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Man-O-War Pirates Win Tournament Fast Pitch Softball Tournament Drew International Team



The Man-O-War Texaco Pirates compete each year in the Amateur Athletic Union in the States. This is the first year that they have hosted a tournament. They easily won the tournament against the Miami Presidente and the Marsh Harbour Sluggers. The Pirate team shown above are, standing, Robbie Scheller from Canada, Andrew Albury, Lyle Sawyer, Doug Sleep from Michigan, Tim Albury, Grant Albury and Barry Kaler; seated, William Weatherford, Rhys Casley from New York, Edward "Cheno" Lamb from Miami, Haziell McDonald, Fred Sweeting and Nathaniel Malone.

By Mirella Santillo

The Man-O-War Fast Pitch Softball team, the Texaco Pirates, have been competing in the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) for a few years, placing third in that championship this year. But this year for the first time they hosted an international tournament at home. Since 2003 they have become a team to fear as they just demonstrated by their 10-1 and 5-2 victory on May 26th over the Presidente team from Miami. Three teams competed on Man-O-War the weekend of May 24th to May 26th: the Miami Presidente, the Marsh Harbour Sluggers and the Texaco Pirates.

The tournament started on the Thursday evening with an elimination game. Texaco Pirates' Capt. Haziell McDonald said they won that first game against the Presidente by 4-3. Two games took place on Friday with the Presidente winning against the Sluggers 4-2 and the Pirates defeating the Sluggers 8-0. It was a bitter defeat for the Sluggers who forfeited the Saturday's games.

There was a party atmosphere Saturday afternoon at the ball field. The Bahamian flag was flying high on that windy day and locals had set up their tables under a tent with homemade cakes and cookies while children practiced on the incredibly beautiful and immaculate field built at the edge of the ocean, waiting for the games to start. The

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Tourism Visits North Florida

By Michelle Mikula

On May 17th some 200 years after its founding, Abaconians traveled back to St. Augustine, Florida, a place where their ancestors dwelled before relocating to Abaco in 1783.

Don Cornish, Director of Tourism for Abaco, and his staff led the voyage to par-

ticipate in the First Annual Junkanoo Island Festival, which celebrated the history and culture of the two communities while promoting the destination of Abaco.

City Commissioner George Gardner stated that St. Augustine, which is the United

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Heavy winds drove boat aground



The Skifwake ran aground off the northern shore of Pelican Shores in Marsh Harbour. BASRA assisted in securing the boat in rough seas until the tide came up. Then the Tow Boat US representative on Abaco towed them to safety.

By Jennifer Hudson

During the night of May 24 a 35-foot sloop, the *Skifwake*, ran aground off the northern shore of Pelican Shores in

Marsh Harbour. The owners, a couple who had recently moved to Florida and

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The big one that did not get away



This is the first billfish of the season to be brought to the dock at Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour. It was caught by Ed Warrington on the *Dana Ann* on May 31 during the HYM Tournament and weighed 549 pounds. The HYM was the fourth tournament held at Boat Harbour this season but all fish caught during the previous tournaments were released. All fish caught must be documented by a photograph with a camera showing the date. The boats have to call in when they have a fish on the line. See story on page 6.

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Abaco's cultural visit made history

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States first city, is known to represent a tremendous diverse culture of Spanish, British and Americans. He further stated that ties to Abaco were unclear until the planning of this event, which was a wonderful finding.

Abaco's journey back to its roots began a few months ago when local entrepreneur George Wilmore, better known as "Sho bo the Conch Man," began the rapport between the communities through his aspiration of creating a cultural exchange program that would benefit the young people of Abaco and St. Augustine.

This led to the creation of the Junkanoo Island Festival intended to unite the two communities through an exchange program. The result was a three-day event that would bring economic growth to Abaco and grant students from Abaco with scholarships to attend Flagler College.

Ron Hucke, committee chairman for the festival, stated that he is looking forward

to those Abaco students who will have the opportunity to attend Flagler College and immerse themselves in American culture in our nation's oldest city while bringing Bahamian grace and culture to the college. He said that this ongoing cultural exchange will join the communities of Abaco and St. Augustine together for many years to come.

Enlisted by the Abaco Tourist Office to participate in the inaugural event were governmental officials, musicians, praise singers, Junkanoo members, cooks, artisans and Bahamian Stars Geno D, Avvy and Elon Moxey.

Upon arrival the group of 65 was hosted to a small reception at the Hilton Historic Bayfront Property. The Abaco delegation was greeted by the city's commissioners, state representatives, event sponsors and other special guests. During the reception Revis Rolle, Senior Island Administrator for Central Abaco, was given a coin to the city and a lapel pin as a token to the relationship that was formed between the two

communities.

Starting off the three-day itinerary was a Prayer Breakfast that was hosted by the St. Augustine's Yacht Club. Songs of praise were heard from Abaco's Praise Team and Tabernacle Missionary Church Youth Choir. Fellowship was experienced throughout the trip as visits to historical sites, local attractions and dinner receptions were arranged and attended by committee members and other persons from St. Augustine.

A visit to Rollestown brought them even closer to their ancestral roots. The last name Rolle which is shared by many Bahamians has been traced back to Denys Rolle, an Englishman who established Rollestown, a 78,000 acre plantation in 1767. Rolle, who gave his African slaves his last name, left Florida with

many of them in 1783 and relocated to the Bahamas.

The experience climaxed when Abaconians served their culture and their island to the hundreds of people who were present on St. Augustine's Plaza de la Constitucion

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Senior Administrator for Central Abaco, Mr. Revis Rolle, was presented with a coin from the city of St. Augustine to signify the close relationship.



Junkanoo and Bahamian music were the highlight of the cultural activities that stole the show in St. Augustine when Tourism took a group of 65 people to promote tourism in North Florida.



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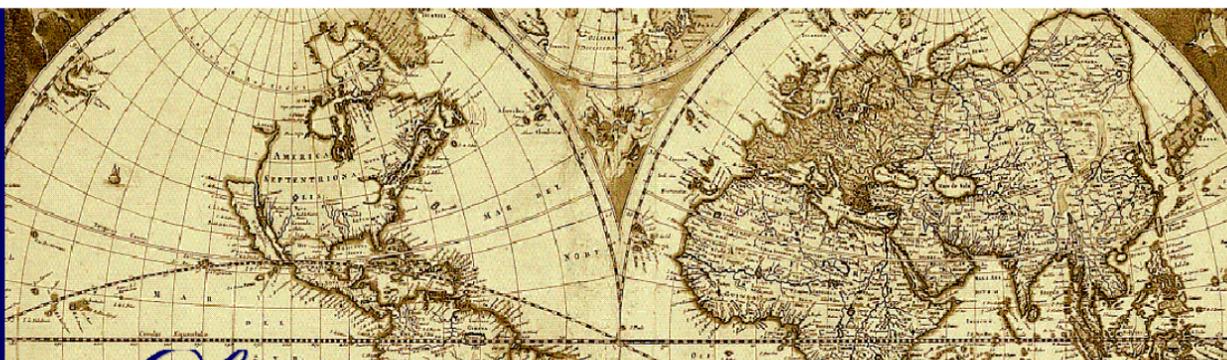
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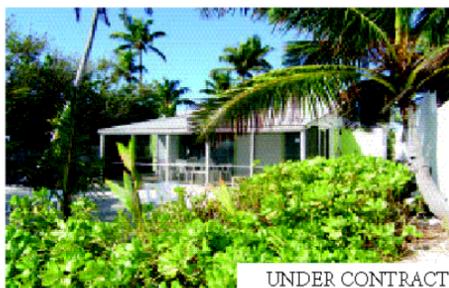
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Tourism targeted Jacksonville, St. Augustine

By Julian Lockhart

Abaco is one of the fastest growing tourism markets in The Bahamas. After a week of Junkanoo, cultural shows, Bahamian music and food, a new door was opened for Abaco from the Northern Florida market.

The Abaco Tourist Office has been working diligently over the past few months to take advantage of a window that was opened in North Florida and after a week of festivi-

ties Director Don Cornish said that window has been opened forever.

Mr. Cornish, staff from the Abaco office and members of the community made a week long trip to St. Augustine, as they showed off the culture and lifestyle of The Bahamas and Abaco.

Mr. Cornish said, "The trip was beneficial and people were paying attention. We didn't have just a cultural experience,

we also did sales calls. We had six persons in the field visiting tour companies, travel agencies, knocking on their doors and finding out what they know about Abaco and whether they would sell Abaco. We opened the market wider because what we discovered is there is a lot of interest already. Abaco is known well in their area because of the recreational interest in private flyers and boaters. People wanted to know about boating entry fees and flying in private planes.

Tourism's trip to St. Augustine has already been beneficial. Mr. Cornish said he walked into Snappa's Bar and Grill and a visitor told him thanks for a great event the week after they returned from St. Augustine.

Junkanoo definitely stole the show and Mr. Cornish said The Bahamas has to find a way to market Junkanoo to the rest of the world like

New Orleans markets Mardi Gras and like Trinidad and Brazil markets their carnivals.

Mr. Cornish said, "I think they (the Abaconians who made the trip) got a good understanding of how people see us. Most of

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People attending the cultural show put on by Abaco people lined up for a taste of Bahamian food.



Lovely Reckley, left, had a popular stall with her handmade creations and fine straw work.

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Bahamian Culture Intrigued North Floridians

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together for us," he concluded.

the visitors who saw Junkanoo for the first

time enjoyed it and they have never seen anything like Junkanoo. We had a bride come out of the church after her wedding and join Junkanoo. There were a number of events in the area that almost shut down because of the Junkanoo and the cultural events. We can definitely sell Junkanoo and we have to find a way to package it. The music was extremely good and the flavor was so different with the Bahamian music and there was so much passion. I believe all of those things worked



Festival goers enjoyed interacting with Abaconians. One is shown here learning to dance to the Junkanoo beat with Colon Curry of Spring City.

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on May 19th. An adrenaline rush spread throughout the crowd as the Junkanoo group paraded through St. Augustine's ancient

streets. The festival featured the Bahamian stars, native food, crafts and promotional items on the destination.

The committee has already begun the planning stages for next year's event which will take place on the shores of Abaco.



Rollestown, Florida, was settled by an Englishman, Mr. Denys Rolle, the same person who later came to the Bahamas, bringing the family name Rolle. Mr. Dan Holiday is shown here with Mr. Revis Rolle.

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Fishing Tournaments Bring Sportsmen

Fun Fishing Tournament holds first event

The Jib Room Restaurant held its first Fun Fishing Tournament on May 11 and 12. The largest fish caught was a 44-pound wahoo by Miles Roberts on *Bald Eagle*. The tournament organizers are encouraging junior anglers to participate and this year the youngest was four years old. This is one of the reasons why they have only a two-day tournament. Lots of fish were caught including tuna, wahoo, dolphin and three marlin which were released.

The awards night was held Saturday night during Steak Night at the Jib Room which was enjoyed by the participants. The tournament had several sponsors including K&S

Auto, Drill Rig, Abaco Gold and Abaco Insurance.

Guy Harvey watches were donated by Abaco Gold and raffled off. All the money was donated to Every Child Counts. The Jib Room thanks Abaco Gold and all the fishermen who made the large donation to ECC possible.

BBC held second and third legs

By Julian Lockhart

The 2007 Bahamas Billfish Championships presented by Rolex continued with two weather dampened legs in Harbour Island and Treasure Cay where the sea conditions and heavy winds were anything but comfortable for the entire two weeks of fishing for the experienced sport fishermen.

The five-leg tournament started in Marsh Harbour at the Abaco Beach and Boat Harbour Marina before moving to Harbour Island for leg two, then back to Abaco in Treasure Cay for leg three. Points are accumulated over the five tournaments for an overall winner.

Championship director Al Behrendt said, "The weather is a pain. Next week once we get this tropical depression beyond us it looks like it is fish-able weather. We still had a great haul in Treasure Cay."

Dixie Devil took the early lead after the Marsh Harbour Cham-

pionships but fell off pace over the next two tournaments as they couldn't pull in any fish with the rough weather.

Fa-La-Me took advantage of *Dixie Devil's* misfortunes with two strong legs at the Harbour Island and Central Abaco Championships to move into first place, barely ahead of *Miss Annie* in second and *Cerveza* in third.

After a slow start with only 900 points in the Marsh Harbour Championship, *Fa-La-Me* finished with 2,500 points in the Harbour Island Championship and 2,300 points in the Central Abaco Championship for a total of 5,700 points.

Miss Annie also bounced back from two tough tournaments where they netted only 500 points at the Marsh Harbour Championship and 700 points at the Harbour Island Championship to force themselves back into the competition with 4,100 points at the Central Abaco Championship to find themselves in second place with 5,300 points.

Cerveza also started off slow with 700 points, but came on strong with 1,500 points and then really made a move at the Central Abaco Championships with 3,000 points for third place. *Glory Days* is in fourth place with 4,300 points and *Dixie Devil* is

still in striking distance with 3,900 points despite only 500 points over the last two tournaments.

Winning the Harbour Island Championship was *Fa-La-Me* with 1,800 points as they archived their last fish before *Liquid Gold*, who also finished with 1,800 points. Finishing third was *Glory Days* with 1,700 points. By week's end, 51 qualified billfish were caught; 33 blue marlin, 10 white marlin and eight sailfish.

Despite heavy seas and 25-knot winds the fishing was impressive in Treasure Cay for the third leg as 93 qualified billfish - 61 blue marlin, 25 white marlin and six sailfish - were caught during the four days of fishing.

Easily winning this leg was *Miss Annie*, who finished with 3,400 points as they released five blue marlin and two white marlin. Finishing second was *Heads Up* with 2,700 points and just behind them in third was *Cerveza* with 2,500 points.

The Treasure Cay Championships will take place June 4-8 with the fifth and final leg, the Boat Harbour Championship, taking place June 18-22.

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Tom Leffler of the Jib Room Restaurant presented a check to Mrs. Lyn Major of Every Child Counts. It was the proceeds of the Fun Fishing Tournament sponsored by the Jib Room.

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Bad weather affected fishing tournaments

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Mr. Behrendt said, "The BBC is not decided until the final tournament. It is a horse race right now and it is every year. We haven't had a boat yet that won or placed in the top three in any two tournaments. It is wide open at this point," he concluded.

New Big Four Billfish had bad weather

By Julian Lockhart

Rough seas, horrible weather and rain basically ruined the first Big Four Billfish Invitational at the Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour Marina from May 22-26. Only 19 yachts took part in the three-day fishing tournament. Because of the inclement weather a number of the yachts that made it over were unable to fish and organizers were scrambling to keep all the anglers content throughout the tournament.

The four top yacht companies - Hatteras, Custom, Viking and Bertram - took part in the tournament with Hatteras barely holding

off Custom to haul away the top prize and bragging rights for 2007.

Sales Manager at Boat Harbour Kevie Thomas said, "The weather hurt us a lot because the boats that were trying to get over and the boats that were here didn't want to fish anymore because the weather was so bad. It didn't hurt the tournament at all because it was a first class tournament. After waiting for so long, they just decided to give it up," she added.

Hatteras finished with 3,100 points - five blue marlin and three white marlin releases. Custom came in with 3,000 points - five blue marlin, two white marlin and one sail fish release. Viking finished third with 2,200 points - four blue marlin and one white marlin release. And Bertram finished fourth with 1,300 points - two blue marlin, one white marlin and one sail fish release.

Team *Galati* of the Viking team won the overall standings with three blue marlin releases, just edging *Business Stinks* of the Custom team on time which also had 1,500 points with three blue marlin releases. Third place went to Hatteras' *Showpiece*

with 1,400 points with two blue and two white marlin releases. Custom had four of the top 10 finishes, Hatteras three of the top 10, Viking two and Bertram one.

The inclement weather has hurt the fishing tournaments because yachts are having problems getting over from the States. Mrs. Thomas said they are hoping the rest of the season

picks up and the weather calms down. "I think we have to wait and see. We still have a couple of tournaments coming up and the season still has about two months to go. We can still pull it off as long as we have good weather. The new fishing rules have somewhat made an impact on our bottom line. We have had fishing boats which come in for a month or so and they don't fish tournaments, they fish leisurely. The local economy is affected as well. I know we need the rules so everything is here for years to come. But first they have to make it clear and second of all they have to look at it again. You have to not hurt tourism but also help the fishing industry as well," she concluded.

HMY tournament brings first marlin to dock

By Julian Lockhart

Masque may have won the 8th Annual HMY Yacht Sales and Boat Harbour Billfish Blast, but it was Ed Warrington aboard the *Dana Ann* that stole the show on May 31 with the first landed blue marlin of the

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Olivia Pitten on *Clean Living* was proud of the 36-pound dolphin that she caught during the HMY tournament.



Catch and release policies dominate the fishing tournaments on Abaco. This year most tournaments do not bring any fish to the dock but verify the catch with dated photographs. This is one that was brought to the boat for its picture to be taken.



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The Editor Says **Suggestions to Immigrant Problems**



After 70 houses were lost to a fire in the Pigeon Peas on May 28, 2003, a Nassau preacher visiting the site asked how many houses would God have to burn down to get government's attention to the Haitian housing problem. Apparently, losing 70 houses and displacing 260 persons was not sufficient.

More than two years later, on November 17, 2005, an early evening fire consumed 60 or more houses in the Mud and displaced 250 or more persons. We are not going to speculate whether God was trying to get government's attention.

On March 14, 2007, 14 houses in the Mud were lost in a pre-dawn fire in the Mud with about 100 persons displaced.

The total for these three incidents is more than 144 houses and over 610 persons displaced. These three burned areas have remained vacant with displaced families being assimilated into the remaining housing.

Many of the existing houses have had rooms and lean-tos added although there have been token efforts by government to limit further construction.

