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Participants compete in first Abaco Family Fitness Weekend



The Great Abaco Fitness Weekend was held over the weekend of March 23 to 25 in Treasure Cay. It is the first in what the sponsors and organizers hope to be an annual event. Competitions included an open water swim, sprint and olympic triathalons, a kids' 1 mile fun run and a 5k/10k Fun Run/Walk.

Picture above are Officer Mackey with some of the kids who competed in the fun run; left to right: Tucker Cartwright, Carter Cartwright, Tanner Cartwright, Officer Mackey, Maison Wong and Walker Wong. See page 2.

By Rashida Murray

Three days of absolute fun in the sun is the only way to describe the first Great Abaco Family Fitness weekend, coordinated by Lee McCoy, from March 23 – 25, 2012. Participants streamed from all across the globe to compete in events at the Coco Bar in Treasure Cay which was a prime location. Safety measures and precautions were effectively executed by the police department and the Treasure Cay Crash, Fire and Water Rescue Team. Residents and second home owners welcomed the change of pace from the humdrum everyday activities. This friendly athletic competition was something the whole family could enjoy.

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Vessel holding 51 Haitian immigrants seized



On March 25, 51 Haitian immigrants were found in a small sailboat floating near Tiloo Cut. The boat was towed to Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour where the men and women on board were processed by Immigration officers. See full story on page 7.

Fatal plane crash at Treasure Cay Airport



Four lives were tragically lost in the first fatal air crash on Great Abaco since the 2001 crash involving the artist Aaliyah. Heavy cross-winds are suspected to have played a role in downing the six-seater aircraft. Please see details on page 6.

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North Abaco

The Great Abaco Family Fitness Weekend

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Activities commenced on Friday evening around 5pm with a splash as contestants swam a one mile open water event near the shoreline; followed by a soft opening ceremony. Robert Meister of the Treasure Cay Resort (a proud sponsor) expressed his gratitude to Lee McCoy and Ms. Wynsome Ferguson of the Ministry of Tourism, organizers of the events. For the mile swim, Peter Wagner and Gina Wilcox



Above: the lovely ladies of the Hope Town relay team "Tres Chicas." Left to right- Nakia Wong, Kristin Williams and Lindsey McCoy

won first place prize round trip tickets to Florida on Bahamasair. Tony Bethell-Bennett placed second and Greg Lowe placed third. Awards were presented to these athletes.

The athletic fitness events were: the one mile open water swim, a triathlon, a kiddy one mile run and a 5k/10k run. The events were categorized for sprinters and Olympians, male and female athletes respectively. The triathlon began at 7:30am on Saturday morning. Individuals who

competed for the sprint race had to swim a quarter mile, bike ride for 15 miles, and run a 3.1 miles distance. Results are as follows:

Individuals Sprint Triathlon
Overall Placing Overall Time

Dale Hill	1st	1:14:33
Brent Cartwright	2nd	1:20:58
Vicki Stafford	3rd	1:22:23
Dorian Roach	4th	1:23:35

It was a mad dash to the finish line for the Olympic Triathlon contestants Greg Lowe and Peter Wagner. Olympians covered twice the distance as the sprinters. Fatigue was the only challenge for these athletes whom were driven by the motivation to finish strong. Results are as follows:

	Placing	Time
Greg Lowe	1st	2:53:25
Peter Wagner	2nd	2:54:29
Carlos Chee-A-Tow	3rd	3:00:26
Tony Bethell-Bennett	4th	3:32:14

The crowd cheered at the arrival of the anchor for the men's relay team, Phil Cummings of the Tribune, whose flight touched down just in time for him to complete the 6.2 mile run. Rob Rothwell of Bahamas Hotmix, met him at the exchange zone elated to "pass the baton" to his partner after his 24.8 miles bike ride. Adam Isaac of the Carribean Landscaping Company had given Rob a strong start at the beginning of the triathlon by completing a 1500m swim in less than 25 minutes.

The praiseworthy female relay team

from Hope Town brought home the gold for their race. Representing Abaco proudly were Lindsey McCoy with a swim time of 16:24 minutes, Nakia Wong with a bike



Above: Mr. Meister (L) and Adrian Whyly (R). Winners of the 5k and 10k.

ride time of 49:53 minutes and Kristin Williams who's running time recorded 29:06 minutes.

Fortunately, everyone went home a winner proudly wearing a medal for participating within the various events; especially Maison Keopke-Wong (age 6) champion of the kids' one mile race, Justin Fureich and Adrian Whyly winners of the 5k and 10K run respectively.

Participants boasted of how pleased they were to compete in the first Great Abaco Family Fitness Event which was very well organized and patronized by proud sponsors including the Cycles Unlimited, Home Fabrics, A-Salt Weapon, Damianos, Sotheby's International, John Bull Ltd., Bahamian Brewery & Beverage Co

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Above: from left to right: Carter Cartwright, Tucker Cartwright, Donte Richard, Maison Wong, Walker Wong and Tanner Cartwright. All competitors in the Kids Fun Run event.

Below: two competitors relax after a race.



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More North Abaco

Public forum discussing port and bridge projects held in Coopers Town

There was a public presentation on March 20 in Coopers Town to discuss the multi-million dollar port and bridge projects that have been scheduled for the area. China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) offered a walk-through of the plans to the nearly 150 gathered. Also present was the Honourable Neko Grant, Minister of Works, and John Schaefer, engineer. According to Mr. Grant, this dual project is the largest of several government initiatives planned for Abaco.

"This is a project that will transform North Abaco," Mr. Grant said, "and [the Prime Minister] is determined not to leave the island the way he found it." Mr. Grant went on to explain the vetting process that was involved in securing a deal for the port project. He described the team effort and positive attitude amongst all parties involved that have brought the project along. Marsh Harbour's port, which is currently undergoing repairs, was said to serve as the model.

Alex Lee and Rain Yu, CHEC's coordinators for the project on Abaco, went through details regarding the project. The bridge is planned to be roughly 160 feet long and 27 feet wide. This will include a three foot sidewalk. The bridge will fea-

ture a twelve foot clearance at high tide.

The port will be built roughly three kilometers north of Coopers Town. It, nearly 1,400,000 square feet, will feature a container port, a bulk cargo yard, offices for immigration and law enforcement and a marina. 340 feet of breakwater will also be placed at the entrance of the port.

CHEC will provide the majority of the labour to complete the project and will import the main materials. They will consider using local concrete and other materials if it is not price restrictive. 30 Bahamians, such as truck drivers, clerks and security, will be directly employed by the project. An additional \$3.865 million worth of labour will be locally contracted.

Mr. Lee and Mr. Yu talked about "win-win cooperation." They hinted at several public welfare initiatives CHEC would undertake throughout the progress of construction. One example they provided was importing school supplies for children.

The rough timeline for completion of both projects is December 2013. The bridge is expected to be finished sooner around June 2013 and will commence in October of this year. The port is scheduled to break ground in August of 2012.

After the presentation the floor was opened for questions.

Mr. Gardner took the floor and asked about the bridge's clearance and dimensions. He was concerned that the twelve

foot clearance was too low and that not all locals would be able to benefit. A fellow audience member Mr. McIntosh responded saying, "The south-side is a breeding ground," implying that a twelve foot clearance would be enough for the type of activities the creek would see.

Mr. Tinker raised concerns about the project's impact on the future of the community and implored CHEC to reconsider how the project would commence. "This is a project that will impact our lives," he continued, "only 30 persons on a project of this scale?" Mr. Tinker called on the young people in attendance, many of whom he said were looking for opportunities, to ask the tough questions.

The Hon. Neko Grant took the stage

again to respond to the crowd. Under the budgetary constraints, he explained, this was what could be worked out. It was at a point where the project would either be scrapped or move forward and the administration opted for the best deal.

Below: A rendering of the proposed port project located 3 kilometers north of Coopers Town. It will feature bulk storage and a marina among other modern amenities. The port is one of two projects commissioned by the government for North Abaco. The second project is a bridge that will allow access through the creek dividing Great and Little Abaco.



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More North Abaco

Plane crash leaves four dead

By Timothy Roberts

Four persons perished when their single engine plane crashed March 25 during taking off from Treasure Cay International Airport en route to Florida.

Police Superintendent Noel Curry said two men and two women, Gregory and Janice Schwartzenberger of Neptune Beach, Florida and Dennis and Janie Sartoris of Jacksonville Florida, were killed in the accident which took place shortly after 1:30pm. They had on board their two dogs that perished as well.

The couples, second home owners and longtime visitors to Treasure Cay, were en route to Fort Pierce, a city in St. Lucie County, Florida when their plane deviated into the pine forest on the side of the runway and burst into flames. Fire rescue personnel were immediately dispatched and quickly extinguished the flames.

Eugene Butler, acting director of civil aviation, said on March 26 that investigations into the crash were still in the preliminary stages and that it would be some time before they come up with any definitive answers as to what actually caused the crash.

He said their investigators here will be assisted by the NTSB (National Transportation Safety Board) from the United States and as well as an engineer from the manufacturer of the plane.

John Cash, a resident of Treasure Cay, knew the two couples personally. He said both Gregory and Dennis, who had known for more than ten years, had in the past few years received their pilot's licenses.

Dennis was a Dentist and owner of DCS Dental Laboratory in Jacksonville, Florida who, along with his wife, were known by friends and workers as very kind and caring people who gave to the community.

The Abaconian and its staff extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the Schwartzenberger family and the Sartoris family.



Above: guests enjoyed spreads of fruits, cheeses and meats crafted by Executive Chef Antonio Huyler. Champagne was also available to the guests who turned out to support ECC.

ECC has charity event at Treasure Sands Club

By Tim Blakeley

March 16 was the North Abaco fundraiser for the Every Child Counts School in Marsh Harbour. The event was held at the Treasure Sands Club located immediately outside the gates to Treasure Cay.

The fundraiser was a huge success and good times were had by all, primarily due to the hard work of the organizers Diane Soloman & Carolyn Trudeau. Both ladies would like to thank all of the 150 people that attended and who donated so generously. Further funds were raised by a silent auction which attracted many bids on a multitude of items ranging from paintings to lamps. Mary Gottlieb did a superb job in encouraging people to get involved.

The Treasure Sands Executive Chef,

Antonio Huyler crafted an amazing display of fresh fruits and cheeses accompanied by a variety of canapés and champagne that was passed around to the guests.

Songs and junkanoo were performed by 24 of the schools pupils to the delight of the crowd. The arrangement was put together by Mr. Bill and was extremely well received.

Diane and Carolyn would like to thank Mr. Bill, Lynn Major, Stacey Higgs, The Treasure Sands Club and all the teachers, staff and volunteers for all their support and help in making the event a great success.

Anyone who missed the event who would like to make a donation, please contact Stacey Higgs at 367-2505.

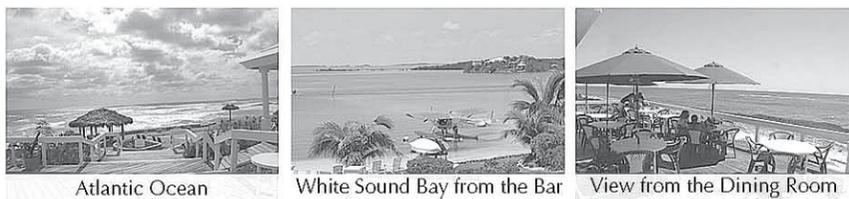


Above: Every Child Counts had a fundraiser at the beautiful Treasure Sands Club located in Treasure Cay. The crowd of around 150 socialized by the pool and under the cabanas. Every Child Counts is a school in Marsh Harbour dedicated to children with additional needs.

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Central Abaco

51 migrants brought ashore

By Timothy Roberts

A tip received by the Officer in Charge on Elbow Cay lead to the apprehension of 51 Haitian migrants who were anchored in the area of Tilloo and Cuby Jack Cay on Sunday, March 25.

Acting on the tip, Corporal Smith investigated and, with the assistance of residents from Hope Town, the boat was towed to the government dock located at Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour.

Troy Pritchard, a resident of Elbow Cay who was called upon to assist in bringing the Haitian vessel in, said he was called by Cpl. Smith who asked him to verify what he saw through the binoculars. He said he saw a vessel that was obviously heavy laden though only three persons could be identified on board.

He and another person took two boats out to the area because it was rough, and they towed the vessel to the dock.

When the boat was disembarked there were found to be 51 persons of Haitian descent (48 men and three women) on board with all in fairly good health except for two who were suffering dehydration.

The migrants, who traveled with little to no possessions, were detained at the immigration compound with two groups flown to Nassau the same evening and a third group on the morning of March 26. There they are be detained at the detention center on Carmichael Road.

The vessel, a 40 foot sailboat, was searched but nothing of consequence was found onboard.

USA donates \$25K worth of rescue equipment

Representatives from the United States Northern Command, US Embassy and US Public Health Services in collaboration with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) visited the island of Abaco to conduct a five day Water Rescue Training Course from the 19 - 23 March, 2012.

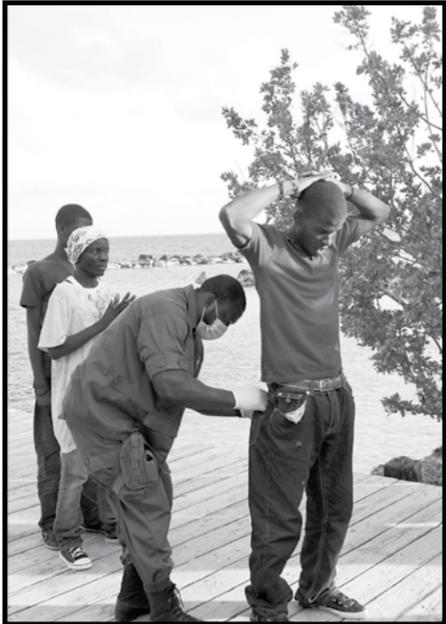
The purpose of the exercise was to train and equip 10 individuals on the island of Abaco to efficiently respond to a disaster in nearby waters. The training placed spe-

cial emphasis on water rescue in the event an aircraft crashes near an airport.

Participants comprised of officers from the Royal Bahamas Police Force Fire Branch and Marine Division, Airport Civil Aviation and Volunteers from the Abaco community. Participants included Danny Sawyer, Sgt. Paul, Sarone Kennedy and Michael Parotti.

This program is the first of a series of three scheduled for Abaco, Grand Bahama and New Providence. Some \$24,966.45 worth of equipment was donated to the Abaco Community by the U.S. Government to assist with shoreline Water Rescue.

Items donated included a 16ft aluminum rescue boat, trailer, 20hp 4-stroke engine, first aid kits, personal Swift-water Technician Kits, search lights, fuel containers, rescue ropes, rig haul sets, pulleys, water bottle bladders, goggles, rescue utility ascenders, Carlson rescue boards, batteries, carabiners, and Z Rig haul set.



Above: one of fifty one haitian immigrants found aboard the forty foot sailboat is being searched by an immigration officer. Details as to where the migrants' intended final destination was is unclear at this time. They are currently detained in Nassau.



Above: the forty foot sailboat spotted off Cuby Jack Cay. Troy Pritchard, of Elbow Cay, assisted authorities in towing the boat to Crossing Beach. Eyewitnesses were suspicious because the boat seemed too heavy in the water. No contraband was found.



Above: some of the trainees pose next to a donated rescue boat. The program focused on disaster preparedness

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From the Editor's Desk // Like Nassau



I had intended for this editorial to be upbeat and positive and, who knows, it may just be by the end of it. However, I would be wrong to breeze over such a serious issue that has so violently made itself unable to be ignored. I am talking about the crime.

The weekend of March 23 through 25 was shocking. Our quiet town, a label which we seem so desperate to maintain yet is becoming harder to apply, was rocked by a number of violent crimes. I heard the phrase, "We're getting to be like Nassau," a lot. However, this sentiment has always bothered me.

I could never understand why that comparison to Nassau has always bothered me. Maybe it was how depressing the big city seemed; or perhaps the world that I imagined I lived in had no use for gangs and senseless murder and so I rejected the notion as if it were a sickening image. But now I know why, and it's neither of those things.

It's the sheer resignation of it. It's us sitting on our porch with friends and acquaintances, talking about how our country is going to hell in a hand basket and then moving on to the next topic. We are so convinced that our only option is to be consumed by some shapeless decay we so fondly refer to as "like Nassau." We resign ourselves to that fact, assign some party the blame and then are surprised when we hear about some teenager down the street getting stabbed. It's ok though. We're becoming "like Nassau" and there is nothing either you or me can do about it. It's progress, swallow it.

But that's not true.

It's not true that the crime problem we have is without remedy. But

we must first have the courage to understand what we are facing. And saying "crime problem" is never accurate, it's an umbrella term we use to sleep at night. Poor education, poverty, lack of pride in our community and an extraordinary amount of other factors are all lumped together in the box we call "having a crime problem."

We take that box and slap the label on it -crime- and we lay it at the feet of someone other than ourselves. We blame the Christie administration, the Ingraham administration or that favorite scapegoat we Bahamians love to pin all of our social ills on, the Haitian immigrants. But me and you, no, we're just victims of our own country going off the rails.

I challenge you going forward to bring a new perspective to the crime problem and realize ways you can make a change. Your friend didn't get a gun put to his head because there is a "crime problem." And there wasn't a hit and run because we're becoming "like Nassau." Crime is not faceless. And if we as a community and a country decide to finally build the courage to look it in the face I believe we will find it is ugly, but not the un-killable demon we've decided to roll over for.

We can make this the country we want.

