5 Block 17
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Residence
 4 beds/3 baths, 0.28 acres
LOCATION: Northern side of a Cul-de-sac called Churchill Court
APPRAISED VALUE: \$307,420

7. HUDSON ESTATES SECTION II, FREEPORT

LOT NO. 292
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Residence
 3 beds/2 baths, 6,250 sq. ft.
LOCATION: John Rut Lane
APPRAISED VALUE: \$116,000

8. BAHAMIA MARINA SECTION 1X SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT

LOT NO. 44 Block 30
PROPERTY SIZE: 5 Bedroom, Single storey Duplex, 12,196.80 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Stratford Way
APPRAISED VALUE: \$305,000

VACANT LOTS

1. LUCAYA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT

LOT NO. 22 Block 174 Unit 17
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot
 1.00 acre
LOCATION: On Wilton Lane near Chesterfield House Drive
APPRAISED VALUE: \$7,500

2. LUCAYA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT

LOT NO. 23 Block 174 Unit 17
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot
 1.20 acres
LOCATION: On Wilton Lane near Chesterfield House Drive
APPRAISED VALUE: \$8,000

3. FORTUNE POINT SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT

LOT NO. 15 Block 7 Unit 4
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Unit
 12,075 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Eastern side of Cooper Road
APPRAISED VALUE: \$35,000

4. WINDSOR PARK SUBDIVISION, FREEPORT

LOT NO. 29 Block 10
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot
 0.37 acres
LOCATION: Southern Side of Dartmoor Way
APPRAISED VALUE: \$33,000

5. BAHAMIAN WEST REPLAT, FREEPORT

LOT NO. 19 Block 20
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot
 0.27 acres
LOCATION: Western Side of Perth Court Cul-de-sac
APPRAISED VALUE: \$27,000

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Murphy Town holds Christmas tree lighting ceremony

By Mirella Santillo

For the first time since the settlement was established in 1941, the residents of Murphy Town organized a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to celebrate the Christmas season.

The event was organized by the Murphy Town Beautification Committee, headed by Ms. Millie Dawkins, and took place at the Burial Society that had been recently painted and decorated for the occasion. The grounds had been cleared and landscaped to accommodate the sitting arrangement.

Over 100 people gathered for the event that started in the evening of December 6th. The threat of rain had receded; it was a cool, perfect evening for the ceremony which took place outside.

Under the orchestration of MC, Pastor Christopher Dean of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, the audience was treated to prayers, remarks, season's wishes and Scripture reading. The Bluff Point Choir sang several songs and the Dawkins Sisters sang carols. A short sermon was delivered by Rev. "Junior" Bert Williams.

The function included the announce-

ment of the Best Kept Yards competition. Nine people received a plum tree and a pair of gardening gloves for participating in the competition. The first place winner, Mrs. Paula Rolle, was handed a check for \$350, compliments of the Murphy Town Chairman, Mr. Cubel Davis. The second place winner, Mrs. Gwen Carey, received a check for \$250 from Mr. Bryan Thompson, compliments of First Caribbean Bank. The third prize winner, Mrs. Jocelyn Bootle, received a gift certificate from AID.

The highlight of the evening was the lighting of the official Christmas Tree by the oldest resident of Murphy Town, Rev. Roland Swain, who had the crowd rolling with laughter with his remarks. Since his wife Ida was unable to attend, he was joined in lighting the tree by Mrs. Olive Miller. The event ended with more singing by the Bluff Point Choir, joined by Rev. Swain and Mr. Bill Swain.

After the ceremony the attendants were offered refreshments of sandwiches and cakes, coffee, tea and soft drinks. It was a very successful event that the organizers promised to repeat again next year.

