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Abaco's booming economy will continue

Fourth Abaco Business Outlook showcased a healthy economy



The fourth Abaco Business Outlook featured a speech by Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Brent Symonette, who praised Abaco for a very healthy economy. He outlined some of the infrastructural projects that Abaco can anticipate during the next few years. These include a greatly improved airport facility, an administrative complex including a new police station, a mini hospital and a new power station with more capacity. Shown here are Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, who spoke about the goals of BAIC; Mrs. Joan Albury, President of The Counsellors who organized the event; Min. Symonette; and Mr. Chris Roberts, representing the Abaco Chamber of Commerce who spoke about the specific challenges that Abaco is facing.

The fourth annual Abaco Business Outlook was held on September 20 at New Vision Ministries in Marsh Harbour. The theme for this year's event, *Growth by Design*, was discussed by a variety of speakers from the government and the private sector. The speakers brought out various aspects of the need for long range planning including economic projections, entrepreneurship, innovation and human resources. More than 100 people attended the day-long event. These represented many government agencies including administrators, tourism, social services, customs, agriculture, education as well as bankers, business people, high school students and many others from the public and private sectors.

The keynote speaker was the Hon. Brent Symonette, Deputy Prime Minister, who spoke about the economic outlook for Abaco. He outlined the major factors of our economy. Details of his talk are on page 4.

MP Key spoke of Family Island opportunities

Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, spoke on *A National Mission: Create More Entrepreneurs*. He felt that the future of The Bahamas is in the Family Islands and

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PUC will hear customer complaints

The Public Utilities Commission will be holding meetings on Abaco on September 26 to 28 to meet with licensees, consumers and the public. This is the chance for Abaconians to express themselves about services that they receive from the telephone, radio and internet providers. The Commission will hear suggestions and complaints about service problems.

The schedule is as follows:

- The PUC staff will be at the Ministry of Tourism Training Center in Marsh Harbour on September 26-28 from 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m.

- The PUC staff will be in Cooper's Town at the Court House on September 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- The PUC staff will hold a general information meeting at the Anglican Church Hall in Marsh Harbour on September 27 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- The PUC staff will be in Sandy Point at the Commissioners' Office on September 28 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This is the time for individuals to voice complaints about service problems.

Schooner Bay developers held employment meetings



On September 19 Mr. Kevin Main held a meeting in Sandy Point to appraise the residents about the proposed development for Schooner Bay. The main goal was to develop a labour force of about 40 construction workers for the initial work. The twenty-year project eventually may employ over 500 persons. The response from the audience was quite positive. Mr. Main hopes that initial work can begin before the end of the year. The project has been approved in principle. See story on page 16.

Keep Abaco Beautiful is now official



Abaco has satisfied the qualifying requirements to be officially part of the Keep America Beautiful program. Mrs. Sue Smith presented Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, the plaque that confirmed Abaco an official member while Mr. Don Cornish, Director of the Abaco Tourist office, looks on. Tourism in conjunction with Friends of the Environment will continue the clean up program.

By Mirella santillo

The Keep Abaco Beautiful program was launched at the beginning of the year by the Ministry of Tourism to promote

community improvement, beautification and waste reduction. While having in

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Outlook examined challenges facing Abaco

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urged young Bahamians to consider the opportunities in the Family Islands. He encouraged young people to look to the Family Islands, particularly if they have a claim to generation property.

He stressed the need for The Bahamas to increase the amount of farming in the islands. Presently, the country spends about \$500 million importing food each year. If The Bahamas could produce \$200 million, it would make a big difference to the Bahamian economy.

Mr. Key is Chairman of the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation that has the responsibility for helping small and medium sized businesses develop and grow. His goal is "to make a huge difference in the lives of Bahamians. BAIC is putting all of its resources in place to ensure that small and medium-sized enterprises take their rightful place as drivers of the national economy.

Mr. Key mentioned that Nassau is past its prime which he felt was detrimental to the tourism industry. He wants to see it cleaned up and preserved. He said that the country needs new centers of commerce.

Challenges as seen by the Abaco Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Chris Roberts, Chamber of Commerce Director, discussed some of the problems facing Abaco as it grows and the great need for better planning. He would like to see a group visualize Abaco 50 years from now and make appropriate plans.

Eventually, the highways and other roads will have to be widened but growing congestion along the roads will prohibit this. He would like to see the highways kept as thoroughfares without clogging them up



Everyone was pleased to see Mr. Jack Thompson, presently Road Traffic Controller, back on Abaco as moderator for the fourth Abaco Business Outlook. He is shown here with Ms. Joan Albury of The Counsellors and Mr. Dionisio D'Aguilar, President of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce.

with businesses lining the roadsides.

Mr. Roberts brought out that Abaco does not have control over its own destiny. Decisions are made in Nassau that are often poorly thought out. He gave as an example the new well field south of Marsh Harbour installed adjacent to the highway. This will inhibit the town from growing in that direction, the only direction that Marsh Harbour can grow. Another example are the restrictive speed limits that are appropriate for Nassau. They are imposed on us and are not right for Abaco's highways.

Mr. Roberts mentioned the ferry situation and inadequate parking at Crossing Beach; however, no solution is under consideration for this serious situation.

Another constant problem is that of littering. People who litter he felt should face court charges.

Mr. Roberts suggested that traffic offences should be ticketed to simplify the process. Then a payment could be made. Presently a summons is delivered person-

ally and all parties must show up in court.

Mr. Roberts mentioned the poor service offered by the public utilities. Internet service is very haphazard, and postal service is unreliable. Plans for the terminal building for the Marsh Harbour airport have not been posted. Visitors now have to stand out in the rain or hot sun after being cleared for a departing flight because there is no accommodation inside a building for them.

Second homeowners are acknowledged to be the driving force of our economy. They have created the banking, construction and retail business market on Abaco. Yet, for all our success, we are considered the outside child by Nassau. Abaconians are self reliant and do much for themselves. However, there are some things we cannot do. The reins are still in Nassau's hands.

Local government, when first elected, kept national politics out. However, our experience has been that Nassau has not supported Local Government adequately. Mr. Roberts now suggests that we should go through our Member of Parliament, Mr. Edison Key, to accomplish our larger goals. He felt that we need to do better planning; we need more Nassau support and we need more transparency in government.

Mr. Roberts brought out the fact that Abaco towns need more parks and land

should be set aside for parks. This land should be sized suitable for accommodating playing fields, tennis, swimming pools and the land should be set aside now even if the parks are not developed now.

Zoning was another area that Mr. Roberts mentioned. Central Pines Estates was established for single family residences. However, now half the homes are duplexes and triplexes. Zoning maintains standards and should be upheld.

Growth should be balanced with environment protection. Our main industry, tourism, is centered around our environment.

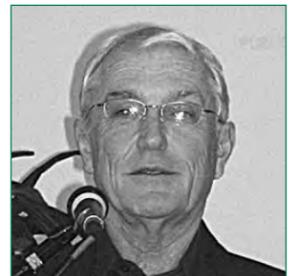
The lack of continuity in Local Government was brought out. He suggested that the Town Committee and Council members could be elected on a staggered schedule.

Mr. Roberts felt that our schools should offer more vocational training so the students would have a skill when they leave school.

An Outsider's View

Mr. Richard Kermode is the Senior Vice-President of American Bridge Company and first worked on Abaco in 1969 at Treasure Cay. American Bridge has constructed some of the larger projects in The Bahamas.

These include Castaway Cay and the freight dock in Marsh Harbour on Abaco. It is currently



Mr. Richard Kermode

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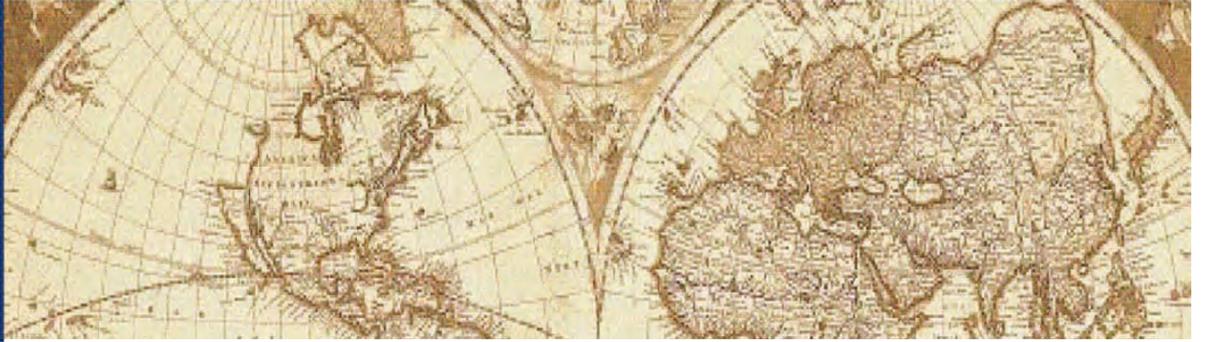
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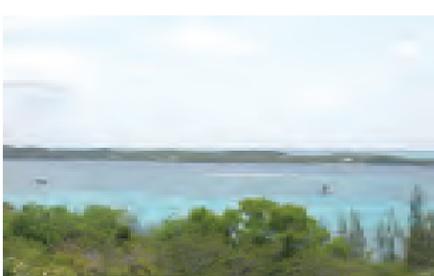
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Dep. Prime Minister addresses Business Outlook

The Hon. Brent Symonette, Deputy Prime Minister, gave the keynote address at the fourth Abaco Business Outlook. He began by telling the audience that today we have a globalized economy, regulated to a great extent by trade agreements and that is increasingly competitive. We must be informed, technologically savvy and up to date with changing requirements. Growth by design implies planning, and planning takes into account the needs of the community. Any development needs to be sustainable and be well planned, well financed, and capably directed.

Min. Symonette hoped that this group would come up with ideas on how to meet the challenges of doing business in The Bahamas. These would include reducing bureaucratic delays, increasing access to technology improving standards and enhancing efficiencies in our economy.

Abaco is a major employment center for Bahamians and is experiencing a reverse migration. Families are returning to Abaco from Nassau and Grand Bahama. Abaco is on its way to even greater levels of development.

Min. Symonette mentioned that Abaco has a thriving vacation and second home sector, vibrant small resort sector, strong marine resources and an agricultural sector with great potential. The result is a healthy retail sector and a professional sector that includes real estate, legal and banking services. Abaco's economy is based on many small to medium sized resorts, second homes, agricultural concerns, and many local businesses support these major industries. Abaco has a healthy diversified economy, one that could be replicated throughout the country.

Abaco fishermen have done well for many years particularly in harvesting crawfish for commercial purposes. Fishermen of Abaco will be consulted by government concerning the proposed changes to the fisheries regulations that are now being considered.

Mr. Symonette said that Abaco's growth has been anticipated. That is why government developed the Marsh Harbour port, the most expensive infrastructural development on any of the Family Islands. That is why government opened up the Central Pines Estates. Government will continue to add benefits which will include a hospital, a police and government administrative complex, all in Central Abaco. Both the Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay airports will be upgraded including the terminals. A new power station is under consideration as well as solid waste disposal facilities.

More than 50 years ago, long range planners felt that tourism and financial services were the best areas for The Bahamas to pursue. Government is still considering the most beneficial types of development that are best for the country. However, it is no longer just government that makes the decisions but the involvement of the local communities.

Min. Symonette reminded the group that Local Government was introduced in 1996 as part of this involvement but



Hon. Brent Symonette

now needs to be improved. During that same time government passed the Hotels Act and the Hotels Encouragement Act that gives customs concessions to owners of small hotels and small resorts. Government approved a larger development on Exuma, the Emerald Bay Hotel and Golf Resort. It created employment opportunities, but he felt that this brought major changes too quickly and disrupted the normal social pattern. But the large developments on Abaco, the Abaco Club at Winding Bay and Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club, have not been disruptive. Government is studying all these developments so it does not make the same mistakes. For example, government does not feel that every development requires a golf course and marina. It will study these issues further.

Government is committed to allowing new opportunities but is also committed to protecting our environment. It favors developments that will provide opportunities for Bahamians: professional, skilled and unskilled. Those considering a proposed development must look at the preservation of the environment as well as providing opportunities for the people. He said that government is not interested in mega projects that will be detrimental to our overall well being. Proposed projects are carefully considered and government will not approve more projects than the local community can support. Since 1995 29 projects have been approved for Abaco but only seven have materialized. Government studies the proposed projects carefully. It will be paying more attention to protecting the coastal areas.

This government is determined to stop the assault on the environment including

excavation of hills, filling wetlands and dredging sand.

Another area Mr. Symonette mentioned was the educational system. Government is committed to improving the educational and training levels of the students. This is being given the highest priority by the government. It wants students to stay in school, then go into internships, and job training so students can enter the work force better prepared.

The FNM promised to reduce bureaucratic obstacles for businesses, to have closer association between tourism and other sectors of the economy and to change the licensing process to provide for a single business licence with very few exceptions, perhaps professional services. Government may include other tourist-related businesses under the Hotel Encouragement Act. These may include restaurants and recreational businesses.

Government is committed to listening to the views of the people of Abaco and all other areas of The Bahamas. However, at times it may make decisions that are contrary to the views of some people if it is in the best interest of the country. Government will consider the social impact of large development on sparsely populated areas.

The Bahamas has 17 ports of entry. At present the Abaco airports come under the jurisdiction of Civil Aviation. Government is expecting to change this so that the two international airports are privatized.

Min. Symonette closed by saying that if the economy is to continue to grow, we must embrace the idea of planning for development.

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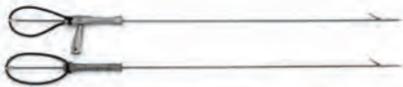


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Abaco was praised for its tourism product

One of the speakers at the Fourth Business Outlook held on September 20 was Ms. Vernice Walkine, Director General of the Ministry of Tourism, who spoke about the redevelopment of tourism in the Family Islands. The world is changing rapidly as technology is developing. In the past our tourism economy was seasonal and appealed mostly to affluent visitors. But now it is much more a year-round business and is very competitive with countries around the world. We have sun, sand and sea but so do many other destinations. Now there are even indoor artificial beaches such as in Japan. So we must be very competitive.

Tourism has begun a new program, My Bahamas - Let's make it better again, that will involve Bahamians to all work toward bettering our product.

Ms. Walkine mentioned the new requirement that all US citizens must have passports before they can reenter the US. This means that we no longer have an advantage over many other countries globally.

The new visitor is well traveled and more discerning and more demanding than in the past. They want value for their money and also want to be wowed. People now use the internet to get information. They book their flights, their hotels, their tours all online. All businesses catering to vacationers must attract them now through the internet to be competitive. By 2010 The Bahamas will have 5000 additional rooms, mostly upscale. Of this number 70 percent will be non-traditional residential type accommodations.

Abaco is a leader in Family Island tourism. It continues to have the highest repeat visitor percentages. These visitors are

very likely to return and very likely to recommend Abaco to their friends. For the half of 2007. Abaco had 63,000 visitors that stayed an average of nine nights. Ms. Walkine felt that Abaco had the best tourism balance of any place in the country. Abaco's homeowners are committed to coming for the long term, not for short-term speculation.

Abaco has several factors in its favor. It has a diverse economy. There are three key areas, the cays, Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. The economy is private sector driven. It has a close relationship with Florida. And the business community has a take-charge attitude.

Government needs to provide basic infrastructure and public service. Abaco has shown that big is not better but a good mix can work well.

Tourism analyzes the Immigration departure cards and gains much information from them. The main reasons that visitors come are for the beaches, for water-related activities such as sailing, diving, deep sea fishing and for visiting friends and relatives. Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay need to work to have a higher percentage of visitors recommending Abaco to others. Almost half of our visitors stay in private homes, apartments or condos while less than a quarter stay in hotels. Others come by boat.

Abaco has a very high percentage of repeat visitors who stay far longer than first



Ms. Vernice Walkine

time visitors. Most come from the US and more specifically Florida.

Ms. Walkine brought out the fact that Abaco has increased its visitor nights by 123,700 between the first half of 2000 and the first half of 2007. Most of this increase came from the US, primarily Florida, the Carolinas, California and Georgia. Most of these nights were spent in houses and apartments and most of these visitors were affluent with incomes of \$75,000 or more.