After the fire in November 2005, Works personnel went through the area, numbered and recorded each house in an attempt to easily identify new construction. This has generally been helpful.

Recently, a Creole-speaking police officer has been assigned to the area which has further helped with community relations in the area.

After the recent March fire claiming 14 houses, two new houses were found under construction nearby and further work was stopped. (See photo on page 13 of this section.)

The bulk of these people are Bahamian in nature even though they may have a Haitian background. Government has been excessively slow to recognize the need to bring status to these people. Most of them cannot open a bank account as a passport or other proof of status is generally required. Neither can they buy land without status documents to negotiate the mortgage process.

Government must begin the process of issuing documents to these people in a timely and expeditious manner. This alone will relieve many of the frustrations they

experience.

Coupled with document processing must be new effort for a low cost subdivision for those legal persons who want to build a house and are beginning to establish themselves in the community. House lots must be available for those willing to invest and who are sufficiently documented to buy and own land.

The FNM government talked of a low cost subdivision in the mid-90s midway between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. Nothing came of this. The idea of isolating a group in a remote area would not encourage the residents to be integrated into Bahamian Society.

The recent PLP government concluded that this was a valid and necessary concept and asked for a suitable location close to Marsh Harbour. Two sites were proposed, one near the BEC power plant on the S.C. Bootle Highway and a second settlement south of Spring City. Nothing came of this either.

Central Pines subdivision began as a low-cost subdivision with lots in the \$14,000 - \$15,000 range. Sales were slow as persons did not initially accept that these quarter-acre lots were a good investment. We are told that some of these lots are now reselling in the \$40,000 range.

Government has vast quantities of Crown Land and somewhere nearby Marsh Harbour are 100 - 200 or more acres suitable for small but entry level lots for first time homeowners. Space must be included for parks, playgrounds, ballfields, commercial buildings, churches and the other things that make a community.

The location needs to be near enough to existing towns that it is easy for the residents to be a part of community activities, school events, concerts, churches, medical facilities

and other social institutions.

Issuing documents and making lots available would see an exodus of persons from the Mud and Pigeon Peas looking to better their standard of living. This should not be perceived as a "Haitian" solution since any land made available will be for Bahamians, whether of recent status or long term. There are many Bahamians starting their careers who would take advantage of this.

Affordable land is scarce in Central Abaco and the appeal of low cost land must be directed to Bahamians, whether of long term or recent status.

A larger problem looms when the remaining persons must be dealt with who do not qualify for documents. For those who have resided here for many years, some system must be found to accommodate them. If we have tolerated them here and used them to help build our economy, we must find a way to allow them to stay. This problem needs to be addressed, but in a humane way.

In the meantime, there are minor projects that could be done to improve conditions in these communities.

A few truck loads of rolled and graded crushed quarry stone in critical spots would make vehicle access easier.

A few street lights in critical spots would make night access safer and impart a minor sense of security.

We have allowed several thousand people to settle in the Mud and Pigeon Peas. The one service we should provide is garbage removal. Local government must be given sufficient funding to routinely empty the large garbage bins which were donated last year. Community health is a major concern and garbage removal should be provided to eliminate some of the risk.

The Local Government Act mandates that residential garbage is the responsibility of

local Councils and Town Committees. It does not make exceptions for areas with low standards of living.

To those who scoff at improving the marginal roads and adding street lights in these communities, remember that fire engines, police cars, building inspectors and Works personnel must be able to get in there.

The density of the buildings in Pigeon Peas presents a serious fire hazard as a night fire in the center area could easily destroy 100 or more houses. Without lights, water or access, firemen and other emergency services would be helpless.

Extensive studies on these two areas, and the two further north, Sand Banks and Hidden Valley, have been made by Parliamentarians, Urban Renewal, Social Services., the Ministry of Works, police and immigration officers, and others with volumes of data gathering dust.

The people in these immigrant communities are accepted in the workforce and we accept them as workers in our businesses and our homes. They shop in our stores and their children go to our schools, and not just the public schools either. Society recognizes these people, now it is time for government to recognize them.

Along with status documents, there must be some guidance to the home ownership process, building to code specifications, and living by accepted health standards.

A grass-roots movement is underway to make recommendations and nudge government into some meaningful action. We expect to hear more from this group as they consolidate their thinking and determine how to take further action.

It is time to begin implementing the recommendations and start the process of assimilating these people into our society.

Viewpoint . . . **Urban Development**

By John Hedden

When I first came to Abaco my immediate impression of Marsh Harbour was that of a wild west settlement. Today with all the development and growth that impression still remains.

Marsh Harbour has since grown with no apparent direction or organisation. As the need for another house, business, or workshop arose, land was cleared and structures built. Still today when I drive around, I get the impression of a dusty, untidy, busy, and poorly managed town. So much for the charm of the cowboy movies.

In actuality, the growth of Marsh Harbour is phenomenal, and this rate of progress is fast becoming a problem for future growth and expansion. Think about it.

Marsh Harbour has become hemmed in by the coast to North and East, very low pine land forest to the West, and oodles of well ridged and elevated pine forest to the South. The logical direction for growth of the town boundaries can only be to the

South.

However, there are several small problems with this. On the present southern boundary lie an expanding airport, an urban water supply, a rapidly developing commercial and heavy equipment zone and finally a newly constructed garbage dump (land fill).

Continuing the rate of present growth there seem to be two options. The first is to grow vertically, as demonstrated by recent three storey structures now being erected; and the second is to split Marsh Harbour into a dual municipality with a sister town a stone throw away, beyond the dump; somewhere!

Within the confines of the town itself we seem to have forgotten about trees and greenery, open planning and design, the ability to breathe. We are ending up with a closely packed mix of concrete, hardy board, tar macadam and, right in the middle, a stifling slum with absolutely no infrastructure or facilities where we house an exploited "immigrant" population.

It is not surprising the sweet stench of development is in reality rather sickly. The breeze can't get in to blow it away.

We seem to have forgotten that we owe our economy and prosperity to the natural attractions and wealth of our surroundings. Apart from commercial fishing our well being relies totally on the hospitality industry, whether sportfishing, second homeowners, boaters, time sharing, ecological tourism or the cays and their quaint attractiveness. Where are we going?

We have a harbour that has become nothing more than a cesspool and a port spewing out smelly tractor trailer rigs onto undersized roads. They only avoid calamity because of the skill and dexterity of the operators. We have vehicle refugee camps and heavy equipment and construction depots along the main thoroughfares within the city. We have mini garbage dumps

throughout the community and no public restrooms.

We have an infrastructure that is so poorly equipped it is unable to satisfy the present rate of growth. An electrical distribution system that cannot even try to compete, a communications system which periodically functions within the city limits, but never beyond. A road system that already shows signs of gridlock. We also have an airport which is quickly contaminating our well field.

What's next? It all makes a lot of sense, doesn't it?

As we are all aware development does not automatically ensure that a well balanced distribution between attractive surroundings and economic prosperity is maintained. There must be a system of control, regulations, planning and most of all common sense.

We all know we have the structures and institutions already in place to help us out. We have local government councils and representation for every settlement in Abaco. We have town planning boards, we have port authorities and we have tourism and development boards. We have agencies of central government to collect our taxes, to advise us on agriculture, to help us develop a tourism product and to monitor our construction industry. We have civic and commercial organisations to help us with business planning and community welfare. We have a Ministry of Health.

These are all there for our use and planning. Whether it is urban development, utility systems, infra-structural needs and expansion, aesthetics of development and the confines of a tourism and hospitality industry, and future economic growth. It is all there waiting. It does not function. Why?

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Letters to the Editor

Comments on new fishing regulations

Dear Mr. Ralph:

I have never written a letter to the newspaper before but I am deeply troubled by what I have recently experienced in Abaco.

First, let me say that I have been lucky enough to be a "visitor" every year since 1976, and my family and I love Abaco. I also know what I am talking about in regards to wildlife resource management because it is a large part of my everyday business. I manage the game, fish, timber and farming interests on several large properties in the U.S. GAME AND FISH MANAGEMENT IS EASY, PEOPLE MANAGEMENT IS TUFF!

We have all witnessed a catastrophic decline in numbers of Queen Conch on Abaco and a smaller but never-the-less alarming decline in crawfish stocks. Both species are prolific, have wide dispersal mechanisms for repopulation and relatively rapid growth rates. In other words, they can bounce back quickly. Effective regulation can have immediate results.

I have read and re-read the regulations and amendments and visited "Fisheries" in Marsh Harbour. No one seems to know exactly what the regulations are. But everyone seems to agree that "visitors" are to blame for the problem. I have been faced with outright hostility from most Bahamians after asking for clarification of the many hazy points in the new regulations. I get answers like "The crawfish are for us" and "Americans gather thousands of pounds of fish and crawfish and sell them in Miami." These are two of the most common recurring themes I have heard.

In 31 years I have never taken a fish, crawfish, or conch back to the U.S. We eat all we catch. In 31 years I have never seen or heard of anyone else that took back more than the the law allowed. As for selling any, if you think about the costs involved, it would be absurd on the scale a visitor would have to operate under.

As far as limits go, I am for anything that works. Most visitors don't pick up many conch - they are to hard for the unskilled to clean. Most visitors won't see a dozen crawfish in a week's worth of diving. It is apparent to me that these regulations will not be effective.

If you wish to limit the "take" of a resource, you must limit the people doing the taking. It is simple, unpopular and going to make a few very vocal people mad, but it will save the resources for ourselves and our children.

Thank you for printing this, and I hope my statement of the obvious will get someone's attention who can make a difference.

Buck Neely
31 years of fishing Abaco

Supports fishing regulations

Dear Editor,

I understand that many people were offended by Leslie Miller's inappropriate remarks, and I am sorry he spoke for the rest of us Bahamians when spoke. But this letter is in response to letters by Carl Swanson and others, and many people on the fishing forums who are suggesting that the conservation of our fisheries is a step backwards. Although the wording needs some tweaking and clarification, these new regulations are a good first step for moving toward sustainable fisheries (which do not yet exist anywhere in the world) and sustainable tourism.

I went out fishing one day when all we caught was a medium sized wahoo. But that medium sized wahoo fed eight people. If we had caught the new limit, that would have been a total of 48 people fed. Let's say you

are really excited about fish and you eat for two. That is still 24 people fed - on an average size fish. And in only one day of fishing. Any more than that and you are moving into the realm of commercial fishing.

One writer mentioned that she would rather travel to the Florida Keys or Cuba because they are much nicer about letting people take as much fish as they want. This is not true. Cuba has very strict limits and well defined seasons for fish, all of which are enforced. Additionally, according to the U.S. Presidential Proclamation 7757, it is illegal for a U.S. flagged vessel to even consider going to Cuba. It is also illegal for a vessel registered in any country to consider Cuba while in U.S. waters. Having a Cuban cruising guide or charts can result in the confiscation of your boat. If you want to discuss totally ludicrous legislation, this would be a better place to start.

Another alternative to the Bahamas is Mexico. Mexico also has strict bag limits, line limits and no take zones. Additionally, foreigners are only allowed to fish for things that have "fins." That means no conch or lobster. Mexican water is well patrolled and the laws are enforced.

The Florida Keys also have catch limits, seasonal bans and protected areas. Additionally, it is required to obtain a license before fishing. You are not allowed to take conch in the Keys. And, talk about a bad example anyway, the Keys are very severely over fished. While this has been shown repeatedly in scientific studies and reports, anyone who has extensively cruised, dove or fished that area and the Bahamas does not need this to be proven.

There are very few countries in the world that permit the taking of conch by foreigners. Belize is one of the last, and they have a closed season. However, conch stock in Belize has been shown to have decreased over 50 percent since 1970.

I am not trying to say that the Bahamas is better to visit than these places. Far from it. I believe the world would be a better place if more of us visited places we have never been. I am just trying to show that countries all over the world have an obligation not only to their residents but to their visitors as well and to their future residents and visitors. These countries are mentioned as examples of marine resource management and the need to do so.

The reason for all regulations is the simple fact that the world's fisheries are collapsing. Regulations are a way to manage the last of the fishing resources. That means that if we today limit our greed, than maybe future generations will have something left to fish.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, 33 percent of Caribbean stocks have been over-fished. The worldwide average is slightly less than 30 percent. Once a stock has collapsed completely, it will never recover. That is why there are no monk seals in the Bahamas today.

Unregulated sports fishing does, in fact, negatively impact fish stocks. There is an excellent case study from the Poor Knights Marine Reserve in New Zealand. From 1981-1998 only recreational fishing was allowed. Fish numbers continued to plummet. Once a no-take zone was established, fish numbers began to grow exponentially, although they have not yet, and may never, come back to pre-human impact levels.

On Abaco there is a clear link between recreational fishing and fish stocks. The number of foreign vessels fishing in this country far outnumber Bahamian commercial fishing vessels. Additionally, recreational fishermen have access to far more wealth, hence expensive equipment that makes fishing more accurate and efficient than the average Bahamian commercial

fisherman.

I have spent much time talking to some of the older local fishermen. In the last half century, there has been a dramatic and noticeable drop in the abundance of fish. Younger fishermen have seen it in their lifetime. Talk to any of them and there is a clear trend of over-fishing in the past ten years. This downward trend in fish stocks corresponds directly to the upward trend in tourism. That includes both recreational fishing and commercial fishing to supply the restaurants.

There are just too many people (including Bahamians) fishing for not enough fish. This is a problem throughout the world, and the Bahamas is no exception.

I am not suggesting that we should close our doors to tourists and sports fishermen. I am just asking that we have a little respect for what we have. We need to leave some for future Bahamians and visitors.

Many irate anglers have suggested that these fishing regulations will hurt the Bahamas because they will never come back. It is possible that there will be economic fallout, but I believe, after working in a marina, that most people who come here to fish will understand and respect the reasons for the new laws. That is because most of them bring their families, and they want their children's families to be able to come here to fish. If there is a slowing trend in fishing visitors, it is better than the abrupt stop which will happen if all of the fish are killed.

Now enforcement, that is another issue...

Thank you for your time,
Matthew McCoy

Homeowner Comments on Bahamian attitude

Dear Editor,

For health reasons my wife and I recently sold our home in Treasure Cay, but we still receive and enjoy *The Abaconian*. We had been residents and homeowners of Abaco for the last 18 years. It was our home and we loved the beauty and comradery we had there.

It always bothered me when native Bahamians refer to Abaco as "their island," and we homeowners are only their guests. We own property, pay taxes, pay duty, build medical centers, support scholarships and work and pay for all community projects. The native Bahamians are only born on the island but contribute little or nothing for

these causes.

The economy of Abaco depends mainly on the dollars spent by the homeowners and visitors. The "almighty dollar" pays for the existence of ALL residents of Abaco.

This letter sounds as if I am bitter, and perhaps I am, but only toward the few native Bahamians who verbally and in print take this point of view.

In our 18 years at Treasure Cay we made many Bahamian friends. They are lovely people and we have treasured their friendship.

Let us remember that adopted children are part of the family and it is the homeowners' island as well as the native Bahamians' island.

George Stern

Humane society must be humane

Dear Editor;

I am writing in response to an article that appeared in your publication on May 15th by Julian Lockhart regarding the stray dog problem on Abaco. While the writer certainly makes some valid points, the solutions he seems to favor will not on their own solve the problem.

A successful animal control program has a sterilization component at its forefront. Research has proven that mass euthanasia of "street dogs" will not reduce a stray problem; in fact, the opposite would occur because those who are left will have less competition for food and refuge and will simply produce larger litters to fill the void. This is why even countries like India and Brazil whose larger cities have hundreds of thousands of street dogs are embracing massive sterilization programs as opposed to mass euthanasia. It may cost more money in the short term, but it will cost far less in the long term.

On Abaco, with the relatively low human population, a comprehensive spay/neuter program would show tremendous positive results within a few short years. On the other hand, a constant (and costly) rounding up and killing of strays could continue for the next hundred years, and the problem will never be eradicated. Especially as long as owned dogs are allowed to roam and breed indiscriminately. A program such as this run by the Ministry of Tourism is a ludicrous

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Central Abaco News

Road work begins on Front Street

By Jennifer Hudson

Businesses along Front Street in Marsh Harbour from Long's Landing to Arawak Agencies have had considerable inconvenience since April 25 when work began to re-pave that section of the oldest street in Marsh Harbour. Front Street, a narrow, one-lane road, was first concreted over 50 years ago as Marsh Harbour's main street and over the many years of use has badly deteriorated.

Three weeks before the election a contract was awarded and work began. Persons with businesses affected contacted Mr. Revis Rolle, Island Administrator for Central Abaco, for information on the project but he was unaware of any work going on in

the area. The Ministry of Works in Marsh Harbour was contacted but they knew nothing of it either.

It was finally discovered that the contract was granted by the Ministry of Works in Nassau. The contract was granted to Mr. Anderson Wilmore, otherwise known as "Papa Nasty," to re-pave the whole of Front Street from Long's Landing to the Marsh Harbour Port. Nobody in the vicinity of that road section was informed of the work which would take place. They became aware when a tractor arrived at 8:30 a.m. on April 25 and began tearing up the cement.

"The Little Angels Academy preschool had to be closed for two days since the work was taking place right outside the school and the noise and dust were unbearable," stated the school's Principal, Ms. Barbara Johnson. Air conditioners were installed

in the school so that doors and windows could be kept closed and school reopened. According to Ms. Johnson, the tractor broke down the same afternoon that it arrived and was left in the road directly in front of the school. The tractor was repaired on May 4 and some work was done that day. Work was carried out again on May 7 and 8 but the tractor left again on 9th according to eyewitnesses and was then not seen again for several days.