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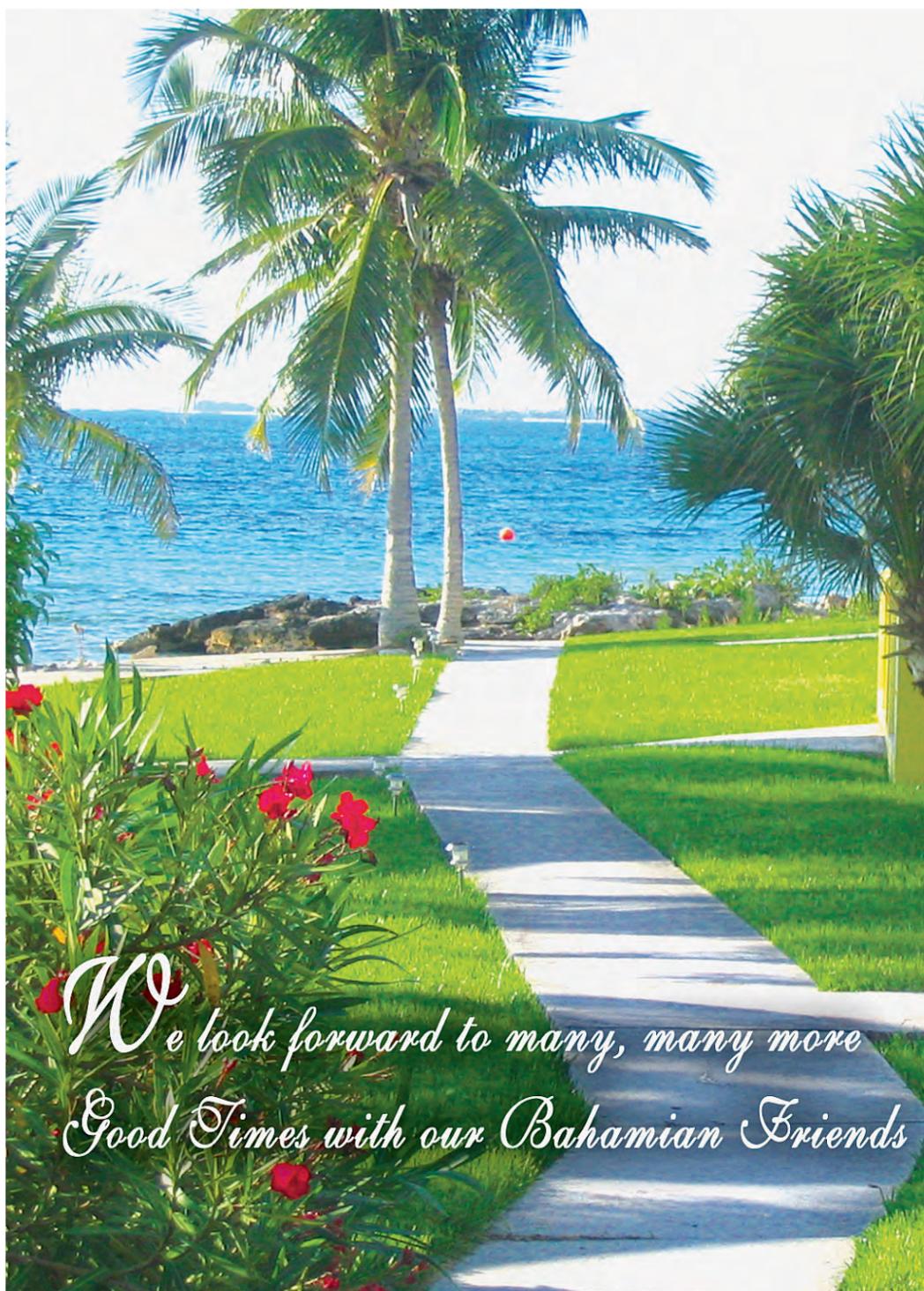
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School Observed Thanksgiving

By Samantha V. Evans

On November 29th the students and staff of Central Abaco Primary School paused to give God thanks for all of His blessings upon them. The theme for this ceremony was Great Is Thy Faithfulness. Each grade level prepared a piece that spoke of sharing, giving and giving thanks. Students sang songs or recited poetry while other preferred to dramatize and others simply enjoyed just being spectators. The message delivered by the students was clearly about treating others the way you want to be treated because as they beautifully depicted; people treat you the way you treat them.

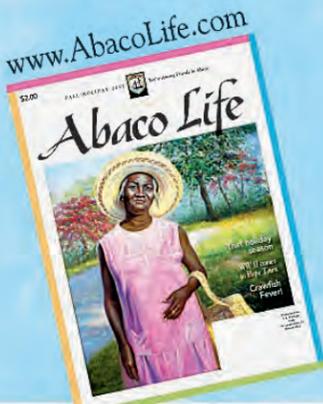
The guest speaker for the day was Pastor Ezekial McIntosh, who commended the students for doing such a wonderful job praising God. He told them that they

should always praise God. He believes that God has been faithful to our country over many generations and He will continue to be faithful in the future, he predicted.

He told the youth that they are living in a critical time so it is important that they continue to praise the Lord and keep his Word. This includes them keeping his commandments and honoring their parents. He told them to always remember that God will never fail them if they call on Him.

The best decorated box competition was won by one of the Grade 4 classes and the class to bring in the most items was one of the Grade 5 classes. The students will be treated to something 'yummie' and given a trophy respectively. The items collected will be distributed to persons in need including the islands affected by Tropical Storm Noel.

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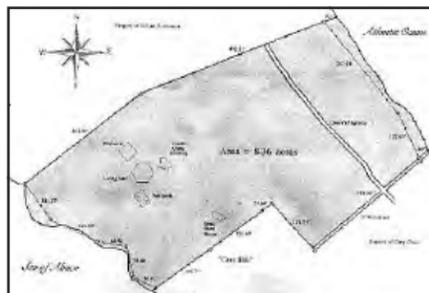
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St. Francis Student Places Second in Essay Competition

By Samantha V. Evans

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McIntosh in grade ten. The students were required to enter their essay prior to November 2nd. This was when the winners were announced. Paytan Stubbs placed second in category 1, the grade 7 to 9 category. McIntosh did well but was not selected for one of the top three prizes.