Ms. Walkine mentioned several challenges that Abaco faces. These include the following:

- Although Abaco has 200,000 cruise passenger who come to Castaway Cay, at this time these do not contribute much to the business economy of the island.
- The Marsh Harbour airport is inadequate and the runway and terminal need to be replaced.
- Infrastructure needs upgrading. This includes roads, traffic signs, upgrading ferry services.

- Effective control of stray animals
- Affordable housing for imported domestic workers
- Removal of derelict vehicles and roadside mechanics from S.C. Bootle Highway

Ms. Walkine would like to see more Bahamian ownership as tourism develops.

She urged Abaconians to plan and control its growth. She felt that the people here could do it and have the will to get things done.

Ms. Walkine discussed branding. This, she explained, makes us of the specific characteristics of an island that make it unique with a distinct personality. Tourism wants to develop this concept to promote the various islands as distinct destinations. Presently, the world perceives The Bahamas as Nassau. But by branding, Tourism hopes to pull away from competing destinations.

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Focus will be on anti-littering and clean-up

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mind the protection of the environment and controlling the negative economic impact related to poor grounds keeping, the ulterior motif was to associate with a more powerful neighbor to keep the project afloat.

Mrs. Sue Smith of Keep America Beautiful visited Abaco at the beginning of the year and had given a number of assignments, mostly regarding littering, to be completed in order to be able to join the parent organization. Under the coordination of Ms. Bernadette Hall, active campaigning took place to bring awareness to the litter problem to students in all the schools and to communities through local government and other governmental institutions such as Urban Renewal.

Mrs. Smith, accompanied by her husband, Mr. Jim Smith, returned to Marsh Harbour on September 14th to present to sponsors of the Keep Abaco Beautiful campaign a well deserved Certificate of Affiliation by Keep America Beautiful.

The presentation took place at the new location of Friends of the Environment which works jointly with Tourism in the Keep Abaco Beautiful program. Representatives of the Ministry of Tourism and of Friends attended the event, made all the more official by the presence of MP for South Abaco, Mr. Edison Key.

Mrs. Smith reminded the audience that work had already be done such as organizational tasks and keeping with the recommendation that the schools be involved in Keep Abaco Beautiful. "Your mission is clear. Focus on litter prevention, on

waste reduction and recycling and promoting beautification," she stated in her introduction. She invited the organizers of the program to make more friends, as resources are never enough. "You need more people: form partnerships, look for volunteers by stirring individual responsibility and spreading education. As an affiliated member of Keep America Beautiful, we will balance every dollar invested in the community by your local government," she promised.

The Director of the local Tourism office, Mr. Don Cornish, explained the process that had to be followed i.e. partnering with Friends of the Environment to make the affiliation possible, "but the communities of Abaco matter to the Ministry" and he gave his "heartfelt thanks" to Mrs. Sue Smith.

Before presenting the certificate, Mrs. Smith reviewed a list of materials available to the Keep Abaco Beautiful

program. They range from educational children's books and videos to posters, bags, T-shirts and more. By joining Keep America Beautiful, the affiliate is now entitled to grants, conferences, a national award program, web-sites and turnkey material. She reminded the audience that the pressure points for change were education, technology, ordinances and enforcement. She pointed out that healthy neighborhoods lead to economic development while by keeping "a broken window," you invite more broken windows.

Ms. Hall, Mrs. D'Shan Maycock and Ms. Elaine Martinborough each reported the progress achieved in various communities. Ms. Martinborough concluded her report by saying that the cays were doing much better than the main island.

The certificate was presented to Mr. Key, who reminisced about the Marsh Harbour in times gone by when there

were no cars, no hotels, no electricity, the only light at night came from a kerosene lamp and the harbour was like a lawn. "If we saw five yachts through the year, it was a lot. He expressed his concern about the role of politics in The Bahamas as far as jobs being given to untrained people. Whether PLP or FNM, we have to get serious about the environment, he urged. We have now over 200,000 visitors a year. We have to educate the young people. They need to be concerned about what is taking place. We live in a fast changing world where pollution is part of life." He promised to do his best to keep the environment clean.

After the event, the participants were treated to refreshments, and the reception became a social gathering with people discussing the presentation and issues of the community.

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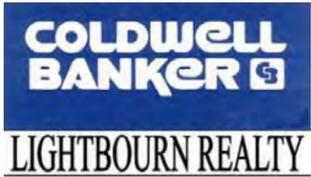


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The Editor Says . . . Growth by design



The theme of the recent Abaco Business Outlook was Growth by Design. Various speakers expanded on this theme while extolling the remarkable Abaco economy.

Growth by Design—very catchy and quite academic sounding. We had to suppress a smile every time the phrase was said. Unfortunately, there has been little planning of consequence for Abaco's future. Perhaps we are being a bit too harsh.

As relates to their own operations, the business community is constantly planning for the future by examining a multitude of factors relative to each business.

On the government side, nationally and locally, planning for Abaco's growth seems to be negligible. Individual departments located on Abaco are at the mercy of their parent ministry. When facilities of a government department expand, there is little consultation between different agencies or the general public.

The Marsh Harbour airport is a classic example of bureaucratic inattention. Locally, it has been recognized for years as a stumbling block to Abaco's development. Yet it did not get Nassau's attention until recently.

Another example of poor implementation and consultation was the well field expansion by the Water and Sewerage Corporation several years ago. The architects of the expansion took the easy way out and put the well field beside the highway immediately south of the Marsh Harbour airport.

It was an easy choice as the road provided easy access and the power line was nearby. The simple mechanics of a well field are that wires on poles deliver electricity to the pumps and water comes out for delivery through a pipe. It is preferred that the water is extracted in an area free of most types of commerce.

However, as Marsh Harbour continues to grow and expand, the well field will be an obstacle. An expanding population and a growing business community will prevail and the well field will be forced to relocate. Or - it can remain and businesses will build around and within as presently happens near the roundabout. Although a nuisance, that is a relatively simple exercise. No one has commented publicly, but

the present well field may conflict with the airport expansion. It would have been so easy to have put it in an obscure area of the forest the first time.

When local government was implemented 11 years ago, contact between local government councils and representatives of central government was discouraged to ensure that local issues were handled at the local level. It is now becoming obvious that Abaco's local government is unable to effect many of the necessary changes needed to support our growth. For an island whose economic expansion leads the nation, it is imperative that there is more interaction, consultation and cooperation between local government and Nassau ministries.

It is interesting to note that district councils are mandated in the Local Government Act to

a) formulate traffic schemes and b) carry out such functions as town planning, and the formulation of planning or building schemes. These are heavy topics which carry a lot of weight. But after 11, local government on Abaco is still content to mow the grass and pick up garbage.

We are told that Harbour Island, off the North end of Eleuthera, formulated a comprehensive traffic plan for its island, got local approval and sent it to Nassau for final approval to make into law. Seven or more years later, it is still languishing in Nassau. Note that local traffic laws can be made as evidenced by Hope Town's 50-year old ban on motor vehicles beyond the Methodist church.

The Marsh Harbour Town Committee recently considered opening the bypass logging road which connects the S.C. Bottle Highway to the airport roundabout behind Forest Heights Academy and Nogi's

Swamp. That would let north and south bound traffic avoid entering Marsh Harbour. It would also expose a little more Crown Land for commercial or residential use. However, they are pondering how to make an effective presentation as it is beyond their authority and financial means.

Planning by Design - how do you make it work? First, you need interested persons, preferably a mix from government and the private sector. They need to meet on a regular basis to look to our future. Ideas need to be put on paper, then passed on to . . . ? The process loses steam at this point.

A previous town committee member tells of the three years it took to learn how a new street light is authorized. At that point someone else is voted into office, and they spend their three years trying to figure out the system.

Perhaps long-range planning is a mission the Abaco Chamber of Commerce could initiate. But no matter who starts the planning process, it is doomed as there is currently no provision to present innovative or forward thinking ideas to responsive governmental agencies.

An interesting article in a recent National Geographic magazine featured the organization and success of migrating caribou and birds, schools of fish, foraging honey bees and ants. They all have massive numbers within their group, but there is no leader, no one organizing their activities; yet they function successfully. Perhaps unknowingly, Abaco has been operating in a similar fashion without a leader but cooperating with unwritten rules for success.

Where would Abaco be if some collective thought, planning by design - for in-

stance, were applied to our destiny? It is an interesting concept. How are rules to be enforced? We are not able to enforce basic rules now but must rely on people's willingness to abide by our laws. Will the future continue to see bigger buildings on smaller lots with less parking?

The preface to Town Planning regulations states its purpose which is to:

- a) promote, protect and improve the . . . environment, . . . and general welfare of the citizens . . .
- b) protect the character . . . of residential and industrial areas
- c) provide for efficiency and economy . . . of orderly development
- d) provide for . . . the best use of land
- e) provide for . . . the conservation of natural resources
- f) ensure convenience of traffic
- g) promote the civic amenities of beauty and visual interest . . .

Local government may have been given the power to make changes, but in reality any effort they make is like preaching to an empty church, that is if they make any effort to preach.

It will become increasingly necessary for the seven Abaco district councils work closely with their Members of Parliament to get central government's attention.

Improvements to roads, relocation of ferry terminals, establishing recreational parks and changes to speed limits all require action by central government and these are just a few of the many items which must be addressed soon. Local government should be looking at issues like these and begin working to get them on central government's agenda.

Viewpoint . . . Tourism based on second homeowners

By Julian Lockhart

Abaco has the largest second home property ownership in the Bahamas with over 6,000 properties owned by foreigners. A number of these properties are placed back in a rental pool where the owner or an agency rents them to other visitors to Abaco. These second homes and rental properties make up the majority of Abaco's available facilities for visitors and allow Abaco to continue to have a growing economy whilst other islands in The Bahamas suffer.

However, a number of hotel owners feel that second homeowners and rental properties should not be allowed to operate under the rules they now do because it infringes on their business.

Mr. Dwayne Wallas of H.G. Christie said if the Bahamas Hotel Corporation restricts the vacation rental business, it will ruin the economy of Abaco. He added that if they try to prevent it from happening, it will still continue on a black market rental business and there will be no spill over to the economy.

Mr. Wallas said, "I think the second homeowner market on Abaco, especially more so than anywhere else in the Bahamas, drives the market. I think the entire economy of Abaco is centered around the second homeowner market and the vacation rental business. The majority of our airlift services are filled by people who either own homes or are coming to rent a home for a week and spend a vacation here. It is also a much better way to go to building an economy instead of a large hotel resort. It creates a different atmosphere and has a lot more character and appeal. The entire economy was destroyed when Our Lucaya was damaged in the hurricanes, but on Abaco the risk is spread throughout a bunch of different investors," he added.

Mr. Don Cornish, director of the Abaco Tourist Office, said they have had some discussions with property owners and property managers in how they can be brought into the mainstream. This way the per-

ception of the second homeowner renting their homes is a detriment to the industry can be removed. There are definitely not enough hotel rooms on Abaco to house all of the visitors so they would have to stay somewhere. The second homeowners offer viable accommodations to the majority of visitors to Abaco. Hotels don't pay the room tax themselves anyway, but charge the person staying in the room the tax on top of the charge for the room.

Mr. Wallas said a second homeowner rents his house on an average 15 weeks a year and some of the top rental homes that have a lasting relationship with its clientele may rent up to 28 weeks a year. However, the average hotel in the Bahamas is doing 72 percent occupancy. The homeowners' income goes to cover their real property tax, insurance and maintenance, and Mr. Wallas said they rarely make any profit.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Hubert Ingraham - "The truth of the matter price control doesn't work"

The headline above is a quote from Hubert Ingraham, Prime Minister of The Bahamas, said to be made at the recent CARICOM Summit in Port of Spain, Trinidad. He is reported to have gone on to say, "It doesn't work anywhere else in the world. We in The Bahamas tell ourselves that we are able to control prices but we are not."

Finally, a politician has seen the light! For far too long politicians the world over use the fallacious argument that price controls help the so called "small man" when

studies have shown the exact opposite is the case.

You can bet the Opposition will attempt to make political mileage on this one, but Mr. Ingraham is absolutely correct.

So, three cheers for a politician that finally has the guts to speak the truth on what could be a highly charged matter. Now it's up to The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and other like-minded organizations to keep the pressure on until the Price Control Act is removed from the statutes.

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North Abaco News

An alarm is sounded for home and business owners

By Vernique Russell

Recently there has been a series of break-ins in the North Abaco communities. North Abaconians, just want to remind you that Abaco is growing and developing very rapidly, and with growth there is an increase in crime. Police officers are calling on business owners and residents to be extremely cautious when contacting businesses. The alarm has been sounded for home and business owners to take the necessary measure and secure their premises. Police are calling on the residents in the community to be watchmen and look out for suspicious persons. This is the time for us to ensure our safety. Remember, things change when "good people seize the silence and start speaking out." Let's do our part and work with the police to keep Abaco safe for all of us.

Keep the public beach at Treasure Cay clean

By Vernique Russell

Once again we are faced with pollution at the Public Beach in Treasure Cay. The public is advised that those using the public beach in Treasure Cay are responsible for cleaning up behind them. The beach has become filthy and disgusting due to the nasty and inconsiderate persons who have been using it. Residents are fed up with the trash that is left behind from picnics and other events. Residents are calling everyone as Abaconians to take pride and keep the public beach at Treasure Cay clean.

BAIC Straw Course

By Vernique Russell

The Bahamas Agriculture and Industrial Corporation offered a Straw Craft Course in North Abaco on September 3rd through 13th. The classes were held at the Sherlin Bootle High School under the leadership of Mrs. Eloise Smith. Mrs. Smith comes from a legacy of straw craft and began plaiting straw at the age of 5. The class of 29 students were split in two in order to accommodate everyone comfortably. Mrs. Smith said, "I was very impressed with the performance of the students, especially the younger students." The youngest student to successfully complete the class was 16. This group, she said, was eager and caught on really well and she has no doubt that they will go far. When asked if she will retire soon? She has held workshops throughout The Bahamas, Key West and Mexico in schools, churches and other organizations.

Graduation for this group of students will be held at a later date. Congratulations are extended to all the students who took part in this session and especially Mrs. Patricia Cox.

Sports News

Basketball camp is back

By Vernique Russell

After travelling to Las Vegas to showcase what they have learnt in Basketball Camp and a summer break, it's time to get back on track. Coach Godfrey Rolle's Basketball Camp is back! Calling all young men between from age 7 and up to the Don Corbett Basketball Court in Treasure Cay on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Sundays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you are

interested in developing your skills, then you can't afford to miss this basketball camp. There are a lot of new and exciting things happening in the camp this year.

School News

A Parent Conclave was held

By Vernique Russell

Cultivating a culture of excellence was the theme at the first Parent Conclave held in North Abaco by Department of Education under the leadership of Mrs. Lenora Black. Parents from throughout the communities of North Abaco gathered at the Sherlin Bootle High School to find out what is required of them from the newly appointed District Education Superintendent.

Mrs. Black, who has returned to Abaco after 35 years, began by declaring, "I am a daughter of this soil and have returned home for a mission," reminding parents and guardians that God had given them a scared trust and there is much work to be done. Parental assistance and home support is needed. The Ministry of Education's theme for this school year 2007-2008 is Achieving our dreams through the promotion of excellence in education/. With this in mind, Mrs. Black and her team have one goal and that is to reach each student in every classroom in every school. Teaching is Holy Ground for our new Superintendent,

and she requires nothing less than professionalism in every area. She challenged parents in attendance to demand excellence of the teachers and principals and informed them that she will be demanding excellence of them also.

"Everything rises or falls on leadership, and it starts in the home," Mrs. Black said, encouraging parents to help their children succeed, to get involved and to pay attention to what is going on in their homes. She challenged them to visit the schools and speak with their children's teachers. "You, parents, are your child's first teacher." Mrs. Black brought to parents' attention the recent results in the level of our children's performance in the national examination.

"We all have an assignment to complete," she stated. "Parents, what will your final grade be this year?" Mrs. Black spoke to the Haitian community in Creole; the parents of these students in attendance were astonished and appreciative.

