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Govt. will provide economical house lots Many areas of Abaco will see government subdivisions

Church holds back-to-school bash



Everyone enjoyed a day of fun, games, competitions, food and school supply give-away at Change Ministries Church in Murphy Town on August 18. For the third year the church has held this event mainly to assist children in need of acquiring necessary school supplies. At the end of the day hundreds of school bags filled with school supplies were handed out by Mrs. Carmen Cornish, wife of the minister, Pastor Samuel Cornish. See story on page 6.

An overnight visit brought the Minister of Housing and National Insurance to Abaco with four of his housing officers. The Hon. Kenneth Russell made first-hand visits to government subdivisions the length of Abaco.

The August 15 and 16 revealed that government recognizes Abaco's need for additional economical lots to assist with its growing economy. The process will begin soon on converting Crown Land into building lots. Spring City is expected to be the first to experience an expansion with smaller economical lots being made available.

Areas being studied for expansion include:

- Central Pines Estates
- Grand Cay
- Cooper's Town
- Sand Banks
- Crossing Rocks
- Spring City
- Green Turtle Cay
- Crown Haven

Green Turtle Cay has one or more government-owned parcels being investigated as appropriate sites. Water delivery to any lots there would be dependent on the often-mentioned public water supply being installed throughout the town.

Government has land close in the Sand Banks area which may prove to be suitable for economical house lots.

Firm prices have not been established but are housing will be assisted in find-

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Craft classes graduate 71



Three sessions of craft classes graduated on August 23 when the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation held a ceremony to recognize these people. The Hon. Larry Cartwright, Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources, came to Abaco for the occasion. Shown here in the front row are Mrs. Beryl Pinder, a graduate from Green Turtle Cay; Mrs. Coleen Nottage, Permanent Secretary; Mr. Cartwright; Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco and Chairman, BAIC; Mrs. Kathy Key; Mr. Cephas Cooper, Administrator for Central Abaco; and Ms. Donnalee Bowe, Manager, BAIC. Behind are the graduates from Green Turtle Cay.

By Mirella Santillo

In an impressive ceremony that took place at Dundas Town's Church of God Cathedral on August 23rd, 71 persons who took the BAIC handicraft classes were rewarded for their achievements in the craft industry.

In 1999 the Handicraft Development Department became fully operational

within the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation. Its main objectives are to foster the relationship between the artisans and the environment by encouraging the development of handicraft associations. The Handicraft Department's mandate is to assist the handicraft entre-

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Minister Visits Central Pines Estates



The Hon. Kenneth Russell, left, Minister of Housing and National Insurance, visited Abaco on August 15 and 16 to meet with National Insurance employees and to visit first-hand government subdivisions. He announced government's plan to improve government land in several communities to provide economical lots for residences. He was accompanied by Mr. Brensil Rolle with the Department of Housing and Mr. Melville Seymour, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and National Insurance. They are shown here in Central Pines Estates in Dundas Town.

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Classes taught quality crafts and jewelry

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preneurs who rely on arts, crafts and souvenir production as a primary source of income.

Since then, especially in the last couple of years, intense training has taken place on the Family Islands. As proudly stated by Mrs. Donnalee Bowe, Manager of Handicraft Development and Marketing, "There are now 25 craft locations in The Bahamas in every (inhabited) island." The response to this training on Abaco has been overwhelming as shown by the number of people, mostly women who attended the classes in several locations on the island.

The government's interest in bolstering the production of craft and gift items

made in The Bahamas with Bahamian material was evident by the large delegation of officials who attended the ceremony. The guest of honor, the Hon. Lawrence S. Cartwright, Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources, visited Abaco specifically for the occasion as well as many BAIC executives. The MP for South Abaco, Mr. Edison Key, Executive Chairman of BAIC, also attended the event.

The ceremony was orchestrated by Mr. Ejnar Cornish, who introduced the speaker, Mr. Cephus Cooper, recently appointed Administrator for Central Abaco. Mr. Cooper reminisced on the times of his youth "when a coconut was opened to drink the water, eat the meat and then discarded and when silver top palm was used

as a tray to bake casava bread in the oven." Previously an administrator on Andros, he mentioned that his wife attended the straw and coconut jewelry classes that were offered there in the spring and was impressed by the quality of the work that ensued. Addressing the graduates, he said, "I know you will do well in this vibrant, growing economy of Abaco."

Ms. Tiana Mora-Remis from Barbados, Executive Director of Caribbean Export Development Agency, stated, "The creativity of our people will be the strongest weapon we will have against the ever growing competition. I look forward to assisting you when you are ready to go in

business." The Caribbean Export Development Agency offers grants, training and technical assistance and this year will manage the Caribbean Gift and Craft Show to be held in Curacao on September 27 to 30. Fourteen Caricom countries will be represented including The Bahamas.

Mr. Key reminded the audience that BAIC was formed in 1981 to help commerce and industry in The Bahamas and help Bahamians participate in the economic development of the country. "As a new Chairman, after perusing the material relating to BAIC, I think that consideration

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Mr. Edison Key, MP for South Abaco and Chairman, BAIC, and his wife Kathy examine the handcrafted items on display with the Hon. Larry Cartwright, Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources, who was on Abaco for the graduation of 71 person who successfully completed classes in straw work, coconut craft and jewelry.



The Hon. Larry Cartwright, third from left, visited Hope Town during his trip to Abaco on August 23-24. He and his group enjoyed walking through town meeting new friends and renewing friendships with old friends. Shown here is Mr. Vernon Malone greeting Mr. Cartwright. In the background is Mr. Cephus Cooper, Administrator for Central Abaco, and on the right is Mr. Edison Key.

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BAIC needs to return to its mandate

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The Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) should return to its mandate as the main vehicle for considering and approving small and large-scale development projects, according to BAIC chairman, Mr. Edison Key. "Doing this would eliminate unnecessary red tape and thus speed up the application process, thereby generating an immediate cash flow of both local and foreign capital while at the same time aid in the creation of much needed jobs," said Mr. Key, MP for South Abaco.



Edison Key

With renewed focus, said Mr. Key, BAIC can achieve its original objectives which are to assist in the creation and development of commerce and industry within The Bahamas, as well as expand and create opportunities for Bahamians to participate in the economic development of the country.

He said BAIC can achieve these objectives with the help of persons who could provide technical assistance and on-the-job training as well as acting as joint venture partners in many fields of endeavour.

Mr. Key has several recommendations that can have positive and long-term effects for the systematic and sustained development of the country's agricultural and industrial sectors. BAIC could successfully carry out its mandate in a number of ways.

Land could be made available for farming and light industry by either selling or leasing land to individuals and/or companies with an interest in venturing into business with a stipulated time frame for start-up.

• He noted that consumption and its related cost is a major concern and the government must explore ways to reduce its dependency on imported energy. This could be done by encouraging homeowners to install solar systems as an alternate source of energy, which would have the effect of reducing electricity consumption to each home by between 10 and 15 per cent.

• Mr. Key said that whenever possible, plans for new/commercial construction should include the construction of rainwater holding tanks. This would drastically reduce the dependence on the city water supply and minimise the cost of water to the consumer.

• Mr. Key said that maximising the cost effective labour force is equally as important to BAIC as is energy. BAIC, in conjunction with the Department of Immigration, should be approved to authorise labour applications for agricultural and light industry purposes where applicable," he said.

• Mr. Key said that establishing factories and processing plants in the major Family Islands should be an attainable goal for BAIC. Locally grown crops can be graded and packed fresh for the local market initially, with major emphasis on "quality."

• Mr. Key said experienced local and foreign investors should be invited to participate in these ventures, which could expand the country's agricultural base in food production and develop much needed training for young people.

• He noted that the islands of Abaco, Andros and Grand Bahama have thousands of acres of mature pine that can be converted into pressed wood, plywood, clap board and frame wood. Portable sawmill machinery could be utilised to facilitate the industry. "Harvesting of the mature pine will prove beneficial to the forest as it will allow the young trees to grow more rap-

idly. Not only this, but this industry could create much more employment and assist in stemming the outflow of hard currency," he said.

• The BAIC chairman said that by encouraging consumers to buy Bahamian promotes much needed self-sufficiency.

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Minister announced plans for mini-hospital

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ing appropriate house plans, contractors and commercial mortgage facilities. The Ministry of Housing is currently investigating methods and materials to make low cost housing truly affordable.

Work is underway now on phase two of Central Pines Estates which has 82 lots of approximately 1/4 acre size, following the pattern of phase one. These lots should be ready for sale in the fall so owners can begin preparation for construction. Water mains are in place with only individual connections remaining to be done. Electric poles and lines are expected to be installed soon.

When asked how many applications were on hand for these lots, Mr. Richard Gibbs, Housing's Abaco Manager, pointed to a six-inch stack of applications and shook his head. It has not yet been determined how priorities will be set for these applicants. Not all applications are for Central Pines Estates as some relate to Sandy Point or other locations.

During Mr. Russell's visit to Abaco

he announced that the government plans to move ahead with plans for a mini-hospital. He stated, "If it was up to the Free national Movement, the clinic would have been finished by now because we had all the drawings and specifications done before 2002. There is supposed to be a mini-hospital here on this site. There is also supposed to be an administrative complex here on this site. I do not have any direction yet as to when they will be done but my ministry is putting together a list of buildings that NIB is dealing with. I believe that, once that is presented to the government, the Cabinet, probably in another two weeks or so, would at that time get instructions to move forward on this site to build the mini-hospital and the administration complex which are sorely need here in Marsh Harbour."

The site for these buildings is on the new port road between Forest Drive and S.C. Bootle Highway.

Mr. Russell was accompanied by Melvin Seymour, Permanent Secretary; Brensil Rolle, Wade Russell and Lith-

field Rolle, all with the Department of Housing.

Update on Central Pines Estates

Essentially, all 423 lots in Phase One of Central Pines Estates have been sold. Several lots remain with defects, such as large depressions or major holes.

At present there are 88 completed residences of which 43 are single residences, 35 duplexes, nine triplexes and one quadriplexes. Fifty-nine homes are under construction and an additional 22 foundations are in place.

Residents in Phase One have formed a

home-owners association and have plans to convert a large interior wooded area designated as a park into a real park. The space is large enough to accommodate a tennis court and a community pool.

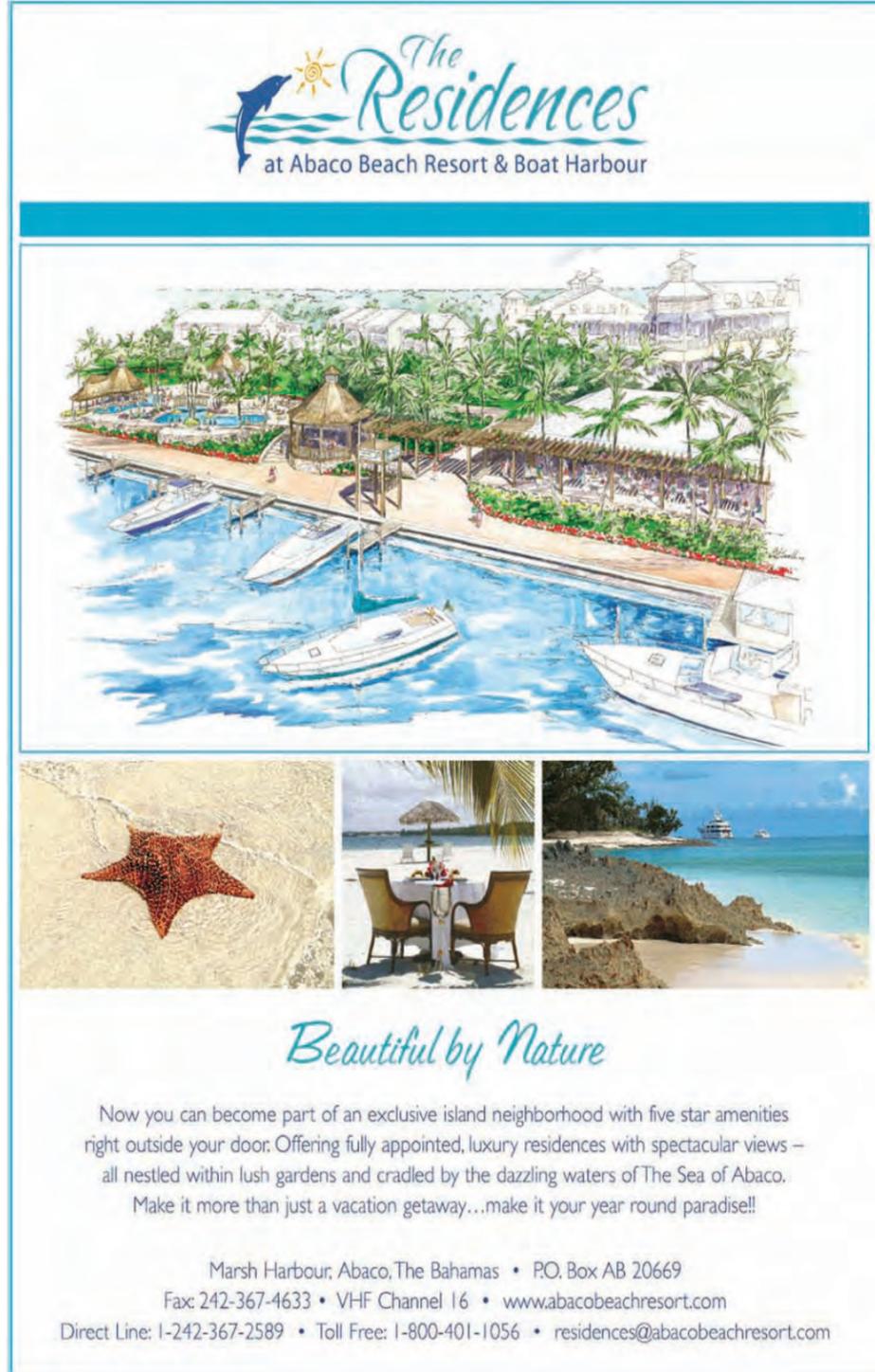
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Change Ministries holds pre-school rally

By Mirella Santillo

Hundreds of children accompanied by their parents and relatives showed up at Change Ministries Church in Murphy Town on August 18th to be treated to a day of free food and entertainment. It ended with the distribution of hundreds of school bags complete with note books, pencils, pens and geometry sets, compliments of Change Ministries International.

Food tents were set up on the church grounds decorated with bright colored balloons. The start of the event was delayed because of the weather, but by late morning, as soon as the rain sopped, lunch was offered to everyone present until late into the afternoon.

Orchestrated by two disk jockeys, Mr. George Cornish and Mr. Frankie Floridor, the event unrolled into an afternoon of fun with many games for children and adults. In one of the games children and adults stood under a water bucket in the water dunking stall and one had to run out of the way to avoid being caught in the middle of a water balloons fight.

The face pie-smashing was popular with quite a few people and, as in all the local fairs, there was an egg and spoon race and a hoopla stand well frequented by many little children hoping to win the toys of their choice.

While boys enjoyed the water fights, the girls were lining up at the face painting table. The entertainment ended with a treasure hunt with all the kids rummaged through the grass still wet from the rain in search of a treasure while others went for the candy give-away. Finally it was time for the well awaited school bags distribution.

Although the give-away was aimed at the less fortunate families in the community, many people patronized the function and approximately 200 children lined up in front of the podium while heaps of school

bags were being distributed by Pastor Samuel Cornish and his wife, Mrs. Carmen Cornish. Pastor Cornish reminded the audience that the event could not have taken place without God's blessings and the help of Change Ministries International. As the children received their bags, they immediately tried them on, comparing them with their friends' bags.

It was the third consecutive year that Pastor Samuel Cornish organized that event which turned out to be very successful; he was pleased that the change of weather made for a great crowd turn out.



Bobbing for apples was one of the games that children enjoyed at Change Ministries pre-school party on August 18. The church gave out school supplies and book bags.

Local Government Election News

Election on Man-O-War

An election was held on Man-O-War on August 2 to replace two members from Man-O-War who were appointed



Roy Russell

by central government as only one person nominated in June 2005 when Local Government elections were held.

Three persons nominated for the election this year for two positions. The two winners were Fred Sweeting and Roy Russell. Mr. Russell has served on the Council previously but this is the first time that Mr. Sweet-



Fred Sweeting

ing has served. They will be sworn in at the next Council meeting.

By-Election called for Sandy Point, Dundas Town and Hope Town

By Mirella Santillo

Nominations to replace three members of Dundas Town Town Committee and one member of the Hope Town District Council were taken to the Administrator's Office in Marsh Harbour on August 28th.

Nomination to replace one member of the Sandy Point Town Committee were taken on the same date of August 28th to the Administrator's office in Sandy Point.

Persons wishing to nominate must be registered in the town they want to represent. Each candidate had to be nominated by five voters registered in that town. The nominating form had to be taken to the administrator's office in that district by the candidate. If the candidate wanted to send it with someone else, the candidate's name had to be notarized. A \$50 deposit must accompany the nomination form. This is refunded if the candidate receives one-sixth or more of the votes cast.

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Television show stars vacation on Abaco

By Michelle Mikula
Abaco Tourist Office

The Roloffs, an extraordinary family from Helvetia, Oregon, and cast of the reality hit television show Little People, Big World spent their summer vacation exploring and enjoying Abaco and its surrounding cays.

Households were introduced to the family back in March of 2006 when Discovery Communications aired the first episode of Little People, Big World on its network channel TLC. The show chronicles the successes and challenges of the Roloff family, who are little and average sized people living in the big world. This intimate look into their lives has fascinated viewers from

around the world and has generated solid ratings for the network.

When the show's three million viewers tune in for the new season premiering this fall, they will travel with the Roloffs as they leave their 34-acre farm for tranquility on Abaco. The location for the family's summer vacation was discovered when the show's executive producer, Paul Barrosse, visited Abaco for the first time in April of 2007 with his family. He family enjoyed it so much that after seeing the extreme beauty of the destination, the large bodies of shallow waters, the closeness of the cays to each other and their variety of character, he knew this would be the ideal place for the Roloffs to spend their vacation.

The family enjoyed a full week on Abaco while the show's crew filmed their every move. Amy Roloff, mother and wife from the show, stated that she was quite impressed by the friendliness of the people and the combination of activities they did far as boating, sailing, beaching and island hopping. Highlights of the trip were a treasure hunt, the catch of a 450-pound marlin, a mother and daughter spa treatment, hair braiding, a soccer game with local kids in Hope Town and sailing to remote cays on their catamaran. Mrs. Roloff said that the family enjoyed themselves so much that she thinks her oldest son, Jeremy, is planning to move here when he's through with

school.

Kendy Anderson of the Abaco Tourist Office, foresees great returns from the Ministry's investment in the show. She states that when we think of the millions of people who will watch the show and be wowed by Abaco's beauty and diversity, it will not only speak volumes for this destination, but it would also be a great promotion for The Bahamas.

Producers of the show are expecting to increase the number of episodes from two to four due to the wonderful experiences they captured on film. The show is expected to be broadcast in November or December of this year.



Ministry of Tourism staff welcomed the Roloff Family, cast of TLC hit show Little People, Big World to Abaco. They vacationed on Abaco, enjoying a variety of experiences. Their activities were all documented and will be shown later this year on the TLC channel.

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The Editor Says . . . Growth - past, present and future



Abaco's entry into the modern Twentieth Century took place during a six or seven year period beginning in the mid 1950s. Prior to this period, the Abaco Lumber Company provided jobs as it milled lumber and moved its mill and employees to various Abaco sites. It left Abaco in 1943 and moved to Grand Bahama. The workers followed the mill from site-to-site with many finally moving to Grand Bahama.

J.B. Crockett came to Marsh Harbour in the early 1950s and began his farming operation. He used a portion of the railroad right-of-way which originally extended from Wilson City to near our present Marsh Harbour airport. He branched off this to access his farm land which provided work on a seasonal basis only. He extended a crude road to Big Mangrove giving Cherokee residents limited access to Marsh Harbour.

A shipyard was another of his contributions to Marsh Harbour's growth which operated on a limited basis into the 1970s. It was located on the shore of the present Royal Harbour subdivision.

The Crocketts were the first residents on the Pelican Shores side of Marsh Harbour. This is the land subsequently owned by W.T. Pascoe and now under consideration for a 30-unit condominium/hotel project. The story is told of Mrs. Crockett sitting on her patio with a telescope, watching the shipyard across the harbour to make sure everyone was working.

S and M Farms, owned by Mr. Scott and Mr. Mattson, acquired the Crockett farm in 1958. They initiated our Haitian population by bringing in 1000 Haitian farm workers.

Limited tourism began in 1954 with the opening of the New Plymouth Inn by Colin Rees, followed very quickly by the New Hope Lodge in Hope Town. Additional facilities followed with the Yachtel in Guana Cay which morphed into the Guana Beach Resort, which burned down after Hurricane Floyd. All three of these original hotels or resorts are now closed.

Treasure Cay began in 1959 when Capt. Leonard Thompson was given a lease on the property. This same year Brigadier Robbins' residence was converted into the Hope Town Harbour Lodge. The Great

Abaco Hotel opened in 1960. The original hotel burned and the site now hosts the Abaco Beach Resort and Marina.

Government recognized the transformation that Abaco was going through and added infrastructure. The initial tourism growth, minuscule by today's numbers, was supported by the Marsh Harbour airport which first saw aircraft traffic in 1958, followed by the 2800-foot Treasure Cay airport in 1959.

Albury's Ferry started service in 1959, lessening the isolation of Hope Town and Man-O-War Cay residents.

Telegraph was the main communication link until 1948 when Hope Town received voice service. Marsh Harbour had to wait until 1958 for voice communications.

It is difficult to give any one of these total credit for our present economic status. However, the arrival of the Owens Illinois pulpwood operation at Snake Cay in 1959 created a huge surge in economic growth mainly through employment even though many of the employees were brought from Grand Bahama. Ironically, many of these people were Abaco families returning to their native homesteads.