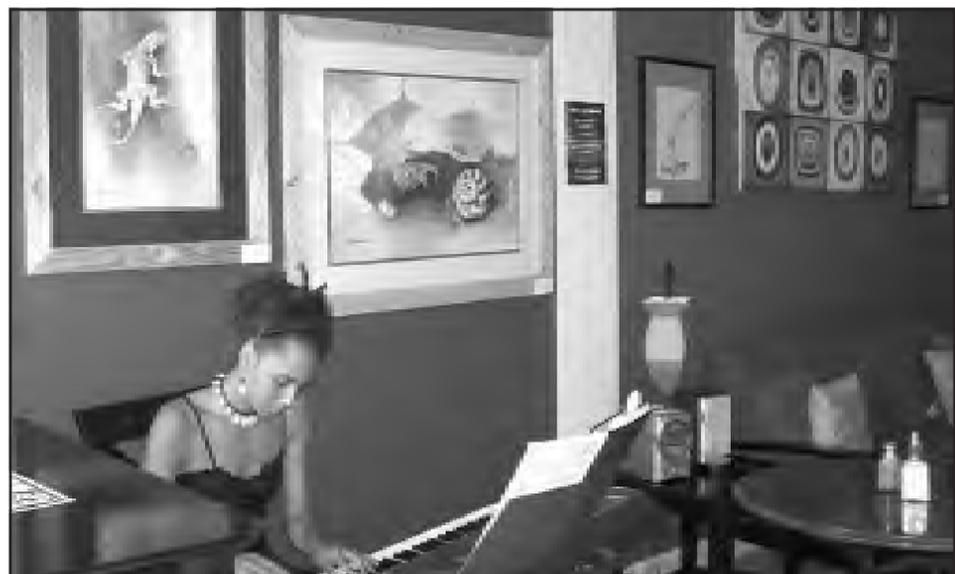
Other businesses affected are Arawak Agency and Baker's Bay which have offices on that section of Front Street. A power line across the street was left exposed in front of

Arawak Agency which was very dangerous, and the water line to Baker's Bay offices on the harbour side was burst several times resulting in their being without water for some time. Taxi drivers taking clients to the Baker's Bay offices were surprised and shocked when they saw the state of the road and "threw up their arms in dismay" stated a Baker's Bay official. On one day a taxi actually became stuck and suffered major damage while machinery was attempting to remove it.

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Front Street in Marsh Harbour has needed to be repaired for many years. However, business people and residents along the road were upset when construction began with no notice, closing the road temporarily. The concrete was broken up and a new road base is being constructed preparatory to surfacing it.



Cafe la Florence is displaying the work of local artists in cooperation with the Abaco Art Guild. Shown here is Ms. Garnel Stuart entertaining the patrons with classical music.

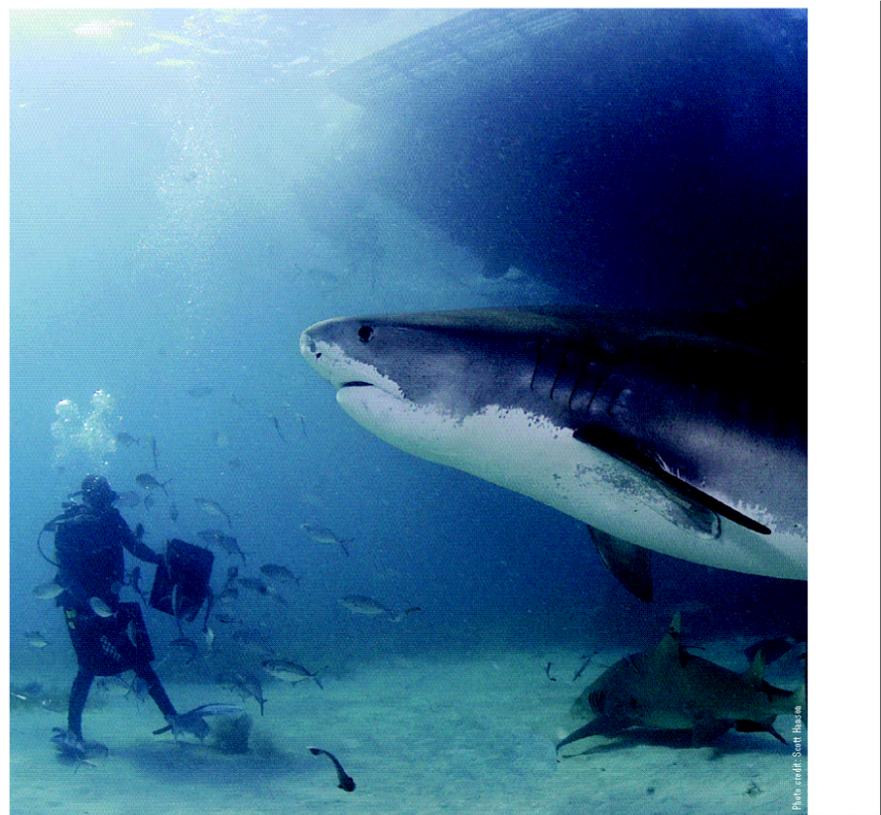
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By May 24 several loads of quarry rock had been brought to the site and the road filled in ready for tarring. Work had also begun on digging up the next section by Rainbow Rentals. Nobody seems to know when the road will be completed but the contractor has apologized for the intermittent work and inconvenience, according to the Ms. Johnson.



Large lit buoys are now being installed to delineate the channel into the freight dock in Marsh Harbour. The channel is narrow and freight boats are frequently going aground.

Art Show at Café la Florence

By Mirella Santillo

Art aficionados gathered at Café La Florence on May 18th to view the works of a few local artists, most of them showing their work for the first time in Marsh Harbour. The show was part of a program organized by Mrs. Anyes Adams, the new President of the Abaco Art Guild aimed at helping local debuting artists find recognition. Café la Florence with its lounge atmosphere is well suited for that kind of event. There is plenty of wall space and the informal decor with its

small tables and comfortable seating invite the visitor to browse and relax.

Local residents and tourists were invited to the official launching of the program which was in the beginning of May. The works of four artists were displayed: water colors by Mrs. Brigitte Bower-Carey, representing local fauna; sculptor Mr. Michael Adams, who is experimenting with new mediae, knife painting in acrylic and water color; oil paintings of local seascapes by Mrs. Jo-Ann Bradley as well as limited editions of prints by Ms. Clair A. Knopps, mostly scenes of Hope Town.

The co-owner of Café La Florence, Ms. Tara Moss, has agreed to lend the premises for an ongoing art exhibition. Every six weeks, new paintings will replace the current ones on the red walls, the perfect background for most art work.

The Abaco Art Guild invites art students and aspiring artists to participate in the

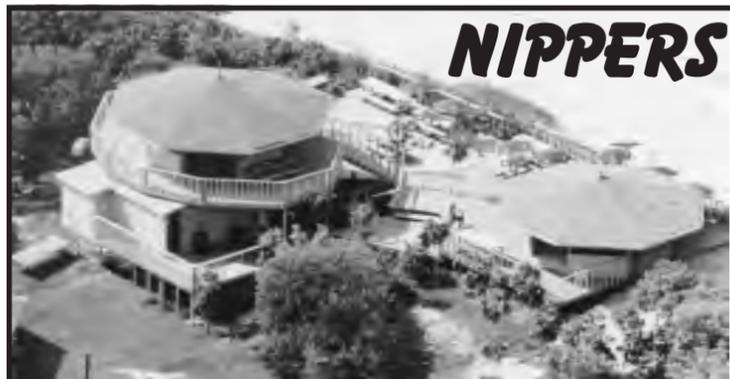
program. Contact Mrs. Anyes Adams at anyes@anyesadams.com for details.

The Abaco Cultural Society

By Mirella Santillo

Wesley College, already known for its marching band, is taking its recognition for the performing arts a step further by creating an organization with the intention of promoting culture on Abaco, according to the Executive Director, Rev. Charles Carey. He feels that "the Cultural Society will make a significant impact on cultural awareness and development on Abaco." He further explained that the mission of the Society is to promote an appreciation for Bahamian culture in all its expressions and to encourage the study and participation in culture by all.

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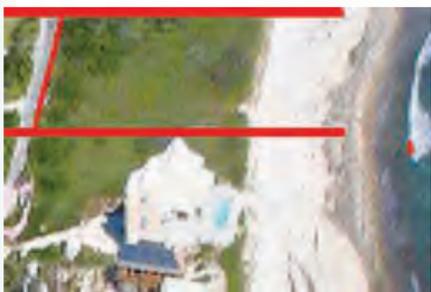
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More Central Abaco News

Central *From Page 11*

To mark its debut, the Cultural Society is planning an Independence Ball at the Pavilion at the Abaco Beach Resort on July 10th. "It will be a classy and fun event," comments Rev. Carey, during which two Abaconians will be honored.

The Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to a senior citizen nominated by the public, who has made a significant contribution to the development of the island. The Independence Youth Award will be presented to an Abaconian under the age of 30 who portrays noteworthy potential and development in their personal and professional life. The Cultural Society will provide music and organize other entertainment. Tickets will be on sale by the middle of June at Wesley College and other locations in the community.

The Cultural Society will not be limited to adult participation as it will sponsor a youth group, the Culture Club. It will celebrate and preserve Bahamian cultural heritage and explore the realms of expression, imagina-

tion and creation. Activities will include music instruction both practical and theory, speech training, drama, Junkanoo and dance and public performances. The Culture Club has formed a Junkanoo group that will perform during Goombay Summer on July 6th.

Membership fees in the Culture Club are \$5 payable upon application and a monthly dues of \$1. Applicants under the age of 18 must have a parent/ guardian sign the application form.

Marsh Harbour Community Library

By Jennifer Hudson

Plans for a new Marsh Harbour Community Library are coming along nicely thanks to the Rotary Club of Abaco whose donation of \$7,500 will enable the library committee to put in the foundation for the new building. This donation was made to the library as a result of the Rotary Club of Abaco's recent golf tournament at Treasure Cay and was the idea of library volunteer, David Smith.

A 40-foot by 60-foot metal building has been donated by Mary Gottlieb which will be erected on the foundation. Also, thanks

to New Vision Ministries, windows have been donated.

The new building will have an entrance foyer, one wall of which will be dedicated to a Wall of Remembrance. Any person who would like to have a plaque placed on the wall in memory of a loved one who has now

passed on is invited to do so for a minimum donation of \$500. All monies raised will go towards the construction and completion of the new library. Yvonne Key, head of the

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Construction in the immigrant communities of the Mud and Pigeon Peas continues despite signs such as on this building. Police accompanied Mr. Curry of the Ministry of Works to inspect the status of two buildings where construction was to stop.

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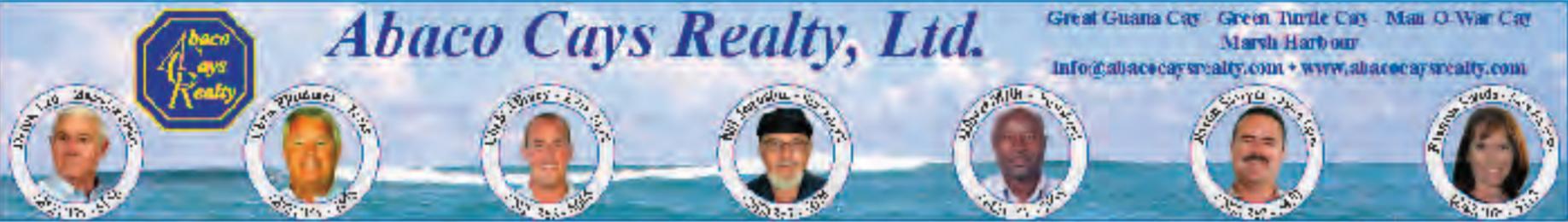
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North Abaco News

Happy Promotions

By Vernique Russell

The communities of North Abaco congratulate Cpl. Jerome Ferguson, who recently received his wings during the police promotion ceremony held in April. He has been posted in North Abaco for a few years and has served in the communities of Treasure Cay, Cooper's Town, Fire Road and Green Turtle. His presence is definitely being felt at the Treasure Cay airport where he brought law and order.

The residents of North Abaco congratulate Sgt. Corrie Scott, who also received additional wings. He has been working tirelessly in various departments since his arrival here on Abaco. He, too, has rendered his services to various settlements and has left his signature on the residents in this area while serving as the only traffic officer for this area. Sgt. Scott is now posted at the Treasure Cay police station.

Beach Party Raises Funds

By Vernique Russell

The Summer Festival and Power Boat Race Committee would like to thank all the public for their support at the recent fund raiser. The committee held another exciting and fun filled Beach Party on Whit Monday, May 28th. These beach parties are held in aide of raising funds to defray the cost of the summer festival and power boat races. The proposed dates for this year's event is July 19th through 22nd at the ferry landing site in Treasure Cay. This year's event promises to be bigger and even better than the last year's. With just weeks left before the event, the committee says thanks to all and looks forward to your continued support and

hopes to see you at the Power Boat races.

Little Abaco 14th Annual Homecoming

By Vernique Russell

It's that time of year again when the residents of Little Abaco celebrate their homecoming festivities. This year will be no different as on June 1st through 3rd Little Abaco will host another exciting weekend allowing family and old friends to reunite and giving others the opportunity to make new ones. Once again the committee will provide wholesome fun and entertainment for the entire family.

If you are planning to attend the homecoming celebration this year, be sure to put on your laughing shoes as Mr. Mills and Co. will be putting on a show just for you. This year's event promises to be fun, fun and more fun, so be sure to make your plans to be there. The venue for this year's event is at the Fox Town Primary School Park in Fox Town. The committee is looking forward to seeing you there!

Youth in Action Raises Funds

By Vernique Russell

The Treasure Cay Branch of Youth in Action Program thanks all you who supported their recent fund raisers held on May 19th and 26th. The fund raisers were cook-outs to defray the cost of taking youth to Freeport, Grand Bahama, to participate in the Hoyte's Basketball Classic Tournament. The Youth in Action Program in Treasure Cay operates under the direction of Godfrey Rolle Jr. and his team. The program is designed to provide training and experience in basketball and other sports for youth between the ages

of 9 and 16. On May 31st through June 3rd the Treasure Cay Branch along with youth from Marsh Harbour and Cooper's Town will attend the Hoyte's Tournament in Freeport. They are anticipating bringing the trophy back and giving the best they have.

School News

Happy belated Teacher's Appreciation

By Vernique Russell

The communities have been blessed over the years with dedicated and committed teachers, teachers who go beyond the call of duty to ensure that our children are equipped with the necessities to successfully complete their school years. At this time of the school year, the Bahamas Ministry of Education pays tribute and highlights the work and service that these individuals render in the modeling of our nation's future. With this in mind the communities of North Abaco express gratitude to all the hard working teachers who daily impart knowledge into our children lives.

For your unselfish and committed services we say thank you, for training our

children from infancy into young adulthood, we say thanks and most of all for choosing the professions you did, we say a million thanks.

Sherlin Bootle High graduation

By Vernique Russell

Under the theme *Forging a New Path*, Principal Huel Moss, staff and students of the Sherlin Bootle High School invite you to their 2007 Graduation Ceremony. This year's ceremony will be a historic one as for the first time in many years the ceremony will be held at a venue other than the Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town. Another reason that this year's ceremony will be historic is that in September 2006 the school received a new principal. The venue will be at the Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay on June 15th beginning at 10 a.m. in the morning. You can come and celebrate with the graduating class of 2007 as they say good-bye to their high school years and start another chapter in their lives.

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North Abaco News

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Sherlin Bootle High School at Nationals

By Vernique Russell

After finishing victoriously for the seventh consecutive time at the Abaco Inter-School Track and Field Meet, a small group of students from Sherlin Bootle High School participate in the National Track and Field Championship in Nassau. The team left Abaco on April 24th to participated in the championship meet that was held April 25th through the 28th. After four days of exciting and intriguing competition, the athletes successfully won 10 medals while competing against our nation's best. Among the medals one gold won by Jerome McDonald in the triple jump, a few silvers and some bronze. Congratulations are extended to all the Dynamic Dolphins who participated at the Nationals Championship. We are very proud of you and you are encouraged to continually reach for the sky.

Treasure Cay Primary graduation

By Vernique Russell

Principal Myrtis Russell, staff and students of the graduating class of 2007 from the Treasure Cay Primary School cordially invite you to come to their graduation. On June 13 the students of grade 6 will end one chapter of their lives in preparation of beginning a new one. These students will show their parents and well wishers what they have earned through their hard work and dedication. After years of working towards this one moment in time, the students invite you to Unity Baptist in Treasure Cay to come and celebrate with them. Come and share in this joyous occasion with them.

Silver anniversary is celebrated

By Vernique Russell

The Church of God Preschool in Cooper's Town will host its 25th graduation ceremony on June 1st at the church. Students will receive diplomas certifying that are now ready for "the big school" as they refers to Primary School. Preschooler displayed the

wealth of knowledge they received in recitations and songs. This group of preschoolers all performed exceptional well during the course of the school year even though some started out late.

The Church of God Preschool has been in existence for 25 years and Principal Mrs. Donna Collie has been there from its inception. Mrs. Collie along with Mrs. Judy Rolle has done a tremendous jobs ensuring that these kids receive basic foundation to prepare them for elementary school.

Church News Abundant Living

By Vernique Russell

Walking away pounds for Jesus is the theme at the Abundant Living walk aerobics club at Full Gospel Assembly. Walk aerobics is a club that meets bi-weekly to exercise and encourage each other. Exercise is an important part of keeping healthy and with this in mind kids and adults alike gather to get fit. The sessions usually last for 45 minutes to an hour. If you are looking for an encouragement to exercise and a fun group of people to do it with, come to Full Gospel fellowship hall and join in the

fun. Sessions are on Mondays at 7 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 6:30 a.m.