Following Mrs. Black's remarks, Mrs. Sandy Walker Edwards and Mr. Leslie Rolle, who are part of her team, spoke. Mrs. Edwards pleaded with parents to know where their children were at all times. Weapons on the school campus was

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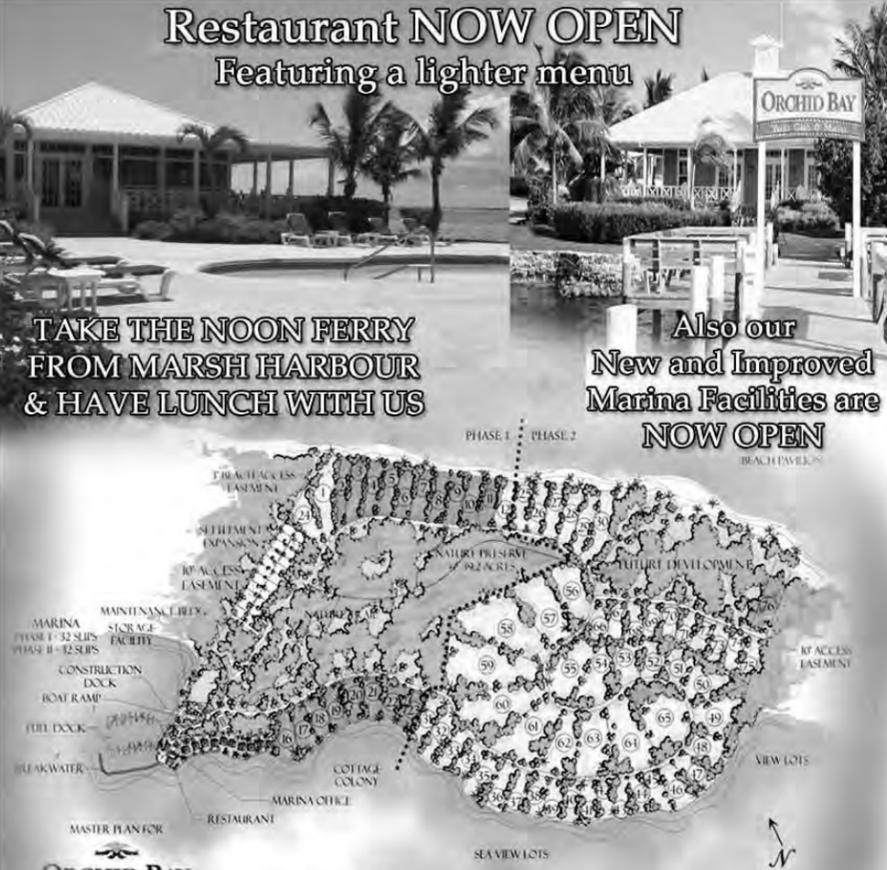
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the focus of Mr. Rolle remarks. He stated that the number of weapons on the school campuses is alarming. At this time Mrs. Black also informed parents that cellular phones must not be on the school grounds. If they are they will be confiscated. They will not be returned but will be turned over to the police. If there is an emergency, the school office will notify parents.

The audience asked Mrs. Black questions. These included the following:

What methods will now be used to change the results of the national exams?

Considering that all students are not academically inclined, when will technical classes be put into place to help children who work better with their hands?

Mrs. Black assured parents that these matters are already under investigation.

Back to school starts smoothly at Fox Town Primary

By Vernique Russell

For first grade students of the Fox Town Primary school, September 3rd ushered in a new chapter of their lives and for other returning students the date brought them a step closer to finishing this chapter in their lives. One thing that was certain was that the new school year brought the opportunity to achieve excellence in academics.

The Fox Town Primary has two new teachers that will be responsible for the second and third grades. They are Ms. Coral Johnson, grade 2, and Ms. Terreal Field, grade 3. The addition of extra classes last year and other minor repairs were all completed in a timely fashion allowing school to begin on schedule. Reports are

that both the Principal, Mr. Austin Mills, and his staff were extremely appreciative for the work that was completed and they look forward to this being a great year at the school.

This school year marks another milestone for Principal Mills, who has taught for over 40 years in the Ministry of Education. He has spent all these years in service to the communities of Abaco. The Fox Town team is ready to take this school year by force. Spanish classes will be added to the curriculum this year.

BTVI will offer cosmetology

By Vernique Russell

On September 17th the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute made history as another campus opened. BTVI is offering classes at the Sherlin Bootle High School in Cooper's Town. In addition to the classes that have already been advertised by BTVI, Cosmetology will now be added. If anyone is interested in taking this class, contact Krista at 242-367-5785 or 242-544-6380 for registration information. Nail Technology Classes will also be offered.

Computer course offered

By Vernique Russell

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Congratulations!

By Vernique Russell

It is great when we can hear positive reports from our young people, especially since negativity always drowns out the good that is in them. This past academic year students throughout the island sat national examinations and the results are now in. The communities of North Abaco congratulate these students and encourage them to keep their heads up.

Congratulations to the students of Sherlin Bootle High School for outstanding performances in the BJC and BGCSE examinations. Their hard work and dedication has helped them finish ahead of their rival, Abaco Central High.

S.C. Bootle's school administration and staff congratulate to the following students who made the honor roll during the school semester that ended in June 2007. You are encouraged to continue to strive for excellence. Those students and their GPA scores are Terry Hilaire .48; Oriscia Clarke 3.40;

Tamerah Rolle 3.24; Kyvonne Lopez 3.77; Charo Williams 3.74; Felicia Romer 3.74; Darian Lightbourne 3.66; Anya Mills 3.46; Tyronisha Sturt 3.13; Fredicka McIntosh 3.13; Tyanisha Russell 3.01; Elaine Fenelus 3.20; Clayshawn Brown 3.53; Ruth Lubin 3.33; Aqueela Romer 3.33; Stevonya Thompson 3.26; Vanessa McIntosh 3.20; Antionette Cooper 3.13; Cyndera Parker 3.07; Kimberly Murray 3.07; Sakina McIntosh 3.00; Alannah Curry 3.00; Devonya Russell 3.29; Idez Carey 3.17.

Special congratulation to Lowrell Edgecombe who obtained a 3.85 GPA for the third consecutive school year. She passed her BGCSE's with A's, B's and C's and was successful in her Pitman Examinations. To top off all of that she received a Governor General's Award. Lowrell is a student at Agape Christian School and daughter of proud parents Mr. Lowell and Lorraine Edgecombe of Treasure Cay.

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North *From Page 10*

S.C. Bootle High School After School Programs

By Vernique Russell

There is no doubt that the Principal and staff of the Sherlin Bootle High school want the best for their students. In an effort to assist students, the school implemented after school programs that cater to students who are struggling in various subjects. There are also programs that cater to the social and athletic development of students. The classes are offered on Mondays and Tuesday from 3- 4:30 in the afternoon. They major in every academic and area and also sporting activity and a study hall. These sessions provide one-on-one instructions. Teachers volunteer their time and there is no charge.

Church News Open Door Receives New Pastor

By Vernique Russell

The Open Door Ministries last year



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celebrated 40 years of existence and its first year anniversary in its new building. This year marked 41 years that the church has been open and in light of this celebrated that the mantle was passed down from Senior Pastor George Russell to Assistant Pastor Lynden McIntosh. After serving faithfully, Pastor Russell leaves a legacy behind. Giving his best, he worked tirelessly to build the kingdom despite his physical disabilities and now his labor has come to an end.

The new senior pastor McIntosh brings a lot of new energy to the ministry. He is a young and vibrant man who is determined to win souls for the Lord. His mission is to reach the lost. Pastor McIntosh has served faithfully as Assistant Pastor and is now being rewarded for the work he has done. He sees this opportunity as a chance for others to see that God can do anything but fail.

Taking Abaco Back for Christ Revival

By Vernique Russell

Residents from the length of Abaco

are invited to attend the Taking Abaco Back for Christ revival services to be held in Cooper's Town on September 27 - 29 at Ingraham's Park at 7:30 nightly. Guest Pastor for this event is Pastor Kenny Carrol of Nassau. Pastor Carrol is one who believes that if you have faith to believe, miracles will take place. If you are sick, captive or heavy laden, there will be a word from the Lord for you. Everyone is invited to attend.

Abundant Living

By Vernique Russell

Walking away pounds for Jesus is the theme at the Abundant Living walk

aerobics club at Full Gospel Assembly. Walk aerobics is a club that meets bi-weekly to exercise and encourage each other. Exercise is an important part of keeping healthy and with this in mind kids and adults alike gather to get fit. The sessions usually last for 45 minutes to an hour. If you are looking for a spot to workout and a fun group of people to do it with, come to Full Gospel fellowship hall and join in the fun. Sessions are on Mondays at 7 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 6:30 a.m.



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50th Anniversary of Marsh Harbour Airport

By Mirella Santillo

September 18th marked the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Marsh Harbour airport. How amazing that the same airport still serves the traveling needs of the 21st century.

That there was no airport previous to that date does not mean that Abaco was cut off from air service. Until then, seaplanes such as the Catalina, the Commodore Air Boat, the Grumman Goose or the Grumman Widgeon, serviced the island regularly to and from several towns on Abaco from Nassau or Florida. At the time, however, the population of Abaco was about 4000 people and only a few tourists or workers came to visit. Nowadays, 50 years later, the fixed population has increased to perhaps 16,000 or 17,000. Many Americans and Canadians have made Abaco their second home and thousands of tourists visit the island yearly. Many commercial flights from Nassau, Freeport and various places in Florida as well as private planes land daily on that same runway built 50 years ago. It is now the second busiest airport in The Bahamas in number of take-offs and landings.

Few residents of Marsh Harbour are still among us to comment on these early days of flying, but veteran pilots such as Mr. Leonard Thompson, some call the father of Bahamian aviation, and Mr. Colyn Rees, another pilot, gladly reminisce on the days of the flying boats. The sea planes would connect Marsh Harbour and the cays to the rest of The Bahamas, landing in the harbours of Hope Town, Man-O-War Cay, Green Turtle Cay or Marsh Harbour to bring or pick up passengers and merchandise or airlift people in need of a doctor to

Nassau or West Palm Beach.

Nonagenarian, Mr. Leonard Thompson, flying with Bahamas Airways since the late 1940s, was the first pilot to land on the Marsh Harbour airport's runway on that day of September 18th, 1957. A native of Hope Town, Mr. Thompson left The Bahamas in his early 20s to fight in WW II, training in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a war pilot. He was sent to Europe at the beginning of 1940 flying Lancaster and Halifax bomber planes until taken prisoner in 1944. His book, I Wanted Wings has many anecdotes of early Bahamian flying days. In the 1950s Mr. Thompson was the MP for Abaco and he feels that he was incidental in promoting the construction of the Marsh Harbour airport.

Another old timer who remembers that day of September 1957 is taxi driver Victor Russell, who worked at the airport for over 30 years. He was one of the first Customs and Immigration Officers with the late Mr. Peter Campbell to receive passengers at the Marsh Harbour airport. Both were transferred from their job at the dock to the airport when it opened. Mr. Russell, who was also the first taxi driver on the island, mentioned that in those early days he managed both the airport and Bahamas Airways. He said that the Grumman Goose was a plane also used on land. Over the years morning and evening flights increased from Nassau and the States. Besides Bahamas Airways, then a subsidiary of Pan American Airways, Chalks, BOAC, Mackey, Aero Coach and Out Island Airways flew into Marsh Harbour. Mr. Russell remembers operating a Unicom system from home which worked with BASRA and connected with the airplanes to the ground. He fulfilled that duty

until a communication system was installed at the airport.

Another prominent Abaconian, Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco, remembers being the foreman overseeing the construction of the airport. He then worked for Sea Breezes Ltd., a company owned by Mr. Lucian Stratton. "We built many of the Family Islands airports, Exuma, Eleuthera, Long Island," said Mr. Key.

Marsh Harbour airport had two buildings at that time: a small terminal built opposite another small immigration/ customs building. These were updated in the 1980s with the present terminal.

After the construction of the airport came the Marsh Harbour Flying Club, reminisces Mr. Colyn Rees, another war veteran pilot enrolled with the Royal Air Force at approximately the same time as Mr. Thompson. Owner of Nassau Airways in the late 1940s, he, too, was one of the pilots who flew regularly from Nassau to

Abaco. At the time the airport opened, he explains that he had given up flying commercially for real estate investment. However, he did not give up flying altogether and became an instructor for the Marsh Harbour Flying Club, teaching young men to become pilots, such as Mr. Leonard Thompson's brother Joseph, who later became a commercial pilot.

The Marsh Harbour Flying Club no longer exists and 50 years later, the airport struggles to accommodate increasing passenger and aircraft traffic. The runway is in poor condition and too short to handle larger planes, and the present terminal built in the 1980s is much too small to accommodate the number of passengers traveling through. Abaco residents are impatiently awaiting the construction of the new airport promised by the government.

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Mr. Colyn Rees, left, and Mr. Leonard Thompson, second left, are shown with two mechanics with a Grumman Goose behind them. This photo taken in 1947. The plane belonged to Nassau Aviation Company, a company Colyn Rees owned.



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An incident from the early days

Mr. Rees related the following incident that could have turned out quite disastrously.

Bill Quick was a pilot for Bahamas Airways and made many flights to Abaco in amphibian aircraft. When the Marsh Harbour runway was first opened, he brought passengers to Abaco on a Grumman Goose and landed on the new runway. He off loaded the passengers for Marsh Harbour, then took a Mrs. Moncur on to Green Turtle Cay. Somehow he forgot that he had his wheels down for landing in Marsh Harbour and landed in the water at Green Turtle Cay with them down. When the wheels hit the water, the nose went down, splitting the plane in half right behind the pilot's seat. The tail section where Mrs. Moncur was seated was flipped upside down leaving

Mrs. Moncur upside down with her seat belt still on while the forward section of the plane sank. Fortunately, both the Mr. Quick and Mrs. Moncur survived without injury.

Ed note: There are varying dates for the opening of the Marsh Harbour airport. It was in use well before the official opening. Some can remember that politicians arrived on Abaco, landing on the new airstrip, in 1956 before the election that was held that year. The September 18, 1957, date is actually when the first Customs officer arrived, making Marsh Harbour a port of entry. It seems that several dates were important such as when the first scheduled flight began and when an official came to Marsh Harbour to formally open the airport. Marcel Albury remembered that he began Albury's Ferry Service on the day the airport was officially opened and that date was February 19, 1959. If anyone has further information, we would like to hear from you.

Abaco Chamber Met with Nassau Chamber President

Directors of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce met with Mr. Dionisio D'Aguilar, President of the Nassau Chamber of Commerce. He is shown here with Mrs. Leazona Richard, Secretary of the Abaco Chamber. They discussed common problems and ways of presenting problems and solutions to government. Mrs. Richard was invited to Nassau to get ideas and be familiar with Chamber staff there. Suggestions were given for holding public meetings with appropriate speakers.



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Schooner Bay was looking at labour potential

With passion and sincerity, Mr. Kevin Main, the construction manager for the upcoming Schooner Bay development, held an "informal" meeting at the Assemblies of God church hall in Sandy Point on September 18. His mission was to seek out interested labourers for the community-styled development coming on stream for Schooner Bay - a settlement some 26 miles south of Marsh Harbour.

As Mr. Main spoke to an over-crowded room of approximately 100 men and women, he informed the residents that plans are being reviewed by the BEST Commission. However, he expects that the plans will be before the South Abaco Town Committee by October of this year. At such time, work will begin in clearing only the main roads on the property. Meanwhile, he is "man hunting" in Sandy Point, Crossing Rocks and Cherokee Sound for honest, hardworking and dedicated labourers; some 20 - 40 which would be hired in the initial stage and increase to some 560 once the development is up and running. Two hundred of this total would be construction workers. Presently, he is searching for equipment operators, electricians, plumbers and carpenters. Rather than bringing men from elsewhere, he decided instead to survey the availability of local labour. He did state in his presentation that promises have been made to Abaconians employed by his company in Nassau that they will be coming home to their families.

The development, an open community modeled after Harbour Island, will consist of some 650 homes. The Bahamian-styled homes will be concrete poured-in-place and capable of withstanding hurricanes. There will be no brick and block structures. They will be built on estate lots, 30-foot by 60-

feet lots and 30-foot by 100-foot lots. The development will lie on some 220 acres of property.