The company created several communities for their workers including Spring City which remains today. Campbell Town and Lake City no longer exist. Steady pay checks were again the normal since the departure of the sawmill 16 years earlier.

The Snake Cay pulpwood operation brought two significant contributions to Abaco's economy and growth. First was the weekly payroll of 500 employees and second, its extensive road network which opened the island. Marsh Harbour is alleged to have had ten cars in 1959 but this quickly swelled into hundreds. Marsh Harbour began to blossom as petty shops expanded to accommodate people with steady money.

The pulpwood operation moved to Andros in 1966 but the company built a sugar mill to utilize their Abaco improvements. Abaco was dealt an economic blow in 1970 when the sugar mill closed and its resident employees scrambled to find other work. For example, Cherokee fishermen had sold their fishing smacks and had accepted steady jobs at the sugar mill.

During the early 1970s the second home market and its associated rentals expand-

ed, creating many small business opportunities. Our growth has been steady ever since.

More recently the Abaco Club at Winding Bay and the Baker's Bay projects have kicked our growth into high gear. It is a 6:30 a.m. eye-opener to see three ferries take workmen to Guana Cay with some of the men having left Sandy Point on a bus at 5:30 a.m. A good paycheck offsets the long commute. Other ferries are crowded with workmen headed to Hope Town and Man-O-War Cay.

A measure of the Abaco economy can be seen in the new Central Pines Subdivision in Dundas Town where a count of completed buildings gives 43 single family homes, 35 duplexes, nine triplexes and one quadriplex. Twenty-six more buildings are under construction and an additional 22 foundations are in place. All these are fine modern homes.

Government has again recognized the need to provide expanded support for our growth. The Marsh Harbour airport expansion is underway. BEC is exploring suitable sites for an enlarged power plant. The vocational institute, BTVI, has begun classes and is planning on building a permanent structure to house its facilities.

The Minister of Housing was on Abaco two weeks ago reviewing various subdivision sites which are slated to be opened. Lots are expected to be offered in a variety of sizes to accommodate different budgets. This is another good sign as Abaco's expansion is creating a shortage of residential lots in the low and middle cost range. [With Abaco's present economy, we are not sure of the definition of a low or a middle cost lot.]

Two additional large developments in South Abaco may be close to reality - Schooner Bay between Bahama Palm Shores and Crossing Rocks, and Rocky Point on Sandy Point's southwest coast.

Schooner Bay has a published web site by Lindroth Development Company, but there have been no public statements that we are aware of. An artist's rendition from the web site appears on page one of the second section of this paper.

The Rocky Point developers made a public presentation in Sandy Point this past spring. Their web site had details but the site has subsequently been removed. Other

names which surface repetitiously as pending developments but which cannot be verified are Hole-in-the-Wall, Angel Fish Point and Snake Cay.

Increased demands on utilities, roads, and other facilities can be met with capital outlays or plain old purchasing power. However, the need for employees will be severe and hard to satisfy within Abaco's present population.

Where are the new employees to come from and where will they live? How many more cars can the Marsh Harbour roads accommodate? Where will they park while shopping? Aside from the developers ensuring that their project is viable, who is looking at the bigger picture?

The need for a stable work force is one of many reasons for the recent immigration initiative to resolve the backlog of citizenship applications. When Owens Illinois came in 1959, it brought 500 employees and their dependents. The company provided employee housing and brought Abaco's first supermarket. The days of a company town with subsidized housing are behind us. Employers now rely on finding workers from within the local community or enticing people to move here from other islands. In general terms, Abaco has 100 per cent employment with all able bodied persons who want a job being employed.

The apparent growth will very likely require an influx of foreign help, foreign to Abaco whether Bahamian or expatriate. Remember that Abaco is not the only island in The Bahamas experiencing potential growth. Large projects on Grand Bahama, Exuma, Eleuthera, Bimini and Inagua will all be looking for Bahamian employees and there will simply not be enough with the necessary skills.

The phenomenal growth of Abaco is providing our people with good incomes as new projects vie with existing businesses for employees. However, as the demands of our economic growth outpace the population, consideration must be given to solutions. Long range planning must be ongoing for labour as well as for the many other issues cropping up as a result of rapid growth. Possible solutions need to be considered before a crisis causes us to make hasty decisions that will be detrimental in the long run.

Letters to the Editor

Against proposed Pelican Shores project

To the Editor:

I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed 30-unit condominium hotel project slated for Pelican Shores, Marsh Harbour, Abaco. This project is too dense in nature to fit into the predominately residential area of Pelican Shores, and in my

view, will severely impact the quiet and serene quality of life in our neighbourhood.

Some may argue that there are a few commercial developments already in place on Pelican Shores. In this respect, I would comment that we should not let hasty decisions of the past set precedent and thereby shape future policy. We must now in this country of ours have the tenacity and will of spirit to make sensible decisions with a longer term vision in mind.

I would like to commend the DPM, Mr. Brent Symonette; the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Larry Cartwright; Mr. Edison Key, M.P. and BAIC Chairman, along with other government officials who made us aware of this project at a recent meeting in Marsh Harbour. Having spoken to the vast majority of the homeowners on Pelican Shores, I can safely advise that we are adamantly against the project in its present form.

Mindful of the fact that the success of Abaco has been much a result of the cooperative and friendly relationship we have with our foreign neighbours and investors, too many developments and too many large projects will destroy the way of life most investors have come to Abaco for in

the first place. The words, "laid back," "peaceful," "tranquil," come to mind.

It is my hope that government will listen to the people of the Pelican Shores area and reject this project without delay.

Sincerely,
Randy Key

Man-O-War School Responds

Dear Mr. Editor,

We would like to respond to the letter that was written in your last paper concerning the 25 percent failure rate at the Man-O-War All Age School.

There were 22 students in our school, and this being the case, the three that were retained don't make it a 25 percent failure rate. Of the three, one chose to attend summer school, and because of this has been promoted to the next grade. The parents and students were consulted early in the year about their concern for their lack of progress and were encouraged to work along with the teachers since there was still lots of time to ensure their advancement to

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Viewpoint . . . Proposed legislation will affect delinquent fathers

By Julian Lockhart

Minister of State for Finance, the Hon. Zhivargo Laing, is trying to pass a new law that could change the face of the Bahamian family and home. Min. Laing is proposing a law where Bahamian men who owe more than \$500 in child support or divorce settlement payments will be denied a passport or travel documents. If it is passed, it will lead to a lot of controversy, but it will also cause a lot of men to have to live up to their responsibilities. I can hear all the gasps for air as men throughout Abaco read that line and see their chances for travel stopped or seriously hindered if they do not live up to their responsibilities.

Single parent homes are the norm in The Bahamas as they make up 60 percent of the living arrangements in the country. Despite some of these being because of divorce, the majority are because of fatherless households.

I will allow that some of the single-parent homes in The Bahamas are made up of a father and no mother. But that number is minuscule compared to that of the mother with no father, or grandmother and no mother or father around. There are thousands of single mothers who fight every day to put food on the table for their children, clothe them and try to create some semblance of a balanced life for their children. All the while the fathers of these children are not giving a penny to the cause and are instead out conceiving more children with other women, ones they won't take care of either.

I still can't understand why a woman who knows the guy has numerous children with other women and doesn't take care of those children, will still get pregnant and have a child with this man. Or continues to have children with the same man despite his not taking care of the children they already have together. This will continue to baffle me. I know it takes two to conceive a child, but women can control if they get pregnant by either taking birth control pills themselves or making the guy use a condom.

I am a product of a single-parent home and fortunately my mom was in a position herself to give her three children a middle class lifestyle. However, she wouldn't have had to work as hard and long if the fathers of her children had stepped forward and taken care of their responsibilities.

However, this is not a situation most single mothers find themselves in as they struggle from day one. A lot of it is not always financial, but also the time and care that the fathers put into their children with their presence alone.

This law will help two fold.

If this law is passed, there will be a lot of men in The Bahamas who will think twice about getting a girl pregnant or having unprotected sex, putting themselves in a position where a girl will get pregnant. This will lead to a decrease in the long run of overcrowding in public schools, crime and poverty throughout The Bahamas.

Also the children who are already the product of this epidemic that is spreading

throughout The Bahamas will now at least have the law behind them, giving them a better chance of a sustainable existence. Single mothers will not have to struggle as much daily to find a way to simply feed their children and give them some of the expected joys of life.

This law will not fix everything that ails society, but it will be a start in making men be more responsible for their actions and to live up to the choices they make. Yes, there are times where women trap men and intentionally get pregnant. The last time I checked the chances of a girl getting pregnant are a lot slimmer if the guy is wearing a condom.

This is a society where a male is considered a man by the number of children he has, not how he takes care of these children. This law will help to change that as it will make men take care of their children if they want to travel outside The Bahamas.

Who knows if this proposed legislation by Minister Laing will ever come to fruition. But if it does, it can help to reshape the Bahamian family instantly. Change doesn't happen overnight, but hopefully it will make men think twice before they get the next girl pregnant.



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News of the Cays

Great Guana Cay

By Anyes Adams

In June Oliver Luker and Anyes Adams organized a two day a week "coastal awareness program" for two weeks, allowing kids to discover the ocean beach. They looked at turtle tracks on the beach, observed and played in the tide pools, got rained on during beach walks, went snorkeling to the reef off Nipper's and Orchid Bay. Mostly it gave children a chance to get out on the North beach and for teenagers, a chance to snorkel with a buddy on the reef.

Baker's Bay continues its environmental stewardship

Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club is continuing its environmental stewardship through an environmental management plan which includes adherence to the Bahamas Environmental Science and Technology Commission rules.

Despite negative criticisms, Baker's Bay developers have been following stringent environmental guidelines and in some cases exceeding what is required of the

project. The development's best practices include replanting native trees and flora in its landscape, salvaging plants, cleaning up beaches and ensuring habitat growth.

Dr. Livingston Marshall, Senior Vice President of Environment and Community Affairs, said his environmental team continually provides guidance to construction managers, contractors and developers on requirements for the Environment Impact Assessment. "We have also completed an environmental management plan that is an ongoing, living and dynamic document which means that we will update that, add to it and modify it as necessary depending on how we add to the development's schedule and activities. So what we do as a part of the development as the in-house environmental management group, we provide general guidance to the developers and contractors on how to comply with the EIA and how to put in play and in practice the Environmental Plan."

The environmental viability of the ocean front golf course has been questioned by lay environmentalists concerned with the potential effects its fertilizers can have on coral reefs. However, as Baker's Bay's project plans show, this golf

course will be more environmentally safe than most on other tourism properties. Dr. Marshall said compared to Baker's Bay golf course, more harmful pesticides and fertilizers can be found on some Bahamian farms. He explained the developers plan to maintain the golf course.

"If you look throughout The Bahamas, you would find that there are a number of golf courses that are built on islands, of course, and a few cays and in most cases these golf courses have co-existed for

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In July Anyes Adams with Ines Lesserteur organized an Art Under the Fig Tree workshop. They had good participation with up to 15 visiting and local kids. They painted and drew on coconuts, rocks and shells. The program was free to the children who ranged in age from four to 12, and the supplies were sponsored by a grant from Susan Morris to the Abaco Art Guild. Susan is a long time homeowner on Cane's Cay, a cay between Guana and Scotland Cay. The art class was followed by swimming and jumping from the docks in the harbour, which was all part of the fun. Photo courtesy of Anyes Adams



The son and granddaughters of Vincent Vittoria, who custom built the table around the fig tree on Guana Cay where the class took place, were enthusiastic participants of the class and got to paint a new coat on the carved dolphin and pineapple that their grandfather built 10 years ago. Shown here are Vincent Vittoria Jr, Tara Vittoria and Chem who helped paint the dolphin. Photo courtesy of Anyes Adams.

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years along with natural reef systems. Our approach is that we would use very little or no fertilizers to begin with on our golf course. So basically what we're saying is that if we don't put it in, it's not going to be there to run out. Secondly, we are going to be using a particular type of golf course grass that requires very little fertilizer and also a type of grass that's resistant to pest and insects, also it's tolerable to salt water," said Dr. Marshall.

A flushing channel has been dredged for Baker's Bay marina. After consultation with the Bahamas Environmental Scientific

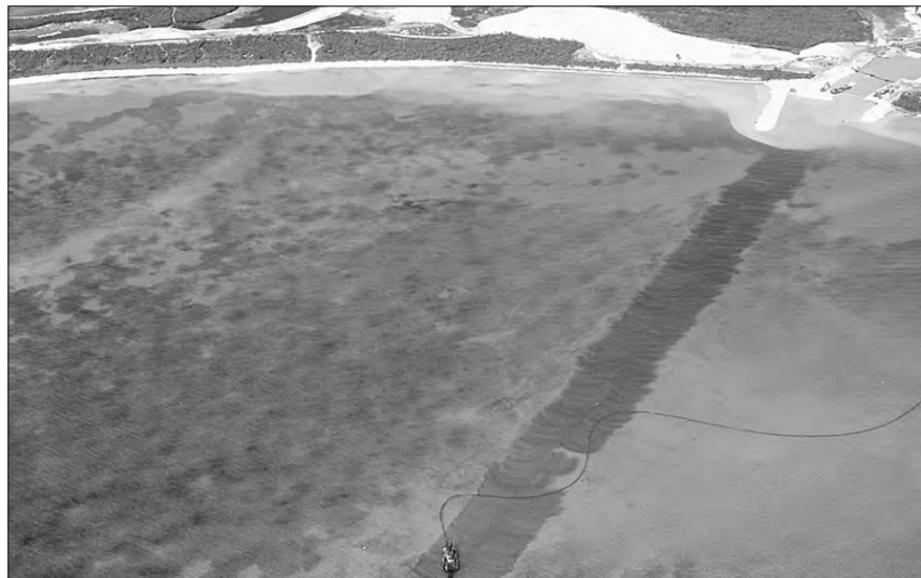
and Technology Commission, Baker's Bay developers complied with the terms outlined for the construction of its marina.

"Baker's Bay marina is designed to have a flushing channel. This came about after interaction with the BEST commission. They stipulated that we flush 90 percent of the contents of the marina over a 24-hour period. So they asked us to consider the options to facilitate this flushing channel. We will be able to exceed that by flushing up to 96 percent of the marina's content over this 24-hour period which will exceed the standards set by the BEST commission," said Dr. Marshall.

Currently Baker's Bay is undergoing

drilling for a reverse osmosis plant to be completed soon. This will generate up to a million gallons of water supply per day. Further, a new service dock has been

erected. Once the project has been completed this dock will be open for use by Guana Cay residents.



Work continues at Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club. The dredge can be seen in the bottom of this photo with the black spoil pipe extending to shore. The dredge cuts the rock and sucks up the ground-up rock, pumping it ashore. This will be used to fill low lying areas.



This aerial view of part of the Baker's Bay development shows work being done on the marina. The large dark area in the lower center part of the photo is Joe's Creek with its surrounding mangrove area that is being set aside permanently as a nature preserve.

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Central Abaco News

A new mural is underway

The Abaco Art Guild is working a new mural project for Standard Hardware. It will be a 16-panel mural (64 feet long) along the side of the new building visible to all driving on the main road. The community of local artists is working to make this mural a reality.

Mr. Scott Weatherford at Standard Hardware was pleased with the response to the first mural and is providing all the supplies. The new mural is the same island scene style as the existing one. JoAnn Bradley is the lead person coordinating the project with the help of Anyes Adams, Marlee Mason and Mirella Santillo.

Garbage pick up concerns Central Pines' residents

By Mirella Santillo

A few residents of Central Pines Estate, concerned about the recent erratic trash pick up, voiced their concern when they met on August 16th at Central Abaco Primary School for the monthly board meeting held the third Thursday of each month.

The evening guest was Mr. Augustine Williams, Chairman of the Dundas Town Committee, who had been invited to discuss the new trash pick-up, which contract he had signed with Mr. Trevor Mills.

Mrs. Bernadette Hall, Chairman of the organization, followed the agenda which encompassed topics important to the community such as crime prevention, beautification, litter prevention, better communication between residents and how to develop a strong sense of community. But trash pick-up was the main subject.

Mr. Williams, who had organized the new trash pick-up contract with Mr.

Trevor Mills, was asked to explain what was happening. He said that since Central Pines Estate was part of Dundas Town, the pick-up should be done by the same person throughout the whole community. Some residents argued that until now Dundas Town had not been concerned about Central Pines. Why start now, especially with such an inadequate performance? The residents had previously used the services of Mr. Paul Mills, who had supplied them with a dumpster that was emptied twice a week.

A resident expressed his concern about putting trash in front of his house in receptacles which, if not emptied in a timely manner, was bound to bring rodents and vectors and invite the dogs to upset the bins, spreading litter around. The contract started at the beginning of August, but, according to the residents present, there was not a respected schedule as yet. Some trash had been picked up, but haphazardly and not throughout the whole community.

Ms. Cleopatra Burrows expressed her concern about taking her trash to the dump by herself, mentioning that it was unhealthy and unsafe; she was nearly attacked on one occasion. She added that on one of her visits to the dump, she saw a group of young children rummaging through the heaps of trash. She thought it was a way to pick up diseases, then spreading them among other people.

The residents were also upset that Mr. Trevor Mills had not attended the meeting to explain his plans. Mr. Williams promised to contact him to report the concerns of the Central Pines Estate's residents.

Mrs. Hall resumed the meeting by telling people that trash and litter control were

part of the beautification project. People were reminded to bag their trash and not carry it in uncovered trucks to the dump.

The problem of stray animals was discussed. She said that the Abaco Humane Society would spay and neuter dogs and cats for a fee of \$25 and a donation in the same amount.

Crime is under control so far, she said, but a lack of maintenance and order invites criminals. She urged them to watch out for other residents, develop a community atmosphere where people care for each other and keep their surroundings clean and pristine, even if it means picking up litter yourself and enforcing the rules and

the law.

The goal of the Central Pines Estate Association is to eventually build a playground, a pool and community center with a library. The board members are hoping that all the residents will soon join the association and work together in reaching these goals. In the meantime Mrs. Leazona Richard, secretary, asked for the financial participation of the Dundas Town Council for the construction of the playground by donating \$3500. She reminded Mr. Williams that Marsh Harbour and Spring City had each received such amount from the

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Many local artists are drawing, then painting, a new mural to be hung on the exterior wall at Standard Hardware. Sixty-four feet of artwork will feature shore, beach and underwater scenes.

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More Central Abaco News

Central *From Page 12*

Central Abaco District budget. She insisted that a written official request will be forthcoming shortly.

The meeting ended with refreshments.

New or Expanded Businesses

New Conch Stand in Town

By Mirella Santillo

A new conch stand, Salad Galaur, owned by Mr. Theophilus and Mrs. Tamra Rolle, opened on the vacant lot located south of Abaco Shopping Centre.

The thatch roof shack's walls have attractive, eyes catching paintings of fish, turtle and sea creatures and a crowd was lining up for conch salad.

Salad Galaur will be opened every Friday and Saturday from 12 noon to dark, said Mr. Rolle.

M & K Variety Store

By Samantha V. Evans

This store, owned and operated by Florence Stuart, opened on 5 July and specializes in grocery items, miscellaneous products, clothing, snacks, hair and beauty supplies. The shop is are open from 8

a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and is located on the Main/Front Street in Murphy Town. The phone number at the store is 367-0310.

Keisha's Convenient Store

By Samantha V. Evans

This store is owned by Keisha Swain and is located on Main/Front Street in Murphy Town. It specializes in grocery items, beauty and hair supplies, assorted weaves and braids, accessories, phone cards, five-gallon water bottles and various snacks. Later in the year she will also sell meat products. Ms. Swain has been a business woman for the past two years. The store is open from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. The store clerk is Mercile Greene. The phone contact is 367-3155.

Fine Linens

By Samantha V. Ewvs

Fine Linens is owned and operated by Mrs. Agatha Simms who is a seamstress. She specializes in weddings, choir attire, uniforms and repairs. She also sews straw work including bags and wallets. She has a dry goods store that sells dry food items, water, snacks, accessories for school, stockings, children's clothing and selected

adult items. Mrs. Simms has been a seamstress for many years before she opened the store. She sells 20-pound gas cylinders, phone cards, fabrics, and sewing supplies. She sells a little of everything. Her hours of operation are flexible as she also teaches at one of the high schools. The phone number at the store is 367-4284.

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Sail Away raises funds for worthy causes

By Mirella Santillo

In spite of uncertain weather because of Hurricane Dean racing through the Caribbean, the organizers of the fifth Baker's Bay Sail Away decided to proceed with the event. And what a great decision it was as the day turned out to be a fantastic success.

The sail away was originally set up five years ago by Mr. William "Lill" Bill Albury as a fund raising event to help worthy causes in the community. This year the proceeds were to be divided between Every Child Counts and the Abaco Humane Society.

In spite of a few laden clouds hanging over Marsh Harbour, the weather turned out to be absolutely perfect at the northern

tip of beautiful Baker's Bay beach where the picnic was taking place. The organizers reached the beach in late morning to set up the bar and grill which was done with the help of some of Baker's Bay Resort staff.

All the liquor and food ingredients for the barbeque had been donated by sponsors and the savings were passed on to the people. One could buy a juicy hamburger with all the trimmings or hot dog inexpensively and mixed drinks or beer were also available.

The Sail Away has been a popular event in previous years and people came from all over central Abaco, as far North as Green Turtle Cay and as far South as Hope Town to enjoy the function. As boats arrived, long lines formed at the food and drink

tents and by early afternoon, the beach had become crowded with people enjoying the sea and the refreshments. A DJ boat blasted music and a ferry from Marsh Harbour showed up loaded with people who did not want to get wet! After a long time deliberating and finally changing into bathing suits, they hit the water and remained bathing in the perfectly warm and calm sea till the ferry departed late afternoon.