City of Refuge Activities

By Vernique Russell

Pastor Lorenzo Coakley in conjunction with Cities of Refuge Ministries held a *How Would You Plead Revival? Guilty or Not Guilty?* on May 28th through June 1st. This revival crusade was designed to open people's mind and thoughts to the second coming of our Lord and Savior. The crusade was designed to remind people that judgement day is coming. This week of revival brought those in attendance to a crossroad where they had to evaluate their lives, asking themselves the question, "Will I stand before a sweet and welcoming Master or an angry Judge?" No matter what one answers to that question, one thing for sure is that the life one lives today will speak for them on that great day. The revival crusade was held at Cities of Refuge church in Treasure Cay where the host pastor is Pastor Bridgette Mills.

City of Refuge Ministries located in the

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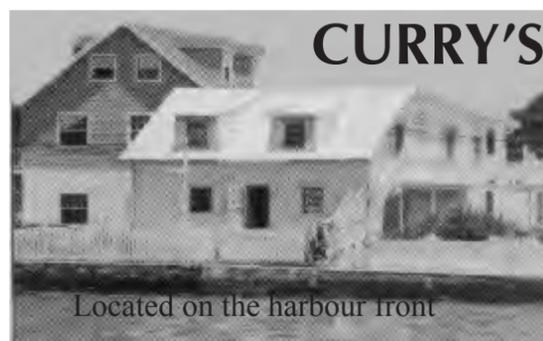
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Leonard M. Thompson - Abaco Dreamer and Doer

By Peggy Thompson

It is easy to learn about the life of Leonard M. Thompson by picking up one of his books, *I Wanted Wings* or *Sea to Sky* or *The 2007 Bahamas Handbook*.

On June 17th Leonard will celebrate his 90th birthday. I asked him about his life. What did he consider some of his contributions to the world? Was it his role in WWII fighting against Nazi Germany? Or was it developing Treasure Cay from an isolated, uninhabited sand bank to a playground for the rich and famous? Maybe it was connecting Abaco with the world by increasing flights from once a month to weekly and finally daily in his position as Managing Director of Bahamas Airways.

He looked straight at me with those piercing blue eyes and said, "I am pleased that I was able to provide education for my children. In my day, Out Island children rarely had a chance of education beyond age 12."

When we talked later on the phone, he said there was something else he had done that he felt had been helpful to many. I asked if it was all the improvements on Abaco he organized while he was an elected official. He explained that the achievements while a representative for 19 years in the House of Assembly were goals any representative would pursue for his constituency. His real contribution was sharing his devotion and love of Abaco.

As a pilot he met a lot of folks, and some were privileged people and potential investors in The Bahamas. He never missed an opportunity to brag about Abaco, its people and its natural beauty. His enthusiasm encouraged Mr. McLaren and Mr. Ed Dodd to invest in the forestry rights on behalf of National Container Corporation that bought out Wallace Groves. Later it merged with



Owens Illinois and the rest is Abaco history - roads, jobs, ice, teachers, etc. He introduced Mr. Clint Murche-

son to Spanish Cay. He found Dumas Milner to invest in Treasure Cay.

Leonard met another investor at Government House in Nassau. Brigadier Robbins, a British war hero, and Leonard, a WWII veteran, became friends. When Robbins confided he wanted to invest in a home in The Bahamas, Leonard invited him to visit his birthplace, Hope Town. They toured the historic village and Brigadier Robbins chose the little hill overlooking the harbour just on the southern edge of the settlement.

It happened to be adjacent to Leonard's childhood home. His parents' two-story clapboard house had been sold, dismantled and reassembled on Front Street in Marsh Harbour but the land was still owned by the children. The parcel Robbins wanted had no beach rights. Leonard discussed with his siblings the chance for Hope Town to have its first hotel. They all agreed they would sell the land. Brigadier Robbins paid five pounds for the land between the road and beach where the pool, outdoor restaurant and bar and cottages are currently housed. He built his home in 1946 and sold it to Marcel Maury, who opened it as the Hope Town Harbour Lodge in 1960. It remains a popular hotel and restaurant.

Another investment into Abaco's future was the purchase of the burned-down fishing club, Abaco Club, with the idea of developing a resort and marina. The project was delayed, and over and over again he was approached to sell for residential purposes. It was tempting as the money was often needed. But Leonard knew that this spot was one of the best places in Marsh Harbour to build a large scale resort and marina. He held out and his foresight allowed the development of the Abaco Beach Hotel and Boat Harbour Resort and The Regattas. Without a doubt, these commercial properties have enriched the economy of Marsh Harbour from taxi drivers to electricians, fishermen and grocers.

Some might say that Leonard M. Thomp-

son was a dreamer, a man before his time. There is no doubt he contributed much to the community and gave hope to little barefoot island boys all over The Bahamas. Work hard, take your education seriously and work for the common good. (During Leonard's years in Government, the representatives were volunteers and most of his contributions were in turbots [fish] or bananas - much appreciated but unable to pay the plane's fuel bills.)

Happy Birthday, Leonard M. Thompson! Thank you for all you have done for your family and fellow Abaconians! Keep

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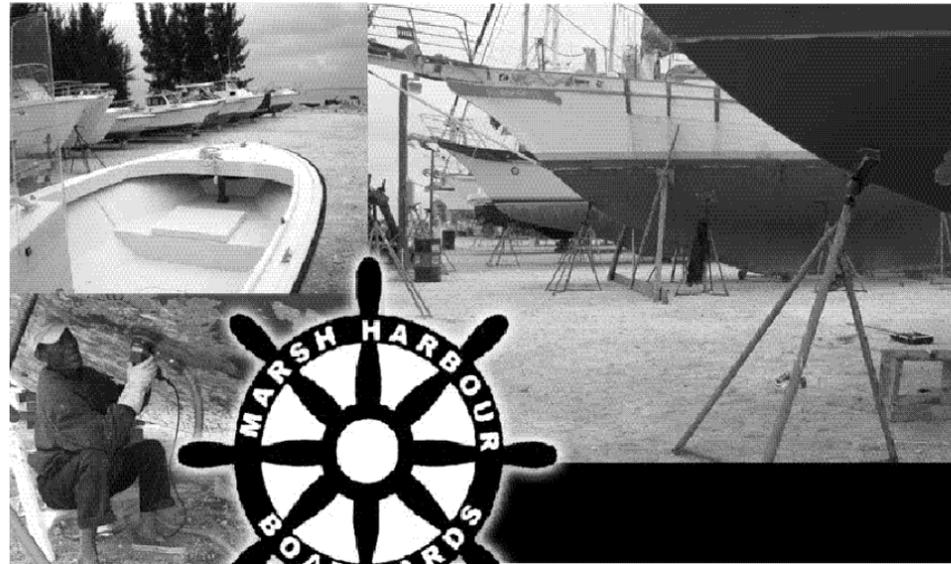
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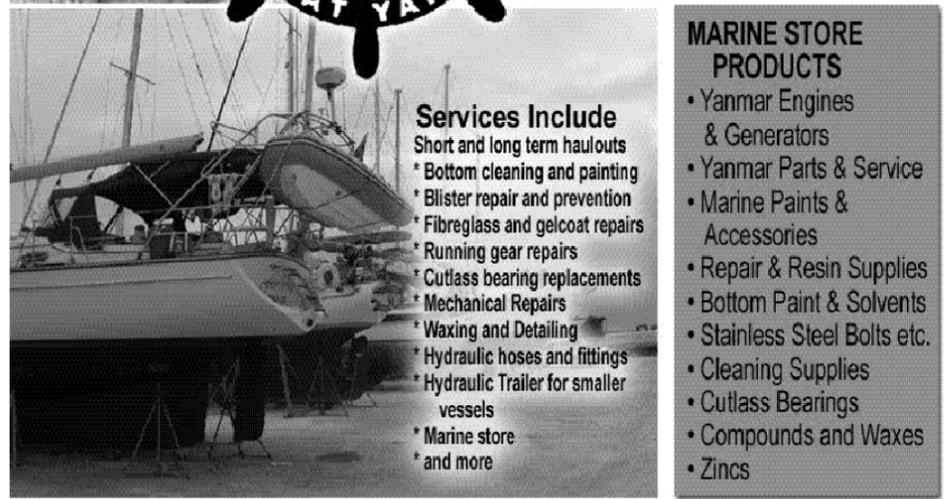


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Abaco Humane Society Holds Fund Raiser

Viewpoint From Page 8

By Molly Roberts

The newly-formed Abaco Humane Society held its first annual Pet Walk-a-thon on May 26th. The walk began at the Royal Harbour Village Shoppes complex with approximately 15 dogs of all shapes and sizes, their human companions and other concerned community members.

The walk made its way to the dog demonstration and obedience park located next to National Marine. At the park Kim Roberts,

Maureen Koepp and others, including the darling of the day, Rebekah Higgs, showed the walk participants their animals' skills on the agility course.

The walkers and their animal companions wended their way back to Royal Harbour Village with the stars of the agility demonstration joining them. At the Royal Harbour Shoppes the festivities included a silent auction with items auctioned off to the highest bidders. The items included a telescope,

dinner for two at Snapper's, a gift certificate from Palm Cottage, a Dive Abaco snorkel trip for two and more! A mini-jumble sale with high quality household goods, books and other great items added to the fun. Members of the Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club were on hand to cook up hot dogs and hamburgers to order for the crowd.

The proceeds from the walk, auction, cookout and jumble sale will go to the organization's efforts in helping community animals through education, spay and neuter clinics and awareness programs. The Abaco Humane Society was formed in partnership with the long-established Abaco Animals Require Friends (AARF) in 2005 with the backing of many newcomers to the community, the Ministry of Tourism and other concerned animal lovers. The society will be organizing clinics, education programs and other community-friendly programs in the near future.

Maybe we have lost sight in our rush for economic success and prosperity. Maybe we have forgotten our sense of humanity.

All of a sudden we find it quite acceptable to exploit and destroy our surroundings. To forget about human rights and the welfare of our fellows. Our sense of justice has now become totally self serving with no thought for the community and life around us.

We need to get back to some of our basics. We must begin to look after our surroundings. We need to ease up on the rush for material satisfaction, and the "I wants." This latter even comes through in our children. The Bible somewhere states something about "We have been given domain over all things." This is a privilege, not right. Let's use it wisely.

We need to get away from that impression of a dusty, untidy, busy and poorly managed one-horse town.

Take pause. Reflect.



Fifteen dogs and their owners raised money by participating in a walk-a-thon in Marsh Harbour on May 26. The event included an auction and a jumble sale. The money will go toward education and spay/neuter clinics.

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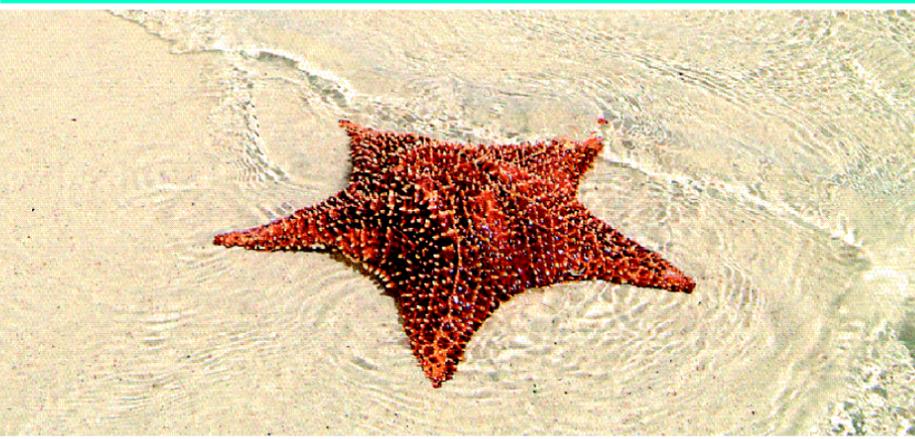
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An Update on Baker's Bay

By Julian Lockhart

As one steps off the ferry onto the dock at Baker's Bay, one steps into a piece of heaven within the paradise already known as Abaco.

Five miles of pristine beach, tents for guests to dwell in are filled with luxury as the guests are sold on the future of the project, gourmet cooking, nature walks, native vegetation throughout. Yet Baker's Bay is two and half years away from completion. Situated on the northwest point of Guana Cay, Baker's Bay includes one of the most exquisite beaches in The Bahamas with elevations and flawless powder.

Discovery Land Company has promised a state-of-the-art, modern golf and ocean club residential resort and so far they are more than living up to their desired product. With an amazingly beautiful and picturesque development, it is going to attract the wealthy from around the world.

Baker's Bay expects to have its 158-slip

marina and marina village finished by November 2008. The marina will accommodate yachts ranging from 50-250 feet with 14-feet at low water flowing in from the existing Loggerhead Channel.

By November of 2009 the entire project will be complete with the par 72 professional golf course and ocean club. Individual property owners can start building as soon as January of 2008 when all of the infrastructure is expected to be completed. Baker's Bay will be a trend setter in luxury living in The Bahamas with properties ranging from \$2.5 million up to \$10 million with every amenity imagined.

Sales director Geoffrey Jones said, "We will be the most luxurious, highly amenitized private club that exists almost anywhere in the world. We start with a beautiful piece of property on 585 acres on Guana Cay with beautiful sand beaches that run just about 360 degrees around the property. We will add an 18-hole championship Tom

Fazio-designed golf course with a world class practice facility, a 30,000-square-foot ocean club house which will have world class fitness facilities and spa and three different dining venues with five star dining. Signature outdoor pursuit programs on the beach, water and land with a well qualified staff to implement them. It is a previously uninhabited pristine piece of property that we will add amenities to that will create a very modern, high-end level of infrastructure," he added.

For now the Baker's Bay sales staff is selling the 358 residential lots as they add the amenities, infrastructure, marina and golf course to complete the project.

Guests, after they are qualified, are flown in and are completely taken care of for a weekend or a few days as they get the full experience of what Baker's Bay will be when completed. Mr. Jones and his staff give the guests a tour of the area. They stay in completely amenitized tents - which are made of mahogany with state-of-the-art fixtures - treated to gourmet meals, boating and any number of water sports and beach activities.

Each guest is made to feel as if he is in heaven. Purchasing at Baker's Bay will

give them not only a second home, but a home away from home as they are waited on by a genuine staff, who execute each request fully.

Mr. Carter Redd said that Discovery Land Company would not have the success they have enjoyed without hiring and training the best staff they could find and so far the staff at Baker's Bay is receiving flying colors.

Abaco is only a short flight from Florida and as soon as the new Marsh Harbour airport is completed with the extended runway jets can land from New York and the other northern cities. Then Guana Cay is a boat ride away and from Baker's Bay an owner is only minutes by golf cart from the main community and minutes from Elbow Cay and Green Turtle Cay by boat if they so choose.

For anyone who is looking to have everything they could imagine at their fingertips, to live in luxury, walk on a pristine beach, play golf whenever they want, have the privacy and protection they could only dream of and only be minutes from the

Please see Baker's Bay Page 21



This is an artist's rendition of the marina village. The marina is due to be complete by November 2008.

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Basic construction work is progressing

Baker's Bay *From Page 20*

coast of Florida, Baker's Bay is their dream come true.

Visiting guest David Leyvas from Phoenix, Arizona, said, "My experience has been absolutely wonderful. The quality of the people they have working here is just phenomenal. I am surprised how beautiful it is and it really exceeded my expectations. Being here now makes me want to be even

more. I can see for both families and retirees this can be a incredible vacation home, second home or permanent home for anyone," Mr. Leyvas added as he was accompanied by his wife and two kids.

There will be some transient traffic that flows through the marina and the villas that will be for rent; however, it will not be a resort but a residential golf community. The marina will include a dive shop, retail stores, boutiques, groceries, coffee shops, and they will all be Bahamian run as Discovery Land wants to boost the local economy

and provide opportunities for the locals.

The beach is the key as it stretches almost completely around the property and offers Baker's Bay a touch that no other resort has. If the wind is blowing hard from the east and it is uncomfortable, then there are miles of protected beach to the southwest and north. This is unlike other resorts when the wind blows hard from the direction where the beach is located, there is no other option.

Despite Baker's Bay receiving concessions in its Heads of Agreement, none of the individual homeowners will receive any of these building concessions and will have to pay full duty and taxes. Bahamian architects and builders will be able to reap the benefits from these multi-million dollar homes.

There will be a reverse osmosis water-making plant that will supply all of the water for the community by turning salt water into fresh water. An integrated waste-water treatment plant for all sewerage will be

treated on property.

Now there is an electrical generation plant that supplies all electricity to Baker's Bay. When Bahamas Electrical Corporation runs the lines to the community, it will then serve as a back-up generator in case BEC has a black-out.

Mr. Redd said, "I think we are already seeing that we are setting the standards where it is an employer coming in and immediately becoming an employer of choice, whether it be with benefits or work environment. The standards that we will be setting in our community where they may not become widely known to the outside communities because we are not a resort, we will be doing things here on Abaco that have never been done in The Bahamas. There is a reason why folks will buy here instead of the other wonderful properties in the Bahamas and it will, without a doubt, be because of our people," he concluded.



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North *From Page 17*

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The youth department of Cities of Refuge is calling all youths who do not have a church home to be a part of our youth invasion. Youth Invasion is held every Friday at Cities of Refuge.

People in the News
Wedding Bells

By Vernique Russell

Police Const. Zhivargo Hepburn and Ms. Ravonne Cornish will publicly declare their undying love and commitment for another as they exchange vows on June 9th. The wedding ceremony will take place on Grand Bahama. Ms. Cornish is a native of Abaco who hails from the community of Blackwood and Officer Hepburn is no stranger to the island as he played a very instrumental role with our young men and women while he served in Treasure Cay.