Paytan's essay was judged on research, organization, originality, creativity, grammar and presentation of the piece. She wrote about being a part of the National Women's Suffrage Movement fighting for women to be allowed to vote. She spoke of being in the

company of great Bahamian women such as Dame Doris Johnson and Mary Ingraham. Their group took to the streets every Tuesday as they marched in protest of them not being allowed to vote. As more and more women joined the group, their voice became louder until they received a call from the Hon. Robert "Bobby" Symonette, who finally gave them a chance to present their concerns to the Magistrates Court. Dame Doris Johnson spoke on behalf of the group, and they made a lasting mark in history that cannot be erased.

As we all know, women can now vote in any area they chose to thanks to the bravery and courage of the women mentioned above who stood against opposition and bleak times as they believed in the cause for

which they fought.

Paytan scored high scores in all areas resulting in her claiming the second place spot. She went to Nassau on November 23rd at which time she, along with the other top contestants, met with the Hon. Loretta Butler-Turner, who spoke with them. She told them that the competition was stiff so for them to place in the top three spots, they really did well. She presented them with their trophies and prizes after which all of the first place winners were treated to lunch with the Minister. Paytan received a trophy and a gift certificate to travel on the fast ferry to any destination they travel.

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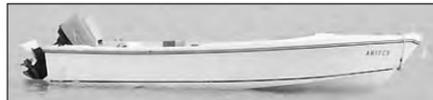
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The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Limited

Happy Holidays !!!



Mr. Leon Williams
President & CEO



During this season of yuletide cheer the Executive Management of The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Limited would like to express our gratitude to you our valued customers for your loyalty and continued patronage in 2007.

This year has been very successful for us at BTC. We introduced GSM service to seven family islands with our "Gone Global" campaign. As a result Ragged Island, Rum Cay, Inagua, Exuma, Long Island, Andros and Berry Islands are all now able to have the benefit of crystal clear voice and data on demand through the use of one wireless instrument, the Blackberry. We also launched "One Card", a universal phone card with \$5 and \$10 denominations for both TDMA and GSM customers.

BTC was awarded the prestigious title "Company of the Year" by the IAAP. Our Chief Information Officer, Mrs. Nickola Dawkins was also awarded the "Boss of the Year" from the IAAP as well. Our Junior Achievement Companies in New Providence, Grand Bahama and Abaco won "Company of the Year". J.A. Advisor Barry Wilmott was awarded "Executive Advisor" and Deborah Hall in New Providence and Eleanor Lewis in Grand Bahama were awarded "Advisor of the Year". The New Providence J.A. President won "President of the Year". BTC New Providence JA Company set a number of records and Achievers received a number of awards. Kenyon Basden one of our Advisors with the Technical Cadets Corps Program won "Technical Advisor of the Year".

BTC presented four full college scholarships to Technical Cadet Corps participants in New Providence and one full scholarship in Grand Bahama.

BTC Team CARIFTA won an astounding ninety eight medals of which forty two were gold at the games in Jamaica and Turks and Caicos earlier this year.

The ravages of Tropical Storm Noel left our customers in Long Island without land-line service. BTC knew that was a time that families and friends needed to maintain communication and we placed a Twenty Dollar cell phone credit on all mobile customers' phones as this was the only form of communication on the island at the time.

In 2008 we will continue with this same thread of excellence and spirit of community. We intend to provide you with new products and services improve our customers' services to enhance your overall customer experience.

As Christmas is usually a time of deep introspection, we would like to encourage friends and family members to come together and create deeper bonds. This time usually invokes our spirit of community and caring for our fellow brothers and sisters. As we deck the halls this Christmas season let us remember to give to those among us that are not so fortunate.

On behalf of the Management and Staff of The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Limited, we wish you a safe Christmas holiday, and we promise that in 2008 we will persevere to ensure that we will create an atmosphere where your reality at BTC exceeds your expectation.



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The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Limited, BTC proudly announced the launch of GSM in the islands of Acklins, Crooked Island, Eleuthera and San Salvador in a press briefing on Friday November 23rd, 2007. President & CEO, Mr. Leon Williams stated that "Today's launch reaffirms BTC's vision, "to enhance the Bahamas' competitive position in the global community by developing and maintaining the most modern cost effective telecommunications solutions for our customers."

Over the last eleven months BTC has launched GSM services in Grand Bahama, Abaco, Andros, Berry Islands, Bimini, Exuma, Inagua, Ragged Island and Rum Cay with the "GSM Gone Global" Campaign.

GSM has been launched with limited coverage in these islands. BTC Project Management Teams are still working to ensure full island coverage and which the Company aims to have completed in 2008.

BTC is currently the sole provider of wireless services in The Bahamas. The Company has roaming agreements with more than 130 partners for its GSM postpaid customers.



BTC President and CEO Mr. Leon Williams and Vice President of Wireless & Internet Mr. Tellis Symonette, announced the commercial launch of GSM services in San Salvador, Acklins, Crooked Island and San Salvador.

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