While parents were partaking of refreshments and socializing, children were meeting with their friends, swimming and playing games along the beach. The more audacious ones went riding the waves on their surfboards on the ocean side. According to Miller Albury, Joshua Wong and

Luca Silvester, it was great fun to tumble into the waves. The atmosphere was so laid back and the surroundings so enjoyable that people had a hard time packing up and leaving. It was nearly dusk when the last boats left.

According to the organizers, the event was a great success. They collected approximately \$8,000 between the sale of food, drinks, T-shirts and various monetary pledges. Among the sponsors were many businesses as well as other private supporters. A check for \$ 4,000 was handed to ECC, \$3,000 went to the Abaco Humane Society and \$1,000 to the Hope Town Humane Society.



Many people anticipate the Baker's Bay Sail Away the end of each summer. It is a fun day for adults and children and is a chance to raise money for community projects. This year's revenue was divided between Every Child Counts and the Abaco Humane Society.

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North Abaco News

Sherlin Bootle High School Interview of Mr. Huel Moss

By Vernique Russell

On September 11, 2006, Sherlin Bootle High School in Cooper's Town received a new principal in the person of Mr. Huel Moss. Upon his arrival Mr. Moss soon discovered that the work cut out for him was great but what his work did not know was that he was determined to help a new day dawn at Sherlin Bootle. Immediately after he arrived, he began work and has worked tirelessly from that time to this to ensure that Sherlin Bootle is transformed into the best high school this island has seen.

The school year 2006-2007 brought Principal Moss many challenges, a few disappointments but many more accomplishments. Sherlin Bootle High School has soared to new heights and explored new horizons. Some of the accomplishments achieved this year include:

- The purchase of a 40-foot by 60-foot tent that now provides shade for students during assemblies
- Wireless Internet Rotor System installed through 50 percent of the school
- Participation in many local and national competitions such as District Spelling, National Art Festival, the Rotary Speech Competition
- Notable performance in national exams

However, though the accomplishments greatly exceed the few that are listed, Principal Moss is optimistic that this upcoming school year 2007-2008 will be an even greater and more fruitful year for the school.

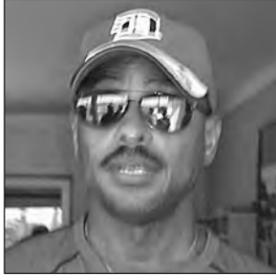
While accomplishments always place smiles on people's faces, the disappointments bring on another view. Among Mr. Moss' disappointments for the past school year were:

- Spanish students were not being able to participate in the Ministry of Tourism's Spanish Cadet Program
- Poor performance of students on first term reports - over 60 percent of students did not achieve a 2.0 GPA
- Postponement of PTA Cook-Out
- Postponement of after school academic and sporting activities due to bussing concerns and lack of interest

Despite these the disappointments Mr. Moss has made up his mind to press on until Sherlin Bootle is into a new era that will give every student that enters an opportunity to reach beyond the skies.

As he prepares for the upcoming school which will begin in just a few days, Mr. Moss is concerned about the following:

- Fighting and conflicts among students that stem from ethnic and settlement friction, though they have seen great improvement in this area
- Students' lack of respect for self and others
- Poor manners and rude behavior
- General lack of interest in education in both the students and parents
- Poor parental involvement and control



Huel Moss, Principal S.C. Bootle High School

of children

- Lack of a Security Officer
- State of physical plant
- Bussing of students involved in extra curricular activities
- Shortage of classroom space

Time will continue to change Sherlin Bootle High as long as Mr. Huel Moss is principal. No longer will students be allowed to get away with misdeeds. Mr. Moss has already set his short term expectations and can guarantee that these expectations will be manifested. These include the following:

- The introduction of computerized registration
- Networking of computers for more resource input and storage
- Continued improvement in students' performance in the national exams

The launch of an interactive school web page, www.sbootle.org

- The placement of at least one computer in every class
- Completion of repair work at the school
- Parent, student, community workshop for "at risk students."

Mr. Moss is quite confident that this new era will not just bring changes but will also change lives forever. He is grateful for the chance that was given him to serve last year and is looking forward to even greater things this year. A new day has dawned at Sherlin Bootle High.

Shaback Snack and Deli

By Vernique Russell

On August 11th Proprietress Yvette McIntosh opened Shaback Snacks and Deli in Cooper's Town. This will afford residents the opportunity to purchase their children

snacks and other knickknacks at very affordable prices. The deli section fixes snacks such as sandwiches, salads and more. Mrs. McIntosh invites everyone to stop by and see what is waiting for them. Store hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

BTVI Classes start in September

By Vernique Russell

BTVI will be offering classes in North Abaco. Be sure to register today. For further information contact Mrs. Esther Laying in Blackwood. The placement examination is set during the month of August and classes will begin in September. Don't miss this opportunity to make your dreams become reality. BTVI finally here!

BAIC Straw Classes will be offered

By Vernique Russell

BAIC will host a Straw Course in North Abaco on September 3rd - 12th. All person interested in learning the art of plaiting straw to make bags and hats or even place mats are asked to please contact Mrs. Patrice Cox to sign up today. Classes will be held at the Sherlin Bootle High school from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. for the duration of the classes. The administrative fee is \$50. All interested person should take advantage of this opportunity. Abaco's special summer guests

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Friends announces educational plans

By Jennifer Hudson

Friends of the Environment has announced its plans for the upcoming school year and sent out letters to schools so that they can become involved. Now that Friends has opened its new educational centre, it is planning several upcoming activities and features for kids as part of an after-school programme.

Mrs. D'Shan Maycock, Educational Officer for Friends, announced that there is a Discovery Club on the agenda which will be modeled on the one which has been run for many years by the Bahamas National Trust in Nassau. This is aimed at getting young kids involved in environmental activities. They will be able to earn badges and progress through different levels with the focus on both the marine and terrestrial environments. This is scheduled to begin in September and will be held after school possibly once a week or once a month. Details have yet to be worked out.

September is slated as International Coastal Cleanup Month worldwide. Ms. Maycock hopes to go into schools and make presentations on beach cleanup to engender an appreciation of the coastal environment and demonstrate the importance of our impact

on the marine environment. She is encouraging each of the schools to adopt an area for cleanup and suggests that students may also do a snorkel cleanup of the seabed.

Mangrove field trips and presentations are planned for October and also monitoring of the artificial reef ball project.

Friends hopes to begin work in November on clearing a property in Bahama Palm Shores which has been donated by two friends of the group. There are plans to clear a trail which will make the property accessible for pine forest education and Ms. Maycock hopes to get students involved in making this trail. Persons will be able to utilise this area for bird watching and pine forest hikes.

Artificial reef ball building will continue with a few more balls being placed at Mermaid Reef. Friends is looking at merchandising the reef balls to second homeowners as they have had requests from people wishing to place these balls at their docks. The restoration project at Cross Harbour will also continue.

In January 2008 the Abaco Science Alliance Conference is scheduled to take place. Scientists will talk about their projects and schools will be able to see what scientific

studies are being conducted here.

April 27, 2008. will be celebrated as Earth Day and the topic for the school competition will be announced soon.

Ms. Maycock very much wants to get the schools involved in Keep Abaco Beautiful, a litter-free beautification programme, and she will be encouraging them to recycle aluminum cans at school. She is hoping by September that Abaco will become certified to be an affiliate of the Keep America Beautiful programme which will be beneficial to Abaco. This will be in conjunction with the Ministry of Tourism.

The new educational centre is located on the road across from Cost Rite, and although a little tucked away, it is well signposted.

AA and Al Anon Meetings

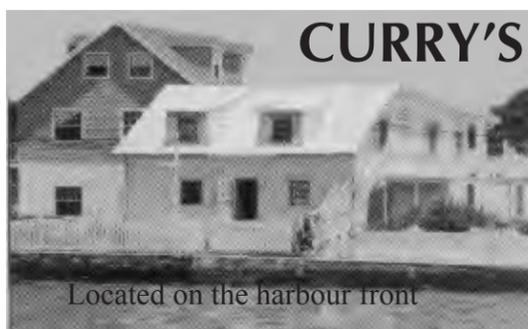
The AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) group of Marsh Harbour meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Friday at noon at the Marsh Harbour Community Library.

The AlAnon group of Marsh Harbour meets the third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. each month at the Marsh Harbour Community Library.

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

The AA group and the AlAnon group meet in the Treasure Cay Community Center on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Please call 357-6511 for additional information.

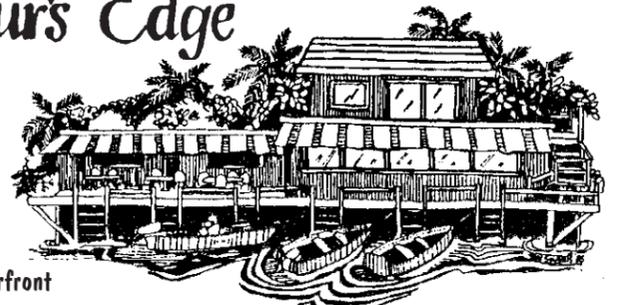


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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Another Milestone

Born to James and Susan (nee Sands) Roberts on August 17th, 1917, in Cherokee Sound, Irene Annis was the first of seven children in her family and she has never lived anywhere else except Cherokee Sound.

To help her celebrate 90 years of living, a dinner party and supper was arranged. When I asked her if she had a surprise on her birthdays, she answered, "A big sur-

prise!" The festivities were held at the W.W. Sands Community Center, the very same building where she attended school as a young girl in the 1920s. Family and friends gathered to honour her and mark this milestone in her life. She was even treated to her very own poem written by Patrick Bethel, a life-long friend and acquaintance and a well-known Abaconian, also born in Cherokee.

Ms. Annis, as she is more commonly known, married Charles Hamilton Sawyer in August 1936 and they had two sons. Both

her husband and older son Byron passed away in 1984, leaving her to live alone in her little house. Her other son, Noel, still lives in Cherokee and works on the Duke of Topsail, a weekly freight boat making the run between West Palm Beach, Nassau and Marsh Harbour. A couple of years after her husband passed away, she moved into the home of her only grandson. She has two grandchildren, Melissa and Ricky, and one great-grandchild, Adrian.

Both James Roberts, her father, and Hamilton Sawyer, her husband, were smack fishermen all their lives which only afforded them a very meager existence. In his later years, her husband left the sea and took the job of garbage collector and keeper of the roads. I can see Mr. Hamilton now (in my mind's eye). He took his job very seriously and was extremely proud the work he did. He used his wheelbarrow to collect the garbage and every morning he would go to the seaside and cut a fresh bunch of wild sage to fashion a suitable broom that he used to sweep the roads to keep them clean. A quiet individual he worked with determined concentration and was one of the old timers whose word was his bond, a rare commodity today.

Ms. Annis states without embarrassment that she has lived here on Abaco all her life only traveling as far as Nassau and Freeport on a few occasions. A housewife and a mother, she did the cooking and the cleaning and said there wasn't much time for anything else. As a young girl she did like many others in the settlement, she picked shells to make a few extra pennies. (An article on shelling in Cherokee is featured in the latest issue of the Abaco Life and explains about the hardships of life back

then.) She is a faithful attendant in her local church, always happy, never complaining; she is a joy to be around. Everyone who meets her immediately loves her.

We wish you a very happy 90th birthday, Ms. Annis, and only trust we are around to help you celebrate your 91st.

Correction

The shelter for Cherokee Sound is the Assembly of God Church, not Epworth Chapel. The church is higher, has a kitchen, bathrooms and two exits.

Winding Bay

Missing man's body found on rocks
The body of David Richard Knowlton was found washed up on the rocks at Winding Bay on August 20. He had been reported missing the previous night.

Mr. Knowlton, age 53, of Norcross, Georgia, was vacationing at the Abaco Club at Winding Bay with three friends when the accident occurred. The four men had walked to the Ocean Point late in the day to photograph the sunset. The other three men walked back to the resort while Mr. Knowlton continued to explore the high cliff. When he did not return in a few minutes the three men went to look for him but were unsuccessful. His body was found the next morning by a diver.

Pete's Pub naked dinghy race

By Julian Loc khart

Pete's Pub ended its season with a bang once again as hundreds of party goers, from far away and as close as Marsh Harbour, partied all afternoon at the Naked Dingy Race on August 3 in Little Harbour.



Ms. Annis Sawyer, center, celebrated her 90th birthday with a dinner party with her family and friends in Cherokee Sound. The Queen, Ms. Annis, is shown here with her immediate family. They are Jeff Williams, Melissa Williams, Noel Sawyer, Ricky Sawyer, Cathy Ann Sawyer and Adrian Sawyer.

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Abaco's Tourism numbers remain steady

By Julian Lockhart

Director of the Abaco Tourist Office, Don Cornish, has now been on the job for almost nine months and has sat through his first peak season in Abaco as director. Mr. Cornish has rearranged his staff to better fit their strengths and this was his main goal upon taking office to help better the industry in Abaco.

Tourism on Abaco, like the rest of the Bahamas, is the force that drives the financial sector and Abaco will only grow as much as its tourist product grows. Mr. Cornish and his team has the incredible task to ensure that tourism does not remain status quo, but continues to improve in the years to come. This will be Mr. Cornish's first budget where he decides how money should be spent on Abaco to better the tourist product and to create avenues for tourism to improve.

Mr. Cornish said, "I have had a few challenges and I think settling in has been the most difficult thing. But it hasn't been hard, and we have had an opportunity to do assessments. The staff is all comfortable and that is always the most difficult.

"I think once the hurricane season is

over and we have had a chance to look back and do assessments we will move comfortably into the next period. So this is my first budget and it will give me a chance to mobilize some stuff and get them into place. I will interact a little bit more with the industry and see how we can help them and find ways to assist them with training and development. We will focus on customer service training and focus on more one-on-one customer relations development," he added.

Some business people in the community have said this was a down year for tourism in Abaco, but the numbers prove otherwise as there were fewer than 2,000 less visitors by July than last year's record 108,000 arrivals. Mr. Cornish said it is Marsh Harbour that has really taken the hit financially as visitors decided to go elsewhere on Abaco.

Marsh Harbour is used more as a filling station where boaters and stop over visitors just come in, buy fuel, groceries and maybe use the restaurants, then go elsewhere. Mr. Cornish said his office has to do a better job of bringing Marsh Harbour in the mainstream in a significant way.

The Abaco tourist office is still petition-

ing for the Ministry of Tourism to market Abaco as a separate destination from the rest of the Family Islands and allow Abaco to garner more attention internationally and thus more visitors to its shores.

Mr. Cornish said, "I don't think it was necessarily a bad season this year because our arrival numbers do not say that. I think particular properties or businesses may have taken a hit, but we have to take a look at where our business is. If persons are coming through the airport, they are obviously going somewhere. I have some ideas of what may have happened, but I think we just need the data to determine what is happening.

"The last set of figures that I saw were not very far off from very last year's arrivals. My suspicion is our business is still steady. But we do know there are areas that are not attracting the same kind of numbers," he added.

One of the things Mr. Cornish wants

to do in the coming months as things slow down is training exercises with their partners in the tourism industry. Training on a scale where Abaconians are given the same advantages as persons in New Providence and Grand Bahama will only help the industry to grow. There are two BahamaHost training sessions planned for September. After that Mr. Cornish said they will do smaller training programs.

Mr. Cornish said, "The marketing resources are there. Once we do this our satisfaction index will remain strong. We have a training schedule for the next few weeks and a training schedule for September. One of the challenges will be funding, of course. I am not sure we will be able to host anymore training sessions on that scale for the rest of the year, but we will in fact try and do on the job training. We will look at the particular needs each place needs instead of putting together a major training project," he concluded.



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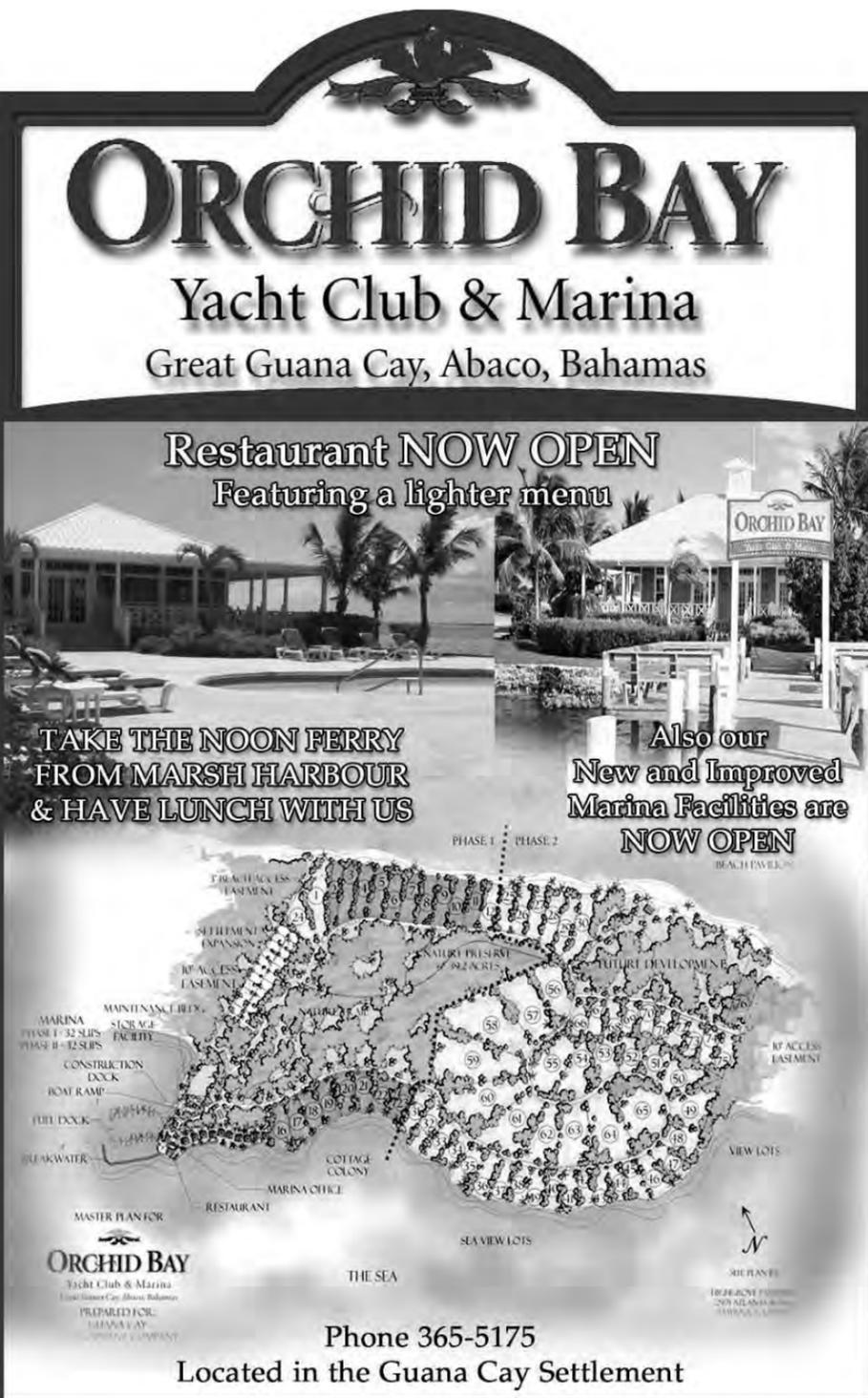
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BTVI classes will be in Central and North Abaco

By Mirella Santillo

The first change that the new government implemented as far as Bahamas Technical Vocational Institute was concerned was to place the vocational institute under the auspice of the Ministry of Education instead of the Ministry of Labour and Immigration. The second change for Abaco was to abandon the idea of repairing the Eastern Campus to house the program's classrooms. One of the new announcements made in Parliament by the FNM government after the elections was that the Abaco Central High School's administrative block will be rebuilt and new buildings for BTVI will be erected behind the high school.

Mr. Kendris Hield, Abaco Central's Principal, soon to be transferred to Eleuthera, mentioned that Mr. Fred Delancy, who was appointed BTVI's Assistant Manager for the Northern Bahamas, visited Marsh Harbour in August looking for a coordinator for the technical and vocational program.

"Now that the program has started, there is a need for someone to see it through," explained the principal, who had seen to its implementation during the last school

year. Mr. Hield said that approximately 30 students in basic electrical, cosmetology and business administration finished the summer semester on July 27th. The summer semester was elective for people wanting to get ahead rapidly. Some of these students had attended the first semester that started in May, he explained. BTVI is presently accepting applications for September.

Staff members from the Grand Bahama office will travel to Marsh Harbour to help with advisement and registration, Mr. Hield explained, who is expecting to leave Abaco by the middle of August.

"There has been a lot of interest in the program," he continued. "We have a pool of very qualified instructors to choose from and people have even been calling from Canada inquiring about the coordinator's position," he added. "There has been an average of seven people per day asking for applications to take classes."

Until a new building is constructed, classes will be held in in several locations. Cosmetology classes will take place at a beauty salon, electrical will be under the

supervision of a local contractor and business administration will take place at the high school. The new semester's classes will be held in the high school's classrooms from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

On August 11th Mr. Delancy and Mr. Paul Clare visited Cooper's Town to establish the program in North Abaco. Business Administration classes will start in September at S.C. Bootle High School, and they might offer other classes depending on the interest.

"The program is continuing," stated Mr. Hield proudly, who feels he has been incidental in its establishment in Central Abaco and is sad to be leaving as it is finally taking shape.

"The first students will graduate in June 2008," he added. "It will be history for Abaco."

BTVI held entrance examinations in two locations on August 16th at Abaco Central High School in Murphy Town and at S.C. Bootle in Cooper's Town. Seven new applicants showed up at Abaco Central to take examinations in English and mathematics. Mr. Kendris Hield, who was supervising the examination, was disap-

pointed that so few came since there had been approximately 30 applicants registered. The examination schedule was announced on Radio Abaco.