In addition, there will be an 18-acre marina with a narrow channel that will dock boats up to 70 feet. The project which Mr. Main speaks endearingly of will be a slow-growth development, spanning 15 to 20 years. The developers want to keep the properties affordable and are hoping to attract Bahamian people who will appreciate a small South Abaco community.

Using his layout of designs, Mr. Main informed the interested crowd that there exists a parrot corridor to protect the Bahama Parrot's habitat, a bonefishing setup, a fish market, a town hall, a small hotel for overflow guests and a post office. He also showed the ten beach accesses that will allow all homeowners and non-homeowners to be able to reach the beach.

The plans call for a mulch grinder for initial clearing and construction debris, a crusher for glass, plans for recycling, a waste-water treatment plan, a two-stage incinerator that will burn and create steam power and a farm for organic products. Slated for the town will be an architectural design center inspired by 25 world renowned architects. While briefly outlining the phases of the project, Mr. Main stated that the developers are awaiting permits although they do have approval in principle.

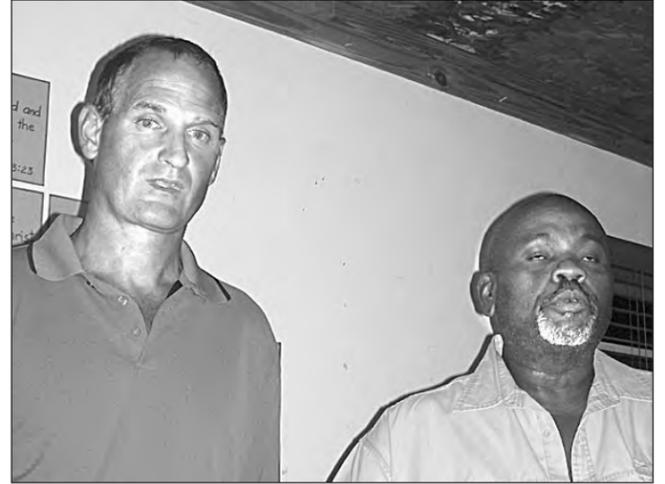
Concerns from the residents were incentives the company is offering to attract people to work on this development. Speaking on the integrity of the company, the construction manager stated that the company does have health benefits and very competitive wages. It is a Monday to Saturday job with Saturdays optional and

at time and a half pay. All local holidays will be observed. Mr. Main stated that the company will not engage in a bidding war to compete with other developers. He told a worker from Baker's Bay that the company is willing to train workers who demonstrate a keen interest and dedication to the company. Transportation to the job site at Schooner Bay from Sandy Point will be provided. He hopes to build a team of workers that will maintain high quality standards for the development. He told the residents that there would be no work contracted out. All work will be done internally by the company and its employees.

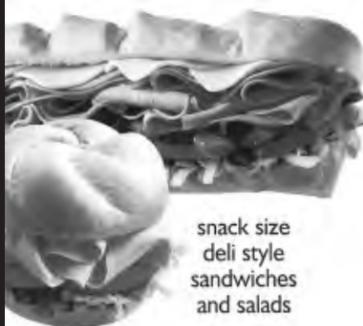
In closing, he distributed application forms to all those persons who are interested

in what he said is a good thing for South Abaco.

A meeting in Crossing Rocks on September 19 followed the Sandy Point format with about 50 to 60 people attending.



Mr. Kevin Main, representing the developers of a very large project at Schooner Bay, held meetings in Sandy Point and Crossing Rocks to see the potential for labour to begin their project. The developers hope to put roads into the area by the end of the year. Mr. Main, left, is shown here with Mr. Stanley White of Sandy Point.



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Abaco son is movie actor

By Mirella Santillo

A young man who grew up on Abaco is trying his luck as an actor: Alfred Rutherford, son of Abaconian Beulah Rutherford. It seems that luck is definitely on Alfred Rutherford's side as he just finished performing as the lead actor in the movie *Algeny* which was rated HBO's best feature film this summer at Martha Vineyard's Movie Festival.

He is presently shooting another movie in Brooklyn, New York *The Black Activist Project* and is scheduled to be the lead actor in another one, *My Obsessed Tenant*. *Algeny* had just followed an off Broadway production, "Love, Greed and the Pursuit of Happiness" in which he was also the leading performer.

Mr. Rutherford, who was born in Florida, moved to Abaco with his mother when he was one year old. He attended Dundas Town Primary School and Abaco Central High School until 11th grade. He then left to go to school in the U.S. where he finished high school and went to college. He presently lives in New York.

"I may live in the States," he commented. "But The Bahamas is where my heart

is. My growing up in The Bahamas has influenced my spiritual foundation and I feel that God inspires me to pass on a message through my work," he explained. During our conversation, he reminisced about a teacher while he was at ACH, the late Mrs. Patti Lamparis, who he says "inspired me to become an entertainer."

In October Mr. Rutherford is traveling to Los Angeles where *Algeny* will be presented at the African-American Film Festival. He is hoping that the movie will be accepted at the Bahamian Film Festival in Nassau in December. *Algeny* is about a boy whose immune system is so strong (despite the fact that his mother had AIDS when he was born) that it can fight any diseases. Mr. Rutherford is looking forward to coming back home to Abaco for a visit at that time.



Alfred Rutherford

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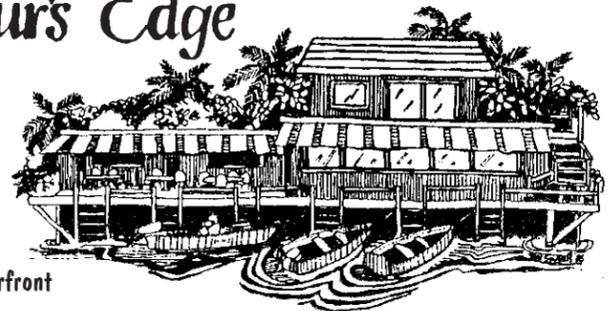
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ketay, owners of the Hope Town Harbour Lodge, have invited Chef Jeff Peng, presently the chef at Coco Palm Beach in Palm Beach, Florida, to be their guest chef at the Lodge on November 5th and 6th. Chef Peng and his assistant will display his Palm Asian Fusion style of cooking.

Chef Peng was born in Taiwan and grew up "steeped in the joys of the Chinese table." He watched his parents and grandparents cook at the stove at home and grew up practically living in restaurants. He later studied there at the most prestigious culinary school in Chinese cuisine. He immigrated to the United States in 1978 and worked

in Chinese restaurants, gaining experience in several restaurants. During this time he experimented with combining Western style techniques with his Eastern style of cooking. He has created fusion cooking, a Chinese cuisine called Palm Asian Cuisine.

Chef Peng is eager to introduce his cuisine to Abaco people and has developed interesting menus for the two days he will be cooking at the Lodge. The culinary staff at the Lodge, Pherrol Duncombe, Fernander Pinder and Cornette Joseph, will be observing and assisting Chef Peng in the preparations of these menus. His menu is detailed in the ad Check our ad on page 16 for the menu listing.

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Kenya World YWCA Conference

Four Abaco Methodist women accompanied the Bahamas General Secretary of the YWCA, Ms. Rosalie Fawkes, to Kenya for the World Council meetings held July 1-11. The theme was *Changing Views, Changing Communities*. More than 2000 delegates from 125 countries participated.

Of particular interest to our delegates was the fact that the Bahamas Young Women's Christian Association was founded by a Methodist, Mother Frances Butler, mother of our first Governor General, Sir Milo Butler.

Among longstanding leaders who determine the Y's mission and purpose who were honoured was Lady Jacqueline Fawkes, President of the Bahamas YWCA.



Four Abaco women traveled to Kenya for the World Conference in July. They were Veronica Archer, Eleanor Campbell, Nadene Beneby, Patrice Campbell, all from Abaco, and Rosalee Fawkes who is the Bahamas' General Secretary of the YWCA.

Scurvy Few Met in Florida

By Mirella Santillo

Mr. Logan Lachance, better known in town as "Skeet," has been a popular figure in Marsh Harbour since the 1970s, living on his boat off the shores of Central Abaco. The sea has always been Mr. Lachance's passion. An expert diver, he opened Dive Abaco in the 1970s. Thirty years later the shop is still operating under the ownership of Mr. Keith Rogers.

Mr. Lachance was a founding member in 1998 of the motorcycle club, the Scurvy Few, which contributes regularly to local charities and created entertainment last year by sponsoring the First Annual Pirate Ball.

Lately Mr. Lachance's health has obliged

him to reside in Florida. So a group of his motorcycle buddies visited their President emeritus in Fort Lauderdale to hold the club's monthly meeting.

On September 8th Scurvy Few's President and founding member, Mr. Bob Kilroe; Treasurer, Mr. Chad Effinger; Vice President, Mr. Rex Albury; accompanied by charter members Mr. Brant Albury, Mr. Derek Albury and Mr. Henry Darville flew to Fort Lauderdale. There they were joined by Mr. Simon Bethel, Mr. Joe Maggio and Mr. Lloyd Cheong. The meeting was held at Mr. Lachance's apartment and was followed by drinks and dinner at Ruby Tuesday, accompanied by wives who had



Members of the Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club traveled to Ft. Lauderdale to hold a monthly meeting with Skeet Lachance who is there for medical reasons. Shown here are, standing, Rex Albury, Chad Effinger, Henry Darville, Sid Dawes and, seated, Brant Albury, Derek Albury, Roy Kilroe.

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joined them in the trip.

"We had a great time," commented Mr. Brant Albury, once back in Marsh Harbour. "Skeet looked very well. If it were not for the breathing apparatus, you would not know he is sick. It is good to know that the old 'sea wolf' is hanging on!"

Papa Georgio's

By Samantha V. Evans

Abaco now has an additional pizza shop. Papa Georgio's opened on September 17th in the Abaco Shopping Plaza next to the Abaco Print Shop. The theme for the shop is "I love it when you call me big papa"

which was penned by Shane Cook, one of the owners. He stated that this store was a dream of his for the past two years so he is happy to finally see it come to fruition. Since he and his father Charles Cook opened, business has been good. They are open Monday thru Saturday 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. They specialize in wraps, pizzas, subs, quesadillas, wings, salads, calzones, and veggie dishes available daily. They carry a large selection of beverages as well. They will soon add to their menu pastas, lasagnas, and spaghetti meals. Fountain drinks will soon be added to give customers more beverage options. The phone number at the eatery is 359-6558.

Viewpoint

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Mr. Cornish said, "It is an on-going process with rental properties. I think some form of regulation will come. I won't say taxation because they are paying taxes already; they are paying real property tax. To say they are not paying or they are unfairly competing against hotels does not speak totally to the situation. They are paying a much higher percentage in real property tax than anyone else in The Bahamas. But there still is a need for us to have some form of quality control over our product. A lot of people are engaging in the industry without any kind of inspection," Mr. Cornish added.

Mr. Cornish said more local Bahamians need to get involved in the rental cottages or small bed and breakfast endeavors instead of just looking into building apartments to rent. There are a number of avenues for Bahamians to gain assistance for this kind of enterprise, and the Hotel Encouragement Act encourages Bahamians to get involved in businesses in the tourist sector. Putting together a business plan is difficult. Mr. Cornish said, "Maybe it is time for us to provide this opportunity if a person wants to do a restaurant or small deli, maybe a bed and breakfast or some other kind of experience. We have seen businesses pop out of the ground, especially in New Providence, because someone saw an opportunity," he concluded.

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Club News

Rotary Club News

By Mirella Santillo

The Rotary Club of Abaco is involved in many community projects. On the agenda for this fall is the proposed installation of fire hydrants badly needed in certain areas of Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town and Murphy Town. The Rotary Club has been working in close contact with the Water and Sewerage and the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department during the last few months to find out where these hydrants were most needed and how much they would cost.

The Fire Chief, Mr. John Hall, recommended that 47 hydrants be installed spread throughout the area. The Water and Sewerage Corporation gave the Club a quote of \$75,000 to purchase and install these hydrants. The Rotary Club of Abaco is presently negotiating a grant with a Florida Rotary Club for part of the cost, but the remainder of the funding will have to come from Central Government, Local Governments or the business community. Everyone would benefit by this installation since there are so many fires

in the area. Anyone can buy one hydrant to be placed in front of his business or home (provided it is along a water line) for \$1,600.

Rotary is sponsoring a school competition, inviting all the schools of the islands to design road signs addressing the litter problem on the highways. Each school will be given most of the materials to create one sign. The art work and validity of the logo in addressing the subject will be judged and the winners will be rewarded. The signs will be displayed at the Christmas Bazaar, then installed along the highways from Sandy Point to Crown Haven.

Rotary has been distributing school supplies. Teacher's bags were given to ECC and a crew of three members delivered school bags to the Fox Town Primary. They were gratefully received by the Principal, Mr. Austin Mills, on September 3rd. In Cherokee Sound 13 boxes of miscellaneous school supplies were delivered to the school prior to the beginning of the school year, compliments of several Rotary Clubs from Cen-

tral Florida.

More projects are taking shape. To help fund some of them, President-Elect Michael Malone organized a steak cook-out that took place on September 15th at St John's Anglican Hall. Manned by members of the club as well as by some

Interact members from St. Francis de Sales School, the event was a great success. From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. people streamed in to buy well seasoned grilled steaks. By the end of the day not one steak was left.



Rotary Club members took school supplies and book bags to the Fox Town Primary School. They are shown here with students and the principal, Mr. Austin Mills on the right.

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Viewpoint

Police Brutality . . . How Far is too Far?

By Vernique Russell

Lately the media throughout this country reports that police brutalities have escalated to an all time high. Even locally reports have surfaced about brutality and extensive police force during arrests and while people are in custody. A few days ago a young man from Cooper's Town was taken into police custody and was brutalized by three officers at the Marsh Harbour Police Station despite his plea of innocence even while being beaten.

This situation leaves me to question the integrity of police officers and even their policies when applying force to pry comments out of those in custody. When one tunes into ZNS television or radio or picks up a copy of a Nassau newspaper or even listens to Open Line at 9 on Radio Abaco lately, reports of police beatings would leave one feeling extremely devastated.

Whether the detainee be guilty or innocent, my concern is, How can it be all right to allow these person to be beaten?

Upon arrest the police reads the rights of the person being arrested and states the reason why they are being arrested, advising them that anything that they say can be used against them in court. Now what worries me is that if they have already advised a person of their right to legal representation, how can the police try to force someone to confess to something that they may have or have not committed. This then leads to the force that these officers applies to the detainee. What measure is too much? When is enough, enough?

The Royal Bahamas Police Force motto is Courage, Loyalty and Integrity. How can an institute produce so many lawless persons and uphold such a great motto. What kind of screening do these men and

women go through before they are carry out the laws of the land. How can young men and women respect these person if they are demonstrating that they themselves take advantage of the law. The law of the land is here to protect law abiding persons, bring to justice lawbreakers and administer fairness and equality for all. When does being brutalized by law enforcement personnel become all right? It is time that these perpetrators be made responsible for their actions. It is time to take a stand and let these lawbreakers know that enough is enough.

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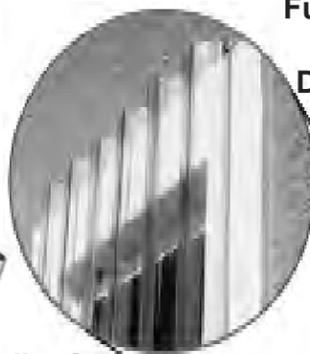
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South Abaco News

Administrator is named

Mr. Benjamin Pinder has been named Administrator for South Abaco. He began his new duties on September 17. Mr. Pinder is a native of Sandy Point and served as Administrator previously.



marking their spot early insures that at the end of that first day of shooting their bag will be full.

Also the next generation of shooters can be heard practicing near home with their play guns, aiming at those imaginary birds they hope to be able to shoot one day. Right now, with all the large scale construction going on all over the island of Abaco, hunters are wondering if when their sons grow up, they will even be able to find a place to shoot or the birds to fill their bags.