Well, I said I would try and end this editorial on a positive note. I suppose in a way I have, but then again we started out on a pretty low note so any direction we went could only be up. I appreciate you taking the time to read this. As a special prize for you, dear reader, I will give you the answer to 24 across in the new Abaconian crossword puzzle you can find in section B on page 16. The answer is Georgia.

Again, I thank you all for continuing to read The Abaconian. We're working very hard to bring you the content and features the public demands. I just wish they weren't so demanding. Hopefully our next editorial won't be so dire, and I apologize for scaring any of our visitors who are reading. Until next time.

The Great Abaco Candidate Debate

Since putting out the call in our previous issue we have received several responses from people as to what they want their candidates to discuss.

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Letters to the Editor

Hot wind at Bakers Bay

I read the press release from Bakers Bay Golf and Ocean Club in the March 15, 2012 Abaconian with amusement. As a member of save Guana Cay Reef Association (SGCRA) from the beginning in 2004 I have to clean up some of the facst buried in Bakers Bay sand.

SGCRA has never been against development and jobs. What we oppose in the huge give away of Crown Land, (our traditional land-crab territory); the duty-free status given to Bakers Bay and the second homes being build there, (which would have generated millions of dollars in revenue for the Bahamian People's education, medical facilities, and infrastructure); and the golf course. If you searched the world, you couldn't find a worse place to build a golfer's dream...pretty....but stupid.

Bakers Bay could have had a very nice development without the Crown Land, the duty-free status, and the golf course, but got greedy. SGCRA knew from the start that the fertilizer would kill the reef. Three of the world's most prominent reef scientists said so. We shared this information with Bakers Bay. They didn't want to hear it. Ask all the farmers in the Bahamas and they'll tell you. Plants need fertilizer to grow in pure sand. Lots of fertilizer! And that's what we have blowing all over the north western end of Guana Cay, where Bakers Bay is located: sand, sand, sand.

Now, as far as the court cases are concerned, the reason we lost court, as the judges told us, is because our country doesn't have any environment laws. The court didn't say we were wrong! SGCRA has helped the Bahamas get one step closer to remedying this situation. Bimini would now have a huge golf course if SGCRA hasn't succeeded to some degree in its efforts.

No one can figure out why Bakers Bay refuses to disclose their scientific findings. They promised environmental monitoring and access to the results but so far we have gotten neither. We have always shared ours. There seems to be some confusion at Bakers anyway. First, Dr. Marshall tells us he is conducting scientific monitoring, then he tells the Nassau Guardian that Bakers Bay can't afford any testing, then he says that he decided to "let nature take its

course" (so, just at the time they started fertilizing the golf course, he decided to stop monitoring) and now, in the ad in the Abaconian, he says the testing went on "before, during and after development". Looks like what really needs testing is his memory.

Of course, he's been a pretty busy guy. Back in 2004, when he was working in the Prime Minister's office he was instrumental in the approval of the Bakers Bay Environmental Management Plan (EMP). Next thing you know, he was working for Bakers Bay. And with all those nasty boaters flushing their holding tanks at the precise moment they are closest to the gold course, and all those cess pits aimed at Bakers Bay from the settlement, it is no wonder the poor man is exhausted, you'd forget to conduct your testing, too under those conditions.

Can Bakers Bay really believe that SGCRA "has nothing to lose financially"? (Do they really believe you don't have any right to speak unless you're rich?) We lose everything if Guana Cay is harmed. I've been a fisherman all my life. We don't pour bleach on the reef. We don't fish on the reef. We know that it (and the mangroves which BBC destroyed) are the nurseries which our fish and lobsters grow. SGCRA has a grass roots membership of hundreds; all Bakers Bay has is it grass roots in fertilizer!... and it has found its way to the reef.

Anthony Roberts
Proud Guana Cay Resident

The following letter was accidently published in the previous Abaconian missing the last few paragraphs. It is reprinted here in its entirety.

Junkanoo judging was unfair

The Murphy Town Super Stars Junkanoo group would like to express our disappointment in a few things that took place in the 2012 Junkanoo Parade which are stated as follows:

JUDGING: If Junkanoo is to grow in Abaco the judges need to be selected differently. If any group chooses a judge every other group should know who they are before the parade. This way any group

leaders that may have an issue with a judge can have that one replaced. Reason being, a statement was made by a judge before the parade that the Murphy Town Super Stars can't beat the other group because he will be judging.

Mr. Chairmen I don't think it's fair for a judge to make such a statement about a group that is participating in the parade. It seems as though the judging system is not fair and is loyal to a particular Junkanoo group. It's obvious that the fans can see it. We the Murphy Town Super Stars would like to let the Junkanoo Committee know that if the committee and judging system doesn't change we will not take part in any parade in the future because it will be a waste of time.

COSTUMING: The Junkanoo Committee needs to take into serious consideration the way in which the groups prepare for the parade. For example - Costumes should be locally built. If we as Junkanooers want to see Junkanoo grow in Abaco we need to stop what is going on now because we are failing when it comes to teaching the youth in our community. If we continue to allow costumes to come from Nassau every year in our parade the youths in Abaco won't learn the art of our culture all because of our selfish and lazy attitude when it comes to Junkanoo.

If one group can work hard all year to prepare for the parade, I think it's only fair that the others do so also, instead of just waiting for the parades in Nassau and Freeport to finish so that they can salvage costumes for their group to take part in an Abaco parade.

I am not saying that we don't need the help for Nassau and Freeport; yes we

do need their help to through workshops with our groups that teach us to perfect our craft and to be better builders with our costumes. But to have them to come and rush and bring costumes fully built, pasted and decorated is not fair at all to the other groups or the youth of Abaco.

One of the main reasons the love of Junkanoo is dying in Abaco is because the youth and persons in Junkanoo groups have not been taught the creative arts of Junkanoo and encouraged to be excited about our cultural parade.

Mr. Chairman if we don't stop the heavy import of Junkanoo costumes that come completed how will your kids that participate enjoy and appreciate Junkanoo as our culture. If this continues to happen Junkanoo in Abaco will become just like our cultural festival regatta.

There is a whole lot of talent right here in Abaco that is not being developed and enhanced in Junkanoo and therefore they are being wasted.

Mr. Chairmen, can you or your judges explain to me how can a costume that never changed on the second lap of the parade double the points? There is something fishy about that and I don't think that is fair to our group.

Let us try to make the parade a truly Abaco Junkanoo parade displaying the work of our Abacon people and not a Nassau, Freeport costume rush out.

Mr. Gilbert Davis
Group Leader

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More Central Abaco

Island Waves Cultural Center holds grand opening

By Canishka Alexander

The grand opening for the Island Waves: Patti Limperes Creative Community Cultural Centre and C4 Studio got off to a good start on March 10 with a series of entertainers performing live onstage. As a supporter of the Support the Arts Movement (S.A.M.), Garnell Stuart Limperes, Island Waves founder, acknowledged the small but intimate group who had gathered to show their appreciation for the talent that is offered on the island.

"We had [people from] different walks of life [with] different styles of how they express themselves," she explained. "It was really good turnout, and I'm happy with the group of people who came out."

Stuart Limperes also pointed out several food vendors who had set up booths to sell handcrafted items, art work, beverages and conch salad in support of the event. Her business partners include Shanishka Bain of Living Well Naturally; T-Time's stand where tasty conch fritters and coconut water were available for sale; Cornelia Reckley with turnovers and pastries at Lovely Reckley's Lovely's Island Tings Booth; George Wilmore with his conch salad stand; and Ellen Sands, an employee of Abaco Neem.

Theresa Haynes and Cleopatra Lightbourn of Abaco Food Processing Association were familiar faces among the vendors. Both women agreed that it was a good event, and Haynes added that the grand opening provided good exposure and

offered another means of promoting the products that they make locally. Across from them were Ritchie Eyma and his wife Roshanne Minnis-Eyma, who are both artists. Their artwork captured colourful scenery and the expressive face of people that are commonly seen in Bahamian life.

So far, Stuart Limperes has been able to provide piano, guitar, dance and voice lessons at the Island Waves center. A community garden as already been started thanks to Abaco Neem's donation of six banana plants. Soon, Stuart Limperes will be offering a tutoring program for students preparing for their national examinations.

All in all, she is looking to unite Bahamians through the center. When she returned home in October of 2011 she taught music at Every Child Counts for a few months before giving herself a month-and-a-half deadline to organize the grand opening.

"There are a lot of things that can be done on this island, and it's just about someone taking that first step," she said. "I didn't mind doing it."

"When you really work hard and pursue what it is that you love to do, and you have a genuine passion for it, people get it and they jump on board because there are many people who are also pursuing that same thing."

At the close of the grand-opening event, a poetry night and jam-out session were held at Island Waves.

Carnival returns to Abaco

By Samantha Evans

It has been five years since the Holiday Carnival was on Abaco and according to General Manager Becky Hitchcock the response from locals has been great. The Carnival has become an annual tradition in Nassau and Freeport but Abaco has not yet become accustomed to the Carnival's annual novelty.

The Carnival brought some of their popular rides including the Kamikaze, Sea Ray (Pirate Ship) and Flying Bobs. Becky noted they brought more kiddie rides this time which toddlers and little ones can ride on their own. They also introduced one flat rate to ride all you want which is a big hit.

Ms. Hitchcock noted that were coming in groups to enjoy the rides. Additionally, they brought a game that you can win a prize every time. Other games include

the water balloon race and the beer smash. Patrons can enjoy food such as pizza, cotton candy, popcorn and food provided by Off Da Grill. There is a beverage stand by DNR that caters to the adults along with soft drinks for kids and young adults.

The one price to ride all you want is \$15 and does not include admission. This price is also only good from Monday to Friday. Ms. Hitchcock wants patrons to remember that they must adhere to the weight and height stipulation of the rides. They have also sought the protection of the police and hired extra security to protect patrons' cars and to keep persons safe as they walk through the parking lot. The carnival is open Monday to Friday 5 pm to 11 pm and on Saturday and Sundays from 3pm until. Admission for adults is \$3.00 and \$1.00 for children.



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South Abaco

After-Shock lock down in Cherokee

By Lee Pinder

The CMI-After Shock Youth Group held a Lock Down on Friday, March 2 in the W. W. Sands Community Center with over two dozen young people between the ages of 10 and 17 participating.

To some parents a Lock Down is a free babysitter, or, as it was described by one couple, a chance for a second honeymoon. Whatever description you want to give it – the kids love it. It is a chance for them to inter-act, meet new friends, play games and joke with each other, all while learning some life lessons on their own.

Sheri and Andy Lowe, the adult leaders of the group, respond and connect with this younger generation in a way that most cannot. They understand what these kids want and need, and part of that is a chance to let their hair down and have a good time with kids their own age.

The Lock Down included inspirational and fun movies, some competition between the two separate teams (one called Hopi and a second called Whapi), some games and lots of food. The kids started arriving at 7 pm on Friday evening and got very little sleep between then and when they woke up on Saturday morning around 8 am.

During past Lock Downs the teenagers had a Treasure Hunt. This time they were challenged to build a shelter from nature as if they had been shipwrecked on a desert island.

The kids had a good time and are all looking forward to the next Lock Down in Cherokee.

Community rallies to repair the Long Dock once again

By Lee Pinder

Cherokee's famous Long Dock, the longest wooden dock in The Bahamas at 770 feet, has once again been restored to all its grandeur after nearly complete devastation by Hurricane Irene in August of 2011.

This is the sixth rebuilding of the dock since being knocked down and blocked off from public use in the early 1980's by the then local Board of Works for being too dangerous and in disrepair.

Once again the work is being done by local volunteers. This was also the second time the bridge creek was lost in that time period to passing hurricanes. Usually, pieces and parts of the decking have been located nearby or along the southern shoreline and found salvageable along with new lumber to replace lost sections.

After Hurricane Irene the entire bridge washed into the nearby mangrove but was close enough to put back in place within a very short time. However, the Long Dock itself suffered quite extensive damage and has not been in a stable enough condition for use by the local boaters or swimmers since then.

In addition, the wooden wheelchair walkway leading to the new pavilion and picnic area, or Hut, was also washed away with the surging waters, high tides and rage of the hurricane. It has since been retrieved and replaced. Once the Bridge was replaced the Hut became a favourite spot

for beachcombers and walkers to rest and enjoy the beautiful view and observe the restoration work being done.

Of course, nothing gets done in Cherokee without the help and donations of our second-home owners, local family and many friends, and the rebuilding of the Long Dock is no exception. We thank them all. The rebuilding takes uncounted hours of back-breaking labour. But it is a labour of love. The community wants to thank those who were involved.

Our Long Dock draws people from many places on Abaco as well as from abroad. Visitors who return to the little settlement will be happy to see the dock is back.

Unmarked boat found abandoned



Above: a boat found aground and abandoned off the Winding Bay beach at dawn on March 24. There were no people on board, no distress calls received, no cargo on board and no registration number on the bow. If you have any information please contact the authorities.



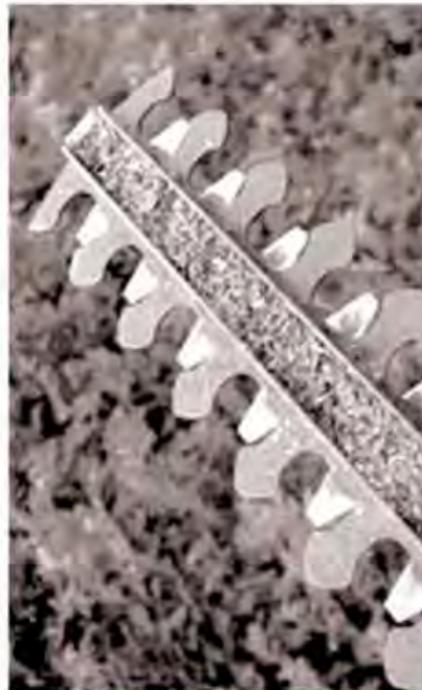
Above: Cherokee's Long Dock. This is the longest wooden dock in The Bahamas. It stretches 770 feet out over shallow sand banks to deeper water and is used by many in the community. It's upkeep is a community effort and a sterling example Abaconian self-reliance.

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The Cays

Whale shark spotted off the back of Hope Town



The enormous, yet gentle, whale shark was seen cruising the ocean-side behind Elbow Cay by Zach Pinder, Chris Rees, Nick Johnson and Lindsey Borsz. This particular one encountered (pictured above) was estimated to be about 25 feet long. The fin you see in the background is not its tailfin, it is the dorsal fin on the middle of the fish's back. The whale shark circled and brushed alongside the small boat for several minutes, perhaps enjoying the warm exhaust water coming from the boat's outboard motor. The crew even managed to touch and pet the giant - a treat you don't even get to enjoy at Sea World. Photo credit: Lindsey Borsz.

A whale shark, the largest fish in the ocean and very rare for this part of the world, was seen by several locals boating on the ocean side of Elbow Cay. Zach Pinder, Lindsey Borsz, Chris Rees and Nick Johnson were the lucky spotters who photographed the animal.

"It was about 25ft long and seemed rather curious," recalled Ms. Borsz, a teacher at Forest Heights Academy in Marsh Harbour, "it was hanging around for a while so we touched it!"

Mr. Pinder, a mechanic by trade, speculated that it enjoyed the warm water that was coming out of their outboard engine. The fish circled for several minutes and came so close to the boat that they were able to pet the leviathan.

A filter feeder, the whale shark is a gentle giant. Though reports of whale sharks have been made around Crooked Island, records of the species in Abaco are hard to come by. Perhaps Mr. Pinder and his crew are the first to spot the monster fish in this area.

If you have any information otherwise, or have interesting encounters of your own, please contact The Abaconian at 367-3200. Or, like us on Facebook and tag us in your photos.

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More South & Central

SAFA farmers attend emergency meeting

By Canishka Alexander

An emergency farmers meeting was called for members of the South Abaco Farmers Association on March 15 at Central Abaco Primary School (CAPS). According to Shanishka Bain, SAFA's director of Public Relations, elections for the new board of directors took place on February 9. She said that the members are excited about the possibilities of 2012, and are eager to implement training and infrastructure projects under the leadership of the association's new president, Leslie Thompson.

During the meeting, information was given on land clearance, lime trees from Andros that would be distributed among the farmers, a tomatoes-and-limes workshop and the upcoming All Abaco Agricultural, Marine Resources and Agribusiness Exposition.

"We called an emergency meeting to inform them that it's time for land clearance, which we missed last year. Now that we know ahead of time, we want to let them know that the benefit now is to get their land cleaned, and the Dept. of Agriculture would match whatever time that you have," Thompson explained. "If you paid for two hours, they would match the two hours."

As for their plans this year, Thompson said they will work together as a group to secure an office space for the association, and also training for farmers on planting and harvesting their crops. He said that once they continue to move quickly, the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) has pledged to assist them.

"Everyone is working together hand in hand, and they all seem to be very motivated," Thompson observed.

There was a large gathering of farmers who attended the meeting, and he said it was an indication of the excitement felt among the farmers because they are involved in what's going on and are able to share their input.

Farmers were reminded that \$20 membership dues must be paid every month, and registration for new members is \$15. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5 at CAPS.

Murphy Town Barber Shop Burns Down



Authorities have revealed that arson is suspected in the fire that destroyed a Barber Shop across the road from Abaco Central High School in the early morning hours of March 27.

Known as Kelson's Barber Shop and the owner was away at the time of the incident. A witness in the area said they heard a vehicle pass the area followed by an explosion as the building burst into flames.

Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire & Rescue was called to the scene and by the time they arrived the building was already fully engaged. The police suspect arson and the investigation is ongoing.

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The Cays Continued

Tom Hazel receives certificate from BASRA



Above: BASRA representatives Dave Gale and Brian Faunce present Tom Hazel, manager at Hope Town Harbour Lodge, with a certificate of appreciation for outstanding support in fundraising for BASRA.

Turtle Cay, and beyond, came together to attend the function and to donate money, items and time. It was a family event with entertainment for children and adults. There was food galore from conch fritters to fried chicken, macaroni and cheese to guava duff, among other goodies.



until the end of the day in spite of the rain to find out if they had won one of the more popular prizes such as a trip on Silver Airlines, BahamasAir or IBC Travel; a picnic on Man Jack with Lincoln Jones Picnic, a weekend in Treasure Cay with golf cart or two nights stay in Florida at Best Western.

According to the organizers it was a very successful event. They were pleased with the attendance and the money they collected.

Left: two kids at the Amy Roberts Primary School appear to be participating in "Mustache-March." Games and face-painting proved popular.

Hope Town community center meeting

On March 23 some members of the Hope Town community gathered in the St. James Methodist Church to discuss the planning and construction of a community center. Past difficulties, including raising necessary funds and where to build it, have long tempered the progress of the project. However, recent developments addressing these issues have brought the community center closer to possibility. Specifically, the donation of land by the Methodist Church and significant seed money provided by Mr. Rudy Verspoor has allowed for a realistic dialogue to take place.

Paul Thompson, president of the Hope Town Community Center Committee, opened the meeting by welcoming the crowd and explaining the purpose of the meeting. "Nothing is set in stone," he said, and the committee was looking for feedback from the entire community.

The land was donated by the Methodist Church, he explained, and it is the property where the Mission House is located in the middle of town. Mr. Thompson also explained that substantial seed money would be provided by Mr. Verspoor in memory of his late wife, Patty Verspoor. Mr. Thompson reiterated that the plans presented were conceptual and adjustable. He also committed to thoroughly planning the project so as not to leave it partially completed.

Mr. Verspoor was asked to address the crowd. "I'm not prone to visions," he said referring to the idea behind the community center, "but Patty's death got me thinking how to best commemorate her life." He continued on about his love for Hope Town and how quickly they were converted from tourists to active community members.

He and the committee knew, he said, that the entire project had to be endorsed by the community or else it would not work. He joked that this may be the "First thing for Hope Town that nobody opposes," referring to Elbow Cay's dynamic history of independence, self-starters and passionately opinionated townfolk.

He proposed a \$50,000 initial grant from himself, followed by an additional \$50,000 matching grant. From this point he explained fundraisers and private donations would have to make up the rest.

Michael Myers, architect, was then asked to present his concept. "Finding the right property," said Mr. Myers, "was always a problem. It's fitting that it's in the center of town." He continued on to

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GTC community supports school

By Mirella Santillo

A crowd of people arrived at the grounds of Amy Roberts Primary School on Green Turtle Cay on Saturday, March 24. They were there to patronize the fund raising event aimed at collecting money to buy Neo2 Learning systems. Ten of these systems had been donated to the school and it proved so beneficial for teachers and students that the PTA decided to try to obtain enough for each of the fifty students attending the school.

The whole community of Green

The many games included the ever popular bouncing castle that not only provided fun for the kids but also served as a shelter when the threatening cloud that hung over New Plymouth most of the day finally decided to burst.

When they dared to leave the bleachers set under the huge almond tree that shaded the school yard, parents and visitors participated in the cake walk in the hope of going home with one of the home-baked cakes donated by parents. They could also visit the basketball court where local artists displayed their crafts and buy locally made straw bags, shell crafts, jewelry and pine needle baskets.

A fundraising would not be complete without a raffle. The students had been busy selling tickets, so many people stayed

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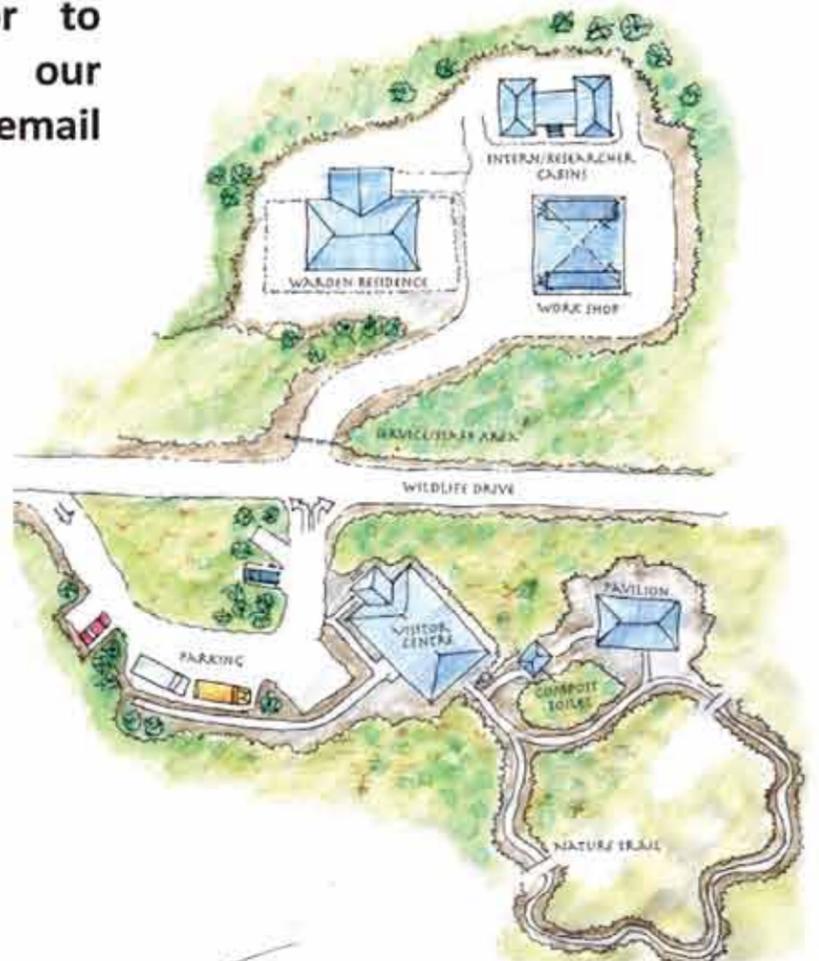
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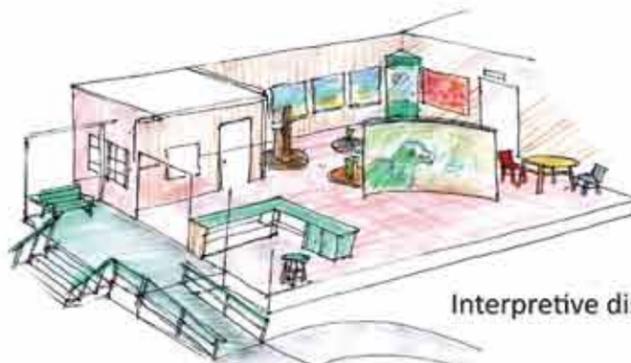
- a visitor center
- a wilderness drive
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- warden's residence

The BNT's vision is for the park to be used by both residents and visitors for recreation and appreciation of nature.

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Interpretive Kiosk



Interpretive displays in visitor Center

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described the dimensions and walk through the sketches.

The building will be seventy feet by forty and built forty feet back from the crest of the dune. He described the Ocean-side view this would allow. The building would feature a deck, walkways, vented windows, an extended stage and a cathedral-style ceiling. The building would total 2,800 square feet with an additional 1,000 square feet below the deck and building.

After the unveiling of the plans Mr. Thompson once again took the floor. He explained the current concept would cost \$695,000 and \$3,800 in operational costs each month. The vision would be that the center would be self-funding by hosting events and fundraisers. He also said that since this would be built on church land no alcohol sales or consumption would be permitted. They hope to break ground November 1 of this year.

The floor was then opened for questions. The audience inquired about hurricane insurance, considering the center's proposed ocean-side location, and learned that it was not included in the costs as it was too expensive. Concerns were raised about alcohol: many worried that without alcohol sales it would be impossible to raise the amount of money necessary. Others in the audience rebutted this statement, asserting that it would not only be possible, but it would set a precedent the community's children could admire.

There were questions about the location, size and cost of the building. Some disagreed with what they perceived as unnecessary complications surrounding the size and ocean-side location. One person suggested allowing community members to write in their questions for consideration.

It was suggested by one audience member to reconsider the actual purpose of the center and build it to that purpose, making most of the issues raised unnecessary.

The next meeting concerning the Hope Town community center is slated for the end of April.

BNT trains law enforcement officers on Marine Protected Areas

By Canishka Alexander

On March 19 and 20, the Bahamas National Trust (BNT) invited law enforcement officers to a training on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) at the Ministry of Tourism's Abaco Training Center. In attendance were officers from the Royal Bahamas Defence Force, Royal Bahamas Police Force and Bahamas Customs Department along with BNT and Tourism representatives.

The first portion of the presentation centered around introductions and house-keeping matters, which then trickled down into details about BNT.

As they began to move into the heart of the training, Lindy Knowles, BNT science officer, gave a break down on what an MPA is, their purpose, the habitats and

resources found in these areas and the benefits of MPAs. On Abaco, the Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park has been identified as a local MPA.

Knowles continued his presentation with a talk on enforcement as he outlined the Bylaws of the Land and Sea Park. The document educated the participants on what is and what is not allowed to take place in protected areas.

During her presentation, Lakeshia Anderson, parks planner, addressed the Fisheries Legislation of The Bahamas. According to this particular document, regulations are put in place "to ensure the conservation and management of the fishery resources found in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of The Bahamas."

The legislation determines the type of fishing gear, and also sets the size limits and closed season for certain species, as well as the prohibition of harvesting of them. In the last two to three years there have been amendments to the regulations on sharks and marine turtles. Anderson also touched on the regulations relating to sport fishing and exports for foreigners and residents and what is required from them.

The officers were given a quiz to test their knowledge of MPAs, and then Lindy Knowles completed the training by listing ways that everyone could assist BNT in their endeavours to protect their parks. The list included: training, volunteering, co-patrolling and information training.

David Knowles, director of parks, added that under the new BNT Act volunteer deputy park wardens would be appointed and be able assist them further.

The following day, the group met at the Crossing Beach and was taken to the center of the Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park for a dive. The area spanned an impressive 2,100 acres.

"This is the crown jewel of the Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park," Knowles remarked. "Now, beneath us is very nice coral cover and some good diversity, so you will see a lot of corals you wouldn't normally see outside of protected areas and in reasonable health."

Upon completion of the tour of the sea park, Lindy Knowles thanked everyone for their participation on behalf of BNT and distributed certificates to them. He said it had been a useful dive and was hopeful that it is only the beginning of an expansion of their partnerships that already exist.

"Now what we're trying to do is actually build a partnership, so that when the

time comes for the Bahamas National Trust to create this volunteer warden force, we would have the support of our partners to get them trained efficiently, effectively and properly."

Fowl Cays established as national park

By Timothy Roberts

The Bahamas has added one more national park to its list of nearly 30 with the creation of the Fowl Cays National Park, Environment Minister Earl Deveaux announced March 12.

The "monumental event" which was announced at the Bahamas National Trust in Nassau included the expansion of two existing national parks: the Conception Island National Park and the Andros Westside National Park.

"In October 2009, on the occasion of The 50th Anniversary of The Bahamas National Trust, the Prime Minister of the Bahamas, Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham announced his intention to expand the national parks system of The Bahamas," Mr. Deveaux said.

He said "I am honored to announce the establishment of the Fowl Cays National Park, a new national park for Abaco between Scotland Cay and Man o' War Cay; the expansion of the Conception Island National Park and the expansion of the West Side National Park on the island of Andros."

He noted that the Abaco Islands in the

northern Bahamas boast six national parks and Fowl Cays has long been identified on marine charts as a protected area. Local people recognized that the area was special and it has long been a popular recreational site.

The new Fowl Cays National Park is a 1,920-acre reserve that is conveniently reached from most central Abaco Cays and settlements. The park has steadily become attractive to scuba divers and is extremely popular area for local boating and snorkeling. The reefs and three 25' to 40' dive spots in untouched water are renowned.

"These parks are created to enhance and expand the way of life for all Bahamians. We invite you to use, see and enjoy them - wisely," said Deveaux.

Eric Carey, Executive Director of the Bahamas National Trust said that "The Government of The Bahamas again showed

globally significant environmental leadership today. The creation of these parks demonstrates the value of partnerships to conservation."

He added that the BNT acknowledges the support of other environmental NGO's including The Nature Conservancy, Nature's Hope in South Andros, Andros Conservancy and Trust (ANCAT) and the Abaco FRIENDS of the Environment.

Mr. Carey said that The Bahamas, like many other countries, is committed to protecting 20% of the marine environment. "Today with these new parks, The Bahamas made a giant step towards making this a reality."



Fowl Cay was announced to be a national park on March 12. The string of small islands and beautiful reef provides excellent diving and boating activities.

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The Cays Continued

Tenth annual Writer's Read held in Hope Town

By Nan Kenyan

The tenth annual Writers' Read, headlined by the Hope Town Writers' Circle reigning diva, Adelaide Cummings, was held at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge, February 29 through March 1. This popular event was well attended by local residents and visitors, with a full house each evening.

Announcer Janet Reingold introduced fifteen members of the Hope Town Writers' Circle who presented varied offerings, included Circle exercises, family memoirs, prose and poetry.

The special guest reader was Summer Aberle, age 8, a student at the Hope Town Primary School. Summer recently won the Primary Division, Commonwealth of the Bahamas Poetry Contest, following which she was invited to Nassau to receive her award and read her winning poem, "The Field of Words".

On the closing evening, Tom Hazel, Harbour Lodge manager, surprised Adelaide with a re-creation of the cover from her newest book, "Encore", due out in mid-April. Dressed appropriately, Summer

presented Mrs. Cummings with a bouquet of flowers fashioned precisely like those held by the ballerina on the book's cover.

The Writers' Read has become one of the highlights of Hope Town's winter season. It is produced by the Writers' Circle, which meets each Thursday morning from 10 to noon at the Hope Town Sailing Club. The forty-six members reside on land and afloat at Elbow Cay and Man-O-War Cay, and range in age from 17 to "Adelaide". Anyone who writes, and who would like to share and learn, is encouraged to attend.



Above: Summer Aberle presents Adelaide Cummings with a bouquet of flowers, re-creating Adelaide's latest book cover. Photo by Margy Hyde.



Above: announcer Janet Reingold opens the Tenth Annual Writers Read event presented by the Writers Circle, a group of dedicated Elbow & Man-O-War Cays' writers. Photo by Margy Hyde.

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Scam artist computer techs targeting Abaco

By Krista Albury

Tech support scammers have moved operations into The Bahamas, targeting Abaco residents with cold calls impersonating employees of software or internet service providers. Cold calling scams have been a common annoyance throughout the world for years, however recently the technique is being used in Abaco to breach the security of many residents' computers.

Typically the caller impersonates an employee of an IT consulting firm or even Microsoft themselves and attempts to trick their victim into buying questionable anti-virus programs or PC optimization software. Their tactics include the use of Microsoft's Event Viewer, a legitimate piece of software included in Microsoft products that lists various errors and common issues within a system; it is common for errors to be present in this case. However, to a person who is not technically inclined this box can seem a nightmare.

By listing off thousands of simple errors as viruses and malware, the caller can

then convince the victim to allow control of their computer to be given this so called professional to fix the errors when in fact the victim is opening their computer up to misuse and possible theft of important passwords and information.

The caller will then instruct you to download free software and ask for personal information in order to identify your computer. Within a matter of moments a formerly clean and safe computer is now riddled with viruses and can be used remotely by a hacker to attack other computers.

To add insult to injury many of these callers will ask for your credit card information so they may sell you the software to clean your computer of the viruses they had just put on it. Fortunately, software companies rarely if ever contact their clients by phone about a technical support issue, so if an unsolicited call comes through claiming to be an employee of one of these companies you can take it as a good indication of a scam.

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The Abaco Scientist aims to promote discovery, education and science in Abaco

The Abaco Scientist is a website dedicated to promoting and hosting scientific conversation about Abaco and The Bahamas. Several respected scientists contribute to its published content and upkeep. The Abaconian decided to contact the website's manager, Dr. Craig Layman, to learn more.

-Who started the website and who contributes?

-Dr. Craig Layman, Marine Ecologist from Florida International University, in conjunction with our local partner Friends of the Environment. Currently we are building the group of contributing scientists, with the vision of having 8-10 core contributors that span a diverse set of scientific disciplines

-What is the purpose of The Abaco Scientist?

-My goal for the site is to become a "one-stop" source for all things science in The Bahamas. There are dozens of world class research programs centered in The Bahamas, but the research information is spread among numerous publications, websites and other sources. The goal is to have one central site where people first look when they have a question or other interest in scientific aspects of the islands.

-Do you see young people becoming more involved in their island's ecology and research?

-I am hoping the site becomes one mechanism by which students learn more about the country's environment, and have a route to become more involved. By linking to Facebook (and eventually Twitter), I hope to provide a more "modern" way that students can access the amazing research that is being conducted.

-There have been a number of discoveries and exciting science hap-

pen on Abaco (Blue Holes, Crocodiles, Mangrove restoration) what have you found to be the most exciting or intriguing?