In Cooper's Town, however, 15 people took the examination with the hope of entering a course of Business Administration, the only one offered so far in North Abaco. It will be the first time BTVI classes will be held in that community.

Mr. Paul Clare, BTVI coordinator for Family Island Affairs, visited Cooper's Town on August 11th accompanied by Mr. Hield. People from Backwood to Crown Haven had gathered to find out about the new program, which was explained by the two men.

In Marsh Harbour the end-of-term examination for Summer Semester students took place on July 30th and 31st. Approximately 15 students participated. Mr. Hield was very pleased with their performance.

The general orientation was to be held at Abaco Central High and S.C. Bootle High School on August 28th. Registration and advisement for all students, new and old, will take place on August 29th.



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Abaco needs to develop fall tourism

By Julian Lockhart

The 2006/07 tourist season is winding to a close as some restaurants are closing down for a few weeks as they prepare for what most hope will be another busy season, starting in November.

Abaco's economy slows for two months each fall. The majority of visitors who frequent the shores of the island and its surrounding cays are boaters or second homeowners. However, with the hurricane season in full force many visitors decide to stay away from Abaco for the fall months.

Director of the Abaco Tourist Office Don Cornish said the only way to bridge the gap between the end of the boating season and the beginning of the winter residence season is for more land based events and festivals to take place on Abaco.

Mr. Cornish said, "One of the challenges is the weather with the hurricane season

and that influences a lot of our business. The majority of our businesses are marine related. A lot of our visitors come for the weather. One of the things that has happened in this region that has helped a lot of areas such as Cayman is they have events. They have a major festival they introduced a couple of years ago and over the years it has really gained in attraction. We will always have a shoulder period even if we have events, but I feel we need to be a bit more creative and start to develop quality business through events. Like concerts and festivals - stuff like that," he added.

Other islands in the Caribbean have found ways of attracting tourist in the off-season to keep a consistent flow of dollars into the community. During the off-season there are only two events that draw visitors nationally and internationally, the swim-a-

thon and the Bridal Extravaganza, and they have to be promoted better.

Mr. Cornish said any event that is done on Abaco has to have domestic and international appeal to attract consistent visitors. There are a number of domestic festivals throughout the Bahamas like regattas and home comings. But to be consistently held and to work on Abaco, the profile of these sorts of events has to be raised to attract outside visitors.

Mr. Cornish added that they can drive some other areas in Abaco to do things during this period. However, the majority of individuals who work in the industry have already resigned themselves to the fact that this is the off season, and it is time to travel and do repairs before heading into the new season.

Abaconians have to get out of the mind set that this is the off season and to look at this time as an opportunity to continue doing business. He added that if tourism decides to do an event, they can't do it if the restaurants and other tourist attractions are not open. There are a number of areas where Abaconians can attract visitors to the shores that has nothing to do with boating or water-related activities.

Mr. Cornish said, "The opportunities are there to attract a different kind of tourist to Abaco. If you look at the niches like bird watching, which is very strong this time of the year, and other eco-type tourism we can develop it. Heritage tourism can be another area because it is a land-based event through history and the culture of the people. That won't change overnight, but it is simply a matter of planning," he concluded.

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Police Camp held closing ceremony

By Jennifer Hudson

The Royal Bahamas Police Force Abaco District brought its 3rd Annual Summer Youth Programme to a close on July 27 in a ceremony at the Central Abaco Primary School. The students who had attended the summer programme, which ran for three weeks, were smartly dressed in their special camp T shirts worn with jeans.

The ceremony included a dance selection performed by students from the Sandy Point Group: Quanesha Thurston, Chaneay Adderley, Amelia Burrows, Lenair Dean, Davantee Greene, Geodell Edgecombe and Kadijia Stuart. Following a reflection of the programme by Dahlia Cash and selection by Samone Bain, Superintendent

Wayne Miller, Officer in Charge, Abaco Division, addressed the audience.

Mr. Miller firstly told the young people how pleased he was that they had joined in the summer programme again this year. This year the organizers had aimed for better interaction between North, Central and South Abaco by bringing the groups together more. He encouraged the youngsters to learn to be better citizens for Abaco when they go back to school.

Awards were presented. Full attendance awards were given to those participants who had not missed a day during the summer programme and a certificate of participation was presented to all who took part in the programme. Seven-year-old Terado

Hield received a special prize for his artwork. This year both Mr. Miller's children, daughter Bria and his son Wayne Jr. were participants in the programme and Mr. Miller was also proud to have his mother, who was visiting from Nassau, in the audience to see her grandchildren receive their certificates. W/ Cpl. Miller's three-

year-old son, Lamont Bain Jr. was "the baby" of the programme this year.

Plaques of appreciation were presented to Marcus Bethel of Kentucky Fried Chicken and Rick Knowles of Costrite, who were sponsors of the programme; to JoAnne Bradley for her assistance; and Gladys Saunders of Tangelo Hotel in Wood Cay, who provided transportation from the

north along with Revival Time Pentecostal Church.

Following a closing prayer, the ceremony closed with the singing of the National Anthem and refreshments were served. Mr. Miller encouraged the young people to return to "camp" again next year "as plans are already in mind to make it even bigger and better."

Dance lessons will resume

By Jennifer Hudson

While Elaine Pilon's planned summer dance programme, unfortunately, never got off the ground in Marsh Harbour due to location problems, the programme on Green Turtle Cay was a great success. Fourteen students on the cay aged between five and 11 years met each Thursday with Ms. Pilon to learn their steps and prepare for a future presentation of Cinderella. Once school begins in September Ms. Pilon says that the class will be augmented by additional children. Regular classes for the Marsh Harbour group will begin again on September 5 at the St. Francis de Sales School. Registration will take place on that day between 3:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. Children who attended the dance school last year need to re-register for this year. Classes will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The seven to nine-year-olds will meet on Wednesdays and Fridays and the 10-year-olds to teens will meet on

Mondays and Wednesdays. On Wednesdays both groups will meet together to prepare jointly for future performances.

Sometime down the line when Ms. Pilon feels the group is ready, they will perform a 'pot pouri' of items from a variety of popular shows such as Fiddler on the Roof, Mary Poppins and Annie. Last November Mrs. Pilon's dance troupe thrilled the audience with a spectacular presentation of The Nutcracker and so their next performance will be greatly anticipated.

On October 6 the group has been invited by the Ministry of Tourism's Abaco office to put on a special performance at a private function the Ministry will be hosting.

Mrs. Pilon is looking for adults to form an Adult Musical Theatre Group. "No experience is necessary," she states, "just a love of theatre, singing and dancing." This

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Supt. Wayne Miller is shown here with a group of summer camp youth who received certificates at the conclusion of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Summer Youth Programme. The three-week programme featured active sports as well as crafts and talks. Children from North and South Abaco were bussed to the Central Abaco Primary School in Dundas Town where the camp was held.



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New Administrator Serves Central Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

Mr. Cephas Cooper took up his appointment as Island Administrator for Abaco on July 23 following the departure of Mr Revis Rolle. The son of Bishop Archelus Cooper, Overseer of the Church of God on Abaco, Mr. Cooper is no newcomer to Abaco as he was born in Cooper's Town and attended school there. He then went on to attend the Teachers' Training College in San Salvador and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from the University of the West Indies.

After several years Mr. Cooper returned home for three years to serve as Principal of the Abaco Central High School. Prior to that he was Principal of high schools on Cat Island, Exuma, Crooked Island and in Nassau.

Following his career in education Mr. Cooper accepted the post of Island Administrator and has had wide experience serving in the Central Andros, North Eleuthera, Harbour Island, Spanish Wells, Exuma, Ragged Island, Acklins, Crooked Island and Long Cay Districts before taking up his post here on Abaco.

Since taking office here Mr. Cooper says that he has found the job to be rather challenging. "I have been very busy and

it has been go, go, go," he admitted since he is presently also holding on for South Abaco in addition to Marsh Harbour until

another administrator is named for Sandy Point following the departure of Mr. Neil Campbell. He has already met with practically all of the elected local government leaders in the Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town, Murphy Town and the Hope Town District.

Mr. Cooper stated several important objectives he intends to accomplish. "My goal is to make sure that I do everything in accordance with local government. Local government authorities are mandated to follow certain procedures and guidelines. I will ensure that everything is done above board and is open and transparent; everything I do will withstand public scrutiny. That is the way I always operate. I also want to encourage local government au-



Cephas Cooper

thorities to be accountable to the public and to encourage regular meetings so that the public can be informed about decisions made and can help influence decisions which they have the right to do." Mr. Cooper feels that there should be more consultation by local government with the public on matters which affect them.

"I also believe that local government should be a lot more focused on improving infrastructure. They cater to physical needs such as fixing roads and buildings, but now they need to focus more on the social infrastructure of the community by building lives. There has been a breakdown in social infrastructure, and focus needs to be put on social development through such activities as sports, social clubs and seminars. I will strongly support that element," stated Mr. Cooper. "I am looking forward to the challenges ahead and bringing about a greater sense of awareness with respect to the impact local government can have

on the community. Abaco is a big revenue producer, and I will make sure that all monies to government are collected on a timely basis."

"It is good to be back home serving the people here," stated Mr. Cooper. "I feel honoured and privileged and deeply humbled by this experience. As a boy coming up to Marsh Harbour many times from Cooper's Town, I would pass the Commissioner's office and never in my wildest imagination think that one day I could actually serve as Administrator. I hope I can make a meaningful contribution to the growth and development of my home."

Mr. Cooper is married with three children two of whom attended the Abaco Central High School. All are now working in Nassau and making him proud. Mrs. Cooper is with her husband on Abaco and will

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Message from the Chief Councillor in response to Letter written in 15th August 2007 edition of Abaconian To Residents of Hope Town, Man-O-War Cay, Great Guana Cay, and the wider community of Abaco

As some of you may have seen, there was a letter in the Letter to the Editor section of the 15th August Abaconian addressed to myself.

The contents of the letter disapproved of my opposition relating to the recent bye-election in Man-O-War Cay, but also went on to state numerous inaccuracies and untruths. Had the writer written to voice their opposition to my stance on the bye-election, no response from myself may have emerged. But after making an assault on my character and integrity, I am obliged to set the record straight.

First, let me begin by saying that I do know who the letter writer is, and you do not need to hide behind your signature as "concerned resident," as I know who you are, and be more truthful when you write to the populace of the Abaco community, as you did not vote for me in a prior Local Government election. You adamantly and openly campaigned against me. As far as me personally, whether a supporter of mine or not, I have represented ALL the people in our district, but be more truthful when you write.

As I go on, I will one by one refute and demolish each fallacious accusation that the writer wrote about, and I will end by explaining what has fueled and enhanced an ongoing political war in Man-O-War Cay.

The writer said: "You have also said that this [bye-election] happened in Man-O-War Cay and no where else. This is because the people of Man-O-War wanted to see the law carried out and had to get a petition to actually have this take place. I've been told there will be other nominations such as this to take place, but that Man-O-War was first because of this petition."

My response: At the press conference and on the news on Radio Abaco, I stated, "This act can be justified if they hold elections for other appointed members across the Bahamas." In the Local Government Act, it nowhere states or indicates a petition being a prerequisite for a bye-election being called. This should have in no way placed Man-O-War ahead of other communities. Further, there have been many appointed members since 1996 when Local Government was established, and this is the first instance of the law being carried out. To this end, I have to cite political victimization. When and if other elections are called in other districts, this act can be somewhat justified, but a full pardon cannot be granted, as the deed was too wicked, blatant, and profound.

The writer said: "I have also noticed that you chose to go to each island with a financial report this year, why have you not done this other years?"

My response: After being elected, our members were sworn in on 1st July 2005. From 1st July 2005 -21st September 2006, I did not lead the Council. Wayne Hall served as the Chief Councillor, which in his defense, he did visit towns with financial reports in the summer of 2005 and in early 2006. I was sworn in as the Chief Councillor on Friday, 22nd September 2006 at 3 p.m. in the Council office in Man-O-War Cay. I have not been serving in the Office of Chief Councillor for even a year. However, in the month of July, as the Chief Councillor, along with the Council, we presented a report to the people on the finances in each town. I must say as a resident on Man-O-War Cay and a frequent attendant of town meetings, I hadn't before our Council came to office, been in a town meeting to hear the finances of the Council or Town Committee in our District. We have been open in our Council, holding numerous town meetings with residents on a number of wide ranging issues, and we promote a true open-door policy.

The writer said: "You had almost a full page ad taken out in Te Abaconian describing all the actions your Council has accomplished over the past two years. Why now? Why not last year as well?"

My response: Well, that wasn't "all" of our actions, we only listed some. The list could have continued, but I am glad that you are interested to know what your Council is doing for you, and we don't mind telling. But I wish to remind you that we are the only Council in our district who has ever publicly listed our accomplishments. Perhaps this should tell you something, go figure. Unlike some Councils who waited and just dealt with matters as they arose, we were pro-active and did much to better improve the lot of our towns. As for "why not last year," not knocking former Chief Councillor Hall, but most of our accomplishments blossomed into fruition after he had already left office, and it was this year that we decided to list them.

The writer said: "Why have you not done as other Councils in the past and posted minutes from every meeting in the Post Office?"

My response: This is the first time I ever knew that it was custom to post minutes at the Post Office. Should there be an outcry that would wish for this to continue, there is no objection from me. However, the public now still has access to retrieve copies of our minutes as anyone can request copies from our secretary or the Administrator's office. This has ALWAYS been our policy.

The writer said: "You did not notify anyone of the time, place, or date of the nomination [for the bye-election in Man-O-War]."

My response: The reason no one was notified was because I myself wasn't notified. Let me brief you on what happened which can be confirmed by former Administrator Revis Rolle, should you wish to contact him. Administrator Rolle called me on Monday, 9th July, to inform me of the bye-election that was to be held on Man-O-War Cay. The nomination day he said was to be held on that same Thursday, 12th July, three days' notice. I called Deputy Chief Councillor Cash to inform him, and he then called the Permanent Secretary for Local Government to explain to him that the notice of election had Polling Division 3 (which is Hope Town) instead of Polling Division 2 (which is Man-O-War). The Administrator called me that afternoon to inform me that Nassau said that the original date of nomination (Thursday 12th July) had been called off due to the Polling Division error, and that a new notice of election would be drafted and a new nomination day would be set at a later date, hence is the reason for not putting the posters with the typographical error.

On the morning of Thursday, 12th July, (original nomination day), I went in to see the Administrator about a Council matter. As I sat down, he asked me was anyone coming to nominate. I told him that he informed me that Nomination Day had been put off. Administrator then said that I should have been informed as to a later decision to keep the original date. I told him that I had not been informed. The time was 11 a.m. Nominations were from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. I immediately began protesting, as he had no nomination forms at his disposal. I told him I knew of one former Councillor wishing to nominate. I further explained that after he located a form, for me to fax a form to the former Councillor and for him to garner five signatures, and then get to Marsh Harbour, the 12 noon deadline would probably be passed. He said there was nothing he could do. At the end of the day, the end result was the time was extended until the end of the day, resulting in the nominations of three persons.



Jeremy Sweeting, Chief Councillor

Should there have been proper notification? ABSOLUTELY!!! But don't point the finger at me. I was left in the dark just as you were.

The writer said: "Lastly, the actual election itself. No one posted any information about who the candidates were, when the election would be, where the polling station was, what time it would be open, and what would be necessary to vote?"

My response: First of all, as of today, I have not received notification from the Ministry of Local Government indicating the change in the Polling Division, which would result in this past election being an election in void, should I wish to pursue it. Further, should my secretary or the Administrator's office have provided me with the updated notice of election or even the old one, I would have posted it. I serve as the Chief Councillor, not the secretary. It can't be expected of me to perform both although I would have gladly posted a notice if given to me. Also, the former Councillors haven't received formal notification of their seats being declared vacant making way for an election. As you can see, this process has been totally disorganized and has turned out to be an embarrassment to the government as they have tried a rush job with this election for political reasons. Minister Sidney Collie deliberately deceived the Council, Administrators, and the public informing us of no change in the make-up of the Council. Shame!

The writer said: "The other thing that has bothered me about our Chief Councillor is his belief that he is above the law" and further said, "Chief Councillor, Senator, Member of Parliament, or Prime Minister, must all obey the law."

My response: I have not once believed I am above the law and have never thought that prior to my Local Government service or now. I agree that every citizen, despite what position or office they may hold, we are all subject to the law, and all offenders should receive equal penalties. I have never had one thought to be higher or better than anyone else because of my position, it is actually the opposite. I have been humbled by the experience of serving my community and helping to make it a better place.

The writer said: "Most of the island knows that he used to park his golf cart in the road all the time and now still does occasionally."

My response: Yes, I have and still do at times park my golf cart on the half of road adjacent to our walkway on our street. I will admit that at times the cart has even been parked there overnight on a couple of occasions, but leaving plenty of room for another vehicle to pass. On a small island with a population of 300 and the main mode of transportation being a golf cart, I have found myself at times parking in the said area, leaving room for others to pass, while I go inside to grab something. A lot of residents may have been guilty of this at one time or another. I am wondering why it wasn't mentioned that one of the newly elected Councillors, when off in the boat, still parks his vehicle on the road at the bottom of the hill where his dock is located. I have no personal problem with this as he leaves much space for one to pass, as I have done when I did it. The former Chief Councillor almost every day used to park his motorbike on the road next to the wall by his parents' home (my grandparents) while visiting them. Again it was parked where vehicles could pass with ease, and I don't see a problem with it. This is Man-O-War, not New York City. But I know two wrongs don't make a right, and the law is the law. On this if it comes down to it.... guilty, along with many others.

The writer said: "The Chief Councillor also believes that he doesn't have to license his vehicle which he has not done since 2002. If you do not believe me, check his license plate sticker."

My response: This is absurd. I don't know where you have been, but my cart is licensed. I will admit to being negligent of not always posting my registration sticker on my vehicle in a timely manner. But she is licensed and insured as I proved to many on the weekend when your letter came out, and Road Traffic isn't open on weekends.

The writer said: "He has also removed the registration sticker from the front of his golf cart. Perhaps this is so any officer that sees his golf cart won't know who to go to."

My response: I don't hide anything, you must think my mind is as shallow as yours. I know on a small island if an officer wants to find any information on a cart or anything, it is not hard to do. My birth month is June. I took my registration sticker off in late June to have my insurance and license renewed.

The writer said: "The rumor is that when the PLP government won the election in 2002, he said he didn't have to do anything because, 'We're in power now!'"

My response: You said it.... rumor. No matter who is the winner of the seat of government, myself and everyone else included still has to work for a living and make things come together in life. No matter who is in power, the law governs us all, and as I wrote earlier, no one is exempt from it.

The writer said: "Mr. Chief Councillor, it's not too late for you to clean up your

act. Admit and pay for past mistakes, turn over a new leaf, straighten up, fly right, and I am sure the people will still embrace you as their leader."

My response: Unfortunately, I can tell you by that last paragraph where the writer is coming from because I know this writer personally. The truth is the only way I will be "embraced" by the writer and associates is if I conform to their politics and support their views on the political front. That is the only way I will be "embraced" by these individuals. I do not play partisan politics on Council, but I will support my party at election time. My political preference is my right as a citizen of our Commonwealth. I will always stand up for what I believe is right in my mind, whether on the Local Government stage or the national level. My advise to the writer is for you to look at your own imperfections before pointing fingers. I could list some of them, but I refuse to cast my pearls before swine, not now at least. I have only had two years of experience in Local Government, and I do not know everything, but as for you, you have much to learn when it comes to politics and community affairs because you know very little. Our Council still has much support, and we have laboured and toiled hard.

I am sure that by now many of you in the wider community of Abaco are wondering what is happening on Man-O-War and why its people are constantly fighting? Well, let me first say that it is only a selected few that are responsible for much of the political mischief and community infighting that has gone on. Most of our people are above that and most are embarrassed at the behaviour of some of our people when they display their political immaturity.

In brief detail, for the sake of not putting our community through perhaps a string of letters and to save our community embarrassment, I will only in brief detail scratch the surface of what has ignited the discontentment and strife that has surrounded community affairs. I will expound upon this subject if the need arises.

When coming to office in 2005, two of the initiatives that we sought to carry out were:

1. Implement our No Burning Policy
2. Make much needed reforms to the Management Board

1. Implement our No Burning Policy

After taking office, Council met several times with the then garbage contractor to try to work with him so that he could help implement the No Burning Policy. The Council never received much cooperation from the contractor regarding the policy. He did however provide the town with good service, as stated in a letter written to him. The Council later found it necessary to introduce a much needed article in the contract. But the Administrator informed myself that in order to do that, the contract would have to go back out for tender. The contract went out to tender and the Council received two bids. The original contractor's bid was \$72,900 and the now contractor's bid was 80,000. The bidder of \$80,000 had a letter attached indicating her willingness to help implement the No Burning policy.

Council's decision was to award the contract to the \$80,000 bidder in principle on the grounds that she had agreed to help implement the policy, followed by a meeting with her, asking her to come down to what Council had in our budget for the contractor, \$73,000 (only \$100 higher than the other bid). She agreed and won the contract. Since that time, some individuals have been distraught and screamed victimization, which is far from the case. The No Burning Policy has been implemented, and all burning has ceased at the dump site. The site has been cleaned and is in a pristine condition. The end of the property is beautified. The only hiccup thus far has been the overbearing presence of house flies. Since then, the bins have been barged away more frequently, greatly reducing the number of flies. The policy is a success and has put waste management at an all time best and Man-O-War is better off because of it. No longer does any resident have to breathe in the toxic fumes of hazardous burning. I know, along with many others, where we brought waste management from while serving.