Sea Shell Show and Exhibition

Plans and preparations are still progressing on the upcoming Sea Shell Show and Exhibition to be held in Cherokee Sound on October 12th and 13th in the W.W. Sands Community Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The popular island event will be held for a two-day period for the first time to allow



These near perfect shells found by Hartie Albury, a local resident and fisherman in Cherokee Sound, won the 2006 Best in Show Trophy.

more people to view these fantastic gifts from the sea in their natural beauty.

Again, we encourage all conchologists and shell lovers alike to come and see what prizes others have found along our shores.

To round out the day there will be some craft booths with lots of individual and unique artistic creations for sale, including a locally handmade quilt that will be offered on a "silent auction." You will also find some delicious island fare to satisfy your hunger like fresh conch salad or homemade ice cream and much more as well. We hope to see you there.

The funds raised from this

show will benefit the Cherokee Sound Primary School.

School News

Ms. Lowe is finally getting some much needed assistance from some bold and courageous volunteers who have come forward to help in the smaller children's classes. The children thank you, the mothers thank you and I'm sure Ms. Lowe thanks you.



This beautiful quilt was handmade by the ladies of Cherokee Sound to auction off at the upcoming Sea Shell Show and Exhibition to be held in the W.W. Sands Community Center in Cherokee Sound on October 12th and 13th from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m.

Cherokee Sound

Needless to say the men are anxiously awaiting the end of September for Pigeon Season to open, and I can almost taste that delicious stew now. The men get up very early and take off down the road, scouting around to find an area where there is plenty of food available for the migrating birds.

Each year the national authorities decide when the young birds have left the nests before they open the season. Obviously,



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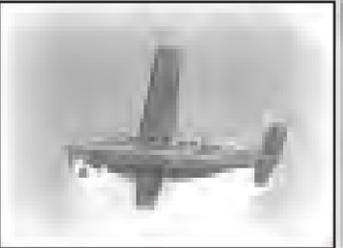
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Youth in Action resumes with basketball

By Julian Lockhart

With the consistent accounts of violence, poor grades and vagrancy amongst the youth of the Bahamas, Mr. Ishmael "Stretch" Morley along with a strong team of volunteers are trying to make a difference amongst the youth in Abaco through Youth In Action.

Youth In Action was jump started once again on Abaco as they shot off the year with basketball September 15 at the Dundas Town Park and will run every Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

Mr. Morley started a week early so they can start working with the young boys to help new Abaco Basketball Association coach, Mr. Sydney McIntosh, with the new junior program he is installing.

Mr. Morley said, "Normally we start off with soccer, but this year the new president of the Abaco Basketball Association, Mr. Sydney McIntosh, wanted to start a junior program. So we decided to go with basketball to help him out with the junior league. We can have a good junior league here on the island because in the North we have Treasure Cay, Cooper's Town, Green Turtle Cay and Little Abaco and in

the South you have Crossing Rocks and Sandy Point. Once we can get together, we can put it all together," he added.

About 40 boys showed up the first Saturday and once the program is up and running properly they expect anywhere from 60-90 boys consistently on a Saturday morning. There are also programs running in the North and South where young boys between the ages of 7-18 are able to stay off the streets and have something positive to focus on.

Also working with Mr. Morley will be Chris Smith, Gordon "Slanks" Musgrove, Ricky Brown, Anita Rolle, Patrice Charles and Vogal Williams. This program is completely volunteer and all funds come from corporate sponsors or the pockets of the coaches.

Basketball will run until Christmas. When they come back from the Christmas break, the participants will compete in baseball with Leslie Rolle for a month, then start back with basketball again.

Mr. Morley said, "Normally we average about 60 a Saturday, and it is not a bad number. Sometimes we go over and we will have about 90 kids in the program.

Once we get rolling and parents know we are starting, we will have more kids. We will make appeals this year to sponsors to help the program because it was a great expense last year for us. This is not a government program so we don't expect them to give money. If I ask government for funds they will contribute but some things you have to do on your own instead of looking at government for everything," he added.

The participants are preparing for two tournaments next year - one on Grand Bahama and the other in Las Vegas. Mr. Morley said the Abaco players can compete with anyone as long as they are disciplined and get the proper training.

The HOYTES Labour Day Classic will

be on Grand Bahama and is run by Gladstone "Moon" McPhee. The divisions are 16-and-under, 14-and-under, 12-and-under and 10-and-under and Abaco will field a team in each division.

In August these teams will be traveling to Las Vegas to compete in the Invitational there in the same divisions.

In the past the best Abaco players would join with Mr. McPhee's teams from Grand Bahama for the Las Vegas Invitational, but this year Mr. Morley and Godfrey Rolle feel the Abaco players are ready to compete on their own.

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BNT emphasized need to preserve the environment

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working at Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club. He gave an outsider's viewpoint of *Innovations in the Tourism Industry*.

Mr. Kermode itemized the benefits that Abaco enjoys. These include the close proximity to Florida, the largest number of beautiful beaches, a large shallow bank giving us exceptional in-shore fishing coupled with excellent off-shore fishing, a progressive government, a stable currency and an exemplary legal system.

The negative factors would include the fact that there is no heavy industry and he does not see any in the future. Mining for limestone is minimal but the area could be a source for aggregate. Agriculture has had several reverses including the sugar production closing and the citrus being wiped out by the citrus canker. But the citrus will come back. Small farms are producing lim-

ited amounts of agricultural products but these are not going to be a driving force in the economy.

The future lies in second homeowners. They put in large amounts of money into the economy, expand the construction industry and provide many peripheral jobs in property management and other businesses.

Mr. Kermode said he felt that the greatest need is for the upgrading of the airport which has been needed for years. A taxiway is badly needed. He mentioned he has had many harrowing experiences in landing here. The terminal at Marsh Harbour is Third World and the need for an air conditioned secure area is long overdue. Mr. Kermode expects to see a great expansion of the economy with the completion of a new terminal. He stressed that growth needs to be managed.

Mr. Kermode pointed out that South

Abaco has deep water close to shore. A company getting aggregate could work in conjunction with government to construct a deepwater harbour. This would allow cruise ships to visit Abaco.

Mr. Kermode suggested that developments could be charged impact fees, but felt that a large portion of money generated by Abaco should be kept locally to benefit the area.

Everyone can enjoy national parks

Mr. Eric Carey, Executive Director of the Bahamas National Trust, spoke with conviction about *Managing the National Parks for the Future*. He told the audience that the Bahamas National Trust was created by far-visioned Bahamians. The first park was the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park set aside in 1958 to protect the cays from private ownership. In that same year the Bahamas National Trust was formed to

manage the park. Inagua was the next park to be created. Today there are 25 national parks protecting 700,000 acres protecting all eco-systems and several endangered species.

Abaco has five national parks. Mr. Carey expects the Fowl Cay area will soon be named another national park. It has been considered a marine preserve by Abaco people for many years but will soon be officially a national park. In the case of the Fowl Cay area, local people objected to the expanded park boundaries. These were later redrawn in consideration of public reaction.

One of BNT's mandates is to develop infrastructure in the parks that will allow the public to enjoy them.

Another area that the BNT is active in is in education. Mrs. Lynn Gape is the

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Mr. Erik Carey, Executive Director of the Bahamas National Trust, spoke at the Abaco Business Outlook about the work of the BNT in preserving areas of The Bahamas to protect eco-systems and endangered species. Another goal of the BNT is to provide opportunities for Bahamians to enjoy the natural beauty of their country. Ms. Simone Bowe spoke about recruiting and retaining talented workers. She is presently the Director of Human Resources with Baker's Bay.

throughout the islands.

Funding has always been a problem for the Trust. Government has provided some basic funding but additional monies are constantly needed. This additional money is gotten through events, memberships, and corporate and individual donations.

One Abaco national park, Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park, covers 21 acres, mostly water. In cooperation with Friends of the Environment, more moorings will be put down for snorkelers and divers. The Abaco National Park in South Abaco came about after thousands of letters from school children wrote to the government to set it aside to protect the endangered Abaco Parrot. Prime Minister Ingraham made that official in 1994. A conceptual vision for the Abaco National Park is being developed. It will include exhibits, trails and a visitor center. Abaco has a rich history of logging and this can be included in the exhibits. All of this will require funding and will be done gradually.

Mr. Carey felt that the nation-

al parks can be beneficial to the economy of Abaco. People can make a living from eco-tourism, not just from those solely interested in eco-tourism but from general visitors as well. Available tours should be better advertised.

The BNT is grateful for the generous funding recently provided by Baker's Bay. Mr. Carey mentioned the Baker's Bay project in his talk. The developers have removed all the invasive species from the entire area. This included hundreds of casuarina trees and many other invasives. They have replaced these with native plants. The project will have an impact on the area, but the developers are doing their best to keep it to a minimum.

Mr. Carey announced that he hopes within a few weeks to have a staff member of the BNT stationed on Abaco. This per-

son will develop an educational program with the funding from Baker's Bay. Abaco will have a Discovery Club, an environmental club for children ages 6-13. This program awards badges for accomplishments and encourages further interest in the environment. The Baker's Bay grant will fund many other projects as well.

Mr. Carey praised the work of Friends of the Environment, a private organization that is very active in preserving the environment. The two organizations work together on many projects.

The BNT has been in existence for almost 50 years and during that time has many accomplishments to its credit. But it has much more to achieve. It wants to get more people in the parks to enjoy the beau-

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ties of nature; it wants to let our visitors see our parrots, our fish and our natural beauty. And very importantly, it wants to educate teachers in conservation who can pass it on to their students. He stressed the need need to have a positive impact on our environment.

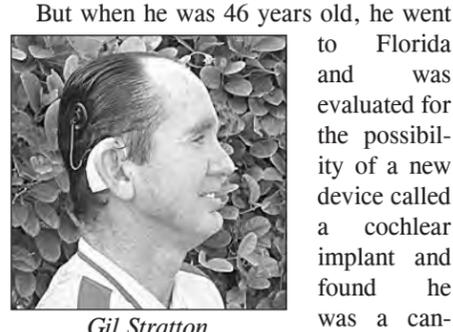
Other speakers included Sen. the Hon. Michael Halkitis, a consultant with British American Financial, who spoke about the financial growth of Abaco; Ms. Simone Bowe with Baker's Bay, who spoke about Recruiting and Retaining Talented Workers; Mr. Dionisio D'Aguilar, President of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce who spoke about Corporate Social Responsibility; and Ms. Margo Albury with H.G. Christie, who spoke about Taking Notice of Abaco.

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Mr. Morley said, "The kids here on the island can compete with anybody whether in the United States or The Bahamas. It is just that we don't have a gym here on the island and that stagnates most of the basketball program. When we play in a gym in Freeport, it takes a while to adjust and that is where our downfall is. Even though we don't have a gym here on the island, we still do with what we have. We try to take them abroad so that scouts can see our kids and get scholarships. These kids can get recognized. Right now we have Leo Gideon from Abaco playing at Missouri State University and he is a product of the Youth In Action program. Most of our guys are playing on Grand Bahama. It is helping here and Grand Bahama," Mr. Morley concluded.

Operation Restores Hearing

When Gil Stratton was born in Marsh Harbour, he could hear very little. He grew up learning to read lips, and he could hear just a little bit with the help of a hearing aid, but only if words were spoken very loudly. So, he basically lived in a world of silence.



Gil Stratton

But when he was 46 years old, he went to Florida and was evaluated for the possibility of a new device called a cochlear implant and found he was a candidate for it. This device works by picking up sound through tiny microphones on the sound processor part of the device and converting the sound into digital signals. The implant, which is the part placed on the inside of the body next to the ear, uses those signals to stimulate the hearing nerve in the inner ear, bypassing damaged hair cells, and the brain perceives the signals as sound. So now Gil can hear sounds for the first time in his life! He can hear music, words, birds singing and all the other sounds that most of us take for granted.

Gil loves the Lord Jesus and knows Him as his Saviour. He has attended meetings to learn more about the Lord for a long time, but now he can actually hear the singing and hear the Word of God being preached. Imagine his joy!



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* to or from White Sound	

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Return	8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 5 6:30
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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
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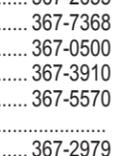
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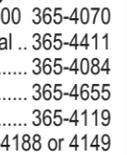
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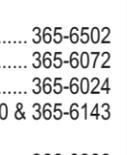
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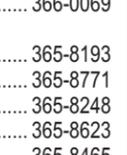
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Mr. Marlon Johnson, Vice President for Marketing, Sales & Business Development represented the company at the special presentation.

The film showcases the music of Bahamian greats, Eddie Minnis, Pat Rahming, Funky D, Roots, Cleophas Adderley and

Ronnie Butler, there is also an original title track by Oohouii. The documentary also features live performances by children from Uriah McPhee, Carmichael Primary, H O. Nash, Oakes Field Primary, North Andros High School, the National Children's Choir, St. Augustine's College, St. Anne's School and Maurice Moore Primary in Grand Bahama.

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The Abaconian

SECTION B



Coastal Clean-up brought out many volunteers

Groups all over Abaco are participating to clean beaches



A large number of volunteers turned out to clean the Crossing Beach area. During their visit, the Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Tourism, went by to encourage them in their efforts. He is in the blue plaid shirt. This clean up is a world-wide effort promoted by The Ocean Conservancy. Locally the efforts are being coordinated by the Ministry of Tourism and Friends of the Environment.

By Mirella Santillo

After the efforts of Friends of the Environment to beautify and landscape the beach at Crossing Beach, one would have expected to find very little litter, but not so. Volunteers who gathered there on the morning of September 15th, International Coastal Clean up Day, found enough trash to fill large 12 garbage bags.

Sponsored by Friends of the Environment and Keep Abaco Beautiful with Ms. Bernadette Hall and Ms. Wynsome Ferguson as organizers, the coastal clean-up of Crossing Beach brought together about 35 volunteers, including many high school students, most of whom belonged to either the Governor General Youth Award Club or to the Anchor Club.

While the volunteers were busy gathering plastic cups, bottle caps, empty beer bottles and all sorts of leftover food, they were surprised by the visit of the Minister of Tourism, the Hon. Niko Grant, who was accompanied by Mr. Don Cornish and Police Officer Botin. They walked part of the

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The 2007 Crawfishing Season

By Jennifer Hudson

August 1 is always greatly anticipated as it marks the opening of the craw fishing season. Much preparation is always done prior to this date with people preparing their boats and setting out their crawfish traps ready for the big day. While the small boats go out just for a day and (hopefully) bring back their catch in the evening, the larger boats go out several days prior to the opening of the season as they travel much farther afield and want to have everything in place ready to begin crawfishing at daylight. These large boats, with several divers on board, travel hundreds of miles to fish for the crawfish and stay out for sev-

eral days until their hold, which can store thousands of pounds of crawfish, is full.

The crawfishermen then bring in their boats and sell their catch to buyers. Up until this year there have been three crawfish buyers on Abaco. However, this year Island Seafood in Dundas Town has dropped out so only Abaco Sea Foods on Green Turtle Cay and the Marsh Harbour Exporters and Importers (commonly called the Fish House) in Marsh Harbour are the only two major buyers.

Mr. Floyd Lowe, owner of Abaco Sea

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Church breaks ground for new building



The Latter Rain Church broke ground for a new building on S.C. Bootle Highway. The location is on a hill with a view of the surrounding area. Shown here are Pastor Lennis Cornish of the Marsh Harbour Church of God; Rev. Anthony Campbell, President of the Abaco Christian Council and Pastor of the Dundas Town Church of God; Pastor Silbert Mills of Friendship Tabernacle; Pastor Samuel Cornish of Change Ministries; Pastor Alexander Archer of the Latter Rain Church; his wife, Mrs. Brenda Archer; and guest speaker Paul Butler.

By Samantha V. Evans

The vision of the Latter Rain Church is to show God's glory in the earth and to introduce God to a lost people. On September 9th the Latter Rain Church held a Ground Breaking Ceremony for its new church building on S.C. Bootle Highway. Pastor Alexander Archer stated that if the church doesn't do something, Abaco's youth will be in trouble. He is happy that his church bases its doctrine on the truths and principles of God. He hopes that this new church building will be dedicated next October (2008) for the church's anniversary.