- I think the blue hole fossils are the findings that most amaze me. More generally, the caves associated with blue holes are just fascinating. From an ecological standpoint, I am amazed by Rocky Point (the tip of the island near Sandy Point). I have made a couple of posts on it on the website. The number of large fish there is just phenomenal.

-What is the most pressing issue impacting Abaco today that is being studied and discussed on The Abaco Scientist?

-The most pressing issue is clearly development - especially major resorts - and everything associated with that. The Bakers Bay controversy is only the latest example, but there will be one development after another, and each poses its own challenges and issues.

-Closing thoughts?

-Overall, I just want the site to be a central source for all Bahamians; any time someone has a question about science, I hope they check this site first and use it to navigate to the topics they are interested in.

- A cool side note - the main paper search engine in academia is called Web of Science. If you input the keyword "Bahamas" into it, 2,038 papers come up, just since 1977. That amazes me! So the site is intended to get this information out to the public.

The Abaconian encourages our readers to visit The Abaco Scientist and learn more about our incredible islands.

Visit the Abaco Scientist at <http://absci.fiu.edu/>

Parrot presentation in Treasure Cay

By Timothy Roberts

In a talk organized by the Treasure Cay Property Owners Association Cay Topics group, the Bahamas National Trust (BNT) along with biologist Caroline Stahala M.S., researcher studying the Abaco parrot, talked about Abaco's parks and conservation efforts at Treasure Cay Community Center on March 14.

Executive Director of BNT, Eric Carey, told the group about the recent expansion of the national parks in The Bahamas, including the Fowl Cay Park in Abaco. There are six national parks in Abaco from near Walker's Cay in the north to Hole-in-the-Wall in the south.

He said that while they are a non-government organization charged with the task of managing the national parks of The Bahamas they also invest in research, such as the research being done by Ms. Stahala.

Ms. Stahala told the audience that though the Abaco population now stands at about 3000, Bahama Parrots were historically found on several islands throughout The Bahamas but today can only be found on Abaco and Inagua with a small group reportedly seen in New Providence in recent years. The last group outside these islands was wiped out in Acklins in the 1950's.

Ms. Stahala is currently studying the social behavior and importance of group size of the Bahama Parrot as well as working on means of protecting parrots and their nests from predation. She will also

be updating the population count in a few months.

Lynn Gape, Deputy Executive Director of BNT, said they are pleased with the progress made both in research and in the development of the parks in The Bahamas and she looks forward to promoting tourism in the parks.

The BNT is interested in investing in infrastructure in the parks to attract visitors and wildlife drives and would like to see the Coppice area, home to a variety of birds, become a protected area.

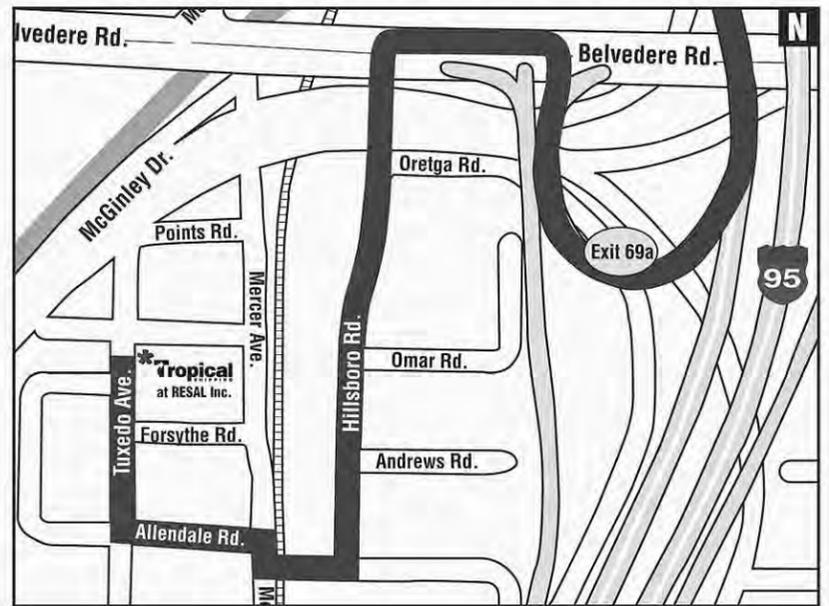
Cay Events put on seven events each year with accents on cultural and educational topics that promote community fellowship. Committee member Dewey Chase they have had many kinds of presentations from a concert pianist to the woman who climbed Mount Everest.



The Abaco parrot now stands at a population of only 3000 with populations on Abaco and Inagua. Left to Right: Marvin Russell, BNT Deputy Park Warden, David Knowles, BNT Director of Parks, Marcus Davis, BNT Park Warden, Caroline Stahala, Parrot Scientist, Eric Carey, BNT Executive Director, Lynn Gape, Deputy Executive Director, Lindy Knowles, Asst. Park Director, Dr. Woody Bracey, Kaderin Mills, BNT Abaco Office Administrator

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- Atlantis Condo # 2203** - # 1000 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2nd level, 1,000 s/f furnished waterfront unit, includes fully serviced boat slip & golf cart garage. Overlooks Brigantine Bay, Optional Boat Lift. Near beach. **\$464,000.**
- Royal Poinciana # 2512** - #2060 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 2nd level furnished beachfront condo includes loft, on site pool & tennis court. Great sea views, excellent rental income potential. **\$449,000.**
- Royal Palm Condo # 2420** - # 1546 - 3 bed, 3 bath, (including loft) 2nd level, 1,264 s/f furnished condo. Great harbour & marina views. Well maintained, near beach, excellent rental income potential. **\$429,000.**
- Sand Dollar Condo # 7** - #1456 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished beachfront condo. Well maintained, superb sea views, community pool. Best Value! **\$405,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2477** - # 2052 - 3 bed, 3 bath, upper level 1,264 s/f tastefully furnished "end unit" condo. Includes 2 extra large private boat slips. Great water views. **\$399,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2306** # 1941 - 2 bed, 2 bath 950 s/f furnished ground level condo overlooking harbour & marina. Includes boat slip & storage unit. Beach nearby. **\$299,000.**
- Atlantis Condo 2109** - # 1990 - turn-key, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished unit. Well maintained, overlooks Brigantine Bay, includes private dock & boat slip. **\$295,000.**
- Atlantis Condo 2117** - # 1741-Turn-key, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 875 s/f ground level furnished unit. Well maintained, overlooks Brigantine Bay, includes private dock & boat slip. **\$295,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2317** - #1467 - 2 bed, 2 bath ground level 950 s/f furnished harbourfront condo, includes private boat slip & finger dock. Great harbour views, close to beach. **\$275,000.**

Mariner's Cove Condominiums

- #1181 - 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 level, 1,650 s/f furnished harbour front condo, tastefully refurbished **\$559,000.**
- # 2010 - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,236 s/f 2 level furnished harbourfront condo. Fully refurbished in 2004. Close to beach & marina **\$479,000.**
- #985 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 level harbourfront end unit. Refurbished in 2000 **\$249,950.**
- #655 - 2 bed, 1 bath condo with marina view **\$249,000.**
- #1942 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 450 s/f 2nd level furnished unit overlooking community pool. **\$199,000.**
- #959 - 2 bed, 1 bath furnished 2 level condo overlooking marina, includes garage. **\$189,000.**
- #1805 - 2 bed, 1.5 bath, 800 s/f 2 level harbourside condo, tastefully furnished/dec, well maintained. **\$179,000.**
- #2073 - Best Priced Condo # 1211 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 462 s/f ground level furnished harbourfront condo. Great harbour views. **\$149,000.**

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Treasure Cay Beach Parcels

- Windward Beach Lots 12 & 13** - #2031 - 100' sandy beach frontage, 44,675 s/f cleared, walled parcel. All utilities available. **REduced** \$1,499,000.
- Ocean Blvd. Lot 90, Block 2** - #1992 - Unusually large beachfront lot with 140' of sandy beach frontage. Ideal for estate home. Sensational sea views! All utilities available. **\$1,499,000.**
- Beach & Canal Lot Package** #941 - Windward Beach lot of 17,542 s/f with 100' of beach frontage on Sea of Abaco, **PLUS** Galleon Bay lot of 17,955 s/f with approx. 76' of sea-walled canal frontage. **\$1,446,000.**
- Ocean Blvd. Beach Parcel #1842** - Exceptionally oversized 1.26 acre beach lot, 165' beach frontage. All utilities available. **\$1,399,000.**
- Superb Beachfront Parcel** # 1362 - Treasure Cay Blvd. Level & cleared lot, 12,600 s/f, 90' sandy beach frontage. Breath-taking sea views. **\$1,275,000.**
- Windward Beach Lot 19, Block 201** - #2046 - 12,450 s/f lot, 90' beach frontage, elevated level parcel, native stone seawall. **REduced** \$599,000.

Treasure Cay Area Development Parcel
Sand Banks Creek Acreage - #1988 - 24 acres at Treasure Cay entrance, 539' water frontage, 1,060' road frontage, good elevations. Ideal for commercial development. **\$995,000.**

Treasure Cay Canal Parcels

- Brigantine Bay - # 1662** - Two adjoining single family residential lots, 13,602 s/f total with combined 144' of sea-walled frontage. All utilities available. Superb water views. **\$785,000.**
- Brigantine Bay - # 1559** - 16,108 s/f level, cleared parcel with 164' of bulk headed & protected water frontage. Dock & dolphin pilings installed. **\$599,000.**
- Windward Beach Drive - Beach Parcel** #1693 - Oversized 17,000 s/f parcel with 100' powder sand beach frontage & 200' sea wall. All utilities available. Suberb sea views. **\$599,000.**
- Treasure Cay Harbourfront Lot** - #1804 - 13,678 s/f landscaped parcel, 153' of bulkheaded seawall, 140' of lay-along docks, garage, water & electricity. **\$499,000.**
- Galleon Bay - # 1441** - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 64' of bulkhead with dock & dock house. **\$498,500.**
- Brigantine Bay** # 1598 - Cleared lots 1 & 2A, 19,300 s/f 130' bulkheaded frontage, new dock. **\$495,000.**
- Galleon Bay** # 422 - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot, 88'+ protected canal frontage. Sea-walled, plus dock & davit pilings. All utilities available. **\$350,000.**
- Brigantine Bay** # 1173 & 1174 - 2 adjacent deep water canal parcels, each 11,200 s/f, 80' bulk head, 140' depth. Cleared, utilities available. **EACH \$299,950.**
- Brigantine Bay** # 1494 - 18,807 s/f cleared parcel 120' deep water bulk-headed frontage. **\$270,000.**
- Brigantine Bay** # 1622-1632 - A selection of 11 adjoining level & cleared canal lots ranging in size from 11,673 s/f to 19,068 s/f with deep water canal frontages from 74' to 173'. All lots with bulkheaded sea walls installed. All utilities available. Great water views along sheltered Brigantine Bay. Listing # 1632 also includes 2 finger docks installed.
From \$266,000. to \$753,000.
- Brigantine Canal** # 1971 - 17,300 s/f parcel, 123' sea walled frontage. All utilities available, Sea of Abaco views. **REduced** \$170,000.

Treasure Cay Inland Parcels

Multi-family Residential Lot - #1774 - 21,826 s/f parcel zoned "multi-family" near Treasure Cay Beach. Close to shops, restaurants, etc. Ideal for guest villas. **\$499,000.**

TREASURE CAY

Treasure Cay Inland Parcels

- Treasure Cay Drive Inland Lot** - #1692 - Prime residential lot # 3 less than 200' from Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**
- Treasure Cay Drive Inland Lot** - #2036 - Prime residential lot # 17, close top Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**
- Treasure Cay Sea Views Lots 10 & 11.** - #1908 - 2 adjoining inland lots on Windward Beach Drive. Total 21,600 s/f. All utilities available. **EACH \$74,995.**

GREAT CISTERN CAY

1787 - "Rivendell" - Rustic 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,284 s/f. furnished beach cottage on 2 building lots total 41,800 s/f 236' sandy beach frontage & 2 garages. **\$599,000.**

GUANA CAY

- "Ridge Runner"** # 1185 - 6 bed, 4 bath, 3,100 s/f furnished home-main house, separate master suite, guest cottage, pool & dock. 1.74 elevated acres, 330' shoreline. Superb panoramic water views. **\$1,995,000.**
- Orchid Bay - Beachfront Parcel 25** - #1530 - 1.173 acre Atlantic Ocean lot, 130' sandy beach frontage. Excellent elevations, spectacular ocean views. Orchid Bay amenities include utilities, marina, restaurant, pool, tennis courts, beach pavillion, paved roads. **\$1,499,000.**

"Summer Dreams" - # 1814 -Furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2.5 storey oceanview home on 7,408 s/f parcel. 2,000 s/f under air, 1,000 s/f covered porches. Dock slip included. **MOTIVATED SELLER! \$595,000.**

"Wave Watch" - # 2030 - "Turnkey" furnished 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 level ocean view home. 2,000 s/f living, 1,000 s/f elevated perimeter decks, 14,067 s/f parcel. Unparalleled ocean views. **\$499,950.**

"Secret Beach" # 1267/1268 - Ocean Front Elevated Parcels 9A (19,190 s/f) & 9B (16,144 s/f) lots, each with 100' +/- of Atlantic Ocean rocky shoreline & sand beach frontage. Prime building sites. **EACH \$199,000.**

Ocean Ridge Estates - # 2045 - 7 ocean & sea view residential lots from 7,686 sq. ft. to 16,740 sq. ft. Underground electrical infrastructure in place, dockage available in Boat Harbour, ocean & sea common community areas. **Lots from \$77,750.**

BAHAMA PALM SHORES

- Beach Front Parcel** # 714 - 45,343 s/f parcel, 100' ocean beach frontage. Electricity available. Ideal site for permanent residence or vacation home. **\$325,000.**
- Inland Lot - Near Beach** - # 1176 - Large 21,450 s/f level lot on main street, electricity & telephone available. **\$49,500.**
- Inland Lots 17 & 18, Blk. 4** # 1868 - 2 adjoining lots of 10,000 s/f each. Short walk to beach. **Each at \$27,500.**
- Inland Lots 11 & 12** - #1661 - 2 adjoining lots, 9,600 s/f each in Sect.4. Short walk to Atlantic beach. Electricity available. **Each \$24,600.**

TURTLE ROCKS

- "Coco Beach"** #1676 - Newly built 3 bed, 3 bath, 3 level fully furnished beachfront home, 1,700 s/f under air, 1,290 s/f open patios. 0.93 acre parcel with 101' sandy beachfront, plus dock and boat lift. Sensational sea views from virtually every room. **\$999,000.**
- Beach Home** - 1532 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath elevated 2 level semi furnished home, 1,874 s/f under air, 1,500 s/f covered porches on 0.89 acres, 93' sandy beach frontage. Panoramic sea views. **\$799,990.**
- Beach Lot** - # 1815 - 0.94 Acre beach parcel with 120' of Sea of Abaco sandy beach frontage. Electricity & telephone available, great water views. **\$225,000.**

CASUARINA POINT

"Casuarina Cottage" # 1866 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 816 s/f semi-furnished cottage on 14,000 s/f lot with 127' of canal frontage with boat ramp. **\$175,000.**

NORTH ABACO

Blackwood Waterfront Parcel # 1521 - 38,514 s/f parcel, 167' of deep water Sea of Abaco frontage and highway frontage. Topography well suited for a marina site. Utilities available **\$98,500.**

Boiling Hole Lot 18 - # 1827 - Sea of Abaco waterfront lot, 17,472 sq. ft. with 100' hard rock shoreline & magnificent sea views. All utilities available. **\$79,000.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

Lot "A" - The Bluff # 1910 - 15,600 s/f Sea of Abaco waterfront lot, 89' hard rock shoreline, 30' elevations, Near Bluff House, great sea views **\$491,000.**

MARSH HARBOUR

Pelican Shores Harbourfront Home - # 1563 - 5 bed, 4.5 bath, 5,600 sq. ft. tastefully furnished home with pool & dock. Well maintained, superior quality construction, many extras. 1 acre +/- landscaped, 115' water frontage. **\$3,495,000.**

"Sea View" - Great Abaco Club # 1203 - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,880 s/f furnished sea view home, plus 280 s/f of open deck on 4,918 s/f parcel. Well maintained, gated community, great rental income potential. Includes private deep water dock. **\$699,000.**

Commercial Bldg. #1792 - 6,000 s/f retail & warehouse bldgs on 20,000 s/f parcel in heart of town. 4 tenants, monthly rental income. **\$499,000.**

"Regattas of Abaco 408" - #2009 2 Bed, 2 bath 2nd level 1,200 sq. ft furnished condo. Well maintained, great harbour views. Near to town & beach **\$289,000.**

Regattas of Abaco # 27 - #1853 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 825 s/f 2nd level "turn-key" furnished condo near to beach, shops, marina, etc. **\$184,900.**

LEISURE LEE

1846 - "Yellowbird" - 2 bed, 2 bath, turn-key furnished elevated canalfront home. 1,900 s/f under roof. 80' lay-along dock, plus boat slip, ramp & lift. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE \$550,000.**

Canalfront Home #1865 - 2 bed, 2 bath furnished home, recently built in 2003. 11,378 s/f parcel, 120' bulk-headed canal frontage, 78' lay-along dock. **\$549,000.**

Residential Parcels

1845 - 11,531 s/f canal lot, 100' canal frontage, boat slip, dock, ramp, 12,000lb boat lift, electrical power & water. Accommodates up to 80' boat. **\$275,000.**

602 - Large 15,344 s/f cleared & level lot with 197' of fully seawalled, protected canal frontage. Water installed, other utilities available. **REduced \$249,000.**

1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **REduced \$187,500.**

1593 - 10,590 s/f canal lot with 120' of bulkheaded seawall installed. All utilities available. **REduced \$199,000.**

1844 - 2 adjoining deep water sheltered canal lots, 9,900 s/f each, 50' x 50' dredged boat slip, 150' lay-along docks each. Near beach. **EACH REDUCED TO \$149,000.**

#2054 - Lot # 204 - 10,590 s/f lot with 105' deep water canal frontage. All utilities available. **\$149,000.**

811 - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot with 194' of road frontage. Walk to beach. All utilities available. **\$89,950.**

#1902 - **Leisure Lee Inland Lot # 170** - Sea view parcel with 13,459 s/f - Near Beach **REduced TO \$75,000.**

Ocean View Lot # 168 - # 1854 - 9,680 s/f lot close to beach. All utilities available. **\$60,000.**

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A special and sincere thanks to: My incredibly strong daughter Priscilla and her husband Peter, my son Brent, sister Nancy, her Husband Cliff, and my husband Herbert for all the support and Love they showed daddy over the past few years.