2. Make much needed reform to the existing Management Board

Another initiative our Council sought to introduce was to make much needed reforms to the existing Management Board. The Council wished to establish the Management Board as a legal entity under the Friendly Society Act. Further, we wished to make clear that only Bahamian citizens were entitled to serve on this board, as we believe that managing the internal affairs of a community is solely and exclusively the right and privilege that only citizens should have. After meeting with this board on several occasions, very little cooperation emerged regarding the reforms and most were not open to any suggestions our members made. The Council then began working with other residents to help establish an Association under the Friendly Society Act. An Association was born, and the Man-O-War Community Development Association is legal and operating effectively, doing positive work within the community. They have openly displayed their finances to the public. Bye-laws to the Association were written, and citizenship is now a credential in being eligible to serve on this board. A few persons were visibly disturbed and their agitation was evident when this scenario was unfolding. I cannot sympathize with them and their plight, for I know this was done the right way.

It is for these reasons, that a group of individuals have been restless in their pursuit to replace the two Councillors and do the utmost to discredit and falsely accuse myself. I think our Council and many residents know that we have worked long and hard for our communities. In this life if you are doing the right thing, people will try to persecute you.

In a thriving democracy and along with any other Councillor in the past or present, some love you and some hate you. Well, love me or hate me, I am what I am, perfect by no means, but I will not hide anything from anybody. My conscious is clear, and our policies have been effective and have made our communities better, without a doubt. I will defend these policies and uphold them until the day I leave office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ones who do encourage and support me. Your kind words and uplifting morale is what keeps me going.

Finally, a word again to the writer of the letter, make sure that you get your facts straight before putting pen to paper, for it is only an embarrassment to yourself. And again, don't hide behind your "concerned resident" name, have the audacity to sign your name so that all of Abaco can know who you are.

You rs faithfully,
Jeremy T. Sweeting Chief Councillor
Hope Town District Council

Letters to the Editor

Letters *From Page 8*

the next grade.

Two students were struggling early in the school year. The parents of these students, along with the teachers' recommendation, chose to let their children continue with the lower grade curriculum. These students are progressing well.

Our school has always been very fortunate, and VERY GRATEFUL for the volunteers that we do have, and we see this as a great benefit to our kids. We in no way want to discourage ANY of our volunteer help, seeing as it is much needed while our teachers are called to meetings and workshops. When other schools have to close for the day, we are lucky enough to have these volunteers to fill in for us so school can continue. We make no apologies for using all these resources.

To comment on the remark about the assignments being written on the board and the students doing them without much teaching, yes, they are written on the board to give students an idea of what the day entails. Each topic is taught in the order it appears on the schedule; and if further help is needed, it is given. Times have changed from past days. Teachers are now asked to plan, prepare and teach up to 16 different subjects.

In response to the whole school year revolving around the Flea Market and other school projects, the Flea market is our only fund raiser of the year and involves many community volunteers, second homeowners, parents, students and teachers. This fund raiser benefits every student in our school. All of our students benefit from this group effort. The school projects that the students participate in off island are always optional and parent approval is mandatory.

The frustrated citizen wrote that two former students from our school had made Super Honour and Honour Roll at Agape Christian School after not doing well here. By Agape standards 10 of the last year's students would have been on the Super Honour Roll and another six would have qualified for the Honour Roll. This success does not happen with teacher neglect.

School is a partnership of teachers, students, and parents and everyone has to do their part to ensure the child's full potential is obtained.

We appreciate the guidance and support received from the parents in the past and look forward to their continued input this year.

Sincerely,
The Man-O-War All Age School
PTA Committee

**Restaurant closings
Guana Cay**

Grabbers closed September 10-17

Marsh Harbour

Curly Tails closed September 15 to October 6

Jib Room closed August 1 to mid-November

Mangoes closed October 1 to November 5

Wally's closed August 11 to November 5

Hope Town

Abaco Inn closed September 4 to October 25

Cap'n Jacks closed August 10 to October 3

Harbour's Edge closed August 18 to mid-November

Dance *From Page 22*

group will be for persons of 18 years of age and up and will be held on Saturday afternoons. Anyone who is interested in joining this group which, Ms. Pilon says, will be a lot of fun is asked to call her on 367-0883 or 551-5883.

C Cooper *From Page 23*

be teaching English and Religious Studies at Abaco Central High School. Mr. Cooper has a desire to visit as many churches in the district as possible but feels that he will eventually find an anchor church which will quite possibly be the Church of God as that has been his church family all his life. He intends to make his presence felt in all aspects of community life here whether religious, social or sporting. "I want to be a part of what is happening," he declares.

Civic Organizations

Pilot Club of Abaco

Third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Central Abaco Primary, Dundas Town, 367-3457

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Cleanup Dates: September 15th & September 29th

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Graduation

From 2

should be given to return the corporation to its original mandate," said Mr. Key.

He mentioned the development of farming and the harvesting of mature pine trees on Andros and Abaco to be milled for construction wood which presented another craft possibility, a hobby of his: wood turning which he thought might appeal to young men. He announced the serious consideration of BAIC to build a farmers' market in the Marsh Harbour vicinity.

Mr. Cartwright took the podium. "I am delighted to be here to congratulate another group of craft men and women who have taken the challenge to entrepreneurship," commenced the minister. He acknowledged the pride of craft people and their desire to produce beautiful things. He reminded the audience how important the craft market is to the local economy. He advised the graduates to be personal with their customers, to explain how the object they were buying was created and with which material to give the a more meaningful memory of their trip. We must also note

that the Bahamian craft industry is facing much competition from other rising destinations," he mentioned. "The Bahamian craft person must reach to the challenge by being original and different, producing something that nobody can say 'I have one just like yours.'" He stressed that by buying raw material in America and China, we put money in their coffers while there is so much material to be found in the Bahamian environment. "I would like to see a committee to ensure that goods of the highest quality are produced," he added. "Adjust to the demand, be alert to the changing needs of consumers and customers," he advised. "I am confident that Bahamian craftsmen will rise to the challenge. When you sell a piece, you want to make sure that your customer has purchased the best piece produced in The Bahamas."

The graduates accepted the Minister's challenge with loud applause. Graduates were presented with their award certificates by Ms. Bowe. Twenty ladies from Green Turtle Cay had attended a straw class on their cay, tutored by Mrs. Myrtle Monroe. The reminder of the graduates, including

12-year-old Kevin McKinney, the only male to take a class, had participated either in the straw class given in the Marsh Harbour area supervised by Mrs. Edwina Miller or the coconut jewelry making taught by Mr. Howard Bevans or both classes.

Mrs. Melony Thompson, President of the National Craft Association admonished, "Become an entrepreneur. Let's do the economy some good and give someone a job."

The ceremony ended with a review of the creations displayed in the church cafeteria. Many beautiful straw bags, purses, pillows, place mats and interesting pieces of coconut jewelry and handicraft, most of it created since the end of the classes was witness to the creativity unleashed by the training. People browsed admiring the display or partook in the refreshments and delicious food.

South

From Page 18

The Naked Dingy Race is the final event of the tourist season by Pete Johnston for his loyal patrons who look forward to the fun, drinking, games, good food and especially the race that lends its name to the event.

Mr. Johnston said, "You don't refer to this as the Naked Dingy Race. We have here are a few individuals who like to express themselves in a natural environment. It has been very well received and today we had over 900 people show up, including some individuals who would be considered unclothed. This event has been going on for 15 years and it has been conducted on a very casual level," he added.

Pete's Pub closes for the slow season, then reopens towards the end of the year in late November.

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To the Chief Councillor and Hope Town District Councillors

I was appalled to read in the last paper the letter that someone wrote about our Chief Councillor. That was uncalled for. All for political pettiness and sour greed. Mr. Chief Councillor, you and the Council have done an outstanding job, especially in Man-O-War. Your list of accomplishments about summed it up. The garbage dump in Man-O-War is in the best shape ever, and the burning has stopped. A picture below shows it. But I encourage anyone on a trip to Man-O-War to visit the dump site because it isn't a dump site at all, it now can be called a park.

Mr. Chief Councillor, although I stated what a fine job you and the Council are doing, I do have a few concerns that I would wish for you to address. One is an old forsaken boat pulled up on Man-O-War shore that is an eyesore and has been for many, many years. Perhaps the Council could see into getting that removed.

Another is the flood of water that settles after every rain storm in front of the hardware storage building. This used to have a proper drain that went into the harbour. But since the reclamation of that land, this is not so, and

is one of the first areas our tourists see when getting off the ferry. Please see into getting the street raised or the area filled in to prevent this flooding that makes the trashy area look even worse.

If you look at the photos, you could say that the dump is in better shape and looks more presentable than the other two areas. You, the reader be the judge.

Again, you and the Council have done a good job, definitely better than most Councils in recent times, to say the least. Don't let them get to you, and I know they won't. Just do what you think is right.

A supporter of this Council



This is the derelict boat, an eyesore for many years, can the Council have this either fixed up nicer or removed?



This is the flood in the area I mentioned, can Council have a drain installed to eliminate this nuisance to our tourists?



This is the town dump, spotless to say the least, and no burning takes place.

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T C Hotel to Banyan Bch Club XX	\$6 + \$3

Airlines Serving Abaco	
Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
Chaulks - Ft. Lauderdale	954-359-0329
Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
Island Express - Ft. Lauderdale	367-0169
Southern Air - Nassau	367-2498
Twin Air Calypso - Fort Lauderdale	367-0140
Vintage Props & Jets - New Smyrna B.	367-4852
Yellow Air Taxi - Ft. Lauderdale	954-359-0292
Local air charters serving Bahamas & S. Florida	
Abaco Air	367-2266

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

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

Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

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

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

Same day fare • Adult prepaid oneway \$16 / Round Trip \$22. • • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride
Green T Cay to Treasure Cay Airport 8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30
T Cay Airport to Green T Cay 8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5
 New Plymouth one way adult \$10 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$15 • Extra to some G T Cay docks

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday Lv 12 & returns 4:45 p.m. \$25 RT
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm \$35 RT
T Cay to Guana Cay Sunset Cruise - Fr \$25 , call for time

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

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

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

The Great Abaco Express Marsh Harbour bus to N Abaco • Call 367-2165
 Lv Marsh H. 5 am & 12:30 pm, connect with ferry to Grand Bahama & bus to Freeport
 Lv Crown Haven 9:30 am & 5:30 pm bringing ferry passengers to Marsh Harbour

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

Tours & Excursions	
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
Above & Below • Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0024
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0431

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

Bonefish Guides	
Sandy Point	Theodore Sawyer ...366-2111
Patrick Roberts	.. 366-4286 Will Sawyer..... 366-2177
Nicholas Roberts	Marty Sawyer..... 366-2115
Derrick Gaitor	Noel Lowe .....366-2107
Ferdinand Burrows 366-4133	Randy Sawyer .....366-2284
Vernal Burrows	
Kendall White	Junior Albury .....366-3058
Anthony Bain	..... 366-4107 Budy Pinder .....366-2165
Floyd Burrows	..... 366-4175
Links Adderly	..... 366-4335
Valentino Lightbourne	
Ricky Burrows	..... 366-4233 O'Donald McIntosh...477-5037
Marsh Harbour	Pope McKenzie .....477-5894
Jody Albury	..... 375-8068 Orthnell Russell .....365-0125
Terrance Davis	.....367-4464 Alexander Rolle .....365-0120
Buddy Pinder	..... 366-2163 Edward Rolle .....365-0024
Justin Sands	..... 367-3526
Danny Sawyer	.....367-3577 Ronnie Sawyer .....365-4070
Jay Sawyer	..... 367-3941 Jeff Survance .....365-4040
Man-O-War	Ricky Sawyer365-4261
David Albury 365-6059
Crossing Rocks	
Tony Russell366-3259

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Bikes & Scooters • Boats • Cars & Carts	
Rentals * Marsh Harbour	
A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
B & B Boat Rentals	367-7368
Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Laysue Boat Rentals	367-4414
Pier One Boat Rentals	367-3587
Power Cat Boat Rentals	367-4620
Quality Star Texaco Cars	367-2979
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887
Wilmac Car Rentals	367-4970 or 367-4313
Green Turtle Cay	
Bay Street Rentals	477-5300 365-4070
Brendals Dive Bikes & Kayak rental	365-4411
C & D Cart Rental	365-4084
D & P Cart Rental	365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
Loggerhead Boat Rental	365-5461
New Plymouth Cart Rentals	365-4188 or 4149
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts	477-5497
T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055
Guana Cay	
Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Dive Guana Boats & bikes	365-5178
Man-O-War	
Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6059
Island Treasures Cart Rentals	365-6072
Ria-Mar Golf Cart Rentals	365-6024
Water Ways Boat Rent	357-6540 & 365-6143
Hope Town	
Bike Shop Bicycle Rentals	366-0292
Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
J R's Cart Rental	366-0361
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069
Treasure Cay	
Alison Car Rent	365-8193
Cash's Carts	365-8771
Claridge's Cart Rentals	365-8248
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals	365-8465
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761

Restaurant Guide

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

Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
Curly Tails	\$\$\$ 367-4444
Gino's	\$ 367-2002
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Hummingbird	\$\$ 367-2922
Jamie's Place	\$ 367-2880
Jib Room	\$\$ 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	..... 367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Pop's Place	\$ + 367-3796
Sapodilly's	\$\$\$ 367-3498
Sea Shells	\$ 367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ + 367-4005
Snappas	\$ 367-2278
Subway	..... 367-2798
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074
Dundas Town	
Mother Merle's	\$\$
Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$ 366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$\$ 366-0087
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$ 366-0095
Munchies	\$ + 366-0423
Sea Spray	\$\$ ‡ 366-0065
Man-O-War	
Hibiscus	..... 365-6380
Island Treats Snack Bar	..... 365-6501
Guana Cay	
Blue Water Grill	\$\$\$ 365-5230
Grabbers	\$\$\$ 365-5133
Guana Seaside	\$\$\$ 365-5106
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Orchid Bay	..... 265-5175
Treasure Cay	
Florence's Cafe \$
Coconuts	.....
Harbour Cafe	\$ 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	..... \$ ..... 365-8648
Spinnaker Restaurant	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-8469
Touch of Class	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-8195
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	..... \$\$\$ ..... 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4389
Laura's Kitchen	..... \$ ..... 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4625
Plymouth Rock Cafe	..... 365-4234
Rooster's Rest	..... \$\$ ..... 365-4066
Sundowners	..... 365-4060
Wrecking Tree Restaurant	..... H Cafe Open Nights Only
Harbour Café (ferry dock) \$ + 365-8635
Sandy Point	
Nancy's
Pete & Gays \$\$\$ 366-4119
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge 366-4477

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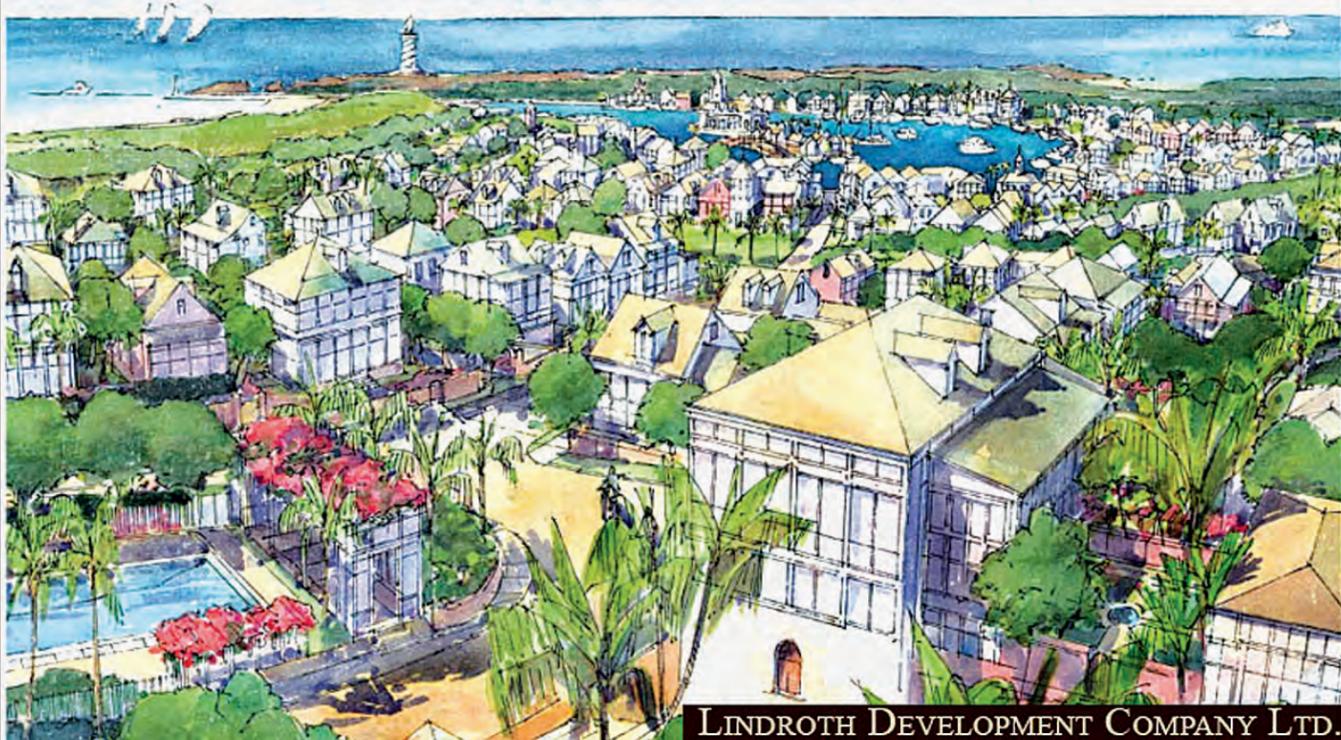
SECTION B



VOLUME 14, NUMBER 17, SEPTEMBER 1st, 2006

Proposed project will be a complete town

Another large development will bring hundreds more visitors



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The proposed Schooner Bay project is situated on the southern end of Schooner Bay. Schooner Bay is located between Bahama Palm Shores and Crossing Rocks. The project proposes to cut into the shore and dredge out a marina in an existing swampy area. The fill will be used to raise the level of the land around the marina.

This is an artist's concept of the Schooner Bay project, a large proposed development. If it is approved, the project will have a total of about 600 units, both condos and private residences, built on 220 acres. It will be a complete community compactly built around a harbour and marina. There will be two villages, one tightly clustered near the marina and center of the development while the other will be a quieter residential area. Running through the community will be a central greenway. It will limit the use of cars so the residents will depend on golf carts for transportation within the project. Dunes and vegetation along the beach will be maintained as well as forested woodlands.

The architecture of the buildings will resemble older Bahamian-style buildings. The preliminary sketches include shops and everything necessary for a small town. These include a yacht club, fuel facility, dry boat storage, community meeting hall, hotel, clinic, fire station, restaurant, tennis courts, even an organic garden. The architectural firm that designed it is the same that designed Seaside Village, a highly acclaimed town in the Florida panhandle. The layout appears to be designed for pedestrian or cart traffic.

Nominations for local government will replace appointed members

Local government elections were held in June 2005. Several districts on Abaco did not nominate enough persons to form committees and districts councils. Central government appointed persons to fill these vacancies and these persons have served for the past two years. The Act requires that the appointed persons serve for only three months.

Last November the people of Man-O-War petitioned central government to hold an election there to replace the two appointed members. They were told that the appointed members could serve for the entire three-year term until the next local government election to be held in June 2008. However, their request for an election was satisfied by the new central government elected in May 2007 and an election was held on Man-O-War on August 2.

There are quite a few town committees and districts councils throughout The Bahamas that had appointed members. Central government recently announced that elections will be held to replace these also. August 28 was the date for anyone to nominate for these positions. The results on Abaco are as follows:

- Hope Town had one vacancy and only one person, Lana Russell, nominated.
- Dundas Town had three vacancies but only two persons nominated. They are Glender Archer and D'Shan Maycock.
- Sandy Point had one vacancy and only Arthur Lightbourn nominated.

No election will be held on Abaco since those who nominated are not being contested. For other areas that had more nominations than positions, the election date will be September 19.

First Caribbean Bank honoured its oldest customers



Mr. Albert Albury is the oldest customer of First Caribbean International Bank in Marsh Harbour and for this honour the bank presented him with a check for \$500. He is now 93 years old. He opened an account with Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, the predecessor of First Caribbean Bank, when it first opened in 1959. Mr. Albert was presented with his check by Juanette Curry, Customer Service Manager, and Bryan Thompson, Relationship Manager, Corporate.

By Jennifer Hudson

Ninety-three-year-old Marsh Harbour resident, Mr. Albert Albury, was honoured in a short ceremony at the First Caribbean International Bank's Marsh Harbour branch on August 20th. Mr. Albury, the bank's oldest customer with an account on Abaco, first opened an account with CIBC here in 1959. Five years ago CIBC merged with Barclays Bank PLC to become First Caribbean International Bank, one of the region's largest financial institutions. Mr. Albury had high praise for the bank saying, "I cannot be treated better and have never had any problems. Everything I own is in

this bank except my house and land."

Mr. Albury was presented with a \$500 gift certificate for Price Right and a First Caribbean gift bag containing a clock, leather portfolio, pens and other gift items by Juanette Curry, Customer Service Manager and Bryan Thompson, Corporate Manager. Accompanying Mr. Albury to help him celebrate the occasion were five generations of his family including two daughters, two granddaughters, two great-granddaughters and a great, great-granddaughter and great, great grandson, whose moth-

Memorial Park in Marsh Harbour is beautified



After many years of requesting that three pieces of land be set aside for public use in Marsh Harbour, Mrs. Yvonne Key finally succeeded in acquiring them from central government. The Marsh Harbour Sporting Association now has several acres on the road to the airport for sporting facilities, the piece where Dr. Ejnar Gottlieb had his clinic is now set aside for a library and a piece on the harbour is dedicated as a Memorial Garden. Mrs. Key has recently landscaped it, putting in paths, sod and decorative plants. The park is dedicated to many people who have contributed significantly to the development of Marsh Harbour. See story on page 2.