Happy Father's Day

By Vernique Russell

Special Father's Day greetings are extended to all the fathers in North Abaco. We

do hope that your day is filled with joy and happiness and that you enjoy every moment of your special day. We say thank you to all the fathers who work so hard to give us the things that we need. For your guidance and support, we say thank you, and for being the wind beneath our wings, we say thank you. I would also like to send very special father's day greetings to my dad, Vernon Russell. I want you to know I love you very much and do hope you enjoy your day.

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He is survived by his mother Estelle Major; daughter Joyann Major; granddaughter Andasia Bain; sisters Jennifer Desauguste and Juliet Bootle; brothers Leslie Major II and John Major; aunts Delores Mortimer, Judy Dames and Euturphy; uncles John Young, Eric Cartwright and Pole Young; grandaunts Gladys Seymour and Lucille Cleare; nieces Ivannette Russell, Fatima Parker and Tamyira Stubbs; nephews Tito Russell, Yadnick Hepburn, Elcheano Edgecombe and Leslie Major III; grandnephew Malyk Wilson; grandniece Renya Hepburn; sister-in-law Audrey Major; brother-in-law Daniel Desauguste; nephew-in-law Oswald Parker II; niece-in-law Peachy Russell; and many other relatives and friends.



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Fishing *From Page 7*

season for the Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour Marina. Mr. Warrington hooked the 113-inch beauty and fought her for 30 minutes. He proudly weighed his trophy at dock with a total weight of 549 pounds.

The tournament ran for five days with anglers in the water four of those days, choosing which day between May 29 and June 1 to have as their lay day.

Mr. Warrington said, "It was just great pulling in the big fish. We were not surprised we hooked him because we were way overdue. It was the first one for the resort and our first one in a while as well. I was happy but it wasn't a long fight just about 30 minutes. We did steal the show but we were lucky. We have paid our dues and we finally caught one. This is the biggest by seven pounds that I have caught," he added.

Despite catching the big one, Mr. Warrington couldn't help the *Dana Ann* finish in the top three as *Masque* also had an incred-

ible feat of her own on Thursday. *Masque* began Thursday with only 500 points and it didn't look as if they had a chance to creep into the top three, much less win overall. However, they miraculously hooked a triple header of blue marlin and were able to reel them all in to pull into the lead.

Masque went into Friday with 2,000 points and had to sit back and hope no other yacht was able to have a big day out on the seas. At the end of the day their big haul on Thursday held up and they won over all

with four blue marlin.

Therapy finished second with three blue marlin and 1,500 points and finishing third with the same score and blue marlin total was *Juel Marie*, but they caught their last fish later than *Therapy* did.

Masque's Capt. Wink Doerzbacher said, "I feel awesome winning overall. You wouldn't enter if you didn't feel like you can win but it doesn't always happen. The triple header was awesome and words don't explain it and you just take advantage of what presents itself and you hope it works out. I was tripping over something on the bridge and it was my lower jaw and that should tell you how surprised I was at hooking three blue marlins at one time. I was hoping the points would hold up and you wish no bad luck on anyone. Compared to last week the weather was tremendous," Mr. Doerzbacher added.

There were 48 yachts and 199 anglers fishing over the five-day tournament. They



Sportsfishing boat Flow Control brings a marlin to the boat to be photographed. The woman is holding a card that will identify the fish for the judges.

were able to hook a total of 77 billfish. There were 27 white marlin released, 46 blue marlin, including one boated, and four sailfish.

The HMY isn't as competitive as the other tournaments throughout the summer on Abaco and is used as a way for their clients to mingle and get to know each other every year. Tournament director Mike Dickman said, "The tournament was fantastic and this tournament is unlike any other you find over here in The Bahamas. Most of the tournaments over here are really competitive and this one that HMY puts on for their clients is fun and a lot of parties. We caught a lot of fish and brought one to the dock. Compared to last week (The Big Four Tournament) this week was nothing. Winds dropped down for us, and we had some more boats come over from the States even though they had a rough ride over," Dickman concluded.

Aground *From Page 1*

had owned the boat for only two months, call ed for assistance an BASRA Marsh Harbour responded. BASRA Marsh Harbour Operations helped them set anchors to hold the boat until high tide mid-afternoon. Being members of Tow Boat U.S. enabled them to receive assistance from the Tow Boat U.S. operators on Abaco. Wayde Collins normally responds to the calls but on this particular occasion, since he was unavailable, his brother, Claude, towed the grounded vessel back to port.

Shore spectators were frustrated in their inability to offer help. Winds were severe and it was feared the hull would be punctured. The hull held and the boat was pulled off on the afternoon high tide with no obvious hull damage.

Tow Boat U.S. on Abaco is owned by licensed captain Wayde Collins who, with his wife Tracey, owns Rainbow Rentals. Mr. Collins began operating as representative of Tow Boat U.S. in April of 2006. "This is the only Tow Boat U.S. operation in the Bahamas since the one on Grand Bahama is no longer in business. It is separate from the U.S. operation but operates under their regulations and guidelines," stated Mr. Collins.



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The recommended maximum distance for Tow Boat U.S. to cover is 25 miles from port but Mr. Collins has been as far as Great Sale, which is three-quarters of the way to West End and took a day to get there. On long runs an extra person is always carried but for short runs one person usually goes as there is minimal physical work. Response time is from 45 minutes to an hour and a quarter if it is within the 25 mile limit but on the longer runs weather is an issue.

Soffball *From Page 1*

games had been postponed to five o' clock since there were only two teams playing. It was the best of three games for the winner and the first place went to the Texaco Pirates. Two internationally famous players were incidental to the Pirates's victory: Canadian Rob Scheller, who was vacationing on Abaco at the time, and Rhys Casley, who traveled from New York where he resides, to take part in the tournament. New Zealander, Rhys Casley hit six home runs for the Pirates to the cheers of the locals, according to the comments of a visiting fan, Mr. Jim Flanagan, who transmitted the game on Ball Park radio.

The Presidente's team, which is sponsored by the beer of that name, came to Abaco from Miami with their families, altogether about 20 of them. Most of the players were Cubans who joined the team upon their arrival in the United States, explained player Raul Gonzalez, a coach in Cuba and a player in Mexico. His brother, Frank Gonzalez, the team's captain, said they have been

together as a team for the last 10 years. He mentioned that the Presidente were familiar with the hosting team. "We played against the Pirates in Miami in March." He added that whatever the outcome of the championship, the group was having the best of time on Man-O-War, and they were thinking of coming back for a vacation.

Team captain Haziel McDonald said that everything went extremely well. "We will do it again next year," he added.

Central *From Page 13*

library committee, is looking to the public for donations and says, "The sky is the limit." She may be contacted at telephone 367-2243 (evenings) and donations may be

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More Letters to the Editor

Letters *From Page 9*

proposition; they would alienate the very tourists they seek to attract, most of whom would be horrified by it. The potential negative international publicity generated would be economically devastating.

While government should certainly step up and become involved in this issue, it would be a mistake for government to go into the "business" of animal care and control. Visit the government "dog pound" in Nassau for edification. They catch dogs sometimes, and they are held for the legally required four days and then put down, period, except for the lucky few whose owners bother to look for them or the ones rescued by the Bahamas Humane Society and other animal welfare groups.

When you consider the tens of thousands of stray dogs still roaming the streets of Nassau, it is apparent they are not even close to solving any part of the problem.

Government should seek out the animal welfare organizations already in place all over the Bahamas and provide support, resources and funding to professionals who already know what the solution is and how best to implement it, if they only had sufficient resources. The Dog License Act is currently worthless as there is no enforcement,

the fees are a pittance and police officers, already overwhelmed by rising crime, are poorly trained, if at all, regarding animal laws, and seldom take cruelty complaints seriously.

There are too many irresponsible "breeders" and far too many backyard breeders. One alarming trend is that many pit bull owners are polluting the potcake gene pool by not confining their dogs properly. There is also a growing number of ignorant "breeders" who think they are creating new breeds by mixing pit bulls and Rottweilers, pit bulls and mastiffs or bulldogs, and Rottweilers and Chow Chows.

There should be a moratorium on all dog breeding in the Bahamas until the problem is under control; failing that, breeders should be required to be licensed and subject to inspections, (a source of revenue that could help fund the necessary programs), just like any other business, and stiff penalties should be levied upon those found not in compliance.

There is a documented direct correlation between animal abuse and violence to humans. Those guilty of offenses against animals are very likely also violent offenders in other ways. An overwhelming majority of dogs involved in attacks on people are

not neutered, and dogs that are primarily chained or caged are ten times more likely to bite than those that are not. Whether one wants to be kind to animals for kindness' sake or not, these are indisputable facts and show that better treatment of animals engenders better public safety and less human crime. Mahatma Ghandi said it best, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be measured by the way it treats its animals."

There are many reasons why government should take this problem seriously; and while I applaud them for at least realizing there is a serious problem, I hope the Abaco Ministry of Tourism will look before they leap into waters they are not equipped nor trained to navigate. If the "Humane Society" they are "putting together" is planning mainly to catch and kill stray animals, they will not be a humane society and should not use that term. The only programs proven to be effective world wide are those that com-

bine sterilization, education programs, and appropriate legislation with enforcement. Anything less would be a colossal waste of funds destined for abysmal failure.

Yours truly,
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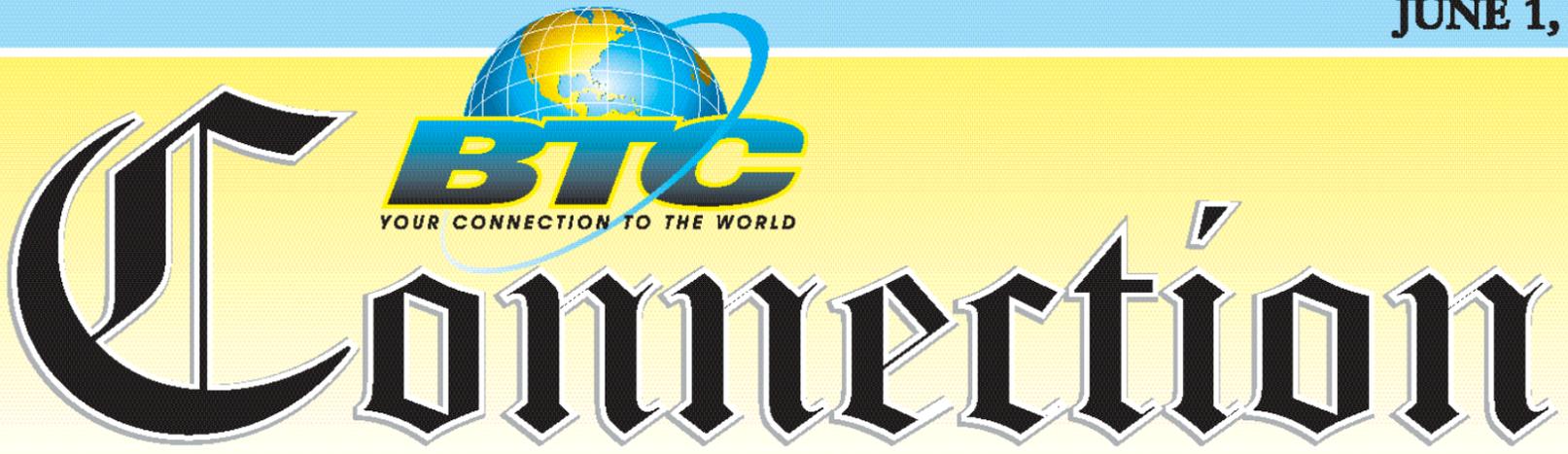
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SECTION B



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Hope Town Hosted Swim Meet

Six schools competed in Perry Cooke Memorial School Meet

By Julian Lockhart

The Hope Town Primary School dominated the 6th Annual Perry Cooke Memorial Inter-school Swim Meet on May 31 at the Hope Town Community Pool. Despite being only a primary school, Hope Town was able to easily defeat Agape Christian School and Forest Heights Academy, which are primary and high schools, for the overall point total and had no competition at all from Amy Roberts Primary, Man-O-War Primary and Guana Cay Primary schools.

Hope Town finished with 395 points with Agape finishing second overall with 290, Forest Heights third with 182, Amy Roberts fourth with 92 points, Man-O-War finished fifth with 68 and Guana Cay sixth with 12 points.

Hope Town's coach Carrie Cash said, "I feel wonderful about our school dominating and we are fortunate to have a community come together and build this tremendous pool. It just goes to show with good facilities it really helps. I am glad to see the other schools here and swimming starting to roll again although we did well without the pool. Hope Town School is one of the few primary schools where there is mandatory swimming starting with Pre-K through the sixth grade.

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Students from six schools competed in the 6th Annual Perry Cooke Memorial Inter-school Swim Meet held at the community pool in Hope Town on May 31. Shown here are the winners of the swim meet.

Tourism Promotes Authentically Bahamian Products

By Mirella Santillo

The Ministry of Tourism has added a number of new exciting areas to the Abaco office and the Authentically Bahamian Department is one of them. The department is headed by Dornell Swain, assisted by Millie Dawkins. Ms. Swain stated that this department has been a part of Tourism in the Bahamas for some time but never implemented at the Abaco office. It was Mr. Don Cornish, who brought this new area to the

island. Ms. Swain stated that she is excited to be a part of this area because she is passionate about Bahamian products. The objective of this department is to showcase all things authentically Bahamian which means they originated in The Bahamas and are unique to the Bahamas only.

One thing they have done to showcase Bahamian products is to place them in the

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Outstanding Students Are



Outstanding sixth grade students are recognized nationally and this year nine students from Abaco attended the ceremony in Nassau. Shown here are Alexzandra Phillpot of Man-O-War School, Payton Stubbs of Central Abaco Primary, Aisha Jones of St. Francis de Sales, Colby Cross of Amy Roberts Primary, Clydesha Cornish of Treasure Cay Primary, Perkell Collie of Long Bay School and Jaron Cornish of Fox Town Primary. Missing from the picture are Brittany Sands of Cooper's Town Primary and Brianna Maxwell of Agape Christian School. Aisha Jones won a \$1000 to be put toward tuition and a \$25 voucher for books.

By Samantha V. Evans

One hundred three grade six students gathered in anticipation of receiving a scholarship from the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation in Nassau on May 19. Many speakers were on the program but there were several that stood out. The Hon. Phenton Neymour, Vice President of Development for the Awards Program stated that he was with the program from its inception and is proud of how far they have come. He wants parents to realize that their child is being recognized as the best of the best and they should be very proud. This is indeed an exciting night for the students who have proven themselves as the "crème de la crème." This year there are

26 males and 77 female students with 54 of them coming from the Family Islands.

Mr. Basil Neymour, who donated \$10,000 for the winner, spoke with the honor students. He told them to get a good education, go to church, and say their prayers. Once they do these things God will bless them abundantly. He told the parents to do right by their children at all times, and even when they get frustrated they must not down their children but rather stick with them to the end.

After all of the speeches were done, the thirty six finalists were announced and one of the awards went to an Abaco Youth. Ten-year-old Aisha Jones from St. Francis

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Crossing Beach is landscaped



Volunteers planted many trees, bushes and grass at Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour on May 29. Friends of the Environment has previously cut the casuarinas down and trucked in many loads of sand to form a dune.

By Mirella Santillo

Crossing Beach, the only public beach in Marsh Harbour, offered a sorry sight a couple of months ago, after the removal of most of the casuarina trees that shaded its shores. That was phase one of the restoration of the beach at Crossing Beach. Phase two consisted in the addition of several truck loads of sand that were

heaped in piles close to the road; phase three took place on May 29th when a group of volunteers headed by Ms. Lori Kenyon and Mr. Mark Gonsalves dedicated a morning to the landscaping and planting of the beach.

Altogether approximately 17 people

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Two pools and a coach have swimming back on track

Swim Meet From Page 1

So every child must learn to swim before they leave school," she added.

Resigning Swift Abaco Swim Club coach Dominic Latella said it is obvious and clear that with a little bit of practice it can go a long way and he hopes the parents realize how important it is for their children to learn how to swim.

For the majority of the participants it was basically an opportunity to miss a day of school, have fun swimming. If they won, it was icing on the cake. The children definitely were having fun and even those who barely could swim made sure they finished their races. Other than the Hope Town swimmers, the competitors who did the best were those who swam competitively with Mr. Latella.

The other primary and high schools have to practice in the ocean or at a resort pool, and they do not have a full time physical education teacher who can teach swimming properly. The only other school on Abaco with a pool, Long Bay School, did not participate in the meet.

Despite finishing third in overall points Forest Heights Academy won the senior high school trophy as it was able to edge out Agape in a budding rivalry between the two schools.

Forest Heights' coach, Rita Salvatore, worked with her swimmers for about a month prior to the meet as they went to the beach to swim. She said it was the hard work of the students which made winning possible. Forest Heights is looking into

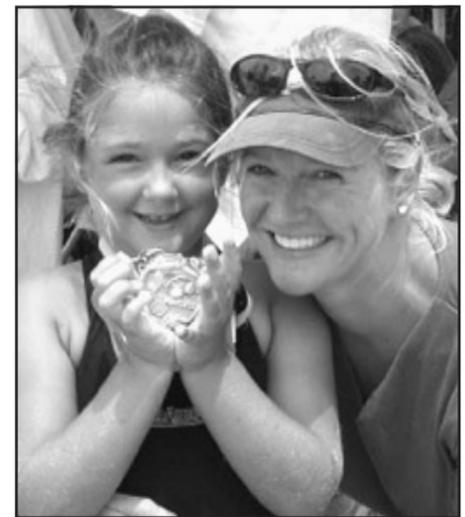
part of their physical education curriculum.