Words cannot express my gratitude for everything you Did to make sure dad received the best care possible. Your compassion and help has made this road a bit easier. You are truly appreciated. *Love Minnie*



Funeral Service for Remilus Altidor, 71, affectionately called "Booka" of Marsh Harbour Abaco, and formerly of Haiti who

died March 9th, at the Princess Margaret Hospital, will be held on Saturday 11:00 a.m. at Trumpet Assembly Dundas Town Abaco. Rev. Carlton Dorsette will officiate and interment will follow in Central Pines Cemetery Marsh Harbour Abaco.

His memories will be greatly cherished by his wife: Bernadette Edouard Altidor; sons: Kenneth and Remy Altidor; daughters: Emelea Altidoie of Haiti and Memose Cornish; adopted sons: Genair Edouard and Eqincy Smith; sisters: Georgette Altidor and Marie Senor of Boca Raton Florida; grand-children: Annea, Widline, Rihanna and Kennysha Altidor and Ciara Cornish; nieces: Rochelle Vilmar, Benita and Ginette Altidor, Mariann Senor, Yozile Cliquot, Daniella and Yves-Marie Altidor; nephews: Lionel, Harold, Edward, Harold and Ronald Altidor, Emmanuel, Joel and Steve Senor David Vilmar and Leonard; sons-in-law: Julien Riche and Don Cornish; daughter-in-law: Jenny Fertilien; brother-in-law: Fadius Senor; grand-nephews: David and D'Andre Vilmar, Demetrius, Denzel and Micha Altidor; grand-nieces: Manouchka Paul, Portia, Shamara, Leah and Fabiola Altidor; great grand-nephews: Andre Petit and Daniel Francois; great grand-niece: Syesha Charles; cousins: Roslyn and Gerard Valsaint, Gerard and Marie Lindor; numerous relatives and friends include: a devoted friend and care-taker, Sylvia and Marena Prospere, Lakesha Gustave,

Benito, Chineque and Sofoni Saintil, Isna Alcinord, Jules Dalmond, Aloude Dumercy, Andre Jacobs, Ellen Petit, the Vilmar family, Japhet, Benchere, the Demosthene family, the Swain family, the Mills family, the entire Pigeon Peas, Marsh harbour, Dundas Town, The Trumpet Assembly family, The New Mission Baptist family and The Church Of Christ family Special thanks to: Dr. Boyce and staff, Dr. Madeline Pierre, Dr. Bonaby and Princess Margaret Hospital family, along with other friends and family who were blessed to have known him.



Funeral Service for Portia Karen Pinder, 42, a resident of Queen's Cove, Freeport and formerly of Crown Haven, Abaco will be held on Saturday March 24th, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Anne's Anglican Church, Crown Haven, Abaco. Officiating will be Fr. DeAngelo N. Bowe. Interment will follow in the Crown Haven Public Cemetery.

Left to cherish her memories are her husband David Pinder Jr.; daughter: Kiarah Pinder; step-daughters: Jasmin and Xavier Pinder and Lashonna Taylor; son William Pinder Jr. (B.J.) father Hermis Thomas; step-mother:

Sheila Thomas; sisters: Oleta, Latoya, Gardina, Lisa and India Thomas, Monica Rolle and Pam Hower; step-sister: Zakiya Brown; brothers: Sidney, Ezra and Ottis Thomas; step-brothers: Kahlile and Devaughn Brown mother-in-law: Nicey Pinder; father-in-law: Min. David Pinder Sr.; brothers-in-law: Gregory Rolle, Rev. Edwin Pinder, William, Joseph and Jeffrey Pinder, Evangelist Ricardo Ingraham,



*We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name,
In life we loved you dearly; in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again*

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ANONYMOUS

I love you Ma Riah

Min. Oliver McIntosh, Deacon Stanley Ginton, Anthony Russell, Harry Butler and Jacob Davis; sisters-in-law: Ketta and Patrica Thomas, Min. Alma Pinder, Cynthia Butler, Ludell Ginton, Della Davis, Grace Ann Russell, Delcina McIntosh, Linda Ingraham, Jackie and Edith Pinder uncles: Donald, Roland, Delvin and Victor McIntosh, Elvin Russell, Wellington Bain, Wellington Pritchard, Rev. Hayward, Arnold Thomas, Henry and Jerry Russell, Ralph Russell, Maxwell Roberts, Sidney Russell, Van Gaitor, Kendal Stuart, Caleb Lightbourne, Bill Russell, Carey Russell, Wellington Sears and Chris Munroe; aunts: Mavis Russell, Geneva McIntosh, Monica Russell, Margarita Roberts, Sandra Munroe, Aremantha Curry, Barbra McIntosh, Christine, Bethsheba Pritchard, Liza McIntosh, Sylvia Stuart, Eula Gaitor, Rachel McIntosh, Roslyn Campbell, Dolly Parker, Althea Lightbourne, Min. Mildred Thomas, Jennymae Russell, Sherryl Russell, Pricilla McIntosh and Agatha Russell grandaunts: Florence Russell, Pearl Clay, Louise Lewis and Lottie Russell and numerous nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Relatives and friends may pay their respects at Yager Funeral Home & Crematorium, Queens Highway on Thursday from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and at the church on Friday in Abaco from 1:00 p.m. until service time on Saturday.

Five great granddaughters Celena Russell, Alissa Pinder, Bliss Key Ryleigh and Brynley Sweeting. Two great grandsons Zack Key and Brody Key. Three brothers Gurney, Chris and Eric Sands. One sister Sherlie Arbon. Four sister-in-laws Kathy Sands, Phyllis Sands, Patricia Albury, and Jackie Albury. Three nephews Bernice Sawyer, Troy Sands and Monty Roberts. One niece Celeste Sweeting. Other family: IvaMae Pinder, David Sands, Bateman Sands, William (Billy) Sands, Laurel Pinder, Beth Nace, Royce Sands. Close family and friends, Grant & Mailin Sands, Katherine Russell. Bro. Bob and Sister Phyllis Cornea, Roger and Laurel Pinder, Dr. B Swarna and Dr. S Swarna. Clifford is pre-deceased by his wife Louise of 41 years, two children Raymond and Joanna, one sister Olive Smith One sister-in-law Elizabeth Roberts and two brother-in-laws Colin Reese and Albert Albury.



Clifford Sands, 83 of Marsh Harbour was called home March 9th. Funeral services were held March 17th in Marsh Harbour at New

Vision Ministries. Bro. Bob Cornea officiated and was assisted by Pastor Ted Pearce, Pastor Dave Lowe and Pastor Derek Benjamin. He is survived by his three daughters Minnie Key, Betty Sweeting and Nancy Cash. One son Raymond Sands. Three son-in-laws Herbert Key, Ricky Sweeting and Cliff Cash. Two granddaughters Priscilla Pinder, RayShell Sands. Six grandsons Brent Key, Matthew Key, Rick Sweeting, Harrison Albury Cameron Albury and RJ Sands. One grandson-in-law Peter Pinder. Three granddaughters-in-law Judy Key, Michelle Key and Amanda Sweeting.

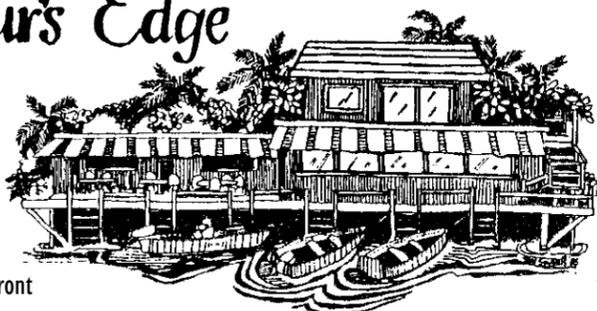
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Longevity and dealing with the problems of aging

By Dr. James Hull

Time catches up with us all and with each passing year there are new challenges we all must face. Often we think about heart disease, cancer and we are also afraid of having a stroke. What many people do not think about is their longevity and what could happen when you live a long life. Alzheimer's and dementia can happen as you get much older. It might sound crazy but having a long life, which is what we all pray for, has its own set of challenges.

I have had to deal with many patients recently who have serious memory loss. What family members often fail to recognize is what can happen to your family members when they start to lose their memory. Simple things like making their own meals can be a challenge or they may forget to eat or they may leave the cook top on after making something which can easily lead to a fire. A simple walk around the neighborhood can lead to disorientation and getting lost which can be a terrifying experience.

The elderly can often forget to take their medicine or take it too often leading to serious health consequences. Often the elderly do not want to lose their independence and they can be very stubborn. Their children tend to give into their demands to be left alone after all it is not in our nature to order our parents around. The problem is that we need to recognize our parents failing mental status and act accordingly; it is in their best interest. In order to avoid conflict as a family we all need to plan for the time, if it comes, where our parents need our help. The last thing any of us want is to have an accident

which ends our loved ones life especially if it is an accident which could have been avoided.

No matter how painful the conversation may be or how many times you are shut down by your parents please be persistent and make plans for them. These plans may make all of your lives easier, safer and more peaceful in the end.

Sponging industry prepped for revival

The Bahamas Commercial Fishing Alliance (BCFA) has plans to revitalize the sponging industry in The Bahamas. Working alongside the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the BCFA hopes to restart the once profitable industry.

Sponging, which in the 1930s was practically eliminated due to widespread disease, shows promise once again. With a potential \$1 million loan from the IDB, the BCFA and BAIC appear to be serious about jump starting the industry. Currently, Bahamian spongers may be selling their product way under value and research is being done by the BCFA to determine profitability and potential revenue.

Changes will have to be made to the practice of sponging if it is to be sustainable. Using a cutting tool and leaving the root in place will allow for future harvests. It takes approximately nine to twelve months for the sponge to grow back from its root. Current methods include removal of whole sponges which does not guarantee a new sponge will take its place.

Business

Occupancy up 60 percent at Abaco Beach Resort

By Scieska Adderley

Guardian Business Reporter

Story courtesy of The Nassau Guardian

Occupancy is up by 60 percent at the Abaco Beach Resort, which is translating into promising numbers for the island's bottom line, according to the resort's Director of Reservation and Leisure Sales Byron Ginton.

Already Ginton is projecting that the rest of 2012 will be extremely positive, despite last year's dip in numbers.

He noted that group bookings is just one area that's picking up, as there are plans to host groups for major fishing tournaments and other events next month.

"On the group side, business is definitely strong and we have at least five fishing tournaments scheduled as well for this year, which is really good," he said.

Last month, Ginton said that the Abaco Beach Resort hosted a major financial conference in February.

"We have a medical conference in April. We have a big group coming out of New York in April as well. We're going to be hosting the Custom Shootout, a very prestigious fishing tournament, for the first time in May, which is going to provide a lot of excitement here at the property," he shared.

He admitted that business last year had dipped to its lowest level as a result of the global economic recession.

However, Ginton pointed out that since the beginning of the resort's fiscal year in July, there has been steady growth. He believes that most properties on the island have also definitely seen improvements.

Despite rough economic times, Ginton believes that Abaco has been able to fare well in comparison to other Bahamian destinations, because Abaconians are proud and strong in preserving their cultural heritage.

"It is an awesome experience and that's because of these surrounding cays. When you look at the Marsh Harbour area

to have the ability to go to Hope Town or Guana Cay. There are very few destinations in The Bahamas that are going to offer you that type of experience."

He continued, "You could be staying in Marsh Harbour and go to Elbow Cay for the day and come back. Each of these islands has its own characteristics that offer unique Bahamian charm," he added.

Meantime, Ginton said the construction of a new airport terminal in Marsh Harbour, Great Abaco and a hospital on that island, are welcomed additions to the island. Once these projects are completed, Ginton believes they will leave an indelible impression on guests coming into Abaco.

"Right now, you hear constant complaints about the airport. When you look at the number of visitors that come to the island, it doesn't make sense to have an airport where people basically sit outside after checking in in all types of weather," Ginton noted.

"Travel should be an enjoyable experience and the airport is really the living room of your country. So if you make your living room extremely comfortable and nice, then you are going to be looking at a very satisfying guest experience."

He continued, "It's time that we realize that we cater to very affluent guests in the Abacos. Vacationing here is not cheap, especially the room rates. It is probably one of the priciest places that you can come to from the Caribbean region, from an airline's standpoint. It's going to go a long way in customer satisfaction."

Another bone of contention for visitors and residents alike has been the accessibility to affordable healthcare.

"One of the major complaints and fears that any visitor would have, including second home owners, is what if I get sick. Abaco in particular gets a lot of baby boomers, people over the age of 60. It is at that age where you can begin to experience most of your health concerns," Ginton explained.



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Business Entrepreneur Watch

KK's Cupcakes

By Samantha Evans

KK's Cupcakes and Treats is a unique home-based catering business that makes mini-cakes. It was started in October 2011. Owner, Keandra Lightbourne, stated that she came from a family of bakers. Her grandmother bakes pies. Her aunt in New York bakes too. Her mom used to bake but now leaves that to her. She stated that she has baking in her genes.

It was five years ago when she really started baking and loved it. She started baking the box cake but found that she did not like how the cakes always tasted the same. So two years ago she started baking from scratch and fell in love with making mini-cakes. She is a self-taught baker and named her business KK's Cupcakes after her two little girls: Keanna and Kiara. Keandra.

She bakes a variety of cupcakes and treats including red velvet cupcakes, blue velvet cupcakes, chocolate cupcakes, carrot cupcakes, chocolate vodka raspberry cupcakes, banana cupcakes, coconut cupcakes, vanilla cupcakes, brownie cupcakes and cheesecake cupcakes. Treats include cookies, banana bread and cinnamon buns. Her business is located in Cooper's Town but

she does deliver. Her cupcakes range from \$15 to \$30 per dozen and she can provide a cupcake stand if needed.

She's hoping to expand soon but at the moment is working a 9-5 job. In a couple of months she will be applying for the government's Self-Starter grant so that she can establish herself in Marsh Harbour. Her contacts are 365-0127/458-2269 /458-8359. Interested persons can also email her at keandra87@hotmail.com.

Clear Shots Videos

By Samantha Evans

Michel "Mitch" Filf-Aime owns Abaco's newest videography business. He started his services in mid-February and is finding that the word is getting out pretty quickly about the quality of his services. Mitch is no stranger to the recording business as he started out editing videos and noticed that not many persons were in the recording business. So, he decided to start his own.

He provides videography services for weddings, parties, concerts, special events, music videos and recordings for graduations. He works by appointment and his services are available seven days a week. All recordings are done in High Definition

(HD) which makes his quality stand out from the rest. Even though his business is still young, he can boast of having recorded the junior and senior Junkanoo parades, all New Entry Band videos and a video for the Horizon Academy School.

He has many weddings and private events coming up so encourages interested persons to book in advance. For those persons who need recording done at the last minute, they can also give Clear Shots Videos a call at 475-2194. He can be found on Facebook or by email at clearshots@live.com.

New Livery Car Service

By Canishka Alexander

Willie Albury is the owner of a Livery Car Service, which predominantly operates out of the Marsh Harbour International Airport. Recently, Albury was able to benefit from the government's assistance after he purchased a new vehicle and was allowed to bring it on the island duty free. The process was an efficient one, he said.

Albury bought a brand new 2012 Chevrolet Suburban, and with the government's exemption, he saved approximately \$50,000. He said the process was as simple as him traveling to the United States to

purchase the vehicle, and then he traveled to Nassau to fill out a duty free entry form. Finally, after a broker had made up the entry for him to take to the Bahamas Customs Department, he was able to drive off in the vehicle.

The vehicle came fully equipped with key features like the vision camera that allows him to see certain stationary objects behind him while traveling in reverse at low speeds, and also the side blind zone alert, which helps him with seeing objects are in his blind spot.

Albury said he was happy to be able to improve on the quality of the vehicle he owned as the community grows and the infrastructure improves.

He described the Suburban as the "best you can drive in," and several visitors have already benefitted from the for hire service. With the Livery Plate, Albury cannot join the taxi line, but he is satisfied with the business he receives when called on for his specialty car service.

"I picked up a couple of passengers and they were amazed to see the type of vehicle for them to travel in to go to the airport," Albury said.



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Further Business

CarQuest to Expand to Freeport

By Timothy Roberts

Stephen Albury, proprietor of CarQuest in Dundas Town, Abaco, plans to invest over \$1 million to expand his auto parts business and open a distribution hub in Freeport before the end of 2012.