Bank celebrated its fifth anniversary

er, Jessica Spicer, is an employee of First Caribbean International Bank.

Ms. Juanyette Curry explained that this day was set aside throughout the entire region of The Bahamas to honour Senior Citizen customers of First Caribbean Bank as part of their five-year celebration of the combining of the two banks. Mr. Albury just missed being the oldest customer in the entire Bahamas by two years.

The bank was festively decorated with multicolored balloons and was playing

Golden Oldies over the loudspeaker "to bring back memories for the senior citizens," stated Ms. Curry. After the ceremony Mr Albury was invited to partake of the large spread of refreshments which had been provided and to which any senior citizens visiting the bank that day was also invited.

First Caribbean International Bank is of the opinion that once people enter their golden years they deserve to be given special regard, and they are happy to give

them a helping hand. Persons 65 years and over can enjoy banking free of practically every regular bank charge. The bank offers a Senior Savings account and a Senior Checking account which allow free deposits and withdrawals and no service charges. The also free Automated Banking Machine (ABM) transactions using a free First Caribbean Bank Card; free Internet Banking and a more favourable interest rate on Savings Deposits. First Caribbean can arrange to have recurring bills and other expenses paid automatically from either of the Senior Accounts and any retirement benefits, pension payments, fixed deposit interest, or other such payments may be deposited directly to a Senior Account. Anyone wishing to open a First Caribbean Senior Account is invited to visit the bank and talk with any of the personal bankers.



Mr. Albert Albury is surrounded by family, a total of five generations. They are, standing, Annette Long, granddaughter; Bessie Pinder and Lela Bethel, daughters; Carter Spicer great, great-granddaughter; and Barbara Bethel, granddaughter. Seated are Maisie Long, great-great granddaughter; Makyla Long, great-granddaughter; Mr. Albert and Jessica Spicer, great-graddaughter.

Memorial Garden Induction Ceremony

By Jennifer Hudson

The Marsh Harbour Memorial Garden Committee will hold its second annual induction ceremony to the Wall of Heroes at 4 p.m. on October 6. Anyone who is interested in having a plaque placed on this wall in memory of someone who has contributed to the growth of Marsh Harbour is asked to contact Yvonne Key 367 2243 or Kandi Pinder 367 2234.

Mrs. Key stated that the ceremony is held each year as close to the National Heroes Day, October 12, as possible but since people may be away for the holiday weekend the ceremony is being held on October 6. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

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Purchaser Pays 1/2 Stamp Tax & Own Legal Fees.

Guana Cay

Sea-To-Sea parcels 2 +/- acres with 100' of perfect beach

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MLS # 1095

Sea of Abaco side is in a cove with great location for private dock. Lush tropical vegetation, great elevation. Ideal location for a family estate/retreat.

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Purchaser Pays 1/2 Stamp Tax & Own Legal Fees.

Guana Cay

10,400 + sq. ft. residential building site

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MLS # 1062

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B\$125,000 Gross
Purchaser Pays 1/2 Stamp Tax & Own Legal Fees.

Lynard Cay

Great investment for a very private and secluded piece of paradise.

Exclusive Listing
MLS # 1096

Beautiful 31,450 +/- sq. ft. Sea-to-Sea property has great elevation and 135' on The Sea of Abaco with deep water for a private dock.

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Guana Cay

Harbour View Haven & Sunrise Cottage

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Perfect opportunity to own & operate your own mini resort which sit on an 11,891 sq. ft. parcel right in the heart of Guana Cay.

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Pelican Shores

"Southwind" on exclusive "Pelican Shores" peninsula in Marsh Harbour

Exclusive Listing
MLS # 1078

This "pie shaped" property boasts 34,385 sq. ft. with 175' near the road and 40' of waterfront with a private, very protected dock

B\$600,000 Gross
Purchaser Pays 1/2 Stamp Tax & Own Legal Fees.

Guana Cay

Orchid Bay is a private, gated, residential community

Exclusive Listing
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Beautiful 36,700 sq. ft. waterfront lot in Orchid Bay development on Guana Cay. Great elevations and views of the Sea-of-Abaco.

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Atlantic Ocean views from second floor

Exclusive Listing
MLS # 1088

Beautiful two story home with 1,200 sq. ft. of tiled living space on the second floor with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms with much more!

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2 beautiful side-by-side residential lots

Exclusive Listing
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These 2 lots are only 150 yards to the 78,400 sq. ft. community beach area on 5 miles of spectacular beach.

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Guana Cay

Located on the water between the Settlement & Blue Water Grill

Exclusive Listing
MLS # 1063

This amazing 3 bedroom 3 bath home built on a 50,730 Sq.Ft. lot with 130' protected waterfront. Ideal spot to build your own private dock.

B\$2,150,000 Gross
Purchaser Pays 1/2 Stamp Tax & Own Legal Fees.

Scotland Cay

Exclusive Private island waterfront lot available

Exclusive Listing
MLS # 1070

Large waterfront residential lot located on the private island of Scotland Cay, with access to the beautiful beach on the Atlantic Ocean

B\$500,000 Gross
Purchaser Pays 1/2 Stamp Tax & Own Legal Fees.

Guana Cay

Unique "Turn Key" business opportunity

Exclusive Listing
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Sea Shores Villas (3 - 2 bd 1-1/2 bath villas), Swimming pool, 250' long protected Marina, Laundromat, Gift Shop & Storage Building.

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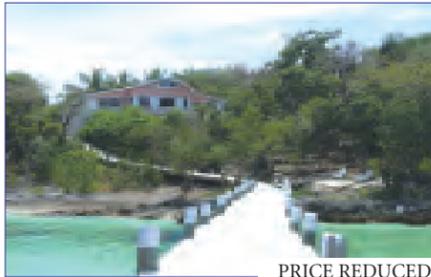
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Sailing trip brought interesting research

By Olivia Patterson
Bahamas Marine Mammal
Research Organisation

I've never spent more than a day or two on a sailboat. Consecutively. And I get sea sick. So why, you ask, did I live aboard one for an entire month, spending full days rolling around in the sea of The Bahamas? The answer, for me, is easy. I love researching whales.

I recently returned to Abaco after a month long charter on the R/V Odyssey, a 95-foot sailboat that the Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organisation chartered as our research platform. The purpose of the cruise was to begin a three-year effort studying the abundance and distribution of beaked whales in The Bahamas. On leaving Abaco my expectations were high – the opportunity of spending so many days at sea would certainly give us the chance to have numerous encounters. We might encounter whales or dolphins everyday – how great would that be! What I found is that this was not only a study on beaked whales, but also a study on our patience and frustration levels.

At the very start of our journey we were unlucky enough to have mechanical problems, so we were detained on Grand Bahama. When our problem was fixed, the weather got too windy for observations. There we were, stuck in a marina . . . not on the water where we were supposed to be. Luckily, we had errands to do and a very

friendly taxi driver to help us along; otherwise, we may have gone stir crazy. One of the best points about our detainment in Freeport was that it was just after The Bahamas general election. Our country was at a turning point, heading for change, and everyone we met had very positive attitudes towards the future. While we were there, a big event was held to welcome the new Prime Minister, Hubert Ingraham, and some new cabinet ministers. There was a great atmosphere at the ceremony, and it was encouraging to see so many Bahamians bonding with each other.

After nearly becoming a fixture in Freeport, the weather finally gave us a break. We were elated to finally start doing research. Eerily surrounded by smoke from the Florida forest fires, we left the harbour and made our way to deeper waters. Our very first encounter was with a large group of Pan-tropical Spotted Dolphins. It was a good sign. The excitement of the encounter gave us hope for more. However, still plagued by bad weather, we spent a good amount of time evading storms. By means



Olivia Patterson was one of the researchers who sailed in the waters of the Central Bahamas studying whales and dolphins. This was a pair of Pan Tropical Spotted Dolphins that they saw. Two whale photos courtesy of BMMRO.

of zig-zag transect lines we made our way through Northwest Providence Channel and south to the Tongue of The Ocean.

Aside from Abaco, Andros is one of the places that the project has spent a significant amount of time (all in recent years). The purpose of our this visit was to test the efficiency of a new surface-towed hydrophone system in detecting beaked whales. The U.S. Navy base AUTECH on Andros has an array of bottom-mounted hydrophones that have already been proven to detect beaked whales. So if we could hear beaked whales on both systems at the same time, then we would confirm that the new mobile system is effective.

It was very windy on Andros, and conditions were not good for finding beaked whales visually. So it was satisfying for the team to at least be able to listen for whales. To the delight of everyone on board (crew included) we heard beaked whales on our towed array! Not only was this a reward for many hours spent rocking around in rough seas, but it means a lot for future research.

After Andros our journey took us to Nassau harbour to switch a couple team members. Ordinarily, you'd think this might affect group cohesion, but our new team members jumped right in and we continued splendidly. It had been many years since I had spent any amount of time around Nassau harbour, and I very nearly got culture shock. Coming from a relatively quiet tourist destination, it was quite an eye-opener to see the hustle, bustle and mass-tourism of cruise ships and tour boats in Nassau.

After Nassau we motored north again. It seemed as though we transversed North West Providence Channel a dozen times, our zig-zag transects taking us back and forth (haven't we already seen the Berrys today? Wait, is that Moore's Island again?)



This is the head of a sperm whale at the surface that had a net that it was entangled in. It was around the lower jaw that would have kept it from feeding. However, it somehow freed itself.

It's sort of a weird sensation to be traveling around like this when you are used to studying in just a 11 by three mile transect grid off Sandy Point.

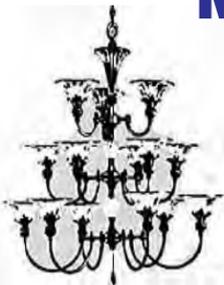
As a result of our course, we were able to identify potential areas of importance for marine mammals in The Bahamas. More research is needed, of course, and more "ground" needs to be covered before conclusions are made. What I do know is that the weather got better, and we had a number of encounters once we made it to Northwest Providence Channel this time.

Most outstanding in my mind was an encounter with sperm whales. This was only my fourth sighting of sperm whales (in nearly 13 years of on and off whale surveys), and we came across a group of them resting at the surface. They were behaving strangely and after a bit we realized one of them was entangled in a net, which is why it was rolling erratically while its counterparts continued traveling.

Part of our group took the tender to get a closer look and found that the net was wrapped around the whale's lower jaw – this would impair its feeding abil-

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(Ref # 442) Choice residential lot on paved Flamingo Drive, located just one block from Ocean Blvd. 10,000 s/f & 80' on the road. All utilities are available at the property boundary including TV & DSL. **\$45,000.**

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Villa project is proposed for Man-O-War

By Jennifer Hudson

Man O War Cay natives, Tommy and Chris Albury, are embarking upon an ambitious project, the addition of The Villas at the Man-O-War Marina. This 28-slip marina, located on the picturesque Man-O-War harbour, has been providing accommodation for discerning yachtsmen for over 30 years. The proposed villas for this unique waterfront property will be built in a style compatible with the atmosphere of the cay. "We are very particular in the style of building we will be constructing," stated Mr. Tommy Albury. "The villas will resemble the older style homes both inside and out while encompassing all the modern conveniences."

Building will take place in two phases. Phase 1 will include buildings 1 and 3. Building 1 will contain the marine office, a restaurant and four hotel suites. Building 3 will offer two 1100-square-foot 2 bed / 2 bath villas on the lower level and two 1790-square-foot 4 bed / 3 bath villas on the upper level. Each villa will be sold completely furnished and inclusive of all taxes and fees. Hardwood floors, custom cabinets, a full appliance package, cable television, high-speed Internet, telephone, reverse osmosis water, swimming pool and automatic standby generator will all be included. Monthly maintenance fees will be assessed based on villa size and these villas will provide excellent rental potential with reduced property taxes.

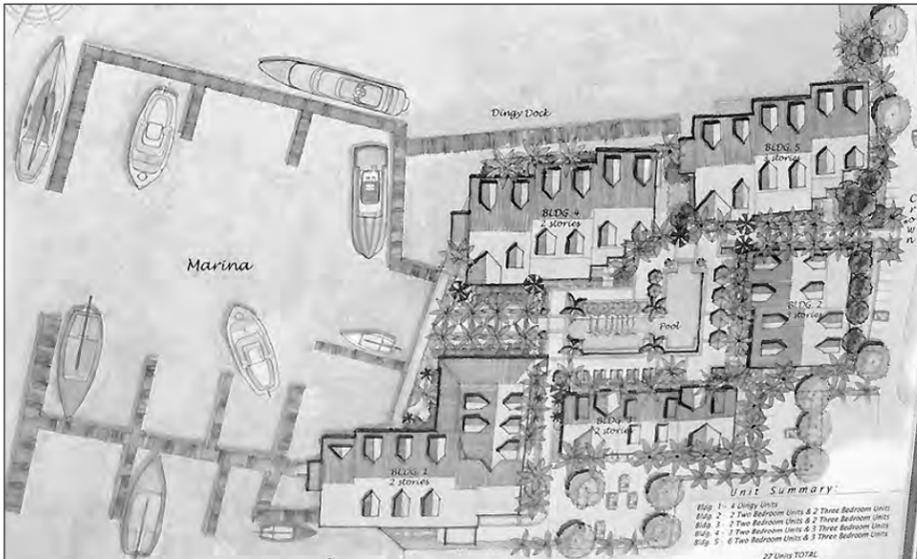
Construction was originally slated to begin on Phase 1 in the Spring of 2007 with completion by the Fall 2007 but, due to various factors the starting date had to be put back a few months. "We are now hoping to start towards the end of this year or early next," stated Mr. Albury. "Once we get building 1 started, it should only be about nine months until we have the four hotel rooms open along with the upgraded marina facility, laundry and guest lounge."

Pre-construction prices are \$595,000 for the two bed / two bath Rough Waters Villa and \$695,000 for the fully furnished four bed / three bath Sweetheart Villa This will include a 25-foot-boat slip.

The Albury families will manage the

utilities and services, and they vow to provide truly worry free living. "There will be a rental programme, and it will also be easy for people to own," stated Mr. Albury.

The projected commencement date for Phase 2, which will be Building 2, is slated for the latter part of 2008. This will encompass a gift shop, retail space for rental with villas above and the pool area. Phase 3 will be the construction of Buildings 4 and 5 which will house two and three bedroom villas. The owners are looking at a completion time of approximately four years for the entire project. When completed, the property will offer 23 villas, four hotel suites, restaurant, upgraded marina and pool in the centre of the exceptionally peaceful harbour and settlement.



This is the artist's rendition of a resort proposed for Man-O-War. The existing Man-O-War Marina with 28 slips in on the left. The right side shows five buildings that include 23 villas that will be individually owned, four hotel suites, a restaurant and upgraded marina facilities. The villas will be put on the rental market when owners are not in residence. This will provide Man-O-War with the opportunity to have a greater flow of visitors coming and going.

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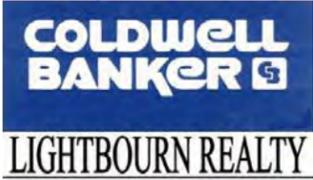
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Students Return from Costa Rica

By Jennifer Hudson

Beatrice Altidor and Shanna-Lee Paul from the Abaco Central High School, Nekhira Saunders from St. Francis de Sales School and Kristina Albury from Forest Heights Academy will all be returning to their respective schools in September with a great advantage over the other students in

their Spanish classes. These four students have returned from Costa Rica where they spent one month participating in a Foreign Language Exchange Programme organized by the Ministry of Tourism. They left Abaco on June 29 and returned home on July 31 having spent the entire month in a Spanish Immersion program at the Centro

Americano de Idiomas in the town of Heredia. They attended classes from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily where they received instruction in the language from university trained teachers.

Ms. Dushenka Roberts from the Ministry of Tourism's Abaco Office, who was chaperone for the group, also attended the Spanish classes. "The programme was very intense so everyone experienced a marked improvement in their understanding and speaking of the Spanish language, and all were shocked to see what they could learn in one month," she said. The host families for the students spoke no English and so the young Abaconians were forced to speak Spanish the entire time.

In fact, hardly anyone in Costa Rica spoke English so they had to speak in Spanish in the shops and wherever else they went. "Although the students found this a little difficult at first, they soon got used to it," said Ms. Roberts. "The students all adapted very well and found the entire trip very exciting though by the end of the month they were really missing their families. However, they all said that they had enjoyed the experience so much that as long as they could see their families occasionally they would love to go back for much longer. The Costa Ricans are very family-oriented and the girls appreciated that. They all sat down to dinner together every night and the students were really

pampered which they loved," stated Ms Roberts.

During the afternoons the students were able to make the most of the very rich culture of Costa Rica. They experienced a wide variety of cultural activities and attended dance and cooking classes. They were taken on a tour of San Jose, went hiking in the mountains, visited the Butterfly Farm in Mariposa which exports butterflies to several countries and visited the Cafebritte coffee plantation where they were shown how the crop is planted, harvested, processed and sold.

Shanna-Lee summed up her experiences by saying, "It was a wonderful experience. I learned a lot and met a lot of people. All of the trips were amazing and the teachers were very helpful. I can now understand and speak the Spanish language so much better."

Ms. Roberts stated that the Ministry of Tourism is trying to get Latin Americans to come here and someone is needed to communicate with them so this programme is really a boost. She was so enthusiastic about the programme that she says she would encourage anyone to do it. A graduation programme will be held at a later date when the students will each make presentations about their visit to Costa Rica and a video of their activities will be shown.



The cadets studying Spanish with the Ministry of Tourism's Foreign Language Exchange Programme returned after one month in Costa Rica with a much better knowledge of Spanish and a love and respect for the people of Costa Rica, their host country. Shown here, back row, Shanna Lee Paul, Nikhira Saunders, and Beatrice Altidor. In the front are Kendra Johson from Nassau, Kristina Albury, Dushinka Roberts and Latoya Johnson. Ms. Roberts was the Tourism chaperone for the trip who also increased her knowledge of Spanish.

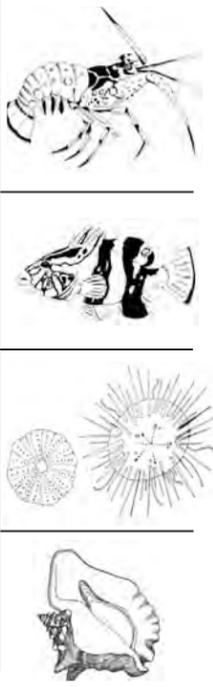
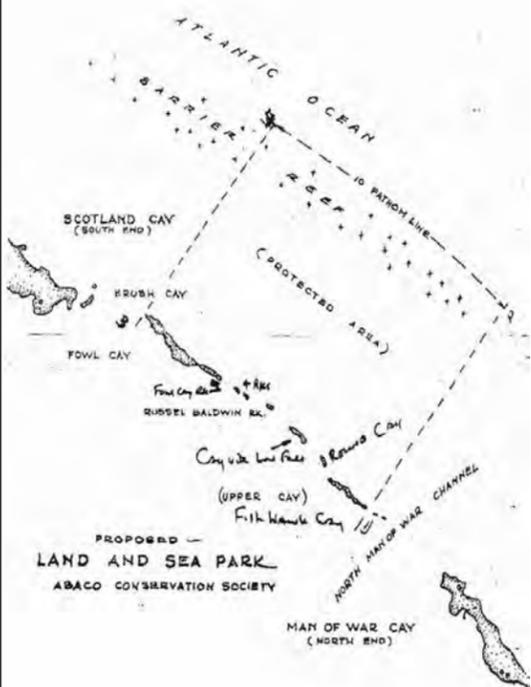
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Fowl Cays, Abaco



REVISED BOUNDARIES FOR THE FOWL CAYS NATIONAL PARK

The Bahamas National Trust recently submitted a proposal to the Government of the Bahamas to have the Fowl Cays area declared a National Park. Once the Fowl Cays and the associated rocks are protected under the national park system, this will ensure that the local communities and visitors to the area will be able to enjoy access to the area for many generations to come. The Trust received several comments from the Abaco Cays community including a letter to the editor, protesting the proposed boundaries. These comments suggested that the boundaries were unnecessarily too broad, and would not be supported by the community.

The Trust would like to thank the Abaco community for the input received regarding the proposal for the Fowl Cays National Park. As a result of the community's input and suggestions the boundaries have been changed to reflect the traditionally accepted boundaries as depicted above.

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Visiting golfers donate generously to local causes

By Mirella Santillo

A group of thirty golfers, the Poop Deck Eagles, accompanied by family and friends, visited Abaco on August 3rd for a weekend of golf. They have participated very successfully in tournaments in Nassau, but this was their first time playing on Abaco.

Friday and Saturday matches took place at the Treasure Cay Club with a grand finale on Sunday at the Abaco Club at Winding Bay. While the men golfed, the other members of the group enjoyed the spectacular beaches of Treasure Cay and Winding Bay. It does not come as a surprise that the visitors enrolled the expertise of our local champion golfer, Mr. Frederik Gottlieb, to join one of the teams. Mr. Gottlieb said that his team, which came second, would have won was it not for several faulty golf carts, "five to be precise," that slowed them down!

At the informal awards ceremony, the committee members of the Poop Deck Eagles demonstrated that they are not only committed to sport competition but also to supporting social programs by extending their generosity to Abaco. Two local causes, the Wild Horses of Abaco and the fledgling Crisis Center of Abaco became the recipients of \$1000 each. According to a witness, Ms. Mimi Rehor of Arkwild was speechless when informed of this windfall and Dr. Sue Fairclough and Ms. Salomie Gibson, founders of the Crisis Center, said they would use the funds to purchase projection equipment for their community presentations to start in September.

Dr. Fairclough, while extending her thanks to the golfers, commented that she "hoped that the golfers had so much fun that many will plan to return well before next year's challenge for more Abaconian hospitality."