The guest speaker for this service was Apostle Paul Butler from Bahamas

Christian Fellowship Church in Nassau. He began by saying that it is a vision that makes the life of any person meaningful; without this vision life is reckless, careless, and people wonder around aimlessly.

The purpose of Latter Rain church is to help people in surrounding communities who are in need. The church should be viewed as the foundation for all other areas of life and seen as a place where positive activities take place such as prayer, praise and worship, fellowship, training people of God and teaching the

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HT Council toured Baker's Bay



The Hope Town District Council visited Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club on Great Guana Cay. New members on the Council and the Administrator wanted to be familiar with the new development. Shown here are Mrs. Lana Russell, Councillor; Mr. Jeremy Sweeting, Chief Councillor; Mr. Glen Laing, Councillor; Mr. Leonard Knowles; Mr. Mark Spence, General Manager of the project; Ms. Shanishka Bain, Environmental Coordinator for the project; Mr. Cephus Cooper, Administrator for Central Abaco; and Mr. Livingston Marshall, Vice-President of Baker's Bay. The project is not active during the fall but the group toured the area, seeing the dredging of the harbour and the construction underway.

Tourism and Friends Coordinated Clean Up Campaign

Clean up

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beach, inspecting the result of the clean-up. Mr. Grant thanked the representatives of Keep America Beautiful and volunteers. "I thank Mrs. Smith of Keep America Beautiful for agreeing to partner with us in this worthwhile community project as well as the many volunteers who express genuine concern for their community," said the Minister.

Mr. Grant mentioned the launching of a new tourism campaign My Bahamas, let's make it better again. The campaign is aimed at bringing awareness to environment, attitude and service. He thanked Ms. Hall and the team for coordinating the Keep Abaco Beautiful project.

The cleanup resumed after the Minister's visit. A snorkeling team brought back plastic cups and beer cans covered in green algae and the catch of the day was a discarded toilet bowl which had become the habitat of a sponge and other small sea creatures. After deliberations, it was decided to return it to the sea, not to disturb

its inhabitants, but well away from the shore.

So large and effective was the group that showed up that the cleanup was achieved in less than two hours. Ms. Hall is considering placing garbage receptacles along the beach to see if that helps with the trash situation. A taxi driver said that the taxi drivers waiting for the tourists would be happy to empty the bins.

Other coastal cleanups were taking place in Cooper's Town and Treasure Cay and another was planned for the following day at Schooner Bay. More coastal areas will be cleaned on September 29th.



The Hon. Neko Grant, Minister of Tourism, showed up at Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour on September 15 while volunteers were picking up trash. He is shown with Mrs. Sue Smith, Director of Education and Training with Keep America Beautiful here to certify Abaco in the program, and Ms. Bernadette Hall of the Tourism office who helped coordinate the clean up.

BAIC is offering a straw course and a shell craft course

The Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) will be conducting two more classes on Abaco.

A straw class will begin in Fox Town on October 1 and run until October 10, meeting every day. The course will be taught by Ms. Eldina Miller and classes will be held at the Fox Town Primary School.

BAIC will offer its second Shell Craft Training Program in Central Abaco on October 8 to 17. This course is for all persons in the surrounding settlements who are interested in producing shell craft. The course will meet every day for the ten-day period. Classes will meet at Abaco Central High School each evening from 6 to 9 p.m. The instruction will be by Ms. April Martin and the fee for the course is \$50.

Interested person can sign up for either of these courses at the BAIC office or contact Mrs. Patrice Cox at 367-0066. Mrs. Cox has a kit list giving the materials that participants are expected to take. Usually the instructor provides materials that are not available locally.

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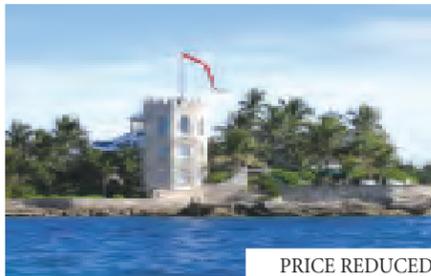
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School News

Student Leadership Seminar

By Samantha V. Evans

Being selected to become a leader is an honorable appointment and on September 19th some 75-100 school leaders from across the island gathered at St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall for Abaco's first Student Leadership Seminar. Mrs. Lenora Black officially welcomed the students to the seminar, letting them know that once they are in this hall they have already been identified as leaders. She told them that God made them very special. Their teachers and administrators have identified them as student leaders but they must believe in themselves or their gifts and talents will die within them.

Mrs. Black told them that as leaders, they must be out front setting the course for the rest of the student body. Their peers

will look up to them and look to them for advice but they must not be intimidated because leaders do not have to know everything. However, they should know who to go to for the answers.

Mr. Vincent Coakley, Senior Master of Abaco Central High School, outlined the duties and responsibilities of a prefect. It is important that they realize that as a leader they must set good examples, help to create a safe and secure student body, use their initiative, be great communicators and peer mediators and be good role models. Some of the rewards of being a prefect are receiving incentives and awards from their school, and being asked to represent their school at various functions or competitions. Mr. Coakley congratulated them for exemplifying such great qualities and encouraged them to be the best role models they can be.

Leaders learn the value of rules

By Samantha V. Evans

Chief Supt. Hulan Hanna of the Royal Bahamas Police Force spoke at the Student Leadership Seminar about the importance of implementing and enforcing rules. He told them that rules are made for the smooth running of an organization. Without rules there will be utter chaos.

In order for fairness to be maintained, the students must be objective. They must make decisions on facts and what they know. They must be prepared to deal with the information and not the infractor. They must maintain the integrity of the person or persons involved.

Additionally, he told them to remember that: 1 There is an equal reaction when a

decision is made. 2 Rules are not to control but to deal with the development and growth of others. 3 When their motives are right, then they can enforce the rules. 4 Honestly evaluate every situation and do not assume or hastily come to a conclusion. 5 Rules are made for people and not people for rules, 6 The leader must always obey the rules. 7 The leader's actions must stand the test of time. 8 They must ask themselves if God would be pleased with their actions. He encouraged them to look at the human side of things and not just at the rule because offenses are committed for a reason.

Finally, Chief Supt. Hanna gave the leaders tips on how to resolve conflicts

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Two students were chosen to present Chief Supt. Hulan Hanna with a plaque and gift. On the left is our new District Superintendent, Mrs. Lenora Black.



Chief Supt. Hulan Hanna of the Royal Bahamas Police Force spoke to the Student Leadership Seminar that was held for leaders of all government schools on Abaco. The seminar was organized by the education staff at the office of the school superintendent.

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Lot 104 in Casuarina on canal, 55 ft ± on the water, **\$75,000 gross**

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peacefully. He began by telling the students that a conflict is a disagreement between two or more persons. The benefits of a conflict are: you can get to know a person better; this is an opportunity to explore other ways to get along, and learn that there is more than one way to solve a problem. At the conclusion of this session, he gave the students some examples of how to resolve conflicts without causing harm to the other party.

BTVI Registration held for New Term

By Samantha V. Evans

After much speculation as to whether Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute (BTVI) will remain on the island, Mr. Fred Delancy, Assistant Manager, held registration on September 7, 8, 10 and 11 at Abaco Central High School to enroll students for the new school year. So far for this term, approximately 25 students have registered at the Central Abaco site and 26 for the Northern Abaco site. The classes being of-

ferred this term in Central Abaco are Office Administration, Cosmetology, Electrical Installation, and Carpentry; classes offered in the North are Office Administration and Cosmetology. Classes will begin on September 17th at Abaco Central High School for Central Abaco and S.C. Bootle for the Northern Bahamas site. The coordinator for Central Abaco is Beverley Rolle and the coordinator for Northern Abaco is Esther Cornish.

Education Department hosts Parents' Conclave

By Sa antha V. Evans

A Parent Conclave was held on September 9th at Central Abaco Primary School with the host presenter, Mrs. Lenora Black, Abaco's District Superintendent. She would like the parents of Abaco to partner with her and her team so that together they can take Abaco students to new heights. Education is the vehicle through which a nation progresses so more emphasis needs to be placed on education in this district. She further stated that every child has a right to be educated. There is no reason for any of them to be working during the school

day and not be in school. An adult who sees any school-aged child working during the school day should contact Social Services. She views the children as the future so they need to be prepared to lead the society of tomorrow.



Mrs. Lenora Black

Even though academics are important, Mrs. Black believes that students need to get back to basics with morals, values and having the right attitude. She stated that the best way to teach these skills to children is by parents being an example.

She stated that the Ministry of Education exists to ensure that the best possible education is afforded every child in this country and stressed passionately that they can flourish in this country. To do this, parents and educators must be committed to being

life long learners.

Mrs. Black is excited to be back on Abaco and is pleased to announce that they are in pursuit of excellence and they expect all of their stakeholders to be on the same page. She encouraged parents to be leaders in their homes. She believes that all is not lost for Abaconian youth but rather they need to commit themselves to excellence. She resounded that excellence is possible, excellence is necessary and excellence is hard. But, excellence is worth it all. Abaco needs to be among the leaders in the Bahamas.

Mrs. Black encouraged Abaco to advance from being good to being GREAT! School is the beginning training ground for children. Not only do they learn academics here, they learn how to socialize with other children and to resolve conflicts in a sensible manner. She looks forward to all stakeholders in the Abaco communities to get onboard and join with her so that Abaco can go from being good to being GREAT!

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Education Leaders Give Tips to Parents

By Samantha V. Evans

Ms. Felemease Sawyer, Education Officer for Primary Schools, and Ms. Vanessa James, Acting Principal of Abaco Central High School, gave Abaco parents some very important tips. Ms. Sawyer noted the following:

- Too many students are absent from school
- Too many students are on the streets at night time
- Parents need to pack healthier lunches and snacks for their children
- Parents need to invest more in their children's education by donating reading books and manipulative materials (hands-on materials) to the public schools
- Children are not doing homework sent home for reinforcement
- Parents need to get more involved in their children's education

Ms. Sawyer has been in the system for many years and has seen many areas that are lacking. These are just a few. She is looking forward to a more productive school year and improved grades for the district of Abaco.

Ms. James stated that she has a number

of concerns where the high school students are concerned, and she would like for parents to work with her to get the following matters under control:

- Students need to have respect for adults and respect for each other
- Students do not adhere to the school rules (i.e. males wear earrings, students bring cell phones and other electronic devices when the rule clearly states that they are not allowed)
- Students need to dress properly for school
- Too many students are absent from school
- Lack of interest in meeting deadlines for exams

Ms. James cannot conceive in her mind how parents can drop their children off to school in grade one and then return to pick them up in grade twelve. She pleaded with parents to get more involved in their children's education because educating their children will take a partnership between them and the teachers. Before the conclave ended, each parent received A Parent Pledge which they all recited together.

Success Training College Offers Degree

By Samantha V. Evans

Abaco is growing by leaps and bounds

and another college is finding its way on the island to assist with the educational and professional growth and development of its residents. Success Training College held orientation for the students of its first cluster comprising of some 30 students on September 14th when the president of the

College, Dr. Deswell Forbes, addressed the students.

Success Training College came to the island as a result of two professional women:

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These are some of the students who have begun working toward a degree in business administration with Success Training College. They were addressed by Dr. Deswell Forbes, President of the school.

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Selling price \$475,000

Four bedroom, 4 bathroom house with covered back patio, covered entryway with huge columns. House is 4,000 sq. ft. situated on 1/4 acre of property in Bahama Palm Shores. Central air conditioning, Jacuzzi tub in master bath. Appraised at

\$600,000 Selling Price \$495,000

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Fourplex 2 two bedroom one bathroom apts, 2 one bedroom, one bathroom apts. Total 3150 sq. ft. All units furnished, All units have central A/C units, 3 units have washer/dryer units. 160 sq. ft. wooden building that houses washer and dryer for apt. one. Property 150' x 88' All units are rented. Off Forest Dr., Dundas Town. Appraised value \$430,000 Asking price \$375,000

Agape Villa Murphy Town Two free standing structures containing four one-bedroom, one bathroom apartment units that are fully furnished with central air conditioning. Sits on 15,000 sq. ft. Landscaped. All units are rented. \$300,000 Person purchasing this will have an instant business.

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Enid Wythe and Ruth Flowers, who wanted to earn a college degree but did not want to travel to Nassau every weekend for classes. Ms. Barbara Williams, noting how expensive this must be, asked Mrs. Wythe if there was another way for them to obtain a degree without all of the travel and expense. Mrs. Wythe gave her the challenge of finding 15 persons who would be interested in obtaining a degree in Business Administration so that Success College would come to the island to offer site basic classes.

Mrs. Williams took on the challenge as she too was interested in the course. Not only did she find 15 persons who were interested, she found 30 persons who paid the fees and were prepared to start the program on September 15th. She has a list of other interested persons who will probably make up a second Abaco cluster.

Mrs. Flowers graduated in August 2007 and Mrs. Wythe is in her second year so the new persons are to benefit from this cluster more than these two women.

Success Training College opened in 1982 offering only certificate classes. In 1983 it started offering associate degree classes and it has been growing ever since. Mrs. Rolle stated that the college is recognized as one of the top tertiary level institutions in the Bahamas because it provides quality education for all students regardless of their background.

Dr. Forbes recognized that the students must be excited about this new journey they have embarked upon to better themselves. He encouraged them to set goals for themselves. It is clear that they have made a decision to think outside the box. This group of professionals is now seeing things in a different light. He further explained to them the length of this program and the number of sessions they will

have each semester. He told them that if a cluster moves together, they will be given a better rate and can be sure to graduate together and on time.

He believes that Success Training College has a team of professional instructors who will create a student friendly classroom. Mrs. Rolle encouraged all students to budget well so that next semester they will be prepared to cover themselves financially. Registration for this first term will end on September 22, 2007. Interested persons can contact Mrs. Enid Wythe at the Administrator's Office or Mrs. Barbara Williams at Social Services.

Abaco Standardized Test Results Must Improve

By Samantha V. Evans

Abaco received its scores for the standardized tests taken in May-June 2007 and

there is room for major improvement. The new District Superintendent, Mrs. Lenora Black, encourages parents to take more interest in their children's school life. She was very disturbed by the fact that too many students paid for exams that they did not show up to take. She would like to see parents ensure that their children prepare for and show up to take every exam they pay for.

Another observation was that too many students did not complete course work for BJC's and BGCSE's. Mrs. Black explained that course work is worth a large percentage of their final grade for these exams so it is important that it are done and turned in on time. She plans to instruct all of her administrators to get course work out to students by mid-term break in October so

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Student leaders from all schools attended a seminar where they heard from motivational speakers including Chief Supt. Hulan Hannah. The seminar was organized by the new District Superintendent, Mrs. Lenora Black.

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that they will have sufficient time to complete all the work required.

She has faith in the educational system across The Bahamas and wants to say to parents that Abaco students can do better and they will come June 2008. She hopes that parents will commit themselves to ensuring that their children achieve more than they did while in school. She believes that this should be the expectation of every parent.

The results for Abaco are as follows:

- GLAT Grade 3 Language Arts – average score E
- Mathematics – average score E
- GLAT Grade 6 Language Arts – aver-

age score D

Mathematics – average score E+ Science – average score C+ Social Studies – average score D-

The BJC had 881 entries with 22 – A's, 70 – B's, 200 – C's, 171 – D's, and 418 – E's/U's. The BGCSE exams had 580 entries with 14 – A's, 20 – B's, 116 – C's, 132 – D's, and 298 – E's/U's.

It is clear by these scores that parents need to partner with their children's teachers and the district superintendent to ensure that the exam scores are better for the June 2008 sitting. It can be done, but it will take all stakeholders getting involved to do so. For those parents who do not know how to get involved, simply ask. It

is not asking that can lead to the continued detriment of our students.

Abaco Central High New teaching staff at A CH

By Mirella Santillo

The opening of the new school year saw quite a few changes at Abaco Central High School: teachers retired or were relocated and replaced. Nine teachers have joined the staff of the high school. A new Senior Master and new Senior Mistress have been named, both having taught at the school previously. But as the school year enters its fourth week, no Principal has yet been appointed to replace Mr. Kendris Hield, and the post is being filled temporarily by Vice

Principal, Ms. Vanessa James.