Ms. Salvatore said, "We are extremely thrilled that we won and we all did so well. There was a lot of improvement from the kids in a short time. They practiced really hard and worked their butts off. I was not surprised they did so well because I saw potential in them. It was great finishing first

at the high school level. This proved how hard these kids worked. It was difficult because we had to go to the beach to train. It would be very helpful if Forest Heights had its own pool. That would help the kids get better," Ms. Salvatore concluded.



The girls' relay team that won is shown here. They are Aisha Lebrun, Ashley Louis, Brittany Sweeting and Natasha Albury with Mrs. Carrie Cash and Mr. Dominic Latella behind.



Samie Williams won all 4 races (25MM Breaststroke, 25MM Butterfly, 25MM Backstroke, and 25 MM Freestyle) for the 6 and under girls in the Hope Town Swim Meet.

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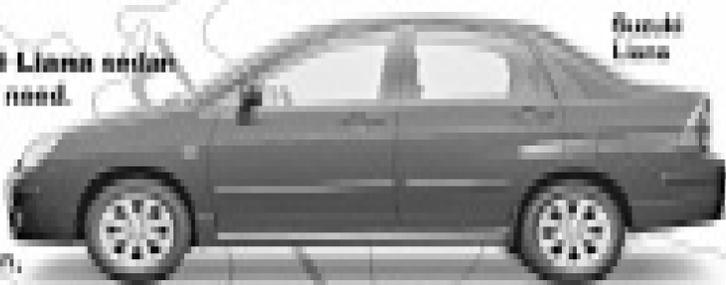
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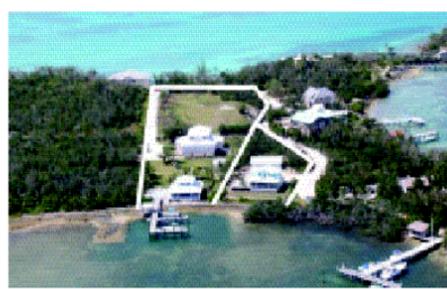
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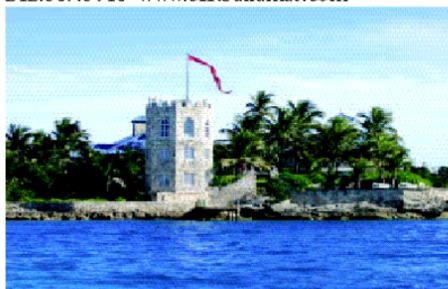
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News of the Cays

Beach Clean up on Guana Cay

By Mirella Santillo

News provided by Anyes Adams

On April 21st the Great Guana Cay Primary School organized a beach and harbour clean up as part of Coastal Awareness Month. Joined by residents, a group of 25 people under the supervision of Mrs. Diane Williams, teacher, and Mrs. Anyes Adams, a parent, gathered 40 bags of trash consisting mainly of plastic items and lost shoes. A small trash display was done by

the school. Two visitors who had joined in the effort returned the next day to continue with the garbage pick-up.

The clean-up was followed by snacks and beach games. Mrs. Erin Pagliero loaned the kids kayaks to paddle in the harbour while Caleb Roberts treated his friends to tubing rides. Plastic bags were donated by Nippers.

Hope Town District Council 25 May 07

Hope Town District Council members were given a recent Supreme Court order affecting road access to property south of

town. The existing road was there for many years when an adjacent property owner blocked it, restricting other property owners from accessing their property. According to the court order, the road must be opened for traffic within 30 days.

Comments were made to Council members by the property owner and by an attorney for the plaintiffs. Council members were advised by the Administrator to wait for a determination on the matter by the Attorney General's office before becoming further involved.

Three plans were passed for the Baker's Bay development, two residences and a

multipurpose building, all located in the Marina village.

A letter from the Save the Guana Cay Reef group was read objecting to the buildings as no septic system was shown. However, representatives from the Baker's organization were invited to explain their intentions.

All three buildings showed connections to a central sewerage disposal plant which is scheduled to be completed about the same time as the buildings. Council members felt that if the residences should be completed first, the occupancy permit will have to wait until the sewer connection can be made.



Green Turtle Club and Burns House along with Jackson Wine Estates hosted an Evening of Food and Wine Affinities at the Green Turtle Club on May 7. Mr. Mark Kilbride, who is the Caribbean Regional Manager for Jackson Wine Estates, was the speaker for the evening and everyone were well satisfied with a great meal, wonderful wines and with lots of new knowledge of food and wine pairings. The evening was capped off with entertainment by Island Spice and a good time was had by all. Pictured are Molly McIntosh, Barry Whiting, Linda McIntosh, Renee Nesbitt, Mark Kilbride and Lynn Johnson.

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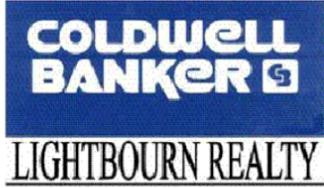
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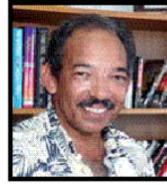
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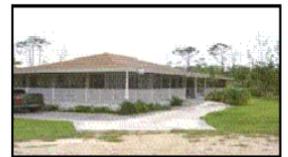


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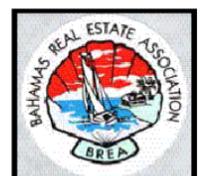


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Local Government at Work



Marsh Harbour Town Committee 14 May 07

The fourth meeting of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee since July, 2006, was held on May 14 in the Council meeting room in Marsh Harbour. Normally, the May meeting would be their 11th session. The mandated meeting in the spring to discuss the budget was not held.

Four members were about to call it quits after waiting 25 minutes when a fifth member arrived making a quorum so the meeting began.

The pressing issue was the construction of a new ferry office on Crown Land at the Crossing Beach. The building applicant had been invited to the meeting but was not present. A building of a permanent nature has now been built at the foot of the Crossing

Beach government dock. It was acknowledged that the building is attractive and an visual asset to the area.

In March the chairman of the Marsh Harbour Committee had given a letter authorizing a temporary structure for use as a ticket office at the Crossing Beach public dock. No food and no souvenirs were to be sold there. A monthly rent of \$300 was to be paid to the Marsh Harbour Management Committee. The applicant agreed to assist with the maintenance of the adjoining public toilet. A copy of the letter was later circulated to committee members, and it was noted that the word temporary did not appear.

On the basis of this letter, the chairman of Town Planning issued a building permit. Apparently, the chairman advised that a temporary building could be blown away in a storm and recommended that the temporary building incorporate design elements of a permanent structure to be storm resistant.

The chairman defended the original permission for a temporary building in that the business does not draw additional traffic to the area. It only shared existing customers with the established ferry operation. Allowing food or merchandise to be sold has the potential of attracting more customers and therefore increase the number of cars there. This activity was prohibited.

The building and the nature of the various procedures leading to its placement and construction were the main item on the Committee's agenda. Committee members were asked to either sanction or disapprove of the chairman's original letter giving permission for a temporary building.

Vast differences of opinion were expressed. One member felt that if sanctions were imposed (building removal) on this applicant, then many others in the area should be treated in a similar manner with improper buildings also removed. Eastern Shores was mentioned as having obvious building infractions with no adverse action being taken. Other examples were given.

Another issue concerned the use of Crown Land without permission; therefore, the building permit was not valid.

When asked if BEC would make an electrical connection, a committee member, who is also a BEC employee, said the approved permit was sufficient authority to allow

an electric connection. It was his opinion that BEC did not get involved with Crown Land issues.

Others felt this situation set a bad precedence in which anyone could squat on Crown Land, get a permit from the chairman of Town Planning and build a legal permanent structure. Several members declared their intention to begin building on different sites immediately since that was now the accepted policy.

A member of the Marsh Harbour Committee vowed to resign declaring that the Committee was useless in upholding town values and enforcing Committee decisions. He left the meeting and his absence left the group without a quorum.

Crossing Beach is Marsh Harbour's only public beach, but its use for residents was noted to be severely restricted years ago by the huge number of commuter's cars parked there, effectively blocking beach access. A beach-going family would be hard pressed to find a parking space.

On another matter, the Committee gave tacit approval for residents of Casuarina Point and Bahama Palm Shores to donate funds allowing BEC to add seven or eight street lights on the highway between the

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The ticket office for the Abaco Ferry company is located at the foot of the old ferry dock at Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour. The building was to be a temporary building but ended up as a permanent structure. There is a lot of controversy about it.



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Local Government at Work



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airport and Bahama Palm Shores. There was no objection and BEC will be contacted to get a firm price for these lights.

Members noted that one of Council's first chores on convening in July, 2007, will be to appoint new chairmen and board members for the statutory boards as all appointments expire after two years of service.

It was brought out that one of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee members was appointed last July to be a Marsh Harbour representative on the Central Abaco District Council. However, 11 months later he has still not been sworn in as a Council member.

The chairman was dismayed that projects approved by the Town Committee fall by the wayside and are forgotten. Traffic lights are stored somewhere and were to be installed two years ago but nothing has happened. Speed bumps were authorized several years

ago and a committee member volunteered to oversee the installation in the area of Snappas, Mangoes and Curley Tails restaurants but nothing has materialized.

The Chairman noted that the area is growing but the budget allocated by central government in Nassau has remained the same for three years. It is unknown what the new government's budget for Central Abaco will be for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

On closing, it was brought out that the Administrator had not been present nor had he sent a letter authorizing the meeting. Therefore, the entire session was just interesting conversation and not an official meeting. Neither was the chairman's initial request resolved to either sanction or disapprove of the permission given for the temporary building at Crossing Beach.

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A quorum was not present so the nine residential applications were deferred to

another session. Those nine applications had an estimated construction value of nearly \$1.6 million.

A petition of objection had been submitted from neighbours to a proposed 400-square-foot apartment for the owner's workmen to be constructed contiguous to and behind an established commercial building in Marsh Harbour.

Nine persons, including the applicant, were waiting for the meeting to begin. The petitioners felt strongly that the 400-square-foot addition was not in keeping with existing community standards and the minimal rent the apartment would command would attract sub-standard tenants. They were

also concerned that the class of tenant this minimal apartment would appeal to typically attracts friends, relatives and additional family causing overcrowding which is extremely difficult to control.

The few Town Planning members present asked what could be done to accommodate the applicant's request for an apartment. It was noted that the concrete floor and roof overhang had been earlier constructed legally as a shed to the original building.

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Those petitioners present felt that increasing the size and quality of the apartment to command a higher rent would attract a more desirable tenant.

The applicant was advised to reconsider the application and present it to the Marsh Harbour Town Committee which was scheduled to meet in two days and ask for their views on the small apartment in that neighborhood. The site adjoins a middle class neighborhood and the Every Child Counts school.

Left unresolved was Town Planning's role in

- whether the applicant has the right to construct an apartment of his choosing as long as appropriate construction methods and code requirements were met irrespective of neighborhood values

- or whether neighborhood values are relevant in refusing an application which appears to be sub-standard when compared

to neighboring properties even though code requirements were met.

To questions as to whether the public has the right to see application plans, the Chairman assured those present that the approval process is open and plans are available for review. This is a normal part of the two-week public posting process before applications are considered by the board.

Since a formal letter of protest had been submitted in this particular instance, the matter was referred to the Marsh Harbour Town Committee for further guidance.

The approval for this application was additionally clouded when it was discovered that construction was well underway even though the permit had not been issued.

The quasi-meeting dismissed with the applicant suggesting he might increase the apartment size and present the revision to the Marsh Harbour Town Committee.

Landscaping *From Page 1*

gathered early Tuesday morning to even up the heaps of sand into small dunes and plant a great variety of native trees and grasses which had been donated by various organizations and businesses. Mr. Michael Parotti, manager of the Winding Bay's Nursery, donated a few plants as well as the developers of Matt Lowe's Cay.

In addition to the few large button woods that were already there, the beach is now decorated with a large number of silver buttonwoods. Spartina or cord grass has been planted along the length of the beach, closer to the water; its deep root system will help anchor the sand. Flowers will be provided by many Spider Lilies and several coconut palms will give shade when they are tall enough. "Each plant has been planted in organic soil mixed with cow manure and organic fertilizer, explained Mr. Mark Gonsalves. "The only thing needed now, he added is regular watering. We are look-

ing for somebody to supply the manpower for watering, at least until the rainy season starts." One of the volunteers suggested to involve the school children in the maintenance of the beach; taking part in the project would give them greater appreciation.

A subsequent phase is planned: the construction of a gazebo where the nature lover can come and eat lunch or read a book while looking at the sea. It is not an understatement to add that people (like me) who did not approve of the Casuarina removal, will be impressed with the new look of the Crossing.

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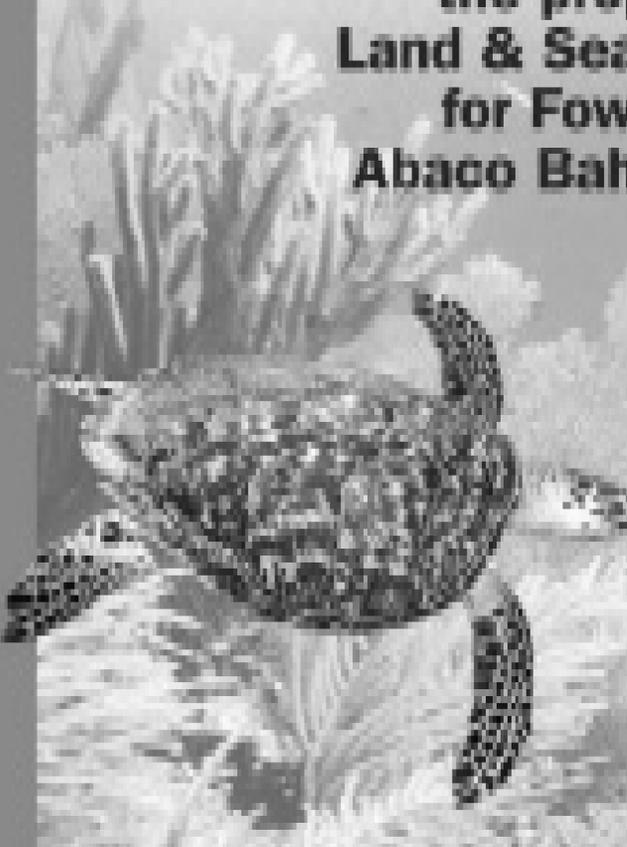
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Police Crime Report

Threats of death - A Cedar Harbour man was arrested on April 6 for threatening his ex-girlfriend with death if he ever saw her walking with her present boyfriend.

House breaking - A house in Leisure Lee had a glass door smashed during the day on April 20. Stolen were a satellite receiver and a radio.

Indecent assault - While walking near a Marsh Harbour food store, a young lady from Dundas Town was abducted at knife point by her ex-boyfriend in mid-afternoon on April 20. She was driven to a remote beach where her ex-boyfriend fondled her inappropriately.

Accidental shooting - While on a sailboat in the vicinity of Green Turtle Cay during the night of April 21, a woman accidentally shot herself in the head with a revolver. She was treated at the Corbett Medical Center in Treasure Cay and later released.

Assault with a deadly weapon - During the afternoon of April 20, a Crossing Rocks man was visiting his girlfriend in Dundas Town when her ex-boyfriend arrived and threatened the man with a revolver. On leaving, he fired a shot into the air. A search of the assailant's residence did not produce

a weapon.

Causing harm - A stepson was arrested for hitting his stepfather in the jaw with a glass plate causing pain. This occurred in mid-afternoon on April 21 in Murphy Town.

Shop breaking - While on night patrol in Marsh Harbour on April 12, police found a dress shop with a smashed display window. The owner was called and discovered that two costume gold necklaces were missing.

Stealing - Management of Price Right grocery store in Marsh Harbour reported that a young man stole a package of meat, three packs of Snickers ice cream bars and a package of garbage bags all valued at \$27. This happened about 7 a.m. on April 28.

Stolen vessel - A 22-foot Mako outboard boat with a 250 HP Honda engine was stolen from Guana Cay sometime between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. on April 29.

Sudden death - An anonymous call about 10 p.m. on April 30 led police to an unresponsive female in her home in the Mud. Efforts by EMS staff were unsuccessful and she was later pronounced dead. Foul play is not suspected.

Shopbreaking - At dusk on May 12 an intruder was discovered asleep in the

Anglican church hall in Blackwood. Subsequently, found missing were a piece of fried chicken, macaroni, three sodas and nine conch fritters all valued at \$10.50. Entry was gained through a forced window.

Missing girl found - A 14-year-old girl was reported missing on May 7 in Cherokee causing extensive searches on Abaco and Grand Bahama by police. Acting on a tip on May 12, police went to a neighbouring house in Cherokee about sundown and found the girl in the company of a 15-year-old boy whose parents were away. Both youth were brought to Marsh Harbour where parents and guardians were notified.

Shooting incident - A little after mid-

night on May 15, a Dundas Town resident reported that a white car with painted flames on the side stopped at his residence. Three men got out and two shots were fired at his apartment damaging a window. The car was subsequently found and identified.

Causing harm - At 3 a.m. on May 13 a Hope Town resident reported that he was ganged upon by two men while at Tardie's Night Club in Marsh Harbour.