Maudco offers security services

By Mirella Santillo

A Nassau-based company offering a versatile array of services has inconspicuously entered the Marsh Harbour scene. According to Ms. Laruha Etienne, the company's contact on Abaco, Maudco can provide you not only with a chauffeur but also with Royal Police Force trained body guards or security guards. Looking to recover moneys due to you? Maudco will take care of debt collection. Need background check on a new employee or client, or any individual? It can do it for you. It even offers private investigation services.

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EXCLUSIVE LISTINGS

Junkanoo committee is reorganized

By Mirella Santillo

The Junkanoo Committee met on August 27th, the first time since January. The Committee Chairman, Mr. Tony Davis, as well as most of Central Abaco group leaders were present: Colon Curry for the Spring City Rockers, Roger Delancy for the Spring City Stingers, Churton Tooté for the Dundas Town Supreme Dancers, Ricardo Brown for Murphy Town Motown Shockers and two new comers, Rev. Charles Carey for the Marsh Harbour Culture Club and Herbert "Milo" Knowles for the Dundas Town Goombay Boys.

The new Administrator, Mr. Cephas Cooper, and the newly appointed District Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Lenora Black, also attended the meeting as well as the Youth Coordinator, Mr. Ismael "Stretch" Morley, Ms. Jaquelyne Estevez, Mrs. Barbara Brown, Mr. G. Deveaux, Mr. Craig Johnson and Mr. Jeffery Victor.

Mr. Morley informed the group that the material for Junior Junkanoo was clearing customs in Nassau and should soon be in Marsh Harbour. The Chairman opened the meeting and relinquished the podium to the Mr. Cooper who knew most of the people present from his previous post as high school principal. He said, "What we want to do tonight is an assessment of what we did last year." Let's right what went wrong and emphasized the good things."

As an answer to the controversial position of the Christian Council towards Junkanoo, the Administrator stated, "I do not see Junkanoo as a thing of the devil; it is our culture; it is part of who we are."

He suggested that the committee be restructured, "to strengthen it and give it more power. I know that an area of concern is the seed money. It has not changed in 12 years. I am going to give my best shot to change that. But as seed money increases, so should the quality of the product," admonished Mr. Cooper. He praised the quality of the school parades and urged the organizers to maintain this standard.

Mr. Davis reviewed the financial position of the committee, going over the various expenses and itemizing the list of sponsors. He explained that the financial set-backs which prevented the committee from buying the prizes for the schools was caused by the fact that the committee had to pay twice for transportation for the Moore's Island's group. The parade had been postponed because of bad weather, but the Moore's Island group had traveled to Marsh Harbour, nonetheless. He promised the representatives of Central Abaco Primary and Wesley College that they would received the promised computers within the next couple of weeks. The issue was discussed at large by several of the members present and the Administrator suggested that perhaps they could be bought locally to ensure local service if needed.

"We have seen Junkanoo grow over the past years, but I still think it could be better," said Mr. Davis. "I want to enroll the efforts of my team members. If the groups could focus and bring their creativity together, we could produce a Junkanoo as good as Freeport's. I hope we have a successful Junkanoo season and that we can work more closely together.

I am always available to give answers or receive suggestions," he concluded.

Mr. Colon Curry stressed the need for Mr. Davis to have an active deputy-chairperson or an active secretary. "Mr. Davis needed some help."

The members appointed board members. Ms. J. Estevez was appointed Co-Chairperson; Ms. Barbara Johnson, Secretary; Mrs. Vanessa Scott, Treasurer; and Ms. Shelley Austin, Public Relations.

The issue of safety and transportation insurance was raised by Ms. Black since children were bused for long distances and Mr. Curry mentioned that he would like to see the parade's route extended. It was decided that these points would be addressed at the next meeting. The date of December 13th was decided upon for the Junior Junkanoo Parade and Boxing Day remained the date for the Senior Junkanoo Parade.

The next public meeting was set for September 10th.



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Bahama Beach Club Hosted a Traditional Jewish Wedding

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The exchanging of the rings (Kiddusin) began with the blessing over the wine

which is a symbol of joy in the Jewish tradition and the shared cup was symbolic of the future the couple will share together. A second blessing consecrated the bride and groom to each other. The bride and groom then placed a wedding ring on each other's forefinger which is traditionally believed to contain a vein leading directly to the heart.

During the nuptials (Nissuin) seven blessings were chanted by the rabbi over a second cup of wine, one blessing for each day of the week. The ceremony concluded with the breaking of the glass for which there are several interpretations and which also signifies the end of the ceremony and

the time for celebration as the couple begin their life together. The wedding guests all shouted "Mazel Tov" meaning good luck or best wishes and traditional Jewish music was played by violinist Jennifer Hudson as the couple walked from the ceremony to the reception.

Approximately 80 guests helped Deysia and Joshua celebrate their wedding, most of whom were from the North Eastern United States. But some came from as far as California and even Europe. A lively reception followed with music provided by The Falcons, a band from Nassau. After a lavish dinner at beautifully decorated tables, the guests and wedding party enjoyed dancing and a huge bonfire on the beach into the wee hours of the morning.

"We could not have chosen a better place for our three-day wedding celebration; everything far exceeded our expectations," said Deysia and Joshua. "We chose

Treasure Cay and the Bahama Beach Club due to the convenience of travel, accommodation for guests and general amenities offered. Though we did not actually visit Abaco prior to the wedding we consulted several previous brides and the Abaco online message board for tips and information. The beach is absolutely gorgeous. One of our good friends said that this wedding celebration will be difficult to top," stated the ecstatic bride.

Deysia and Joshua, who met in college six years ago, now reside in New York City.



A traditional Jewish wedding was performed for Deysia Dundas and Joshua Levis in August on the beach at Bahama Beach Club. This shows the marriage canopy with the bridal party. A rabbi came with the group to perform the ceremony.

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Wedding service providers organize

By Jennifer Hudson

At a meeting in the Ministry of Tourism's training facility on August 13 a group of persons involved in the wedding business on Abaco, whether as coordinators or vendors, gathered to listen to information regarding the wedding market and the formation of the Bahamas Bridal Association Abaco chapter.

Presenting were Ava Burke-Thompson, Senior Manager, Weddings and Honeymoons for the Bahamas Bridal Association, Paulette Davies, President of the Bahamas Bridal Association from Nassau, and Bernadette Hall, Production Specialist for Abaco.

Ms. Thompson spoke on the Ministry of Tourism's endorsement of the Bahamas Bridal Association as the governing body of wedding professionals in the Bahamas and outlined the Ministry of Tourism's marketing strategies. She emphasised the great potential for the growth of the wedding business on Abaco saying, "There are 500,000 destination weddings taking place

worldwide each year at an average cost of \$30,000 each. Abaco can have a part in that market. Couples want a stress-free wedding and depend on the wedding planner to do everything. Abaco's strengths as a wedding destination are its proximity to the US, airlift from major gateways and its multiple destinations. Its weakness is a lack of honeymoon suites. It is the aim of the Bahamas Bridal Association to increase awareness of the Bahamas as a premium destination for weddings and honeymoons and to increase the number of weddings here."

President of the Bahamas Bridal Association, Ms. Davies, stated, "People planning a destination wedding want somewhere which is exotic and beautiful, where they can have a small, intimate wedding which is also different and less hassle. Most couples and their guests stay a weekend or longer which means additional business. We must have good customer service and give our bridal couples the 'wow' factor

to make them feel like a king and queen. The Bahamas is considered a leading destination choice for weddings because we have beaches with natural beauty which are some of the top beaches in the world and are known worldwide. We must learn to monopolise on that advantage. The Bahamas also has an excellent reputation. We are the only country in the Caribbean with a Bridal Association which shows that we are serious about this business."

The Bahamas Bridal Association was formed in 2004 to standardise service and ensure the reputation of the wedding industry in the country. Ms. Davies gave a brief history of the Association and listed the criteria for becoming a member. She addressed the formation of the Abaco Chapter and stressed the importance of being a member.

Ms. Hall spoke about the different options for wedding venues such as the Abaco Beach Hotel and resorts at Treasure Cay, Elbow Cay and Green Turtle Cay. She then addressed the problem of outsiders coming in to provide services for weddings which a Bahamian should be doing and invited Mr. Jerome Hutchinson, Superintendent of Immigration on Abaco, to speak on this

matter. He stated that any person coming to offer any services at a wedding that a Bahamian can offer such as photographer or minister must have a work permit. Photographers present at the meeting stated that they frequently discover that a couple has brought in their own photographer. One coordinator stated that she has seen couples also bring in their own chef. Mr. Hutchinson discussed ways in which these people could be prevented from getting past Immigration and Customs to provide services here and said that he will look into the matter further.

Plans have been underway for some time for Abaco to become an affiliate of the Bahamas Bridal Association and Ms. Hall stated that the August 13 meeting was the actual "sealing of the deal." Several wedding planners filled in application forms to become members. The association has a strict standard of membership, code of ethics and membership requirements in order to uphold its high standard. One of the criteria is the completion of a Bahama-host programme. A three-week Bahama-host programme will begin on September 3rd. Plans were also briefly discussed for the upcoming Abaco Bridal Extravaganza slated for October 18-20.

BTC is promoting a healthy life style

By Mirella Santillo

According to Mrs. Valeria Lightbourne, the chairperson for the BTC's Fun Day/Health Fun Run/ Walk committee, the telephone company has been planning fun and health related events for its employees and their families as well as for residents of various communities of Abaco.

A fun day took place on July 28th in Sandy Point.

A health day event is scheduled for September 8th in Marsh Harbour in the form of a run/ walk race and is opened to the public. Persons interested in participat-

ing can pick up a registration form at any BTC's office and return it there or show up the day of the event at 5 a.m. for late registration. There is a registration fee of \$10 which includes a T shirt and other gifts and surprises.

The event will start at 6 a.m. at the BTC office in Marsh Harbour and will involve walking/ running to the airport and back. There will be trophies and prizes for different categories and refreshments upon returning to BTC.

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April 15, 2007

Viewpoint . . . Inspiration from a handicapped Karate athlete

By Julian Lockhart

I attended a karate tournament a few weeks ago where there was a sensei visiting from Suriname who is currently ranked third in the world in the heavy weight class as a black belt. Sensei Remie Burke, at 46, has become a feared weapon on the mat and continues to be one of the best in his class - all of this despite being physically disabled.

When Sensei Burke was 20, he was involved in a horrific car crash where he completely lost the use of his right arm. Instead of allowing this accident to derail his life and put an end to a blossoming athletic career, Sensei Burke picked himself up and continued moving forward. Even though he competes against athletes younger than he is who have the use of both arms, Sensei continues to win and win impressively as his guile and determination outweighs any physical disadvantage he may have.

Sensei Burke is definitely an inspiration to me and talking with him reveals the depth of this man who has overcome so much to achieve what no one thought he could.

So many of us use excuses as to why we can't make it to the top or why we fail when all we have to do is dig down deep and not allow the hurdles that we face in daily life prevent us from reaching our goal. Each day as we move towards our goals, whether it is financial, business, sports, personal or religious, we face obstacles and people who will try to tear us down. There will always be situations where we feel we can't give it anymore and that we have to give up.

Sensei Burke could have easily done the same thing 26 years ago and had a good

excuse if he gave up on his dream of being at the top in karate. However, instead of giving up, he tried even harder and had to give even more of himself to get where he is today. Sometimes when the going gets tough all we have to do is dig down even deeper to find the resolve that is needed to conquer what is before us. God said He will never give us a burden He knows we can't carry.

There are always great stories in sports and life of people who persevere despite everything, Sensei Remie Burke's story is definitely one of the more inspiring I have ever witnessed.

Comments about euthanizing stray dogs and cats.

I wrote a column a few months ago about the stray dog problems on Abaco and what I thought some of the solutions to the problems could be.

Since then a number of letters to the editor have been printed in response and some people have asked if all of the negativity offends me. My answer is I love when a column of mine can lead people to think and give them a reason to voice their opinions. That is all my column is - my humble opinion.

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There were a number of suggestions from spay and neuter programs, to education, to adoption and the list can go on. All of these programs are great and work in some cases, but who is going to do it and where is the money coming from. Like Cuba Gooding Junior said, "Show me the money." Where is the funding for these spay and neuter programs or the manpower or the money for educating the public about taking care of their pets? I am all for those programs, but people need to stop talking and bring forth some of that money they have because sooner or later the problem is going to escalate to where someone is

viciously attacked by a stray dog.

And as far as the humane society on Grand Bahama, Abaco will gladly accept a portion of your budget for the spay and neuter program to ensure that the stray dogs don't continue to breed. But you know what? You can spay or neuter all the dogs on Abaco and you will still have a stray dog problem and the problem of these dogs attacking children and tourist alike. So that still doesn't solve the pack problems.

Once again thanks for the responses to my column, and I hope my columns continue to at least make people think and want to do something to bring about changes.



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Church holds back-to-school jamboree

By Mirella Santillo

It was more than a back to school jamboree, it was a whole evening of entertainment, organized and sponsored by the members of the Church of the Latter Rain, who bought the school supplies and gave their time and dedication to make a success of the event that took place in the evening of August 25th at Ocean View Park in Dundas Town.

Late afternoon people started to arrive at the Dundas Town park and every child entering was given a ticket to be redeemed later for a bag of school supplies. While at the hot dog stand Mrs. Macey Cartwright, Mrs. Patrice Neely, Mrs. Patricia Cornish and Mrs. Lisa Scott were already busy cooking, ready to serve the drinks and hundreds of free hot dogs to be given away during the evening. The event was aimed at helping needy families with some of the expense of school supplies and to provide the children with an evening of games and fun before returning to school.

All through the event several basketball shoots-out took place to determine the winners of many prizes including two I-pods, the first one won by Long Bay student, Malick Moultrier, the second won by Mrs. Rashel Martin of Spring City, who came first in the ladies' shoot-out. Two City Sport school bags full of supplies were later awarded in the high school shoot-out, the first one won by Nathan from Abaco Central High School and the other by David from Taber-

nacle Christian High School in Freeport.

In between the games ticket numbers were called, and each ticket holder lined up at the distribution table to claim his or her bag handed out by Mrs. Marva Archer, Mrs. Nicolette Turnquest and Mrs. Camille Arnett.

On the basket ball court Mrs. Brenda Archer, the wife of the pastor of Latter Rain Church, Mr. Alex Archer, was orchestrating the event, organizing the games, calling out the tickets and presenting the entertainers. And many were they! The first to perform was a Praise Team followed by Praise Dancers and individual performers Tanya McDermott, Annica Stuart, Laura-lee Swain and Deandra Russell.

The last of the school bags as well as a

large number of back packs were handed out and it was time for the long awaited performers from Nassau to enter the court. The first one to perform was a slender 16-year-old high school girl, Kristen Archer of the Kingdom Empress. What she lacked in size she made up in presence as she sang rap-gospel songs. A large group of children stood listening to her, mesmerized by her dynamism and the lyrics that she had composed. Her attunement with children is part of her life; the St. Augustine College student preforms every week for children of various communities in New Providence.

Next was the popular and well known performer, Mr. Lynx, a reggae-gospel performer who took the stage, engaging the kids to dance, sing and participate in his performance. Last was DJ Counsellor, another rap-gospel composer who writes the music for the Kingdom Empress songs. DJ Counsellor is the Assistant Pastor at Faith Ministries in Nassau and a music producer. He, too, had a very strong presence, rushing on stage, waking up the kids by throwing a few of his CD amongst them and they stayed, waving and dancing to his



Hot dogs, lots to drink, games competitions, prizes and school supplies drew a crowd to Ovean View Park in Dundas Town.

powerful music. All of the performers had a religious message to give and the perfect channel to send it through popular rap and reggae music.

When the function ended, the tired but contented organizers and workers felt it was well worth it. Approximately 200 packages of school supplies and 50 back packs were distributed along with prizes, food, drinks and entertainment, contributing to the enjoyment of all present.



Mrs. Brenda Archer, wife of Pastor Alex Archer of Latter Rain Church, oversaw the activities at the church jamboree. Jada won an MP 3 Player that she won for a basketball toss, one of the popular prizes given out along with back packs and school supplies..

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Viewpoint
Keep North Abaco Clean

By Vernique Russell

As you drive along the streets in some areas of North Abaco you will notice the side roads are filled with garbage. North Abaconians, please, let's take pride in our communities and our streets and let's keep North Abaco clean. This is where we live and our children live; our children and youth are affected by what we do and what they see us do. Children learn with their eyes; whatever they see you do is what they will do. Parents, promote cleanliness; teach your children to respect their surroundings and environment; teach them not to litter. Our surroundings reflect on us so let's work together to keep North Abaco clean, green and pristine. After all, this is where we live.

Obituaries of Family and Friends

Robert Percival Sweeting was born on Man-O-War Cay on December 8th, 1919.



Mr. Percy moved to Nassau at age 15 and became a crew member on the Betty K under the care of his cousin. He later married Venie Elizabeth Sweeting and they

were blessed with 12 children. He and Venie missed home so much that they moved back to Man-O-War Cay and lived in their home until the time of his death. He owned a grocery and clothing store. He also owned a boat and they would load up with clothing goods and go as far North as Grand Cay selling their goods, stopping at all the cays and fishing on the way. Mr. Percy was a farmer, fisherman and painter. After he became a Christian, he enjoyed being in the house of the Lord, and helped in any way he could. In his later years he spent a lot of time at the

Sweeting's Tract relaxing. Mr. Percy was the first person to break ground and settle on the Sweeting's Tract, now known as the Sweeting's Village.

Mr. Percy was pre-deceased by his wife Venie of 62 years and his son Lil Ernie. Pa Percy, as he was affectionately called, will be missed by all.

Mr. Percy is survived by his children Redith, Robert, Charlie, Celia, Walter, Peter, Linda, Ernest, Jerry, Brenda and Reginald; sons-in-law Philip Albury, Eugene Weatherford and Rowan Sands; daughters-in-law Elaine, Maggie, Heather, Winnie, Diane, Evelyn, Sue and Christina; grandchildren Debbie, Kevin, Robbie,

Jessica, Jonathan, Tommie, John, James, Beth, Andrew, Laura, Fred, Junea, Leola, Joel, Amos, Lydia, Rebekah, Jeremy, Angie, Timothy, Nicholas, Tad and Nathan; grandsons-in-law George Malone, Kevin Pinder, Mike Bodamer, Pete Roberts and Nicholas Lowe; granddaughters-in-law Dorinda, Jamie and Sabrina Sweeting; great-grandchildren Joshua, Nathaniel, Candace, Faith, Brianna, Lil Robbie, Kale, Kara, Chloe, Mafia, Skyler, Riley, Brooklyn, Felicia and Aaliyah; sister Beryl Sands; brothers-in-law Donald Russell and Paul Sands; sisters-in-law Fannie and Sally Sweeting; nieces; nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

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Abaco Properties

Dundas Town Crown Alloment 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 Alloment 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



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 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.

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

Eleuthera - Lot No. 14B & 7B, Palmetto Point Appraisal: \$513,959



office. The entire house is equipped with central air-conditioning. The upper floor to the porch area has been converted into a storage and an area for the irrigation system end equipment. There is a pool area at the rear of this building approximately 537.14 sq. ft. with the garage area approximately 777 sq. ft. This area is complete with all utilities and services available.

All that piece parcel or lot of land and improvement comprising of 20,355 sq. ft. being Lot #14B and 7B and situated in the Palmetto Point District of the island of Eleuthera, Northward of the public road which runs from the Palmetto Point settlement to Savannah Sound in the coastal area northward of Ingraham's Pond, and which said piece, parcel or lot of land and improvements forms a portion of several parcels of land containing 2,947 acres or thereabouts and which also includes Lot No. 713. This site encompasses a 2-storey structure comprising 3-bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms, front room, dining room, dining room, family room, utility room, pantry, kitchen, stairwell, basement, 2-car garage and attic

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.

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

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



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

All that place parcel or lot of land having an area of 9,644 sq. ft. being lot #1 in block 45, Section E in the subdivision called and known as Eleuthera Island Shores Subdivision, situated in the vicinity of Hatchet Bay Harbour, on the Island of Eleuthera, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. This site encompasses a two-storey building which is approximately 14 yrs. old and is abandoned. There is a wooden landing approximately 7'-4" wide by 20'-0" on the upper level, approximately 1,610 sq.

New Providence Properties



Lot 382 Winton Meadows Appraisal: \$365,000.00

All that piece, parcel or lot of land having an area of 8,300 sq. ft. being lot No. 382 situated in the subdivision known as Winton Meadows, the said subdivision situated in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence, Bahamas. This property is comprised of a 24-year-old single family residence with an attached efficiency (formerly the carport) consisting of approximately 2,675 sq. ft. of enclosed living area, front porch 198 sq. ft., back patio 380. The building is a two storey house. Besides the efficiency apartment, the house is comprised of 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms inclusive of a master bedroom suite upstairs. Foyer, front room, dining room, powder room, utility room, breakfast nook and kitchen downstairs. Climate control is provided by ducted central air conditioning with air circulation enhanced by ceiling fans and other amenities. Quality of construction: Average. Standard of maintenance: Average. Effective age: 7 years. The land is on flat terrain; however, the site appears to be sufficiently elevated to disallow the possibility of hooding under normal weather condition including annual heavy rainy periods. The grounds are well kept with improvements including neatly maintained lawns with flowering trees and a concrete garden/storage shed which is located in the backyard. The yard is enclosed along the sides with chain-link fencing and concrete block walls that are topped with metal railings and metal gates at the front and back.

Traveling east on Prince Charles Drive, pass the streetlight at Fox Hill Road until you get to Meadows Boulevard, turn right onto Meadows Boulevard, go south and take the 4th left, then 1st right. The subject house is the 2nd house on the left side painted beige trimmed white.