The Senior Master is Mr. Vincent Coakley, who came from Nassau one year ago to teach mathematics and will continue to teach. The new Head Mistress, replacing Mrs. Nadine Beneby, is Ms. Sophia Miller, who will also be teaching mathematics, stated Vice Principal James. Ms. Miller, who is originally from Freeport, has been with the high school for the last five years.

The language arts teacher is Ms. Lois Jeffers and the modern language teacher is Mr. Victor Castaneda from Mexico.

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"Laguna" Galleon Bay # 745 - 3 bed, 2 bath single storey, 1,550 s/f canal front home, furnished, elevated landscaped lot, carport & garage, deep water dock with boat lift. **\$985,000.**

"Shell Shack" # 712 - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,600 s/f furnished home on Brigantine Bay, elevated 10,000 s/f lot, garage, 80' bulk-headed sea-wall, serviced 30' new dock. **\$799,500.**

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More School News

School *From Page 9*

Ms. Marcia Ellis takes care of the Family and Consumer Science Department, while Mr. Jamal McIntosh is now the performing arts teacher. Ms. Elspeth Jacksonis in the Technical Studies Department with Mr. Sean Sears. The Social Science Department is overseen by Mrs. Laverne Cooper, the wife of Administrator Cephus Cooper

The social studies' post is held by Ms. Magdalene Mills and the science teacher, Mr. Francisco Canejo, recently arrived from Cuba. Ms. Kemberly Rahming from Freeport is replacing Ms. Stubbs, who retired as guidance counselor. Mrs. Isobel Sherman, home economics teacher, is due for retirement in December of this year.

Awards Ceremony honours students

By Mirella Santillo

Approximately 500 students, their teachers and the Acting- Principal gathered on the

grounds of Abaco Central High School on September 20th for an awards assembly, the first of the school year.

Recognition went to the most improved students, 14 of them, among whom three had repeated a class, (most because of a language problem) with very beneficial results. There was a "Rising Star," Jermaine Cash, who was congratulated for receiving a "B" in Health Science in his BGCSE. Fifteen students were commended for being the First in Class. Those were the students with the highest GPA in their class. Then two boys and a girl received awards for the Best BJC passes, the first, Mones Saintil and the other two, Shaquille Jones and Shannon Paul, for best pass in Spanish. The Best BGCSE passes went to Latonia King and Chenika Simms, now are in college and the outstanding 11th grade BGCSE passes went to Ashley Whilly for special achievement.

Mrs. Sophia Miller announce the recipients of the awards who came to receive their trophies presented by Mrs. Monica Adderley, Acting Principal, Ms. Vanessa James and Mrs.



About 500 students now attend Abaco Central High School. This is an assembly. When it rains, the students all crowd under the roof overhangs.

Mary Whilly, PTA President. Mrs. Monica Adderley of Island Care Wireless was the donor of the trophies.

The ceremony was concluded by Acting

Principal, Ms. James, who congratulated the students "who had the courage to do

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An Awards Ceremony was held at Abaco Central High School to honour the students who did well last year. They are shown here with some of the staff.

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Obituaries of Family and Friends

A Service of Celebration for the life of **Robert Toler** was held at St. James Methodist Church on September 15. Mr. Vernon Malone moderated the service. Mr. Toler, also known as Barometer Bob, and his wife Patti have been second homeowners in Marsh Harbour for many years. They have hosted the Cruisers' Net on the VHF each morning for many years. He passed away quietly in his sleep on September 8.

The service was patterned after the Net format. Since Mr. Toler gave an extensive weather forecast each morning, a detailed weather forecast of heaven was read by Silbert Mills of Radio Abaco. This was followed by Open Mike when anyone who wished could pay tribute, recall an interesting incident or say what Bob had meant to them. Many people depended on his weather reports, particularly during heavy stormy weather or hurricanes. Others commented on his and Patti's enthusiastic way of guiding the Net. An e-mail time was included when Mr. Malone read messages that had come in remembering him.

The funeral service for **Paul Morley**, 51, formerly of Abaco was held in Nassau. Interment was also in Nassau.

He is survived by his wife Carol Morley; father Rev. Coaplend Morley; step-mother Louise Morley; children Jason and Nicole Morley; grandchild Nakia Morley; sisters Sarah Edgecombe, Paula and Esther Morley, Sueann Kenny and Glenda Williams (predeceased); brothers David and Ishmael Morley; mother-in-law Joyce Burgzorg; father-in-law Rudolph Burgzorg; sisters-in-law Lena Dottin, Joan Fountain, Llewellen Burgzorg and Stephanie Morley; brothers-in-law Whitney Kenny Sr., Silven Edgecombe Sr., Carver, Frederick, Trevor and Ian Burgzorg, Selvin Dottin

and Otto Fountain; nieces Janet Clarke, Samantha Orlander, Pamela Williams-Bodie, Treasure Kenny, Jordan and Noel Morley, Sarah Vaughn and Seleyse Dotin, Synnamon and Sy-Vannah Burgzorg; grand-niece Khyne Bodie; nephews Rondinero, Searro, Silven Jr. and Stephano Edgecombe, Trevor and Dajour Morley, Whitney Kenny Jr., Rudolph and Shaquille Burgzorg, Sieron Dottin and Alan Jackson; nephews-in-law Mark Clarke and Omar Bodie; aunts Gloria Greenslade, Natalie Clyde, Advilda and Alivetta Black, Alice Morley and Crescola Edgecombe; uncles Wellington Clyde, Livingston Henfield and Winfred Edgecombe; and many other relatives and friends/

The funeral service for **Leslie Ivan Sawyer**, 54, of Dundas Town was held on September 21 at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Dundas Town. Officiating was Rev. Dr. Stephen Hale, assisted by Lay Preacher Craig Cornish. Interment was in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents Cleola and Abraham Sawyer; daughters Patrona Cash, Samantha Curry and Lynette Dean; brothers Robert (Bob), Walter, Emalin, Floyd, Randy, Dennis and Angelo Sawyer; sisters Felamease and Gelita Sawyer, Margaret Moore and Sharon Lloyd; adopted sister Robertha Lindsay; aunts Flora Lowe, Inez Gaitor, Gertrude Dawkins, Valderine Smith and Lana Sawyer; uncles Harold Smith, Estin Sawyer, Lealon Dawkins and Wilfred Cornish; sisters-in-law Christine, Betty, Centina and Monnalisa Sawyer; brother-in-law Robert Lloyd, son-in-law Paul Curry; grandchildren Delvone, Deon, David Jr., and Paul Curry Jr., Karen, Lavanya, Shaqkeam, Savieon, Atreau, John, James, Jamain and Patrenda; nieces Mo-

nique Miller, Yael, Laterah, Alexis, Caroline (Alicia) and Deneisha Sawyer, Latoya Lightbourne, Lakeisha Burrows, Annonia Wright and Rashawn Lloyd; nephews Bobbydell, Patrick, Marshal, Mark, Mario, Elvardo, Raj, Rashad, Randy Jr., De'Angelo Sawyer, and Trey Roberts, Edison and Dedric Moore, Sharico Lloyd, Miguel Bostwick and Jamiel Burrows; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Gary McKinney**, 42, affectionately called "Toby," of Crossing Rocks was held on September 15 at St. Mark's Baptist Church in Crossing Rocks. Rev. Napoleon Roberts, assisted by Rev. Mervin Burrows and Rev. Alfred Russell, officiated and interment fol-

lowed in the Public Cemetery in Crossing Rocks.

He is survived by his son Garrick McKinney; father Glenn McKinney; brother Sean McKinney; sisters Merlie Wilmore, Maydon, Wendy and Verniece McKinney; grandmother Merlean McKinney; aunts Berlean Bain, Ann Coakley, Augusta Greenslade, Mae Roker, Brenda and Muriel Russell; uncles Morris Bowe and Lloyd Walker; nephews Jonathan Hardy, John, Deshawn and Devonte McKinney; nieces Sharricka Wilmore, Ashanti Hardy, Aaiyah Adderley, Maeshea, Destiny McK-

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- 9,600 sq. ft lot in Green Turtle Estates - Under Contract
- 15,870 sq. ft. lot with beach access to Atlantic Ocean - Sold

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inney and India; aunt-in-law Lorean Walker; uncle-in-law, Rev. Mervin Burrows; godchildren Candera Walker and Thelisa Williams; many cousins; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **elyne Toussaint**, 49, affectionately called "Mum," of Marsh Harbour and formerly of Haiti was held on September 15 at Calvary Baptist Church in Marsh Harbour. Pastor Samuel Edgcombe officiated and interment followed in the Haitian Cemetery in Dundas Town.

She is survived by daughters Rose-

lyne Toussaint, Sonya Antoine, Sabrina Knowles and Glori Knowles; brothers Yonel, Jean-Gary and Presoire; nieces Jessica, Esther, Natasha and Fara; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Dansbury Alexander Hudson**, 77, who died on September 12 was held at Calvary Bible Church in Nassau on September 19. Pastor Allen Lee. Dr. Ed Allen, Pastor Frederick Arnett, Pastor Thomas Albury and other ministers officiated.

He is survived by his wife of forty-seven years, Valerie Hudson; sons Nate and Donovan Hudson; daughters Da-Niele Hudson and Tanya Hepburn; son-in-law Darin

Hepburn; daughter-in-law Sandra Hudson; grandchildren Damon, Gabriel, Duran, Kellise, Ariel, Donn-Aleighia and Daniel Hudson, Antonia and Asher Hepburn; sisters Valdarine Smith and Ereme Pons; brothers John and David Hudson; sisters-in-law Jennifer and Melissa Hudson, Sylvia Knowles, Dale Williams, Rita Sweeting, Doreen and Christine Major, Sandra Cartwright, Stacy Bullard and Alexine Go-

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Church News

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Word of God.

He said that Latter Rain has a great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of many persons on this island. The members have to remember to be dedicated to God.

He realized that this is a grand undertaking that Pastor Alex has embarked upon but he proclaimed to the members that it would be a great day for their pastor to announce that they do not have to raise any more funds because they have more than enough to complete the construction and furnishing of this house of God..

Apostle Butler stated that this mission is bigger than a church. In fact, this is not even about a particular church; it is about building up the kingdom of God. Following his sermon the prayer and response for the Act of Dedication and the Turn-

ing of the Soil followed. Visiting pastors were asked to give their blessing upon this ground by quoting one of their favorite scriptures as they turned the soil. A brief reception followed the service at the site.

Leadership Seminar at Soul Saving Ministries

By Samantha V. Evans

For the first three Saturdays in August (the 4th, 11th and 18th), Soul Saving Ministries hosted a Leadership Seminar. The presenter for this seminar was Pastor Nigel London, whose background is in leadership. The seminar was held to recognize and train those who are called by God to be leaders.

Pastor London covered the characteristics attached to leadership. He noted that some leaders do well in a pack while others do better leading the pack. He stated that for church leaders it is important that they lead in the areas of need, not just in

the areas that they are comfortable in. Each leader was asked to complete a self evaluation to see if they are effective as leaders.

Pastor London felt that the seminar was very well attended, and he has already been asked to have follow-up sessions. Pastors in all capacities from churches across Abaco attended. He explained that the seminar was held early to see the level of commitment on the part of the participants. He is pleased that all who committed themselves attended all sessions. Follow up sessions are planned for October or November 2007.

Strong Tower Ordains New Minister

By Samantha V. Evans

Min. Mario A. Bethel was ordained as a pastor of Strong Tower Community

Church International on September 16th. The guest speaker for this commissioning service was Senior Pastor of Christ Community Church, Deanza Cunningham, a good friend of Pastor Stephen Knowles, host pastor. He explained that Strong Tower falls under his church so it was his honor to speak on the topic "The portrait of an approved leader."

He firmly believes that church leaders need to be celebrated more because they have to cope with a great deal of pressure.

He outlined eight characteristics of an approved leader. Both the minister and his wife were lead through a series of affirmations and prayed for by Pastor Stephen Knowles, Pastor Cunningham and the vis-

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On September 16 Min. Mario A. Bethel, left, was ordained in the Strong Tower Community Church in Dundas Town. He is shown here with his wife and Pastor Stephen Knowles, senior pastor at the church.

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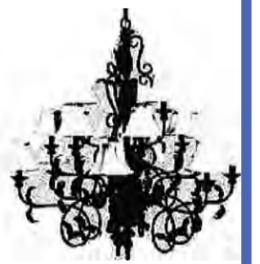
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iting pastors.

Running from your Assignment

By Samantha V. Evans

August 1st and 2nd were two explosive nights of motivation under the theme Running from Your Assignment at Friendship Tabernacle in Dundas Town. Pastor Silbert Mills explained it like this. He realizes that sometimes people who follow the Christian faith try to hide from God so that they do not do what He has asked them to do but there is no way they can run from God. So it is best that they complete their assignment.

Two gifted men of God were invited to speak: Rev. Napoleon Roberts from Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Sandy Point and Bishop Roston Davis, Pastor of Golden Gates Assembly Outreach Ministries in

Nassau. The first night Rev. Roberts delivered a message that was full of life and very encouraging. Before Pastor Roberts began his talk, Voices of Zion and Friendship Tabernacle Praise Dancers put on a show to remember. It was clear that these persons are very gifted in the areas they perform in.

Pastor Roberts stated that everyone on the face of the earth has an assignment from God. Rev. Roberts encouraged Abaconians to complete their assignment. Only what they do for God will last.

The second night was just as exciting and explosive as the first one as Bishop Davis took control of the pulpit. Once again there was dynamic singing and dancing by New Directions, a men's group, and Friendship Tabernacle Praise Dancers. Bishop Davis encouraged each person to have faith and trust in God. He encouraged everyone to walk in their purpose and complete the assignment at hand and watch God open

doors that no man can shut.

Help Save the Family Meeting

By Samantha V. Evans

Pastor Rex Major of Help Save the Family Rally held an information meeting at Church of God Dundas Town on August 28. The meeting sensitized local religious leaders and concerned Bahamian citizens of the proposed legislation to bring about what the majority of them wish "that Bahamian law of marriage as a union between a man and a woman to be enshrined in the Constitution." The focus of the meeting was to set the precedence based on Biblical principles that God ordained marriage to be between a woman and a man. The pastor and his associates are on a crusade to spread the word that marriage is based only on what the Bible deems to be a legiti-

mate union.

He and his associates want all Bahamians to know that the Constitution of this country states clearly that marriage should be between a man and a woman. This is also supported by the Bahamas Constitution Review Commission Preliminary Report and Provisional Recommendations of March 2006.

Pastor Major said that big countries are putting pressure on little countries like the Bahamas to comply with international human rights. It needs to be enshrined into the constitution so that only a vote of 75 percent of the Bahamian population can say that they want this law removed.

A committee was selected that will begin the planning for a Save the Family Rally

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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. 188 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;

Murphy Town Crown Allotment 77 Appraisal: \$167,580.00



stages. All major public and private utilities are situate within 100 ft of the subject site. Property boundaries are clearly delineated. The subject property is situate off the Front Street, Murphy Town, Abaco, and is painted light yellow trimmed dark yellow.

All that lot of land having an area of 6,790 sq. ft. being Crown allotment No. 77, of Murphy Town, Abaco, Bahamas. Located on the subject property is a single storey single family concrete building. This house is less than 5 years old and is in good condition with approximately 1,750 sq. ft of living space and contains 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, dining, kitchen, laundry and utility spaces. There are no significant improvements or deterioration evident. The property is very well drained and not susceptible to flooding. Landscaping efforts are still in remedial

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



room, dining room and kitchen with a gross floor area of approximately 1,474.20 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.

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



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 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

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 2 separate constructions; 360 sq. ft of concrete construction and 624 sq. ft of wooden construction. All amenities are to

New Providence Properties

Kennedy Subdivision Nassau Appraisal: \$188,406.00



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.

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. 12, Block 3, Millar's Heights Appraisal: \$239,500.00



disallow the possibility of flooding during annual heavy rainy periods. The grounds are fairly kept, with improvements including parking area, walking pathway and low shrubs. The yard is enclosed with chain linked fencing at the back and southern sides. Traveling west on Camlchael Road, enter West Avenue, on the South side Immediately after Topps Laundromat. Take first right which is Wimpole right before the T, Junction (High Street) the subject building is an L-shape triplex, painted green, trimmed white.