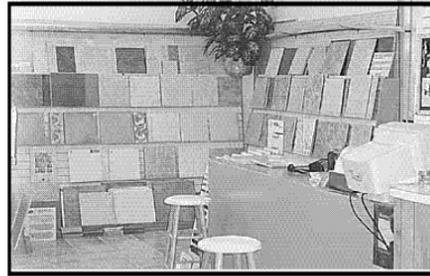
Unlawful sex - On May 13 a woman suspected that her foster daughter was engaged in sexual conduct. A medical exam

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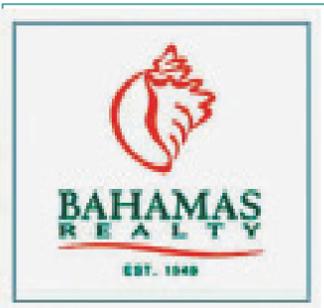
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<p>CASUARINA POINT #562299: 3bd/2bths : \$359,000 Bright and sunny, sturdy concrete family home, just steps from the beach. 1,472 s.f. of living space, tile floors, crown molding. Perfectly suited for family or retirement home.</p>	<p>GUANA CAY #562031: Residential Lot : \$349,500 NEW! Gorgeous Atlantic Ocean front home site. Located adjacent to the Orchid Bay development with elevated rocky shore and beach. Densely vegetated with natural coppice and native trees.</p>	<p>BAHAMA PALM SHORES #10202: Res. Lot: \$350,000 Gorgeous, generously-sized home site on Eight Mile Bay beach. Approx. .85 acres of nicely elevated land thickly treed with native hardwoods and coconut palms. Wonderful views, wide sugar sand beaches.</p>	<p>TREASURE CAY #562353: Residential Lot: \$85,000 Lovely, oversized multi-family residential lot in popular Anchorage Estates. Close to beaches and all amenities the resort and community offer. Invest in the future!</p>	<p>BAHAMA CORAL ISLAND #9935: Residential Lot: \$24,000 Lovely, homesite of approx. 10,000 sq.ft. with high elevation and views of the sea on the west of Abaco and the South side. Conveniently located just 3 miles north of Marsh Harbour.</p>	
<p>SCOTLAND CAY #562885: Residential Lot: \$575,900 Rare offering: Stunning 23,558 square foot home site on Scotland Cay. Sea of Abaco frontage of 150.22', nicely sheltered hard shore, well elevated.</p>	<p>PELICAN SHORES #562332: 3bd/3bths : Executive Rental Spacious family home located on prestigious Pelican Shores. Long term lease only, references, first, last and security required. Lease pricing on request.</p>	<p>OFFICES IN Abaco Nassau Exuma Eleuthera Long Island Harbour Island</p>		<p>MARSH HARBOUR #562133: 3bd/2bths: \$347,000 Fully furnished, with all new appliances and cabinets. Ideally located on quiet road, but close to Marsh Harbour. Excellent investment for rental or family home.</p>	<p>BUSTIC BIGHT #562174: Acreage: \$1,500,000 Green Cay is a nature lover's paradise. Situated just 1/2 mile off the west coast of Great Abaco Island. Perfectly suited for private retreat, bonefishing resort, etc.</p>



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Police *From Page 10*

supported this suspicion.

Found firearm - An anonymous caller advised police of a car which crashed in the bushes and of three men who fled about midnight on May 13. On investigating, police found a shotgun in nearby bushes. The car's owner was later arrested.

Damage - A Murphy Town driver was surprised when something hit the hood of

his car while driving on Forest Drive just before midnight on May 13. Holes found in the hood were believed to be from shotgun pellets. About the same time, police received a call from a nearby resident who reported loud bangs believed to be gunshots.

Assault with a dangerous instrument - A resident of Marsh Harbour's Pigeon Peas reported an attempted stabbing while at a friend's residence about 9 a.m. on May 14.

Threats of Death - About 8 p.m. on May

12, while at his residence in the Mud, a young man heard his father be given death threats by a man his father had once testified against in court. The assailant was later seen at the residence with a cutlas and a knife.

Causing Harm - An observer of a domino game in Pigeon Peas was injured when hit in the back of the head by a rock about 10:30 p.m. on May 14.

Disorderly Behavior - While at his residence in Crown Haven about 1:30 a.m. on

May 16, a police officer was advised of a nearby fight between a man and a woman. He found a fight underway resulting in minor injuries to the woman and her vehicle, damages to a pickup truck and minor damages to a school wall.

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School News

School *From Page 1*

de Sales was given a scholarship for \$1,000 to go towards her high school tuition. She also received a book voucher for \$25 from Bahamas Office and School Supplies.

Principal Kumar of St. Francis de Sales was very excited. She stated that they have had students to make the semi-finals before so Aisha winning a scholarship is a tremendous accomplishment for herself and her school. Aisha's grade six teacher Mrs. Olive Simon was elated as she realized that her nominee was very deserving of the

scholarship and had earned it. She was in fact very speechless but so proud that her student represented very well. All in all, the Family Island schools did extremely well, especially Grand Bahama schools. The winner of the jackpot was an 11-year-old male student from Tarpum Bay Primary School.

Nine Abaco Six Graders are Honoured in Nassau

By Samantha V. Evans

The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Award Ceremony was held over the weekend of May 18th and 19th. The students left for Nassau on Friday morning in

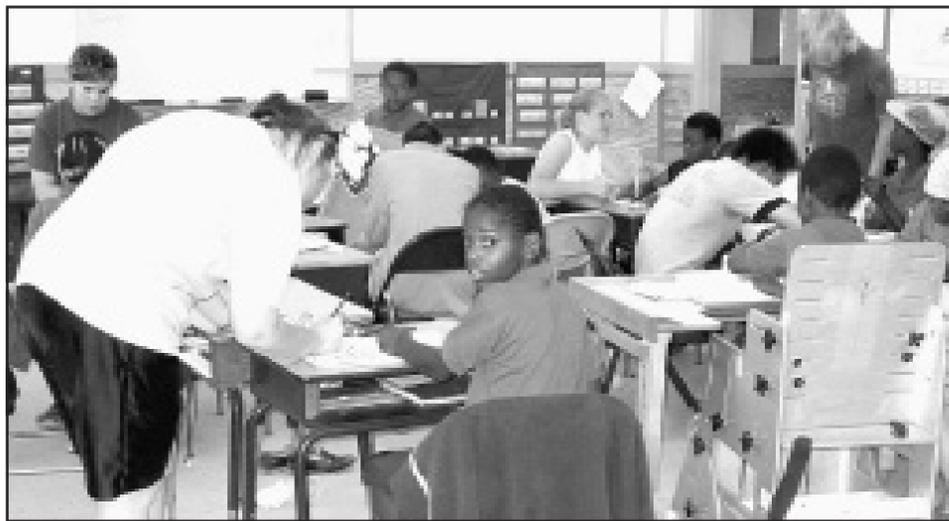
hopes of winning one of the 36 scholarships that were given out on Saturday evening.

Each of these students has achieved outstanding grades at their respective schools and are all winners. Paytan Stubbs from Central Abaco Primary School was very surprised when she was first told about this honor. She is involved in the Junior Anchor Club where she is the Vice President, attends Pathfinders at her church, is a member of the drama club at school and is the head girl. When she grows up, she wants to become a primary school teacher because she was inspired by her grade four

teacher Miss Roberta Lindsay. Her current Grade Point Average is 3.6.

Alexandra Phillpot from Man-O-War Primary School, was very excited when she was told about the selection. She takes part in swimming, numerous competitions at school and in the Abaco district and assists with kids at her church. She likes to help with Bible School during the summertime. She wants to become a teacher when she grows up because she likes working with

Please see School Page 15.



Thirty volunteers of the Mission Baltimore group and Ultimate Call are on Abaco for several weeks to work with locals. They take two to four hours every day to spend time with the students at Every Child Counts. On May 24th the afternoon group played games with them, presented a lesson on love based on Bible principles and did minor repairs to the building. The Ultimate Call volunteers are based in Tennessee. In addition to what they are doing at ECC, they have Vacation Bible School in the Mudd and Peas daily. Melissa Sova stated that when the children saw the bus pull up to the entrance of the Mudd and Peas, the children were very excited. The leader of Mission Abaco team is Mr. Tim Houston.



Sixteen grade one students took part in the last Spelling Bee exercise for this school year on May 25th in Marsh Harbour. The competition was vigorous and these very gifted students soon exhausted the seen and unseen list for grade one. Words had to be given from the grade three list before a winner could be declared. In first place was Jenna Williams from Agape Christian School, Second place winner was Madeline Russell from St. Francis and in third place was Elizabeth Sweeting from Agape Christian School. The coach for the winning school was Christine Bostwick. The trophies for this and all Spelling Bees were donated by L & V Construction. A special thank you is extended to all of the judges, coaches, committee members and principals whose support made these events a success. Congratulations to all of the parents and students.

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kids. Alexzandra is an A student and will be attending Forest Heights in September.

Clydesha Cornish from Treasure Cay Primary School, was surprised by the nomination initially but later was proud because she worked hard. She is involved in youth group at her church, attends Vacation Bible School, plays softball for her school, participates in numerous competitions at her school and is a school prefect. She wants to become a teacher. She is a B student.

Aisha Jones from St. Francis de Sales Catholic School, stated that she was not sure what the award was but saw it as an important opportunity to show what a ten-year-old student can do. She is involved in Bridging the Gap Youth Program, Girls in Action at her church, Readers Club at school, has taken part in numerous competi-

tions at school where she has excelled and is a school prefect. Her biggest motivator and role model is her mother who is a counselor with the Ministry of Education. She stated that she chose her mother because she does her "jobs" so well and she does not get upset a lot. Aisha wants to become a pediatrician when she grows up because she wants to help the future generations to stay healthy. Her current GPA is 3.7. She will remain at St. Francis throughout high school.

Brittany Sands of Cooper's Town Primary School was very excited when she was named for this honor. She is involved in the school choir, is the head girl and attends her church youth group. When she is done with her secondary education, she wants to become a lawyer like her brother Castino Sands, who was called to the Bahamas Bar in September 2006. Her mother, Shannalee Sands, is her greatest inspiration and role model. Her current GPA is a 3.80.

She will attend S.C. Bootle High School in September.

Colby Cross from Amy Roberts Primary School was excited when he was nominated for this honor because he got to travel to Nassau. He is involved in Awana, several swim meets and plays on the softball and soccer. Upon graduating, he plans to study forensic science. He especially likes to watch CSI on television. His biggest motivator and role model is his mother, Annabelle Cross. He is proud that he has always been on the honor roll because he makes only A's and B's at school. Amy Roberts Primary School is named after his

grandmother. Colby will be attending Forest Heights Academy in September.

Perkell Collie from Long Bay School was so amazed to be nominated by her school. She is involved in swimming and attends youth group at her church. Her Auntie Denise Archer always tells her to hang in there when things get tough and to keep up the good work. She is an A student at her school. She hopes to remain at Long Bay throughout high school.

Briana Maxwell from Agape Christian

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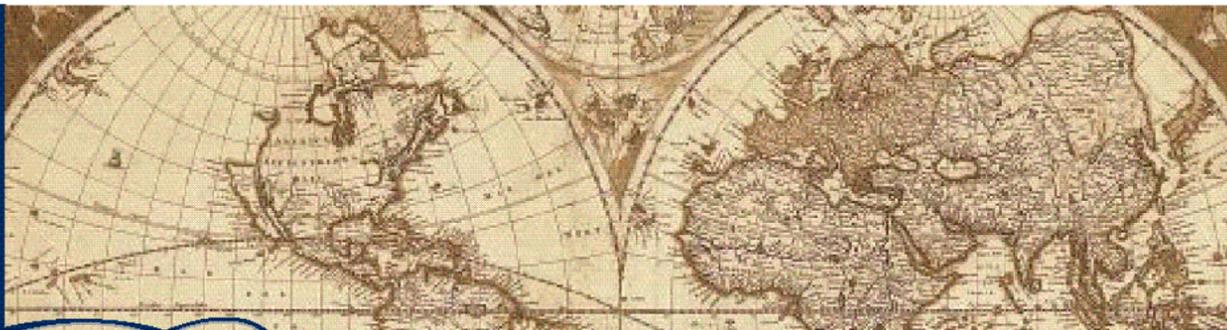
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School thinks being nominated is totally awesome. She couldn't wait to get started on her essay and portfolio. Her mom was especially excited because she deserved it. She attributes her great success to her mom, Marlana Bethel, who thought her to

be strong, loving and kind. She plans to stay at Agape throughout high school.

Jaron Cornish from Fox Town Primary School was very excited about the honor and looks forward to continuing his success in the future. All students received a medal and trophy for their outstanding performance and were treated to a reception at Sandals

Resort on Friday evening after the medal ceremony.

S.C. Bootle Student receives Alpha Phi Alpha Honor

By Samantha V. Evans

Valdez Carey, a 12th grade student and Head Boy of S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town was honored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity over the weekend of May 19th. Valdez was selected by his school counselor because of his grades, attitude and reliability. He is involved in numerous

activities at school and in the community including the track and field and basketball team at school, plays the piano and drums at his church, and plays for the North Abaco Basketball League. He will be attending the College of the Bahamas in September where he will study electrical engineering. Upon completion of college, he plans to return to Cooper's Town to open his own business. He chose this career path in engineer-

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The Central Abaco Primary School students who won the Abaco District General Knowledge Competition traveled to Nassau on May 24th to participate in the National Competition against six other schools. The competition was fierce and it became clear that every school showed up with the intention of winning. After a great effort and an attempt to bring back the trophy to Abaco, the team of Ashley Aranha, Charles Bain, Robert Joseph and Raynor Johnson placed sixth overall. They were presented with trophies and certificates for a job well done. Traveling with the team was Ms. Beatrice Moxey who coached the students, and assisted by Ms. Samantha Evans, School Guidance Counselor.



Over the weekend of May 15-18 the best athletes on the island of Abaco traveled to New Providence to compete in the National Primary School Championship. Twelve of these athletes came from Central Abaco Primary School. Those who excelled were Kavantia Reckley, who won the 100m and 200m; Samantha Miller, who won 100 and 400m; Dominyque Miller, who placed in the 75m; Shavesse Eyma, who won the 100m; Kyatra Mills, who placed in the 100m; Ricardo Fawkes, who won a silver medal in the 400m; Kyle Smith, who received ribbons in the 100m and 200m; Dontae Henschell, who received ribbons in the 100m and 200m; and Delano Davis who won a gold medal in the 100m and 400m and a silver medal in the long jump. He was named the most valuable player athlete in the under 14 boys division. Delano was invited to try out for the National Junior CAC Team to be held in Nassau this June. Accompanying the students were Coach Geffery Victor and Ms. Beatrice Moxey, Vice Principal.



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ing because as a child he loved to fix broken appliances and that passion still exists today.

He feels honored to have been

selected for this award and hopes that his good grades and the fact that he was named valedictorian of his class will earn him a scholarship to attend college. His current GPA is 3.26. His greatest inspiration comes from his father, Mr. Rex Carey.

PTA's Treated Teachers to Lunch

By Samantha V. Evans

The month of May was set aside to appreciate teachers as schools across The Bahamas select a week to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. St. Francis de Sales and Long Bay School treated their teachers to lunch on May 11th and May 18th respectively. Mrs. Judith Knowles, president of St. Francis PTA stated that teachers do a lot year round for our children and we should take time to show them how much we appreciate their efforts. Not only did the teachers at St. Francis have a gourmet meal prepared, they received gift certificates to John Bull and Apple Cider. They had count-

less opportunities to win prizes and surprises from games and trivia questions prepared by the PTA. The entire St. Francis de Sales staff consisting of 27 persons was included. Teacher Appreciation week at Long Bay School was observed over the week of May 7-11th. The president of Long Bay School's PTA, Mrs. Lovely Reckley took the staff to lunch at a local restaurant. The students also volunteered to teach their classes during the week of May 14-18.

St. Francis de Sales Three Students Selected for Tourism Speech Competition

By Samantha V. Evans

On May 24th three students from St. Francis de Sales school traveled to Nassau as finalists in Tourism's Caribbean Essay/Speech Competition. The students, Aisha Jones, Adrian Kelly, and Janasioha Bootle, were selected to be a part of the top 20 by the local Tourism office. Winning the competition was Janasiaha Bootle, a grade three student of St. Francis. The school received a plaque for winning. Adrian Kelly was selected to be a finalist in the essay competition and received a gift pack. Aisha Jones received a gift pack from the Ministry of Tourism for making it to the semi finals and roses from Mrs. Beverley Archer, Girls Mentor with Bridging the Gap Youth Program, for her accomplishments. Accompanying them was the school coordinator of this event Mrs. Samantha Duverny. They were coached by Mrs. Samantha Duverny, Mrs. Olive Simon, and



The band from Wesley College performed during the lunch hour in down town Marsh Harbour. Wesley College will offer a resident Summer Band Camp on July 6th to 13 to provide young people with an interest in music an opportunity to interact with other young persons and skilled musicians. They will practice their skills as well as develop an appreciation of the music of The Bahamas. There will be a variety of activities include music instruction (theory and practical), recreational activities and a public performance by the band. The cost of the camp is \$165 including meals, activities and basic accommodations. Campers are required to bring a band uniform and swim gear. For more details call Rev. Charles Carey at 367 2009.

Ms. Miriam Fredericks.

Pastor Samuel Cornish Speaks At Abaco Central High

By Samantha V. Evans

Abaco Central High School held its Teachers' Appreciation Celebration on May 17th under the theme *You Are Loved*. The principal of the school, Mr. Kendris Hield, stated that this service was to celebrate some of the most professional people in the universe - teachers. Teachers build lives, create dreams within individuals and show them the way to accomplish each dream.

The guest speaker for the day was Pastor Samuel Cornish, Senior Pastor of Change Ministries, who told the students that they

should take their education more seriously. Education is the number one key that unlocks success. He told them that with the national average being a D+, they can decide to make the difference. Pastor Cornish told them that we need students who will embrace education because once they get it, they will be well on their way.

Pastor Cornish graduated in 1987 and Mrs. Ruth Edgcombe was his teacher. She is still teaching at the school. He called that dedication and commitment to the teaching profession. He reminded the students that it is always good to heed the words of wise

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Three Attend New Zealand Conference

By Julian Lockhart

Island Chief Administrator Revis Rolle said he has heard all of the rumors surrounding the trip that he, Chief Councillor Cubell Davis Jr. and Director of Tourism Don Cornish took to New Zealand for the Commonwealth Local Government Conference in April, 2007, and none of them is true. Mr. Rolle said he heard they spent \$34,000 of the local government monies for the nine-day excursion and had to "laugh" because the people who were saying so knew that this couldn't have happened.