He said he did a campaign to figure out what is needed here, and when he goes to Freeport he will do the same thing so he will know what is needed in parts.

He said they have already identified the property and are now talking with the Port Authority as well as taking a group from CarQuest to Grand Bahama in March.

CarQuest Auto Parts is an international retail chain with more than 3,000 locations in North America and the Caribbean region. The new Abaco outlet is said to be the first in the Bahamas to offer a complete inventory of parts and services, including sourcing of non-stocking parts from a full network of suppliers.

Mr. Albury said that Freeport will become the distribution center for the Bahamas because of the bonded issue. Car parts are 60 per cent duty and since the Government changed the duty on cars last year the average car being shipped to the country is ten plus years old.

Mr. Albury said expanding to Freeport "allows the luxury of stocking more inventory with no additional capital." He said the company's pricing would likely set a new benchmark in the Bahamian market.

Regarding his recently-opened Abaco store, Mr. Albury said that business at his recently opened Abaco store was up about 25 per cent in February compared to January and he expects that to continue until year's end.

"We expect that single and double digit growth until we get to about the end of the year, and then I think we will plateau a bit."

Mr. Albury said that just under \$750,000 was invested in the Abaco outlet, with four additional employees being added to its 12-member staff.

Food processing workshops offered by BAIC

By Canishka Alexander

The Tomatoes and Limes Workshop, held on March 19 and 20 at Abaco Central High School, was organized by the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC). Tonjia Burrows and Donna Bromfield headed up the workshop.

Burrows, assistant manager of BAIC's Food Processing Unit, explained that they had questioned persons living on several islands about excess produce that led to the most wastage. Among the items listed were tomatoes, onions, hairy mangoes and limes.

"Their products don't have to sit somewhere and waste because there are things that you can do with them before they get to the spoilers area. You can process them, and make many products out of them and add value to them," Burrows pointed out.

During the workshop, Bromfield, a Jamaican food processing expert attached to BAIC, said they taught participants how to make ketchup, spicy tomato jam, pizza sauce and tomato beverages as well as candied lime peels and fresh and frozen lime juice.

Included in the workshop was a presentation on the equipment used for testing in order to meet industry standards, and then there was a sanitation presentation to

demonstrate good manufacturing practices.

Both women were pleased with the participation and interest of Abaconians attending the workshop. They said that many of the participants will prepare similar products for sale at the upcoming All-Abaco Agricultural, Marine Resources and Agri-Business Expo 2012 later this month.

So far, they received the same feedback from the same type of workshops that have been held on Andros and Eleuthera, and after Abaco their next stops included Long Island and Exuma.

Burrows said that harvest and processing go hand and hand with farming, and she and Bromfield agreed that the amount of was wastage and imports to The Bahamas must decrease. The workshop itself is integrated into the mission of BAIC for post-harvest intervention in reducing wastage, Bromfield said.

Burrows encouraged persons to contact their office whenever they are in need of assistance. BAIC's local office number is 367-0066.

Abaco can grow weddings industry

Jennifer Hudson.

A wedding symposium, organized by the Abaco Ministry of Tourism, and coordinated by Ms. Michele Mikula, was held Below Decks at the Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour on March 9. A number of Abaco's wedding planners and vendors took the opportunity to attend this very informative seminar. Guest speakers were all presidents of various Bridal Associations who are extremely experienced in all aspects of planning a wedding and whose goal for the seminar was to educate Abaco's wedding consultants to bring the very best standards to weddings on Abaco and make it the best destination in the Caribbean.

Ava Burke-Thompson, Senior Manager of Weddings and Honeymoons with The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, welcomed everyone to the seminar. The first speaker was Monique Glinton, President of The Bahamas Bridal Association, who gave an overview of the association and stated that the Bahamas Bridal Association is a catalyst in the wedding industry.

"We believe that if we are to be the best in wedding destinations we must promise quality of service at the highest level," she advised. Ms. Glinton gave a short overview of the wedding program begun in the Bahamas many years ago by the Ministry of Tourism. In 1995 'People to People Weddings' coordinated its first wedding which began the tourism wedding department in the Bahamas. In 1997 due to the growth in the number of weddings it was decided to outsource to private coordinators. Wedding coordinators present were invited to join the Bahamas Bridal Association and to uphold the industry's highest standard.

Janet Albury, President of Weddings Beautiful, Bahamas and Caribbean, presented two sessions. The first, entitled 'The Great Investment-Educate Yourself,' and later 'Safeguarding your Integrity within the Wedding Business'.

"Although the wedding industry is a growing industry it has been impacted significantly by the economic situation and there were definitely less destination ceremonies in 2011. The size of the wedding is also much smaller; whereas before between 50 and 100 people travelled here for a wedding now there are only from 6 to 10 guests and we are seeing more elopements. Despite this we are still providing quality service. People's ability to come and pay for a destination wedding has taken a hit but I can see the market trying to

bounce back," she stated.

Ms. Albury demonstrated with some figures how the market has changed. In the year 2000 her company coordinated 2,366 local marriages whereas it coordinated 3,752 foreign marriages. However, in 2011 only 2,047 destination weddings took place showing a significant drop.

The final speaker was Ms. Danielle Andrews Sunkel, President of Wedding Planners Institute of Canada, whose topic was 'The right ingredients - practices of

the successful wedding professional.' She emphasized the importance of marketing which includes advertisements, mail outs, bridal shows, promotional giveaways, website listings and such networks as Facebook, Twitter and Printerest.

"You must be active in the social media which is actually mind-boggling and overwhelming but blogging on Facebook and Twitter are a must and blog must be kept up-to-date," she advised.

RBC celebrates twenty four years in Abaco



This month, RBC's Marsh Harbour Branch celebrated its 24th Anniversary by making a donation to Every Child Counts. ECC's mission is "to provide an alternative education for children with learning, developmental or physical disabilities (regardless of financial, family or social restraints) to maximize each child's ability to become a productive, successful and independent citizen."

L-R: Joyce Riviere, RBC Area Vice President Family Islands; Marva Mercius, RBC Branch Support Officer; Evelyn Major, Founder & Administrator, Every Child Counts; Julius Seymour, RBC Branch Manager; Keora Archer, RBC Manager, Client Care.

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PRESS RELEASE – For Immediate Release

New Organic Farm In Hope Town Grows Super-Healthy Sprouts and Microgreens

Abaco's residents and visitors alike are now enjoying some of the freshest and most nutritious food you can eat – organic sprouts and microgreens grown right here in Hope Town by Rachael and Neil Aberle under the brand "Om Grown Greens".

What started as a hobby last year has quickly grown into a thriving business with their products being delivered to food stores, restaurants and individuals throughout Abaco, as well as to New Providence and Harbour Island. Some of the finest establishments in the Bahamas – The Landing in Harbour Island; Balduccio's Fine Foods, The Organic Store and Lyford Cay Club in Nassau; Firefly Sunset Resort, Treasure Sands Club, Hope Town Harbour Lodge, Baker's Bay and The Abaco Club in Abaco – are regular customers of Om Grown Greens.



"We've clearly tapped into an underserved niche in the marketplace", says Neil, "We have only just been able to keep up with the demand for our products, but we are growing and adapting quickly and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead".

Among the products offered are Baby Sunflower Greens, Spicy Salad Greens, Pea Shoots, Radish Sprouts, Broccoli Sprouts, Italian sprout mixes, Baby Arugula and Wheatgrass for juicing. These microgreens and sprouts are delicious in salads, on sandwiches, with scrambled eggs

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"I have heard people say 'Do what you love and love what you do', and I can honestly say when I'm working our farm there's nothing else I'd rather be doing", says Rachael. "One of our customers told us he renewed his lease on a rental home in Hope Town just because he can get our greens. That was a great compliment!"

Om Grown Greens have teamed up with Out-Island Eco and are now proud to say that all of their products are offered in environmentally friendly compostable containers made from plants, NOT petroleum. These containers are reusable, but when they eventually end up in the trash, they naturally decompose and so do not contribute to Abaco's waste.

Om Grown Greens products can be found in Abaco at Maxwells, Abaco Grocery, Guana Harbour Grocery, Harbour View Grocery, LVA and The Food Store, as well as being served at many fine restaurants throughout Abaco, Harbour Island and New Providence. For more information, see their website www.OmGrown-Greens.com or call 366-0722.

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Return:	8:00am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:15pm* 5:00pm
Marsh H.>Guana Cay/Scotland cay From Conch Inn	(6:45am - Union Jack Dock) 10:30am 1:30pm 3:30pm 5:45pm
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Walk to & swim on Mermaid Reef off M Harb. Pelican Shore	
Drive to & swim in Blue Hole	Treasure Cay farm road
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• Witches Point - 3 miles S. of Marsh Harbour	
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Great Guana Cay
- 12,105 s.f. - 0.227 Acre
- 60' Atlantic Beach
- 1,558 s.f. - 3 Bd - 1 Bth
- Crows Peak lounge
- Abaco's best beach
- Near Nipper's & Town
- Rental History
#GGH1190 \$735,000



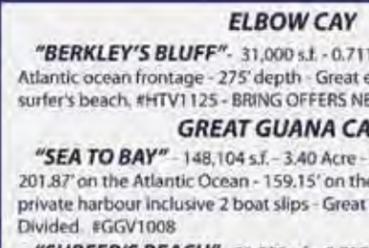
Green Turtle Cay
- 4 Bd, 4 Bth
- 4,948 s.f. / 2 levels
- 19,083 s.f. - 0.438
- Each level private living space/kitchen
- Sea of Abaco
- Dock/boatlift/10,000
#GTH1181 - \$1,990,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 33,342 s.f. - 0.765 Acre
- 161.30' on Coco Bay
- 3,300 s.f. - 3 Bd - 3 Bath
- Double Garage - 600s.f.
- Impact Doors/Windows
- Turkish Stone Floors
- Galvalume Metal Roof
- 13 KW Generator
- Ultra Violet System
#GTH1162 \$2,050,000



Great Guana Cay
- 22,694 s.f. - 0.520 Acre
- 97.42' on Sea of Abaco
- 1,950 s.f. - 3 bd - 2 bth
- 256 s.f. Guest House
- T&G clear cypress
- Mahogany floors
- Generator
- Rights to Shared Dock
#GGH1158 \$1,170,000



ELBOW CAY

"BERKLEY'S BLUFF" - 31,000 s.f. - 0.7116 Acre - 100' of Atlantic ocean frontage - 275' depth - Great elevations - overlooks surfer's beach. #HTV1125 - BRING OFFERS NEW PRICE. \$375,000.

GREAT GUANA CAY

"SEA TO BAY" - 148,104 s.f. - 3.40 Acre - Sea to Sea parcel - 201.87' on the Atlantic Ocean - 159.15' on the Sea of Abaco overlooking private harbour inclusive 2 boat slips - Great elevations - Can be Divided. #GGV1008 \$1,472,000.

"SURFER'S BEACH" - 31,299 s.f. - 0.718 Acre - 110' on pristine Atlantic beachfront - up to 25' elevations - paved road and electricity in place. Access to shared dock. Combine with "Lost Shaker" for a total of 68,138 s.f. - 1.56 Acre site. #GGV1156 - \$388,000.

"CLAIRE'S BEACH" - Beachfront building site - 31,243 s.f. - 0.717 Acre - 117' of Atlantic beachfront - Dock access - good elevations - superb ocean views. #GGV1006 - \$478,000.

"LOST SHAKER" - 36,839 s.f. - 0.847 Acre - 65' of Atlantic beachfront - Dolphin Beach Estates - oversized parcel - good elevations - easement to beach. #GGV1000 \$460,000.

"ATLANTIS" - 19,239 s.f. - 0.4417 Acre - 95' of Atlantic beachfront - Dolphin Beach Estates - Semi-private dock. #GGV1135 FORCLOSURE MUST SELL! \$350,000.

"SEAVIEW" - Dolphin Beach Estates - 24,292 s.f. - 0.557 Acre 136' prime waterfront - great elevations - fabulous views of Delia's Cay and the Sea of Abaco. Shared dock access or can build a private dock on shoreline - 8' depth at MLW. #GGV1118 - \$368,000.

"MIRABELLA" - 15,174 s.f. - 0.384 Acre lot - one of Guana's highest elevations with panoramic views of the Atlantic and Sea of Abaco - Paved road and underground electric in place - Deeded rights to shared dock in Susan's Cove. #GGV1153 - \$99,900.

GREEN TURTLE CAY

"COCONUT BEACH" - 63,815 s.f. - 1.465 Acre - Prime beach front lot - secluded beach cove on north end - driveway in place and approved building plans available - GTV1172 NEW \$675,000.

"PLAYING HOOKY" - 15,948 s.f. - 0.3661 Acre - Prime building site - Unobstructed views of Coco Bay - Public dock access - Beach access - #GTV1080 \$240,000.

"MADERIA HILL" - 65,208 s.f. - 1.497 Acre = Dock Access - Beach Access - Great elevations. BANK OWNED - MUST SELL! #GTV1009 - \$395,000.

"CONCHED OUT" - 30,361 s.f. - 0.697 Acre - 125' of Atlantic beachfront - 12' elevations - beautiful ocean views - very private area - additional acreage available. #GTV1008 - BRING OFFERS - \$325,000.

"NO NAME CAY PARCELS" - 1. One Acre +/- 345' of Atlantic shoreline \$159,000. 2. One Acre +/- 250' of Atlantic Shoreline 3. One and a Half Acres +/- 525' of Atlantic Shoreline. #NCV1188

"OCEANVIEW LOT" 22,141 s.f. - 0.508 Acre - overlooks pristine beachfront on Atlantic side - snorkeling reef just off shore - Great view - close proximity to Green Turtle Club. #GTV1157 UNDER CONTRACT

"SEABREEZE" 14,960 s.f. - 0.343 Acre - close to ocean beach clubs & town. #GTV1173 \$145,000.

"COCO BAY BREEZE" - Prime building site - 2699 Acre - Dock Access - Beach Access. #GTV1007 \$47,500.

MAN O' WAR CAY

"SUMMERPLACE" - 10,719 s.f. - 0.246 Acre - Prime building site - over 150' of Sea of Abaco frontage - private dock - fabulous Sea of Abaco views. #MWW1082 - \$185,000.

TREASURE CAY

"GALLEON BAY LOT 4" - 10,000 s.f. - 0.229 Acre - 80' of waterfront - private dock - deck & storage - Utilities to dock - #TCV1187 \$349,000.

CENTRAL ABACO

"BAHAMA PALM SHORES LOT 44" - 16,117 s.f. - 0.37 Acre Corner Lot - close to beach, shopping & airport - utilities. #ACV1189 \$45,000.

"SAND BANKS CREEK" LOTS 4&5 - #4 1.120 Acres - 97.42' on the creek. #5 - 1.155 Acres - 100.92' on the creek. Both lots creek to highway - near Treasure Cay. #CAV1182 - \$89,500.

"BAKERS CREEK" - 17 Lots - 10,567 - 16,031 s.f. - paved roads underground utilities - water access - beach/commons area - panoramic views - \$646.00 per month bank financing to qualified buyers with 10% down. #ACV1180 \$55,000. a lot

"RED BAY & LOGGERHEAD CREEK" - 0.233 - 67.42 Acres of prime development opportunity, possibilities unlimited. #ACV1184 - #ACV1185 - #ACV1186 \$139,000 - \$1,685,500.