All that lot of land having an area of 7,500 sq. ft. being lot 12, of the subdivision known and designated as Millar's Heights, situated in the Southwestern district of New Providence, Bahamas. This property is comprised of a 25 yr. old single family residence consisting of approximately 2,375 sq. ft. of enclosed living space with three 2-bedrooms, 1-bathroom, living/dining rooms, and kitchen apartment complex. The land is on a grade and level and appear to be sufficiently elevated to

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



room, and one bedroom, 1-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 1-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.

Lot No. 1 Claridge Cove Subdivision Appraisal: \$173,053.00



story residence consisting of 3-bedrooms, 2-bathrooms, living, dining, kitchen and utility room. The land is on a grade and level; and appears to be sufficiently elevated. The property is landscaped and has fruit and flowering bearing trees. The property is open to the front but has chain link fencing at the sides and back.

All that lot of land having an area of 7,904 sq ft, being lot no. 1 of the subdivision known and designated as Claridge Cove, the said subdivision situated in the eastern district of New Providence, Bahamas. Located on the property is a single

Take Joe Farrington Road heading east, turn onto Marigold Farm Road, then take corner on the left, almost opposite Marigold Farms, before Lumumba Road, the subject house is located on the right hand side of the road, being the first developed property

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

Grand Bahama Properties

Apartment 703 Lucayan Towers North Appraisal: \$78,000



Tracts A, B-1 and B-2, Albacore Drive, Unit 2, Greening Glade Subdivision, Freeport, Grand Bahama. Situated thereon is a one bedroom, one bathroom apartment.

VACANT PROPERTIES

New Providence Vacant Property

Vacant Properties Lot No. 2 Emerald Ridge Subdivision Appraisal: \$60,000.00

All that lot of vacant land having an area of 4,782.68 sq ft, being lot No. 2 of the subdivision known and designated as Emerald Ridge Subdivision, a said subdivision situated in the southern district of New Providence, Bahamas. From Soldier Road opposite Nassau Christian Academy School, 2nd property right side in the back of commercial building and bounded on the west by lot No. 3. This property is vacant land and is rectangular in shape and zoned residential - single family. Property is located off soldier road just opposite Nassau Christian Academy School in the back of the commercial building

Lot No. 15, block 10, Winton Heights Appraisal: \$171,440.00

All that lot of vacant land having an area of 17,144 sq ft, of the Subdivision known as Winton Heights situated in the Eastern District of New Providence., Bahamas. This property is rectangular in shape and zoned multi-family - single family. This property is about 230 feet west of Sassoon Drive and is about the third lot on the north side of Hill Side Road.

VACANT PROPERTIES

Grand Bahama Vacant Property

Derby Unit 3 Block 10 Lot 11 (Canal lot) Freeport, Grand Bahama Appraisal: \$96,000.00
All that piece, parcel or lot land being Block 10, Lot 11 of Derby Subdivision. The land is vacant, rectangular in shape, on level ground and is on a canal. Contains approximately 11,250 sq. ft. and is in a single family residential area.

Lot 52, Block 16 Moor Drive and Moor Close, Clearwater Cove Lincoln Green Unit 5 Subdivision Freeport, Grand Bahama Appraisal: \$27,000.00
The subject property covers approximately 14,883 ft and is single family zoned.

Greening Glade Subdivision Appraisal: \$75,000.00

All that piece, parcel and lot of land described as lot 7 block 21, Albacore Drive, Victoria Place and Mid Chipman Road, Unit 2, Greening Glade Subdivision, Freeport, Grand Bahama. The lot contains 20,580 sq. ft. and zoned as multi-family residential.

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The funeral service for **Sibblian Betty Miller-Burrows**, 56, of Dundas Town was held on September 22 at Bethany Gospel Chapel in Murphy 'Town. Officiating was Bishop Livingston Williams Jr, assisted by other ministers. Interment was in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, James Burrows; daughter Yvette Mitchell; adopted sons Brandon Burrows and Ricardo Brown; adopted daughter Ethan Burrows; mother Olive Miller; brothers Lamburt, Denny and Cai Miller, Kendall Kemp and Robert Burrows; sisters Joan and Janet Miller, Monaleta Knowles and Sharon Russell; uncles Lealand Dawkins, Alexander Saunders, Brennon Davis and Clifford Knowles; aunts Alsada Charlton, Mable Saunders, Maria Wallace and Gertrude Dawkins; grandsons Atario, Jerone, Tyrone and Khemron Mitchell; adopted grandson Kishon Morris; granddaughters Britania Mitchell; adopted granddaughter Indira Moss; nephews

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for Abaco. The committee members are: Chairperson: Bishop Anthony Campbell; Assistant Chairperson: Pastor Stephen Knowles; Secretary: Ms. Coral Johnson;

Assistant Secretary: Ms. Judith Nesbitt; Treasurer: Rev. Keith Evans; Assistant Treasurer: Mr. Rashad Abraham; Public Relations Officers: Mrs. Lovely Reckley, Rev. Euna Evans and Pastor Silbert Mills. All churches received information on this rally and how to begin the sign-up process



A committee has been formed to organize a Help Save the Family Rally on Abaco. This is in response to pressure to change the Constitution that now states that marriage is between a man and a woman. No date has been set for this rally.

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VACANT PROPERTIES

Eleuthera Vacant Property

North Eleuthera Heights, Eleuthera Appraisal \$41,275.00

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Lot. I 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

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

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VACANT PROPERTIES

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

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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.

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.

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Crawfish *From Page 20*

Foods, stated that as far as fishing in North Abaco goes, so far it is a better season than last year. The first boat that went out in the North fished for four or five days and did very well. After offloading its catch, it went right back out so he feels encouraged for a successful season this year. "Last year was not a good year for crawfishing," stated Mr. Lowe. "When it was time to put down the traps, the weather was very bad. So when the sea-

son started, the traps were too new. They need to be seasoned in order to attract the crawfish."

Mr. Kenny Long fishes from a small boat, just going out for a day at a time. He has done better than last year, and he has heard that the big boats have done very well.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that the crawfishing industry is now slowly recovering from the setback it received after Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne when heavy seas ruined the breed-

ing grounds and much of the mangroves; small crawfish were found strewn on the beaches after the hurricanes. Since the hurricanes the divers are having to fish in deeper waters because the bottom in the shallower areas has become so silted up that the holes which the crawfish normally go in are so muddy that they don't use them any more.

Though crawfishing seems to be improving, many people feel that there are several factors which are making it more difficult now for crawfishermen than in the past. Mr. Bill Bass stated, "Crawfish are far more plentiful around Sandy Point and Crown Haven as the reef is more alive the further away from Marsh Harbour it is. This is due to the fact that 30 to 40 years ago, when the bridge joining Great Abaco to Little Abaco was built and other roads were constructed, many creeks were cut off, the tidal flow was stopped and this prevented the eggs washing through from the reef to the mangroves. There is no hope of recovery because the breeding grounds have been cut off."

Crawfishermen are rightly very annoyed about people poaching their traps which is a common occurrence these days and there is an "ongoing war" about this. Some divers apparently flip over other people's traps to get the crawfish out and

cannot get them back up so when the owner goes to his trap there is nothing there. Another gripe of the small crawfishermen is that they feel that foreigners are still taking too many crawfish. One person stated that on opening day he found two boats with 10 tourists overboard fishing for crawfish.

The Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, former Prime Minister of the Bahamas, passed a bill which allowed only six crawfish per boat for tourists but the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, present Prime Minister, is considering changes that have not yet been announced. There is no limit for Bahamians. The minimum length for the tail is 5 1/2 inches; people found with crawfish smaller than that are subject to a fine. Fishermen are not allowed to use bleach or detergent, and they must be certified to use compressors which are allowed only between 30 feet and 60 feet. At the beginning of the season several Defence Force Officers were deployed along with Fisheries Officers to police the waters and enforce these laws.

Despite the problems, crawfishermen are pleased with how the catch is looking so far this year and say they are looking for a good season just so long as there are no hurricanes.



A mother ship, the Leopard, belonging to Marsh Harbour Exporters and Importers, is one of the larger crawfish boats that goes out for a week or two at a time during crawfish season. It returns with its fleet of tenders after a crawfishing voyage. This particular boat frequently crawfishes at Cay Sal which is the closest Bahamian point to Cuba on the southwest corner of the Great Bahama Bank about 250 miles south of Marsh Harbour.



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Whether buying or selling make sure your real estate agent is a member of the Multiple Listing Service of the Bahamas Real Estate Association, Abaco Chapter!

The first MLS service in The Bahamas was launched on Abaco on October 1st and, to date, the participating members are:

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Attorney General's Staff inspects Eastside Road

Two staff members from the Attorney General's office, Ms. Dawn Lewis and Mr. Joseph Darceuil, spent the morning of September 14 researching various claims related to the Eastside Road in Marsh Harbour. The road was closed last year when Mr. Newbold had a bulldozer rip the road claiming it illegally crossed his property.

Mr. Newbold showed documents indicating his property extends to the sea while those claiming that the road must

be reopened produced documents indicating that the property in question abuted the road.

It was generally conceded that a foot-path extended from the eastside government dock through this questionable area. Remains are still visible of the original eastside dock where passengers were let off the mail boat and walked into Marsh Harbour. This saved a day in transit while the mail boat took freight and passengers into Hope Town before entering

the harbour of Marsh Harbour.

Ms. Dawn Lewis and Mr. Joseph Darceuil of the Attorney General's office listened and examined documents produced by both parties. To get a better concept of the issues, all parties walked the disputed

roadway while answering questions and offering facts in support of each side's claim to either reopen or permanently close the road.

The Attorney General must now resolve the issue.



A land dispute has been ongoing for several years. Mr. Roy Newbold claims the road along the shore line between Stede Bonnet Road and Key Club Road illegally crosses his property while town residents claim it is a public thoroughfare dating back 40 years as a road and was a foot path in the early 1900s. Mr. Newbold, Lavon Albury and Dawn Lewis from the Attorney General's office along with others walked the controversial road to get a better idea of the controversy.



Three sessions were held in an attempt to clarify the various claims. Mr. Newbold and his attorney met with the staff of the Attorney General in the Administrator's office. Then Mr. Newbold and his attorney walked on the controversial road along with members of the Marsh Harbour community who claim it is a documented public thoroughfare. A third meeting, above, gave those opposing the road's closure an opportunity to present their views to the Attorney General's staff. From the left are Yvonne Key, Chairman of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee, Meredith Albury, Bobby Albury, who owns adjacent land, Lavon Albury, Kandy Pinder, all Marsh Harbour residents, and Joseph Darceuil and Dawn Lewis of the Attorney General's office.

Reminders from the Cancer Society

Cancer Screening

Free cancer screening clinic for men and women will be held at the government clinics in Marsh Harbour, Cooper's Town and Moore's Island on Saturday, October 6 beginning at 9 a.m. Early detection is the best of cure so come and take advantage of this opportunity. Pap smear tests for cervical cancer and tests for prostate cancer will be offered.

Jeans Day

Jeans Day will be observed on October 11. Wear your favorite pair of jeans for school or work on this day and donate to the Cancer Society. The charge is \$3 for children and \$5 for adults. Organize a group of your co-workers or friends and donate to a

good cause. Checks can be made payable to the Cancer Society of Abaco and taken to the Brass and Leather Shop in the Abaco Shopping Centre, Marsh Harbour.

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The Cancer Society Thrift Shop reopened after a summer break on September 22 with a great bargains and a great selection of clothes and household goods. It will be opened every other Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Marsh Harbour library building. The next open date will be October 6. Donations are gratefully received and may be taken to the Brass and Leather Shop or call 367-3744 for pick up. All proceeds go to assist cancer patients on Abaco.

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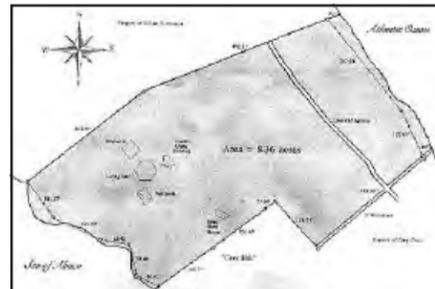
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School *From Page 10*

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Teacher Geraint Thomas leaves Abaco
By Mirella Santillo

Approximately one year ago Mr. Geraint Thomas' health began deteriorating, and he was told by the local doctors that he should seek health care back home in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Thomas first came to The Bahamas in 1972 as a history and geography teacher for Queen's College in Nassau. He was there until 1980, but he wanted to teach technology so he went back to England to re-train in that field. In 1989 he went back to Queen's College as a technology teacher. In 1999 he moved to Abaco, teaching carpentry and cabinet-making at Abaco Central High School.

A week before his departure in late September, he was treated to a goodbye party by his colleagues and friends. He returned to his native Wales.

Correction:

The Baker's Bay Sailaway held in August donated money to several organizations. The donation to the Hope Town Humane Society was \$250, not \$1000 as mentioned in the September 1 issue of The Abaconian.

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Barge Remains Grounded

By Jennifer Hudson

The rusty old oil rig is still lying aground off Man-O-War Cay. This eyesore is caus-

ing much frustration to residents and boaters in the area but even more so to the people who have been doing all in their

power over the past few months to remove it. The longer the barge remains aground the more damage it is doing to the beautiful reef.

Mr. Lorin Senn of Hope Town, who has been very actively involved in the process of trying to remove the barge, spoke of his frustration with Kermit Waters from Texas, owner of the barge who, he said, "has continually caused problems." Last month James Pirtle of JPL Marine, a salvage company from Arkansas, was hired but now he has, according to Mr. Senn, been fired by Kermit Waters, and Chuck Bail from Nassau has been hired. Abacays is no longer involved in the process. Mr. Bail makes weekly trips to Baker's Bay with a 50-ton crane, tug and barge and, according to Mr. Senn, offered his services. Mr. Pirtle has been asked by Mr. Bail to stay on and assist.

"The barge's tower has now been completely cut up but just refuses to fall down," stated Mr. Senn. "At the moment the tower is a safety hazard if anyone was to go near the barge. We are just waiting for a break in the weather so we can go with a tug and pull it down. Chuck Bail, along with JPL Marine's crew, has welded new patches over the large holes in the barge which the sea will not be able to take out."

Mr. Senn and the other workers involved expected to have the barge sunk months ago. But due to bad weather and rough seas at this time of the year they have had to endure continued frustration in being unable to achieve their goal. "There is tremendous interest in this barge situation and people are watching this around the world," he stated.

Royal Bank celebrates 18 years of service to Treasure Cay



Royal Bank staff held a celebration in its Treasure Cay Branch in honour of serving the Treasure Cay community for 18 years. The late afternoon party served food and beverages to all who came by. Staff members are, l to r, Ms. Janet Laing, Customer Service Officer; Mr. Antonio Eyma, Manager Marsh Harbour; Ms. Jan Knowles, Manager Public Relations; Mrs. Joyce Riviere, Area Manager Family Islands; Ms. Vanessa Cox, Officer in charge, Treasure Cay; and Mr. Robert Pantry, Graduate Leadership Trainee. Royal Bank has seen bank transactions grow causing the original service of one day each week expand to two days and now the present three days along with a greatly expanded facility.

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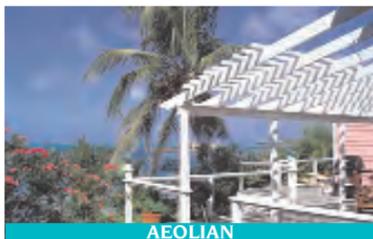
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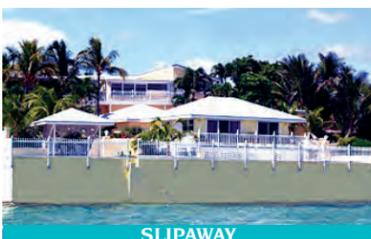
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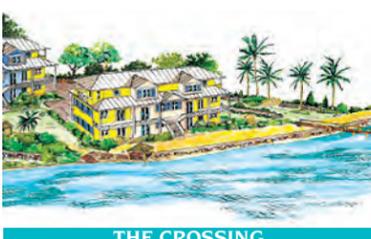


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