Kennedy Subdivision Nassau Appraisal: \$188,406.00

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

Lot No. 25 Orchard Close Sea Breeze Nassau Appraisal: \$183,430.00



All that lot of land having approximate area of 5,000 sq. ft. more or less being lot 1 of the subdivision Orchard Close, situated at the southeastern corner of Sea Breeze Lane and the roadway of Orchard Close about half mile west of Fox Hill Road, in the property encompasses a 1 bedroom apartment is the principal improvement. The quality of construction is average and maintenance is fair, so the effective age of the building is 8 years besides the apartment. The house is comprised of 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, a utility area and a covered area that is being used for the preparation of catered meals. Also attached to the house is an open back patio with concrete block railing. Climate control is provided in the house by ducted central air conditioning. The lot is completely enclosed by chain link fencing in part and by concrete block walls and metal gate in part. The grounds are fairly maintained with minimal landscaping in place. Travel south on Bay Lily Drive, turn right onto Sea Breeze Lane. Go to the 5th corner right. Subject property is 1st left painted white trimmed white.

Lot No. 370 Grenada Close Golden Gates #2 (Nassau) Appraisal: \$149,405.60



All that lot of land having an area of 5,500 sq. ft., being lot 370 Grenada Close of the subdivision known and designated as Golden Gates No. 2, situated in the Southwestern district of New Providence Bahamas. This property is comprised of 25-year-old single family residence consisting of approximately 1,234 sq. ft. of enclosed living space with 3 bedrooms, two bathrooms, living/dining room, and kitchen. The land is on a grade and level and appear to be sufficiently elevated to disallow the possibility of flooding during annual heavy rainy periods. The grounds are fairly kept with improvements including driveway, walkway and low shrubs. Yard is enclosed with chain link fencing to the sides and rear.

Lot No. 1490 Appraisal: \$162,400.00



Golden Gates Section 2 All that lot of land having an area of 6,000 sq. ft. Being lot no. 1490 of the subdivision known and designated as Golden Gates, the said subdivision situated in the southwestern district of New Providence, Bahamas. This property is comprised of a 25-yr-old single family residence consisting of approximately 2,480 sq. ft. of enclosed living with three bedrooms three bathrooms, living room and kitchen. The land is on a grade and level; however, the site appears to be sufficiently elevated to disallow the possibility of flooding during annual heavy rainy periods of the year. The grounds are fairly kept with 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. 12, Block 3, Millar's Heights Appraisal: \$239,500.00



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 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.

Lot No. 6, Caroline Estates Appraisal: \$165,091.50



All that lot of land having an area of 4,800 sq. ft. being lot No. 6 of the subdivision known and designated as Caroline Estates, the said subdivision situated in the western district of New Providence, Bahamas. Located on this property is a structure comprising of a 3 yr. old single family residence consisting of approximately 1,255 sq. ft. of enclosed living space with 2-bedrooms, 2-bathrooms, 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 with improvements including walkway and low shrubs. The yard is not enclosed. Fence posts are in place for fencing.

Travel west on Cowpen Road, pass the stop light at Cowpen and Faith Ave., make the first left after stop light The subject property is the 5th house left painted olive trimmed white.

VACANT PROPERTIES

New Providence Vacant Property

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

All that lot of 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

Nassau Village Subdivision Appraisal: \$70,212.50.00

All that lot of land having an area of approximately 5,000 sq ft, being lot No. 11 & 12 of the subdivision known as Nassau Village Subdivision, Situated in the eastern district of New Providence, Bahamas. This property is zoned multi-family/single family. This property is comprised of foundation for a duplex building consisting of approximately 1,985 sq. ft. of enclosed living space. The floors are poured, electrical and plumbing roughing is in place. Travel east on Charles Saunders Highway, pass Arawak Homes development on the left side of the highway, take second corner left, make a right turn, go all the way almost to the end of the road. The property is on the right by "Fish for sale" sign with boat in the yard..

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.

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Whales

From Page 4

Part of our group took the tender to get a closer look and found that the net was wrapped around the whale's lower jaw – this would impair its feeding ability. Talk about feeling helpless! A more than 30-foot, 30-ton animal is confused, frustrated . . . and in danger of starvation if the net remains as is. What to do? And what is the best way to go about it? I'm sure you've seen similar incidents on National Geographic and can picture what it may have been like. Lucky for us (and the whale) it miraculously cleared itself of the net. There was a moment of silence and then the whale breached out of the

water, perhaps in celebration or possibly to send a message to the other members of its group. Needless to say, we were all elated. The culprit – you've seen them – was a light green plastic fishing net which we removed from the ocean. The Bahamas has no large scale net-fishing operations so you might not expect many entanglements to happen. Unfortunately, we see evidence all the time – in scars on animals and occasionally seeing a whale with rope, line or some other packing material wrapped around it. Pollution is obviously a problem for these animals.

We continued our transects of the Great Bahama Canyon and had sightings of Bla-

inville's beaked whales, Dwarf and Pygmy sperm whales, Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins, Atlantic spotted dolphins, more pan-tropical spotted dolphins, more sperm whales and some animals which we were unable to identify as they were too far away. Near the end of the trip we found ourselves in South Abaco. Ironically, a portion of our "long distance" survey took place in home territory. While surveying in Cross Harbour we found a group of Atlantic Spotted Dolphins. At first I thought they may have been feeding on schooling fish, but as we got closer we found that the group was mating and socializing. This is a side of dolphins that the casual observer rarely sees. It was exciting

and peaceful at the same time. A chance to see nature at work and know there's still hope. To top that, we had another encounter with Blainville's beaked whales and our biopsy team was able to get a blubber sample, rounding off the list of completed goals for the cruise. The amount of information that can be gleaned from this tiny bit of skin and blubber is amazing, and I am looking forward to finding out more about this whale once the results come back.

Our cruise came to a close on Abaco, leaving me with new friendships, new encounters, new possibilities and a desire to get back out there and see what else there is to discover.

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MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTIES

More New Providence Properties



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

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 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. 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



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 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.

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 left onto first paved road opposite Lowe's Wholesale, 2nd to last house on

the road with chain link fence.

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.



#36 Beaconsfield Ave, Sunrise Park Subdivision, Freeport, Grand Bahama Appraisal: \$84,000.00

Side 'A' of a single storey duplex dwelling. Side A covers approximately 1,522 square feet of living space. (The enclosed patio/family room covers 197 square feet). Additional accommodations include a covered front entrance. A spacious living and dining area. Full service kitchen with snack counter. Enclosed patio, family room with small laundry room, hallway with utility closet. A hallway bathroom and two auxiliary bedrooms with closets and a master bedroom with a walk-in closet and



Fairway Manor Condominium Appraisal \$73,000

Apartment 402, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Lot 4 Block GN Edward Birch Curt, Bahamian North

Long Island Properties



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

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

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.

Tropical Gardens Subdivision Appraisal: \$112,350.00

All that lot of land being Lot #5 of Section #1 situated on Tropical Gardens Drive in the Tropical Gardens Subdivision, a said subdivision situated in the western district of New Providence, Bahamas. From Blake Road heading West turn into Tropical Gardens Drive, pass Douglas Road, fifth lot on right hand side of road. The property is rectangular in shape and has an area of approximately 11,320 sq. ft.

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.

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.

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.

Eleuthera Vacant Property

North Eleuthera Heights, Eleuthera Appraisal \$41,275.00

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

VACANT PROPERTIES

Eleuthera Vacant Property

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Police Crime Report

Burglary - A Marsh Harbour woman awoke in her bedroom about 3 a.m. on August 1 with an intruder fondling her. She screamed and he fled.

Housebreaking - A Murphy Town house was broken into during the morning of August 2. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Unlawful sex - A mother in Sand Banks reported that in the afternoon of August 3 her 14-year-old daughter was found behind the Full Gospel church along with a boy. The mother suspects there was sexual activity.

Causing harm - A Crossing Rocks man was assaulted late in the morning on August 3 with a bottle to his forehead by a young man while at M & M Grocery in Marsh Harbour. He suffered injuries.

Causing harm - A Marsh Harbour resident was attacked by a group of young men while at a bar in Little Harbour. He was chopped on the arm by a cutlass and subsequently flown to Nassau for further medical treatment. A Cherokee man was later arrested. The incident happened about 10 p.m. on August 3.

Possession of dangerous drugs - Three Cherokee men were arrested just before midnight on August 4 when discovered in

Marsh Harbour with a small quantity of marijuana.

Shopbreaking - Bristol Cellars liquor store in Marsh Harbour was broken into during the holiday weekend of August 7. Nothing appeared to be missing.

Threats of death - A Crossing Rocks woman and her father were threatened with death by her estranged husband about 9 p.m. on August 7. She suspected that he had a firearm.

Housebreaking - A resident of Little Harbour reported a house break-in during the day of August 3. Jewelry and cash were stolen.

Vehicle fire - At 3:40 a.m. on August 12 a car was discovered on fire in a secure area on the Marsh Harbour freight dock. The Marsh Harbour volunteer firemen put the fire out but the vehicle was totally destroyed. The cars on either side were extensively burned.

Housebreaking - A room at the Conch Inn was broken into during the morning of August 9. A cell phone, diving equipment and personal items were stolen.

Damage - During the night of August 11, a Boston Whaler was vandalized while tied at the owner's dock in Sandy Point.

Stealing - An employee of the Abaco

Club at Winding Bay reported the theft on August 15 or 16 of a substantial quantity of scrap copper.

Possession of dangerous drugs - Two Guana Cay residents were arrested on August 17 at their home after a search warrant was executed and marijuana was discovered.

House breaking and stealing - An employee of the Green Turtle Club had her room broken into during the afternoon of August 19 and her handbag was stolen.

Missing person - A guest at the Abaco Club was reported missing after taking pictures on the coastal bluff at sunset on August 19. Divers found his body the next day in the water off the bluff.

Assault with a deadly weapon - A group of Cooper's Town men fired multiple shots from two shotguns at a Crown Haven youth about 11 p.m. on August 20. The youth fled to his home without injury and informed his father who called the police.

Sudden death - Robert Percival Sweeting, 88, died of

natural causes at his home in Man-O-War Cay on August 21. He had been under a doctor's care.

Unlawful sex - A resident of Pigeon Peas suspects that his 14-year-old daughter is sexually active and asked for police assistance. A medical exam is scheduled for August 22.



This is the car in the secure area at the Marsh Harbour freight dock that burned during the early morning of August 12. The cars on both sides were extensively damaged.

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A Tribute to Percy Sweeting

By Jeremy Sweeting

We sorrow today, but he is far better off today than he was yesterday. I have to thank the Almighty for blessing all four of my grandparents with longevity. All four of my grandparents were blessed as they were 73,78,79, and 87.

Today as I stand here and remember him, I think that if not for his hard work, Sweeting's Village, formerly known as the Sweeting's Tract would not be the popular residential spot in Marsh Harbour that it is today. Much work went into the Sweeting's Tract.

I will never forget the early days as I call them over there when it was secluded and quiet and how peaceful it was on Pa Percy's little guest house on the shore. It was the only house on the Sweeting's Tract at the time, and believe it or not, that was only about 18 years ago.

Within the last seven or eight years, we have lost a lot of the older generation. And with his passing, it signals that the end of this great generation is fast approaching. This generation built our community and we are forever grateful. We must never forget the contributions made by this generation in so many ways. If not for Pa Percy, we may not be in this particular spot today for worship and remembrance, for he donated the

property that this church is sitting on.

It has been a great reunion this morning when Ma and Pa was reunited, along with his mother Celia whom he lost at the age of 4, and his father, Ernest, who was lost at sea when Pa was only 20. I am sure he is reunited with his son that he lost, 'Lil Ernie. But today he has also seeing his Saviour face to face. Surely it has been a glad reunion day.

Today is a sad day for all of us, but it is an exceptionally sad day for myself, Angie and Timothy as we say goodbye to our last grandparent. Some of you in the family or others out there may still have a grandparent with you, but Pa Percy was our last. Of my four grandparents, I was blessed, and I believe I tried my very best to do whatever I could for each of them while they were alive.

I am saddened, as you see grandchildren in the world today and the only time they bid their grandparents is their attendance at their funeral, if that. Everyone only has four grandparents, and you have limited time with them. You should take time for them.

Many grandparents didn't want anything from their grandchildren but their company. That's all. And when it's all over, and you lay your very

last grandparent to rest, you will have wished you could have spent more time. You will never get the opportunity again. I am not boasting, but I think I did whatever I could for my grandparents, and I still find myself wishing at times they were still alive so that I could have yet another opportunity to do for them. When people say they love somebody, in ways it doesn't mean anything. You can say you love somebody, and it may be genuine. But what you feel only matters to you - because only you can feel it. It's what you do for the people you say you love, that's what matters and that's what counts.

So, in saying that, you out there with grandparents, take some time, spend some time, make them laugh, do something extra for them. I can stand here with a clear conscience and with no regrets.

My grandparents passed on a Christian heritage that we will not let die. I miss all of them greatly and each of them has made a lasting impression on me.

And so to Pa Percy, Ma Venie, Pa Bayron, and Ma Thelma, I miss you all greatly, and one day we will see you again.

Parents can help children succeed in school

Students are returning to school for the beginning of a new school year. Parents can do much to assist their children in doing well in school.

Make sure your child gets enough sleep every night. Even teenagers need at least eight hours of sleep.

Homework tips for parents

Provide a quiet, well lit place and make needed materials handy. Turn off the television, radio and loud music.

Be positive. Your attitude will be the one your child acquires.

If your child is reading, you read, too. If your child is doing math, balance the checkbook. Show that skills they are practicing are related to what adults do.

If your child seems frustrated, suggest a short break.

If homework calls for your participation, get involved. If it is meant to be done alone, stay away. Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent life-long learning skills.

Homework tips for students

Try to do your homework at the same time every day. Don't leave it until just before bedtime.

Make time for long term projects. If you need special materials for it, tell your parents well in advance.

Spend more time on hard homework than easy homework.

Find a place that makes studying easy and do your homework there every day.

Making lunches that are nutritious

Most parents nowadays do not pack

lunches for the school children. But this is one way to assure that your children are getting nutritious foods. They need variety. Try to use a whole grain breads and wraps. Use lunch meats with lettuce, grape tomatoes, fruit.

Use finger foods such as whole grain crackers, baby carrots, celery and other vegetables. Fresh fruit is preferable to foods with a lot of sugar.

Snacks should be healthy

When children get home from school, they often want a snack. Make sure these are healthy such as fruit, milk, peanut butter sandwich, low fat popcorn, low fat yogurt.

Good - rice cakes, baked potato chips, low fat plantain chips, 100 percent fruit juice

Better - Fruit cup, yogurt, low fat pudding, dried fruit such as raisins, frozen yogurt or low fat ice cream

Best - fresh fruits and vegetables, lightly salted nuts, fat free popcorn, whole grain low sugar cereals, whole grain crackers, low fat cheese, low fat milk

After school activities

Children need active exercise every day. PE at school is not enough.

Limit television to week ends or very restricted times on school days. Get a timer and set it to keep track of the time.

Television and children

Many children are used to many hours of television or video games. But this can be bad for their mental and physical health. Families need to have goal of increasing literacy and reducing television and video games. Experts now recommend no television at all up to the age of two years. After

that strict limits, perhaps one to two hours per day. Besides being tuned into more television, they are also watching more programs with adult material that is not age appropriate.

Recent research shows a possible link between early exposure to television and attention deficit disorder and other learning disabilities.

Television rules

Limit the time children watch television, preferably television commercial-free programs or videos.

Monitor the time and quality of internet

activity

Don't let kids watch television alone

Watch television with your children so you know what they are watching and comment on content

Find other activities such as board games, reading, cooking, family exercising, walking

Remove television sets from children's rooms. Studies show that children with televisions in their rooms are more apt to be obese.

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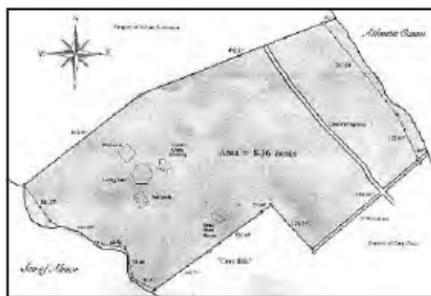
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Viewpoint . . . Change is Not Always Bad

By Vernique Russell

When is change good or when is change bad? How do we know when change is needed? According to my mind, I think that anytime we are doing something that is showing little to no improvement in what we want to correct, then change is needed. Also whenever complacency and comfortableness sets in and prevents us from fulfilling our duties, change is definitely needed. "Where is this writer going with this?" you are wondering. Well, wonder no more; I will tell you.

For many years we have tried to fix many problems; we have watched our children fail in the school system; we have watched our young men fill the prisons and we have watched our young ladies give birth when they can barely take care of themselves.

The thing that is still puzzling everyone is how does this happen? and why? Year after year we see the numbers for these alarming situations get higher and higher. How can we get a different answer to the problem when we use the same method? I personally believe that complacency has set in every area of society and is daily ruining our lives.

Time after time teachers, preachers, police officers, custom officials or immigrations official are dispatched to their various position. They enter the land with one goal and that is to carry out their duties. For a few months these people exercise their authority without fear and favoritism, and then suddenly things change. They become ineffective in their positions. However, we allow these people to remain in authority.

When no results are seen, we become upset.

Most of the time what happens is that these people become too familiar with the general public, and this plays a major role in how they exercise their authority. They become indifferent and help, in most cases, the people in the wrong rather than those who need to be protected. What am I saying? I am saying that I think it is time we think about this matter in another light and make changes where they need to be made. Check stock and see where things have gone wrong and let's get it right. Change is not always bad, sometimes it brings out the best.

Generator fumes are deadly

Four deaths in Florida were attributed to improper use of generators used in power outages caused by Hurricane Katrina. One couple died from a generator in a utility room adjacent to their bedroom. Another family was hospitalized from exhaust fumes coming through an open window although the generator was outside. Fifty-five deaths in the United States were attributed to generator fumes during the 2005 hurricane season.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless gas commonly generated from engines and the by-product of burning fuel. Kerosene heaters used inside houses in cold weather have caused deaths. Charcoal grills used inside a house for cooking or heating will release

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Nurse returns home to work

By Mirella Santillo

If you visit the Abaco Family Medicine, a young nurse named Ellen may take your vital signs, give you an injection or assist either Dr. Binard or Dr. Boyce while you are being examined.

Ellen was born in Dundas Town of Haitian parents but left Abaco after completing primary school at St. Francis de Sales when she was 12 years old. She was chosen to go to Father Flanagan's Boys and Girls Town near Omaha, Nebraska, where she lived in a home with a few other children and house parents and went to a Catholic high school until she graduated.

Ms. Ellen Loeys always wanted to be a nurse. "When I was small," she recalled,

"I use to get hurt a lot and the nurses were always nice to me. It made me want to be a nurse, too." She completed her nursing career by attending the University of Nebraska Medical School, then transferred to a nursing school from which she graduated in May 2006, with a bachelor's degree in nursing. Ms. Loeys became a registered nurse in the United States.

However, her plans were to move back to Abaco which she did last November. She became licensed as a nurse in March and is now working full time at the clinic.

Ellen, a soft spoken woman, said she enjoyed being home because most of her family and friends are here and because she wanted to assist the community with its medical needs.

"Also, I feel I can be a role model for other young girls. I found a lot of support in the United States which helped a lot to motivate me. It could happen to somebody else. I was determined to succeed and not go through the same struggle as my parents. I went through college as a single mother and feel grateful for the support I received from my siblings, my family and the encouragement Dr. Marc Binard provided me for the last four years when sometimes I felt like quitting. I am also thankful to Dr. Frank Boyce and Dr. Binard for accepting me as a staff member in the clinic."



Ellen Loeys

Reserve officers do walk-about



The new reserve officers of the Royal Bahamas Police Force did a walk-about in the Mud and Pigeon Pea immigrant communities. They were accompanied by Supt Wayne Miller, officer in charge of Abaco.

Generators

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the fumes. Cooking on a gas or charcoal stove is not generally considered dangerous as the fire is on for a limited interval. Heaters and generators pose the larger problem as their fumes will accumulate overnight into lethal concentrations.

Generators should not be run inside a building. This includes utility rooms and garages. Automobiles left running inside a closed garage will produce the same lethal carbon monoxide fumes.

Tips for healthy living

By Vernique Russell

Obesity is the second leading cause for death worldwide. Obesity is "suicide." Over 70 percent of the Bahamian population is obese. Obesity is also associated with 30 medical diseases including cancers, birth defects, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and arthritis. However, treatments are available to assist in controlling overweight and obesity. Treatments include dietary therapy, physical activity (the key to losing weight), behavior therapy and drug therapy. With these facts in mind doctors are encouraging patients to be more alert and concerned about their health. These steps can go a long way, if followed daily, to provide a healthier lifestyle. The steps are:

- Choose foods low in calories
 - Eat 5-9 servings of fruits and vegetables per day
 - Choose foods with less sugar and salt
 - Limit the amount of high fat foods you eat
 - Choose foods for nutritional value
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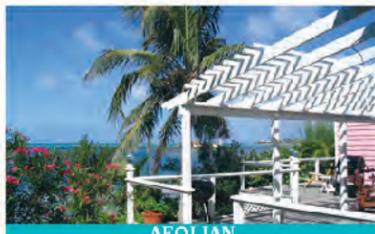


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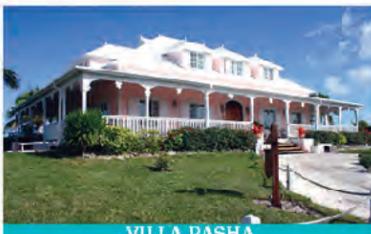


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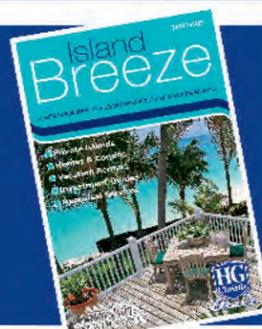


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