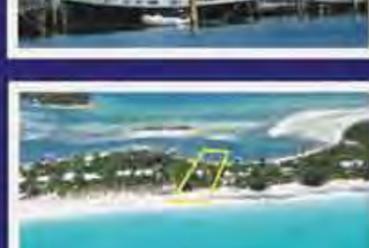
Green Turtle Cay
- 4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath
- 2,448 s.f. of Luxury
- 27,965 s.f. - 0.642 Acre
- 90' on Gilliam Bay
- Wood Floors
- Double Golf Cart garage
- 2,356 s.f. Wrap/decks
- Built 2009
- Tastefully Decorated
#GTH1179 - \$2,990,000



Green Turtle Cay
Marina Resort for Sale
- 1500' on Black Sound available
- 1114' Sea of Abaco frontage available
- +/- 2.78 Acres
- Restaurant & Pool Bar
- Shell Fuel Dock
- 1.5 Add. Acres Avail.
#GTH1151 - \$4,100,000



Man O' War Cay
- 4 bd, 3 bth
- 1,255 s.f. Residence
- 17,792 s.f. - 0.408 Acre
- 768 s.f. Covered Decks
- 812 s.f. Open Decks
- 360 Views
- Shared Auxillary Gen.
- Well Kept Gardens
#MWH1195 - \$749,000



Man O' War Cay
Sea to Sea property
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
- 1,096 s.f. Beach Res.
- 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath
- 625 s.f. Guest Cottage
- Land 0.764 Acre
- Workshop/Laundry
#MWH1164 - \$1,090,000



Man O' War Cay
- 103,237 s.f. - 2.37 Acre
- Sea to Sea Parcel
- 339,94' on Atlantic
- 125' on Sea of Abaco
- 1,000 sf 2 bd/1 bth
- 510 sf Guest /1bd. 1bth
- Garage/Gen. Shed
- Dockage / membership
Sea Glass Association
#MWH1178 - \$3,500,000



Man O' War Cay
- 134,491 s.f. - 3.08 Acres
- Sea to Sea Parcel
- 695.49' on Atlantic
- 290.65' Sea of Abaco
- 4,056 s.f. - 3 bd, 3bth
- 1,595 sf guest cottages
- Garage/Generator/Shed
- Dock-12,000 lb boatlift
- Infinity Pool
#MWH1159 \$5,790,000



Scotland Cay
- 13,601 s.f. - 0.312 Acre
- 84' on canal
- 2,678 s.f. Residence
- 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath
- Dock and Lift
- Plus Dock slip in marina
- garage
#SCH1196 \$1,399,000



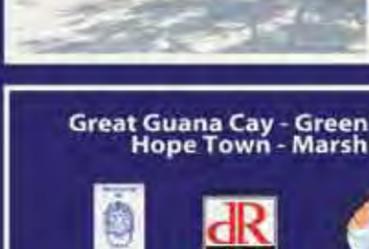
Green Turtle Cay
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
- 1,190 s.f. Residence
- Sea to Sea
- Land - 2.68 Acres
- 150.60' Atlantic Beach
- 196.60' Coco Bay Beach
- Dock - 50% Shared
#GTH1165 \$990,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
- 1,355 s.f. of Residence
- 23,546 s.f. - 0.54 Acre
- 125.78' on White Sound
- 127.28' on Sea of Abaco
- Private sea to sea
- 2 docks - deep draft
- Boat Access Only
- 50KW Generator
#GTH1137 - \$995,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 4 Bd, 2 Bth
- 1,962 s.f.
- 2 kitchens
- 30,874 s.f. - 0.708 Acres
- 360 views
- 30' elevations
- Centrally Located
#GTH1192 - \$1,200,000



Green Turtle Cay
- 3 Bedroom, 3 Baths
- 1,282 s.f. under air
- 887 s.f ground floor - bed-bath-garage
- 1,597 s.f. decks
- 15,710s.f. - 0.360 Acre
- 200' on Coco Bay Beach
- 8,000 gallon cistern
#GTH1152 - \$1,285,000

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SECTION B



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Two swimmers to represent Abaco at CARIFTA



Above and Left: Miller Albury. His favorite stroke is freestyle. 11-year-old son of Bill and Victoria Albury, he will be swimming up to seven events.

Above and Right: Albury Higgs is competing in eight individual events and three relays. Swimming competitively since six year old, her experience in the 2011 CARIFTA Games has her excited for 2012.

Two Abaco swimmers will compete in the upcoming CARIFTA Games. The Abaconian highlights both of them here.

Albury Higgs

Albury Higgs, daughter of Chris and Pleasants Higgs, will be swimming in eleven events this year in the 2012 CARIFTA Swimming Championships which will be held April 12-15

She will swim in eight individual events and three relays which are:

- 50 Meter Breaststroke
- 100 Meter Breaststroke
- 200 Meter Breaststroke
- 200 Meter Freestyle
- 400 Meter Freestyle
- 200 Meter Individual Medley
- 400 Meter Individual Medley
- 100 Meter Butterfly
- 200x50 Meter Freestyle Medley Relay
- 400x100 Meter IM Medley Relay
- 400x100 Meter Freestyle Medley Relay

With many of her current personal best times, Albury has qualified for and has been chosen again to represent the Bahamas on the Bahamas Swim Federation 2012 National Team. She has been swimming competitively since the age of six for Swift Swimming, and she is coached by her dad, Chris Higgs, and Andy Knowles.

Her favorite events are all of the breaststroke races and the 200 freestyle. Her experience last year in the 2011 CARIFTA Games held in Barbados was

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Miss Earth Bahamas visits with students

On March 22 through 23, Miss Earth-Bahamas visited Abaco. She, along with local Miss Abaco, Chandi Lowe, stopped to schools throughout the island to share a message of environmental conservation with the kids. They were scheduled to visit Coopers Town primary, Treasure Cay Primary, Abaco Central High School, Long Bay School, Central Abaco Primary, Agape Christian School, Forest Heights Academy and St Francis.

Miss Earth-Bahamas, Karel Pinder, is from Grand Bahamas and has represented The Bahamas in pageants in the Philippines. Her third time in Abaco, she said she was here to deliver a message to young girls that "it's not just looking pretty." Miss Earth Bahamas carries with it the message of protecting the environment.

Each school she and Miss Abaco stopped at Karel entertained the kids and encouraged them to think about the environment. By creating eight simple rules

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she hopes to educate children about the importance of conservation.

The eight rules she and Chandi Lowe shared with all the kids were: protect our marine life, ride bikes and walk, recycle, plant trees, turn off electronics, turn off the water, "ease up" on the video games and plant a garden.

She said it was a pleasure coming to Abaco. The hospitality she received made all the travelling easier. Towards the end of her trip she received a special thank you basket from the Abaco Ministry of Tourism. Ms. Wynsom Ferguson presented her with the basket.

The next step for our local beauty queen, Chandi Lowe, is a visit to China. There she will compete against an international cast of pageant goers.



Above: Kendrick Kemp played a loud and fast junkanoo beat for the visiting Miss Earth Bahamas. In front of the assembly at Central Abaco Primary School Kendrick maintained a steady rhythm as the beauty queens walked through the aisles.

Left: Miss Earth, Karel Pinder, poses with Vanesia Ettiene. Vanesia was able to recite all eight steps Miss Earth taught her. Right: Nakeaz Mackey at Central Abaco Primary also won an award from Miss Earth.



Above: Miss Earth addresses the crowd of school kids at Central Abaco Primary. She also visited Coopers Town primary, Treasure Cay Primary, Abaco Central High School, Long Bay School, Central Abaco Primary, Agape Christian School, Forest Heights Academy and St Francis.

Below: Wynsome Ferguson, manager of the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism office in Marsh Harbour in Abaco, awards Miss Earth with a gift bag.





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NEW	Eastern Shores	Eastern Shores	Eastern Shores	Eastern Shores	FEATURED LISTING
					190 yr. old New Plymouth Inn, Green Turtle Cay. Boasting 11 beds and 11 baths over 2,800 sq. ft. Plus a restaurant seating forty five opens to a large entertainment deck with a pool. Over 20,000 sq. ft. of verandahs, patios, gazebos and terraced garden areas complete this property.
'Tweed Waters - House & Cottage 28,000 sq. ft. lot sea 2 sea 90' dock. #2011 - US\$1.2M	Even Tide / Low Tide - 3B/3B rental history, turn key, waterfront. #1374 - US\$1,199,000	Sur La Mer - 2B/2B + bonus room Rental history. 130' waterfront. #2007 - US\$740,000	On The Rocks - New 2B/2B, 1000 sq. ft. waterfront cottage. #13808 - \$599,000	#2008 - \$1,200,000	
BRING OFFERS	Great Abaco Club	Great Abaco Club	Pelican Shores	LOTS & ACREAGE	
				THE CAYS	
Mer-Sea - 3B/3B Gated community 50' deepwater dockage, seaviews. #2000 - \$599,000	Lea -Sing - 2,200 sq. ft. 3B/4.5B + bonus rm. 50' secure dockage. #2009 - USD\$875,000	Grouper Therapy - 4B/4B, 7ton lift, 60' protected yacht slip. #13711 - USD \$975,000	Alcatraz - 3B/2.5B, Elevated, 117' harbour frontage, 16,862 sq. ft. lot. #2005 - \$655,000	Guana Cay #13807 Interior \$49,900 View \$49K+ Oceanfront \$139K+ Guana Cay #13017 103ft. oceanfront, 20,200 sq.ft. lot. \$239K Guana Cay #1150 92A & 93B - 3/4+ acres, 200' from water \$99K ***REDUCED*** Lubbbers Quarters Abaco Club Lots #1066 Lot #39 10,200 sq. ft. \$22K #10066 Lot#40 t 9,700 sq. ft. \$24K Tilloo Cay #13709 #47 #48 #49 11,000 sq. ft. 100' to beach. \$99Kech.	
BRING OFFERS	Marsh Harbour	Guana Cay	Guana Cay	MARSH HARBOUR	
				Eastern Shores #13809 6,285 sq. ft. lot 90' dockage. Call for price. Marsh Harbour #13903 2.05 acres adjacent Maxwell. \$245K Pelican Shores #1127 163' Harbour frnt 90' dock 26,200 sq.ft. lot. \$700K Royal Harbour #1005 Lot #26 off front street 14583 sq. ft. lot. \$175K Stede Bonnet Road #13901 Residential Lot 8, 125 sq. ft. \$78K Sunrise Bay #1066 Lot 12 13,226 sq. ft. Gated community. \$238K	
Below appraisal - 2B/2B + 2 bonus rooms easy duplex conversion. #2010 - \$235,000	Coconut Tyme - 3B/2B up 1/B1/B down. 18,601 sq.ft. lot. #1103 - \$499,000	Dolphin Bch Est. - 3B/3B 130' protected waterfront 1.165acre lot. #12387 - \$1,185,000	Orchid Bay - Cottage Lot #4, 80' +/- Sea of Abaco waterfront. #13710 - \$249,900	SOUTH ABACO	
REDUCED	Guana Cay	Tilloo Cay	Tilloo Cay	NORTH ABACO	
				Casuarina Point #1777 Lots 90 & 91 10,000 sq. ft. each. \$44,500 Gilpin Point OWNER FINANCING Interior \$40K+ Beachfront \$225K+ Long Beach #1224 Lot 31 12,600 sq. ft. elevated views. \$125K Long Beach #14557 Lot 24717,600 sq. ft. elevated views. \$39,900	
Fishers Bay - Lots 28 & 28B, 94 ft. waterfront 23,873 sq.ft. lot. #1102 - \$299,900	Tilloo Cay - 2.7 acres sea to sea, 50' private deep water dockage. #13500 - \$569,000	Subdivision - Waterfront lot 19. Electric available. 13,050+/- sq. ft. #13999 - \$199,000	Amazing Deal -14 acres 209' of beachfront , up to 45' elevations. #13987 - \$248,500	LEASES / VACATION RENTALS	
				3 Bed/2 Bath - Bahama Palm Shores, beachfront - \$1,200/mo 3 Bed/2 Bath - High Rocks, waterfront, fenced yard. - \$2,500/mo 3 Bed/2 Bath + Bonus Rm - Pelican Shores, dockage. - \$2,300/mo 2 Bed/1 Bath - Sweetings Vlg, private home, fenced yd. - \$1,100/mo SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE RENTAL & LEASE OPPORTUNITIES.	




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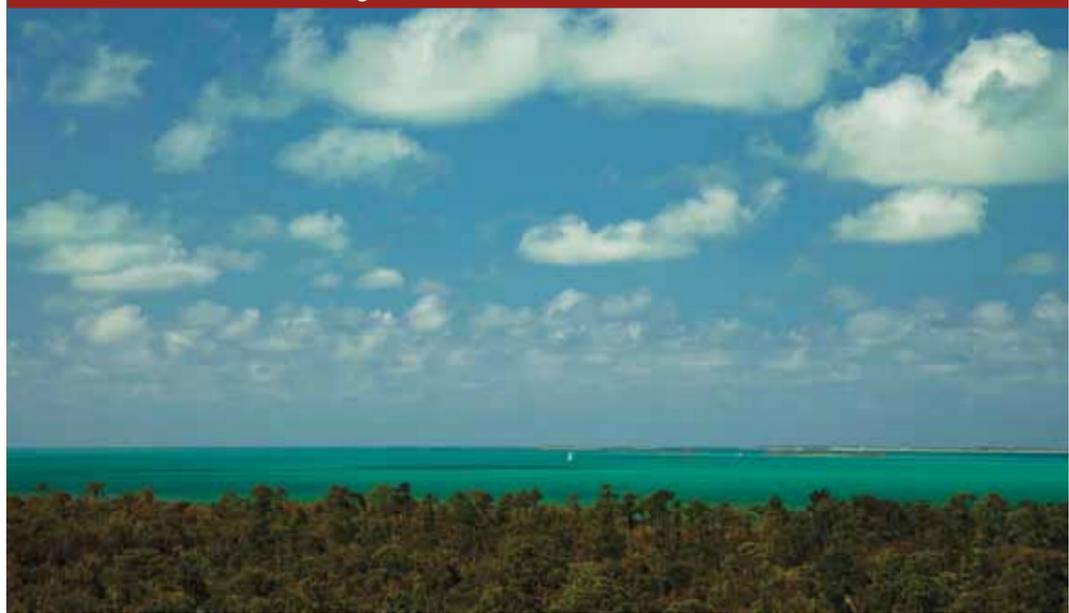
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School & Youth News

Ranger Guides practice community service

By Samantha Evans

Abaco Central High School is the only high school on Abaco that has an active Ranger Guides Program. Any girl in grades 10 through 12 can join Ranger Guides.

In Guiding there is an eight point program that makes sure the students do a variety of different things while making friends and challenging themselves to improve their skills and learn new things. The eight point program consists of: thinking for oneself, enjoying the outdoors, becoming a homemaker, giving service, getting to know people, exploring the arts, keeping the Guide Law and keeping fit.

Ranger Guides practice hiking, camping and beach picnicking. They can challenge themselves by earning badges like music lover, entertainer, first aid and sportswoman just to name a few. Since they get to help choose their activities they can do what they find interesting.

Guides make a commitment to God, community service and a set of values called the Guide Law. Being a Ranger Guide makes them a part of an international organization that has more than 10 million girls and women in more than 100 countries.

Ranger Guides are committed to serving their community. Each Ranger Guide is expected to do 27 hours of community service each year; some of which can go toward their school graduation community service requirements.

Each year they take part in the International Coastal Clean-up, visit the old folks' home, assist with Brownies and



Some of Abaco Central High Schools Ranger Guides preparing a meal. Guides follow an eight point program that challenges them to improve themselves.

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Fox Town Primary wins grade two spelling bee

By Samantha Evans

It was an exciting day for those twenty-six grade two spellers from primary schools across Abaco. They gathered at St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall on Friday March 6 to participate in the Grade Two Spelling Bee.

The competition was fierce as the grade two students quickly exhausted the seen list. After seven rounds on this list of words they were given to study, thirteen rounds were spent on the unseen list. These young spellers proved quickly that they had a good command of their phonetics, languages of origin and the other skills necessary.

At the end of the competition Trea'vaughn Demeritte of Fox Town Primary School emerged as the winner. In third place was Erica Roberts of Man-O-War School and in second place was Jasmin Aberle of Hope Town School. Superintendent Helen Simmons-Johnson presented the students with their trophies and certificates.

Drill squad to compete nationally

By Samantha Evans

On Saturday March 17 practice began for the Abaco Supreme Drill Team at Central Abaco Primary School from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Students from grades five to twelve have an opportunity to join Abaco's first drill squad. Eleven students attended the first session and will be trained in all three areas: drilling, stepping, and dancing.

As other students join they will be trained in the individual areas. Each child will have an opportunity to display their talents and be a part of a team that will foster an attitude of self-motivation and discipline.

They will meet every Saturday leading up to July 10 so they will be ready to take part in the National Independence Cultural Show to be held in Marsh Harbour.

The drill instructor on Saturday was Kirklena Thompson-Mackey. The students will be introduced to the dance and step instructor, Claudia Henschell-Knowles, as the weeks progress. Each student paid a registration fee of five dollars.

A four dollar fee is to be paid each class. The money collected will be used to purchase all dress attire, batons, pom-poms, hand ribbons and other miscellaneous items each child will need. Interested persons can still contact Kirklena Mackey at 475-4471.

Modern Languages Week celebrated at Abaco schools

By Canishka Alexander

A joint celebration of Modern Languages Week was held for students of Horizons Academy and Wesley College. Señora Mahalia Levarity was the moderator for the occasion; however, she was assisted by students from both schools.

There were a number of upbeat performances on the agenda, and the students went from singing to poem recitations, dialogues and skits.

Next, Señora Levarity introduced two guest speakers during the ceremony. Illeana Leary represented Creole speaking people while Graham Johns did a Spanish presentation. Both speakers talked about the importance of knowing a second language. For Leary, it has assisted her greatly on the job, and the same was true for Johns. However, Leary was fortunate to know Creole from birth. Johns, on the other hand, didn't learn Spanish until the age of 47.

Following another poem and dance by the students, the audience heard from Rev. Charles Carey, principal of Wesley College; and Simmone Mullings, principal of Horizons Academy.

Rev. Carey was familiar with several languages including Latin, French, German and Greek, and he talked about how the languages had helped him during his extensive travels.

Meanwhile, Ms. Mullings emphasized the significance of the day, and also acknowledged the hard work of Señora Levarity in helping the children to learn and appreciate learning another language.

A Spanish meal was served after the ceremony.

Abaco Central High celebrates Commonwealth Day and connects cultures

By Mirella Santillo

There was a festive atmosphere at Abaco Central High School on March 12 as the school celebrated the annual Commonwealth Day with speeches, poetry, music, dances and food. Large posters in the yard informed the curious about each country represented: Trinidad & Tobago, Guyana, St. Lucia, Jamaica and The Bahamas. There was even a bush medicine table attended by one of the coaches, Mr. Vogel Williams, who played "bush doctor" for the day.

Ms. Oma Ramdin, the moderator, announced the activities from a raised stage decorated with flags of the different countries. A panel of officials from the Department of Education which included the Director of Culture, Dr. Linda Moxey-Brown, who was visiting Abaco for the occasion and the Island Administrators Cephas Cooper and Whelma Colebrook.

A parade of students dressed in the colours of each country represented heralded the morning's activities. The senior assistant, Ethlene McIntosh, delivered the Queen's message which this year was under the theme: Connecting Cultures.