The total for the trip for the three individuals was a little under \$9,000, and it was signed off by the Ministry of Local Government. Also making the trip were local government representatives from the Ministry, Grand Bahama and Eleuthera.

Mr. Rolle said, "The Ministry of Local Government in some instances provided local funds and each council was able to provide some funding. As I understand there are some rumors on the street as to what we spent. Rumors on the street said we spent \$34,000, which is preposterous. I want it to be said we were not able to spend any money without the approval of the Ministry of Local Government, which approved the travel and expenditures. Because they have something against you, they start a rumor mill. But all of our business is legitimate," he added.

Tickets for Mr. Rolle and Mr. Davis were \$1,700 each, hotel was a total of \$1,800, per diem allowance for each individual was \$50 per day and they helped to alleviate some of the expenses of Mr. Cornish.

The trio made the trip to not only garner knowledge as to how other Commonwealth countries manage their local governments, but also to see how better to run local government on Abaco. Grand Bahama was

bidding to host the 2009 conference and the delegation was there to put on a great face of The Bahamas' local government. Mr. Rolle and company were there to represent Abaco as the second largest local government contingency in The Bahamas.

Every country that is a part of the Commonwealth was represented and each of them has some form of local government. Mr. Rolle said he found that The Bahamas is light years behind the majority of them in the functioning of local government here. Mr. Rolle said, "The purpose of the trip was to make sure we become a part of the whole Commonwealth network of local government practitioners. We were able to get a good prospective of where local government is going across the world. The Commonwealth of Nations represents more than 25 percent of the world population and we were able to see how local government is implemented across the world. As administrator I have gained a lot of knowledge as to how far other places in the world are ahead of us. What we were able to see in the more progressive countries, we have found their whole system of government from the federal government down to the local government is light years ahead of us," Mr. Rolle added.

Mr. Rolle said the one thing they noticed is that central government in the more progressive countries allowed their local governments to run their own affairs with minimal interference and also to use the monies they gathered in their districts for the betterment of themselves. Abaco residents have been asking for more of the contribution they make to the Treasury to come back to Abaco for the betterment of their own island. However, central government does not give the figures of how much money Abaco puts into the Treasury or what

percentage of that they actually get back.

Mr. Rolle said, "The Central Government really needs to decentralize more and give the local government more authority. I believe the time will come when we at the local level will be given the chance to handle our affairs. The amount of authority that is given does not have to be given all at once. It can be given on an incremental basis to ensure we will continue to grow. What we found is other countries give their local governments more control over their financial affairs. I certainly believe more of the money collected on Abaco should stay in Abaco. I believe the budget that is given to Abaco ought to be more reflective to what is raised on Abaco," Mr. Rolle concluded.

Junior Junkanoo Update

By Samantha V. Evans

It was the evening of January 11th when schools from across Abaco gathered downtown in Marsh Harbour for the most anticipated event of the year: Junior Junkanoo. Judges had a challenge this year due to some discrepancies with scoring. But after they met with the Fox Town School officials, the following winners were declared. The top primary schools were the winner (again) - Central Abaco Primary School. In second place - Fox Town Primary and in third place - Treasure Cay Primary. The top all-age schools were the winner - Amy Roberts, in second place - Wesley College and in third place - Moore's Island. In the high school category Abaco Central High School won without any competition since it was the only high school to enter. The winning schools will receive three computers each, those coming in second will receive two computers and the third place finishers will receive one computer. The computers will be delivered to the schools in short order. Congratulations to all of the winning schools. It is hoped that Junior Junkanoo will return to its regular month - December - if weather permits.

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Local Educator Publishes Book of Poetry

By Samantha V. Evans

Lyrical Hues: the Color of Inspiration is the title of the book of poetry published by veteran educator Miriam Fredericks. She is the grade three teacher at St. Francis de Sales School and has been writing poetry since high school. She stated that sometimes thoughts would wake her up at night, and she would get up and write.

She attributes the publication of her first book to that of a miracle because she did not anticipate publishing at that time. The completion of this book took her nine months.

Ms. Fredericks is originally from Guyana and has been teaching in the Bahamas for the past 17 years. She has been at St. Francis de Sales for seven years. She describes her work as gratifying. It has increased her self esteem especially when she hears the many compliments of persons who have read her work. She will publish her second book in the summer of 2007 and already has a financial supporter for it. The next book will be

a combination of inspirational short stories and poetry to add a bit of lyrical spice.

Earlier this year the school honored Ms. Fredericks for her accomplishment by presenting her with a fruit basket and flowers. Ms. Fredericks encouraged the students to follow their dreams and when they find their gifts to use them for the honor and glory of God.



Ms. Fredericks with students

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window of the Tourism office so that Bahamians and visitors alike and see them. Once they get a sale for a product, they ask the creator for a replacement. They do this so that the creator can have continued business and with hopes of persons wanting to sell it around the world. This has already started happening as well.

This department also helps people to get established on Abaco. Investors or second homeowners who want to open a business on the island visit their department for assistance. Their job is to let them know what they need to get established and to become compliant with the laws of The Bahamas. She is happy to state that she has been asked to work along with the HandiCrafts Association as well so that The Ministry of Tourism is aware of what they are making, to give her input, and to know what their needs are as far as additional training or exposure for their products is concerned. It is through her efforts that the Sand Jewelry Workshop came to the island on May

7-10. She will assist the Association in any way she can by bringing new training to the members. However, most of the craft training is done by BAIC.

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MURPHY TOWN Crown Allotment No. 77

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 yr 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 is 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 100ft 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.

APPRAISAL



MURPHY TOWN Lot No. 120

Lot no. 120 Murphy Town - All that lot of land and improvements having an area of 5,040 sq. ft. being portion of lot # 120 of the original Murphy Town Crown Allotments. This property is comprised of a two storey concrete and wood structure still under construction consisting of approximately 1,728 sq. ft. of enclosed living space. The said building is utilized as a triplex apartment complex, with a 2-bedroom dwelling on the upper storey. The lower portion of the building houses two units, each with 1-bedroom, 1-bathroom, living/dining and kitchen spaces. The building is in average condition and appears to be structurally sound. The building also demonstrates a need for scheduled maintenance. The property is partially landscaped with boundaries clearly delineated. All major private and public utilities are situate within one hundred feet of the property site. This property is situated off the Front Street in Murphy Town, Abaco.



MURPHY TOWN Lot

All that parcel of land having an approximate area of 9,000 sq. ft., Located on the above mentioned lot is a single family wooden structure, 25 ft by 40 Ft with asphalt shingled roof. This house is approximately 15 years old and comprising of 3-bedrooms, 2-bathrooms, living/dining area and kitchen. This house is in need of some serious repairs. The future life of this house depends on the repairs that will be carried out. Without repairs it is not more than about 5 years. If upgrading and maintenance is carried out it could be longer. The land rises above road level, to a height in excess of approximately 15 ft above sea level, with no likelihood of flooding in a Hurricane. This house is located off the main Murphy Town road about 150 ft to the northeast of the corner and is painted light green trimmed white.

APPRAISAL \$30,000.00.

Vacant Properties

BLACKWOOD

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.

Appraisal: \$219,354.40.

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.

DUNDAS TOWN

Lot No. 21, Crown Allotment, this is vacant land approximately 10,810 sq. ft. situated off S.C. Bootle Drive.

Appraisal \$15,890.00

South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Re-cycling Is Working

We have already had Friends of the Environment pick up recycled soda cans twice and the third container is almost full again. Just think how many more pick ups we could have if everyone remembered to put their cans out in a separate bag along with their trash collection twice a week. It's good for the environment, but it's also good for Cherokee - come on, get with the program.

School News

Cherokee Primary School is planning a Fun Day on May 25th. The children always look forward to these festivities. They have lots of games for competition between two teams like foot races, wheelbarrow races, water balloon toss, long jump and egg n' spoon race. In addition, there will be refreshments on sale at a minimal price just to round out the day. Come out and join in the fun: everyone is welcome.

Souse-Out

Epworth Methodist Chapel held a Souse-Out in aid of three of its members who are experiencing serious medical problems at this time as well as the replenishing of their Benevolence Fund. The event took place on April 28th on the school grounds under the big almond tree and was well attended.

The fund raiser very successful, bringing in over \$2,200. Chicken Souse and Pigs Feet Souse were the menu for the day, but more importantly it brought the community together for a time of fellowship and conversation, which they always seem to enjoy.

Student News

Amanda Meagan Sawyer, daughter of Jennifer and Trevor Sawyer of Cherokee Sound a local building contractor and businessman, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. She was a senior member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and graduated summa

cum laude with a 4.0 point grade average. Her graduation ceremonies was attended by a full compliment of family and friends to wish her well and to share this important milestone in Amanda's life.

She and a friend are traveling in England and France at the present time and will soon return to her home in Cherokee for the summer. We do not know Amanda's immediate plans, but believe she intends to further her education and become a teacher; a very noble and rewarding career.

We congratulate Amanda on her academic accomplishments and wish her continued success in whatever the future holds for her.

Craftsman Teaches Students

Lovely Reckley, a creator of many authentically Bahamian products such as elegant straw bags, jewelry and shell craft, makes time twice every month to teach young people her skills on Saturdays at Central Abaco Primary School. She believes strongly in promoting the youth and has pledged her support to teach them so that they will have many opportunities to succeed when they become adults. She told them that she did not have as many persons available like they do today to teach her all of these things. Even when they made time to teach her, she did not take advantage of it. She told them to stay in school and take full advantage of all of the opportunity they have to get a good education. She encouraged them to get involved in positive youth programs and to stay away from drugs and gangs.

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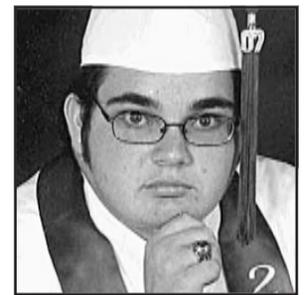
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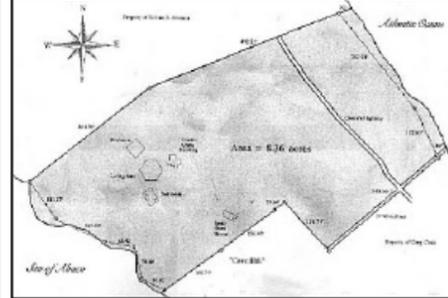


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Netherlands student is here on real estate internship

By Mirella Santillo

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Mrs. Sandra Evans agreed to receive the student who was given clearance from the Immigration Department and the support of the Bahamas Real Estate Association.

Since her arrival on the island, Mar-Cella spent a week in Hope Town observing procedures at the office of Damianos Sotheby International. While there, she accompanied Ms. Kerry Sullivan to service a listing on Great Guana Cay. When she returned to

Marsh Harbour, she was a guest of Mrs. Sandra Evans and Mr. William Thorndy-



craft, familiarizing herself with the Abaco real estate market and practices which, she said, are quite different from the

ones in Holland.

"Prices are higher in The Bahamas," said Mar-Cella "For the same price, you would have a much bigger house in the Netherlands." She was also impressed with the amount of vacant land available on Abaco. "There is little vacant land available at home," she explained. "The appraisal technics, too, are different."

"I have only been here two weeks," explained the 21 year old in perfect English, "but I found the people very nice. The nature is beautiful." She said that it sounded strange that people were praying for rain. "In Holland we pray for sun," she joked. "I am enjoying the experience very much."

On her agenda were an appraisal session at the office of Chris and Molly Roberts and a visit to Winding Bay, organized by Mr. Michael Brown. During her stay on Elbow Cay, where she was a guest of Mrs. Ruth Albury, she attended a fishing tournament.

On June 25th the young lady will leave for Nassau where she will remain for a week, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Roberts. During her stay in Nassau, she will look at properties for sale at Atlantis and observe office procedures at Bahamas Realty.

She will travel to Hawaii to work for one month on an international project.

Goombay Park Is cleaned

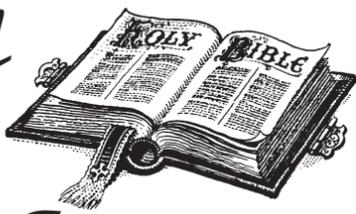
In spite of winds and rain showers from our first tropical depression of the season Barry, five members of the Rotary Club of Abaco met early on June 2nd to pick up trash from the Goombay Park beach.

It took an hour and a half for Club's President Bryan Thompson and three members of the Community Service Committee to gather 12 bags of refuse and pile up a large amount of construction wood pieces.

The garbage consisted mostly of food polystyrene containers, soda cans, bottle of beers, a large number of discarded men's underwear, plastic strapping and various pieces of metal from broken boats.

The group made the recommendation that a large container for recycling aluminum cans be put in the vicinity of the beach as well as a few garbage bins to help prevent people throwing trash on the ground.

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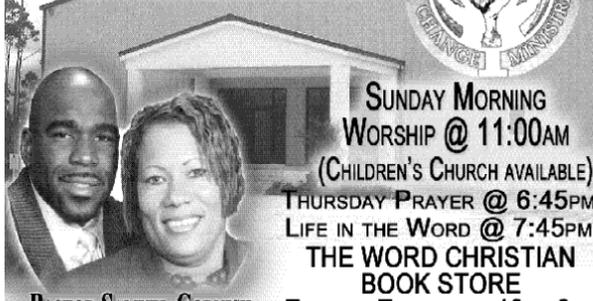
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Junior Achievers held trade fair

By Julian Lockhart

The Junior Achievement program closed shop for the school year on May 19 with a trade fair in Marsh Harbour. Junior Achievement got off to a slow start on

Abaco as it started late and thus the students were behind the entire year and trying to play catch up.

The three JA companies, BEC, Batelco and Water & Sewerage, ended the school year with the trade fair, selling their wares and showing the public what they learnt during the shortened year. Organizer, Ishmael "Stretch" Morley, said even though there were some pitfalls, he feels they have laid the foundation for the program to grow in the future.

Mr. Morley said, "I think the first year went as good as expected being new after six years and trying to restart it back. You will have your ups and your downs until you learn to do it perfectly. This year we tried to get it established so people could see that we were serious about the program. It is a good program and it teaches the kids how to operate a business. I feel the kids actually learnt something this year and

some of the kids enjoyed it. There are certain things we need to do to get it to the same level as Nassau and Grand Bahama," Mr. Morley added.

The BEC company had a theme of *It's a Sweet Thing*, focusing on food items, cookies, cakes, guava duff and cheese cakes, sea glass shells and valentine baskets. Batelco's students learnt Bahamian straw plaiting, how to make necklaces and woodwork for photo frames. The Water & Sewerage company, under the theme of *Determined Individuals Mindful of Education*, learned to make pillows, baskets, key chains, pot-pourri packs and candles. All the students learned how to run a business, market their wares and sell stocks in their company to raise money for the shareholders.

Junior Achievement is for students from grade 10-12 and students from different schools are assigned to individual companies sponsored by corporate businesses. Mr. Morley said they are looking for more sponsors next year.

Brittney Symonette, an 11th grade student at Forest Heights, said she would join JA again next year because it is an interesting program, and she felt she learnt a lot about Bahamian culture and straw plaiting. However, she feels they have to have better planning and structure going into year two of the program on Abaco.

Cheyne Turnquest, a 12th grade student from Forest Heights, said, "This year JA was a little bit beneficial. It taught me a lot about interacting with kids my age. We

did start out late and that was a draw back. It was a disadvantage that we started late. Honestly, I didn't learn how to run a business, but I think next year for the JA students on Abaco it will be easier. This was a trial year. Next year the advisors need to be given the information ahead of time so they can

St. Francis Track Team Performs in Nassau

St. Francis de Sales coach, Ms. Sharlene Patchment, took 18 athletes to Nassau on May 4th to take part in the Catholic Sports Meet. They were the only Family Island school in attendance which made them feel really good. The students prepared very hard for this meet and planned to do their very best. Coach Patchment stated that altogether they won seven medals but none of them were gold. The students who excelled Toniska Russell, silver medal in the 400m, fourth in the 100m and fourth in the long jump; Andre Mackey placed fifth in the junior long jump; Marvin Cash, silver medal in the sack race; Godfrey Rolle, a bronze medal in the 200m; Dyllan Musgrove, fourth in the junior long jump; Chandra Mackey, silver medal in the soft ball throw; and the girls 9-10 relay team placed fourth in the 4 by 100m relay. The members of the relay team were Haley Thomas, Abidemi Simon, Chandra Mackey, and Robyn Miller. The school received 27 points overall. Ms. Patchment is very proud of the students and looks forward to their



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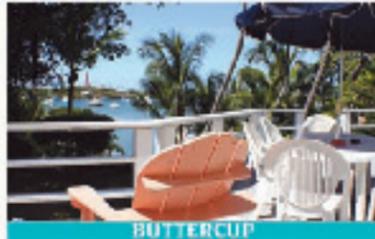


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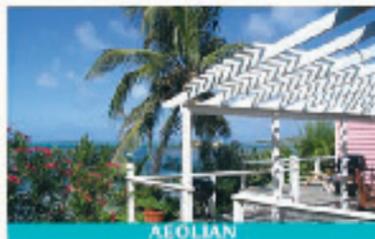


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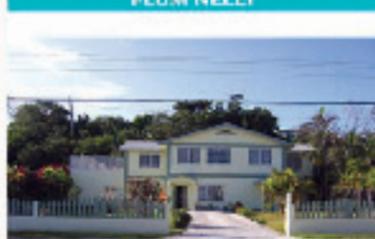


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