That theme was upheld by Dr. Moxey-Brown who starting singing "All of We is One" as she reached the stage to deliver her address. She reminded the assembly that in spite of different cultural expressions, which she enumerated, people were basically the same in their emotions.

Then it was time for the show.

Seven girls dancing to reggae music and other Jamaican beats entertained the audience with a lively performance. They were applauded and cheered. The next country was Guyana. Two girls in colourful costumes danced to a rhythm similar to Arabian music. But the rhythm soon picked up as a boy joined them in the dance, awakening the applause of the public.

St. Lucia's culture was presented to the audience by five girls singing "Poison," a song about fish, while another boy mimed offering his catch in an empty basket. Last, welcomed by even louder cheers, eight girls performed a truly Bahamian song "Boom Pineapple Wine;" they were followed by rake & scrape music performed by five students: Shervin Johnson, Cleveland Newton, Vance Darville, Nathan Darville and Clevano Dawkins.

There was still more to come. As the audience left their seats to walk around and inspect the displays, a sound of Junkanoo drums could be heard in the background. Soon the members of the school's Junkanoo group came rushing through the school yard dressed-up in their colourful attire with head gear, cow bells, trombones and drums.

A crowd soon formed in one of the classroom where tasty food from the featured countries awaited the hungry. It was served by a native of each island, Mr. Conlif Green from Jamaica, Ms. Stacia Pitt from Guyana and Ms. Michele Bailey from The Bahamas.



These five students danced to Jamaican rhythms during Abaco Central High School's Commonwealth Day ceremonies. The day was spent celebrating different cultures present throughout the Caribbean. Picture left to right: Yasmine Newton, Aleasha Rolle, Pedra Thurston, Bianca Rolle and Yanique McCle.

Commonwealth Day held at S.C. Bootle High

By Canishka Alexander

On March 16, S.C.Bootle students participated in Commonwealth Day activities. According to Principal Huel Moss, countries such as The Bahamas, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad, Canada, the United States of America and St. Kitts were well represented.

"Each country made a dramatic entrance into the school yard as the flags waved high, the drum beat sounded out, and various cultural items from each coun-

try were portrayed," he recalled. "The students were dressed in the attire and colors of the flags of the respective countries, and everyone was entertained by the singing of folk songs and the playing of ring games."

Moss added that a brief history of each country was also given. There was a display of the various flags and items produced by individual countries including prepared food that was known to each country.

He said that all in all, S.C. Bootle was transformed into the Caribbean with all the countries that were represented as they merged into one.

More School & Youth News

Performance at Agape Christian School

By Jennifer Hudson

Students of Grades 1, 2 and 3 at Agape Christian School presented a delightful short musical play in the Grace Gym on March 16. More than 50 students took part, most of whom were onstage the entire time. The children of grades 1 and 2 formed the chorus while the grade three students performed the speaking and acting roles. All did a first class job.

The chorus members sang with great enthusiasm and enhanced their songs with lively actions. The children with speaking parts were amazing. Not one person forgot a single line or entry which made it a very professional performance for students so young. The three narrators deserve special mention; they had a great deal to remember and they spoke their lines with great confidence and clear diction. The part of Joseph was played by Roman Pinder who also deserves special mention for the conviction and clarity with which he played the role.

This musical play, entitled 'Joseph; they say he's just a dreamer', was, of course based on the biblical story of Joseph and his brothers and was written by Agape school's music teacher Ms. Courtney Romer. She wrote both the dialogue and the songs which she set to tracks familiar to the children. The children all learnt their songs and speaking parts during music lessons followed by a lot of work at home and then came together to practice as an entire group a couple of times a week.

Following the performance, a delighted Ms. Romer stated how very proud she was of all of the children who participated

as they did an amazing job. Thanks were given to all who assisted, beginning with Almighty God. Stacey Adderley, art teacher at the school, was thanked for the excellent job she did with props and costumes and parents and teachers were thanked for supplying the materials. Appreciation was also expressed to the people who managed the sound system.

All proceeds received at the show will be put into the drama department to make it even better for next year, it was explained. A performance of another play written by Ms. Romer will be staged by the upper grades next month.

Angel's Academy celebrates Spanish and Indian cultures

By Canishka Alexander

Modern Languages Week was acknowledged by the students and staff of Angel's Academy on March 22, and Señora Mahalia Levarity also led in the ceremony at the school. The theme was - Languages: Our Link to the World.

Following the prayer and welcome address, Principal Barbara Johnson congratulated the students on being well-rounded in their academics and athletics, and classified them as "the No. 1 students on the island" based on their achievements. Ms. Johnson also thanked everyone for their continuous support of the school.

"Now this year we're featuring Spanish as well as Indian, so you're in for a special treat today, and upon completion we have Indian foods and Spanish foods. Feast, sit and enjoy," she said.

Grade 2 students were the first to come forward with their presentation on

transportation. Students from Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 sang the popular children's Bible song "Tengo El Gozo," which means "I have the Joy." More presentations took place with students from Grade 1 and Grade 3, and fourth and fifth grade students performed in a Spanish skit about the activities they like to do and are involved in.

The first speaker during the ceremony was Sonia McDonald, who talked about the challenges she faced with not knowing English. She recalled a time when she went to the food store, and had difficulty communicating. Now, she is happy to know both Spanish and English.

There was another song and dance before Annie John, who is Indian, led students in an Indian dance. Señora Mahalia also called on Rev. Charles Carey to share his experience with languages, and he concluded his speech by reciting Psalm 23 in German. A guest in the audience also shared some Creole phrases with the audience.

At the end of the ceremony, guests were invited to sample the Indian and Spanish meal that had been prepared while Señora Levarity played games like Simon Says and the piñata with the students.

ACHS Junior Councilors begin community projects

By Samantha Evans

The Local Government Junior Council of Abaco Central High School held their first community project on Saturday March 17 from 11:30am to 1pm. The eight council members were accompanied by other student volunteers as they picked up garbage from Abaco Central High School all the way to Change Ministries at the end of Murphy Town.

The cleanup is one of three that they plan to engage in before school closes in June. The next one will be in Dundas Town and the final one will be done along a local beach. They hope other schools will participate in this coastal cleanup.

Since the officers were elected they meet bi-weekly during the lunch break at the school and plan projects. According to coordinator of the junior councilors for this school, Phillippa Farrington, the students plan to engage in two school based projects as well.

The first one is for them to adopt two classrooms to beautify and the second one is to purchase uniforms for the school track team. Their success with these two projects depends on funding. To this end they are seeking to partner with businesses who want to assist them with any of these projects whether by donating supplies or funds. Further, she added, they are looking for a company or corporation to donate large, empty oil barrels so that they can place them around the community to limit littering.

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Three more Outstanding Student of the Year nominees

By Samantha Evans

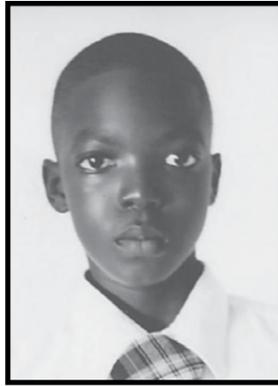
Last issue, five outstanding grade six students were featured and the issue before that one student was featured. In this issue, you will meet three more students who will travel to Nassau this May to compete for the coveted title as the Most Outstanding Grade Six Student in the Bahamas.

The first student is Mikayla Marshall. Mikayla, a humble yet determined and eager sixth-grader, has been awarded the title of top student at Agape Christian School. Mikayla has been involved in various activities that have helped her to cultivate her growth in learning and maturity. A recent accomplishment has been playing the leading role of Dorothy in the musical "The Wizard of Oz," which required several months of rehearsals. She has been active in A.W.A.N.A for the past six years, and has participated in Friends of the Environment Discovery Club. She is presently learning to play the piano and has taken part in Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel's Youth Services. In addition, she assists in the Church's Nursery Department. The Agape school family is proud of what Mikayla has accomplished and look forward to even greater successes.

The second nominee is Jaquay Sands. Jaquay is an 11-year old sixth-grader at the Cooper's Town Primary School. She is very intelligent, which has earned her the Head Girl title at this school. She has

been very much involved in the life of her school, participating in various spelling bee competitions, school clubs (e.g., Sunflowers and Brownies), morning assemblies and school choir, just to name a few. She is actively involved in her church's youth group. Jaquay is a student who other students can emulate. Her school family is very proud to have her as their Primary School Student of the Year.

The outstanding student from Moore's Island is Giovanni Rolle. Giovanni is an outstanding student who exudes the qualities of excellence, discipline and purpose. This vibrant eleven year old has maintained his superior standard of work throughout his primary school life excelling in Spelling Bees, sports and national examinations. He came third in the sixth grade spelling bee, placed second in the 800 M at Moore's Island Sports Day and has maintained his principal list status with a 4.0 GPA. He is a recipient of the Minister's Award for Numeracy, outstanding student subject awards, honor roll award, and student of the month in grade 5. He is a member of the Moore's Island Exterminator Track and Field Club, is involved in youth group, the school choir and the speech club. He is a firm believer in God and believes in equality. In the future he hopes to become a track star and an airline pilot. He is the son of Ruthmae Rolle an educator.



Giovanni Rolle is always involved in academic and athletic functions. Working hard, he has a 4.0 grade average and several awards under his belt.



Jaquay Sands is head girl at her school. Between, clubs, spelling bees and choir she finds the time to be involved in her church's youth group.



Mikayla Marshall recently played the lead role in her school's play. Involved with many of her church's functions, her family and friends are very proud of her.

The Abaconian wishes these bright, young stars continued success in their academic endeavors. If you see either of these children please take the time to encourage them. The youth are our future.

Last issue, The Abaconian referred to Lilly Higgs (pictured right) as Kellie Higgs. We apologize for the error. LILLY Higgs is a bright young student from Hope Town School.



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Long Bay School PTA Hosts Second Annual Spring Variety Show

By Samantha Evans

The second annual Spring Variety Show was held at Long Bay School on the breezy spring evening of March 24 at 7pm. There were numerous items on the program, all of which were delightful. The event started late but once it began the talent displayed was undeniably good.

Some of the talent came from Ashton Sawyer who sang a special song that spoke of hope for a peaceful nation. The Long Bay School choir and drama team performed two dynamic pieces that were so well done that the audience could not help but give each a standing ovation.

Male and female models from the student population worked the runway like top models showcasing casual fashion from Europe, Paris, and New York; all of which can be found at Island Girl Boutique.

The stiletto heels worn can all be found at Russell's Department Store in Marsh Harbour. The tiny tots' models were also well represented as they modeled casual wear from Muck-A-Mucks.

Other performers on the program were Rapper Patrick, Mr. Carby, Long Bay School Teacher, Brandon Davis, Akeem Adderley, and Lauren "Pineapple."

Ms. Jacqueline Collie gave a tribute to the late Ms. Jerutha Etienne who was the PTA Secretary and a devote parent for many years. Ms. Collie stated that she played a pivotal role in the school and will be missed. Following the presentation two of her daughters gave a tribute; one in poem form and one in song. The latter was done by Long Bay student Tirshantha Etienne.

The final segment of the night was the modeling of the formal wear all of which can be found at Infinity No Limit Outlet. The vote of thanks was given by PTA President Mona Bain who thanked the PTA Board and parents for their support. Refreshment were on sale throughout the night.

Grade Twelve Students Take Part in Job Training

By Samantha Evans

Horizons Academy has three grade 12 students who have been engaged in work experience for the past two to four weeks. The purpose of the work experience is to expose them to the careers they have expressed interest in.

Rolanda Williams began her career experience at Auskell Medical Center on March 1 and stated that the exposure has been great. She was able to do some receptionist work including answering the phone, taking appointments, running errands and working in the lab where she learned how to draw blood. She was able to speak with the doctors to learn about the requirements to become a physician. Rolanda stated that she is interested in becoming a pediatrician and decided upon this career because she loves children.

The second student is Morana Fertil. She spent a month working with Gottlieb and Co. Real Estate Office which she said was exciting. Most of the work she engaged in consisted of office work, scanning documents, property management, learning how appraisals are done and listing properties. Morana stated that she has always been fascinated with house design, staging homes and all details of real estate. She is sure that real estate is the right area

she has chosen for her career.

Henrick Theagan spent his work experience month at Yamaha. He stated that his experience has opened his eyes to his career of choice. He likes working with his hands so this experience was ideal for him. While at Yamaha, he serviced boat engines, cleaned boats, learned about basic boat parts and that boats have a lot of small parts which can be confusing. Nevertheless, he loved his experience and is excited about his career chosen.

The students visited their work sites from 1-4pm weekdays. These three are just a few of the many students who participate in school work-experience programs annually.

Horizons students form government

By Samantha Evans

Election for the first student government at Horizons Academy was held on March 6 at the school. The brainchild for starting this student government movement at the school was tenth grader Felix Munroe and eleventh grader Nathan Bootle. Two political parties were born; Vision in Progression (VIP) and Moving Forward Together (MFT).

VIP organized and launched its campaign by giving out free candy and t-shirts to prospective voters. Next they held a rally where they presented their candidates who then gave speeches about their party's platform and responded to questions from the students. MFT was a no show for the rally so VIP was able to sway the voters.

This process was followed by elections with 95% voter participation from Kindergarten to Grade 12 along with the teachers. The voting public spoke loud and clear and VIP was declared the winner. A part of their platform is to develop peer disciplinary procedures, organize sports days and host fundraisers.

To date, they have built a podium and bench for the school and hosted a movie day as their first fundraiser. The staff of Horizons Academy is very proud of the VIP party and commends them for all of the work they have done so far. Further, they look forward to VIP helping to launch many more firsts at the school in the coming weeks.

Abaco students compete in National Chef competition

By Canishka Alexander

The 20th Annual National Young Chef Competition took place in Nassau on March 14 for junior students and on March 15 for seniors. According to Huel Moss, principal of S.C. Bootle High School, two students from the school entered the competition.

Vanessa Jean represented Abaco well in the junior division and placed fifth overall. There were 14 competitors in her category. Jean also received third place with her rice dish called yellow bird, and her flour dish which she named Fruity Lootie.

In the senior division, Sherika Gibson placed second overall out of 14 competitors. Her prizes consisted of a \$5,000-scholarship, \$75 in cash, a knife set, a silver medal and a trip to attend a culinary camp at Johnson & Wales University in Florida. Gibson's flour dish was given the name "Blackwood Delight" while her rice was dubbed "Abaco Express."

"We would like to thank Patrick Fetch from the Treasure Cay Hotel, Resort & Marina, and Chef Noel St. Claude from the Spinnaker Restaurant for all their assistance. Without them it would not be possible," Moss said. "Congratulations to Vanessa Jean and Sherika Gibson for representing Abaco so well. Keep up the good work."

Students receive medals, trophies for sports

By Canishka Alexander

More than a month after competing in their Inter-House Track & Field Competition, which took place on February 2 and 3, students of S.C. Bootle High School gathered to receive medals and trophies for their efforts on March 19 at the school.

Students were ecstatic to receive their rewards for their participation. Huel Moss, principal, said that some of the students were recipients of up to seven medals and trophies, and the chimes and ringing of medals could be heard throughout the day as students proudly displayed their awards around their necks.

Denise Taylor-McIntosh, the physical education teacher, kept the lively ceremony going in her role as moderator. Moss said that the Tigers House won this year's competition; however, he congratulated all of the athletes.

Guides

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raise funds for the Cancer Society. Ranger Guides are required to enroll in the Governor General Youth Service Award.

Last year they made jewelry. This year the students also made smoothies, cooked Chinese food and made a bulletin board at school. They also discuss topics that affect females. In guiding, girls are challenged to use their minds, think for themselves, make healthy decisions, avoid peer pressure and avoid conflict.

Guides started at Abaco Central High School in 2002 and the Ranger Guides started in 2005. The latter currently has 18 active members. The leader of the Ranger Guides group is Michelle Bailey. They meet every Friday from 3:10 pm to 4:30 pm at the school.

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Abaco Central High School Junior Councilors hard at work. The eight council members were accompanied by other student volunteers as they picked up garbage from Abaco Central High School all the way to Change Ministries at the end of Murphy Town.

Green Turtle students visit Prime Minister



Students from Amy Roberts All Age School on Green Turtle Cay visited Nassau on March 19. While they were there the students paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister at his office. Above of the students posed along with the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham and chaplains.

Church News

Women of Zion Baptist Cathedral Host Conference

By Samantha Evans

Under the theme "Unleash Me," the women of Zion Baptist Cathedral met for four days of dynamic prayer and impartation of knowledge given by powerful women in ministry. The services were held March 7 to the 11 at 7pm nightly at the church. The focus of the conference was on the story of Lazarus.

Wednesday night, which was the opening night, was set aside just for prayer and preparation of the sanctuary. On Friday night, the speaker was Pastor Shawnie Strachan of Life Gate Ministries who spoke about the spiritual warfare that women face. On Friday evening, the speaker was Pastor Brenda Archer of Latter Rain Ministries. She said that what happened with Lazarus could have only been done by God.

On Sunday March 11, two services were held and the speaker at both services was Prophetess Tamara Simmons from Broken in Worship Ministries out of Nassau. At the morning service she spoke about what it means to be unleashed. She gave the ladies strategies to use so that they can function at their best and protect themselves in the various roles they play as mothers, wives, women in ministry, and in their role as women.

On Sunday evening at 7pm, she brought a coffin to the service and spoke to the women about the process of death, burial, and resurrection. Women from churches all over Abaco attended. Praise and worship was provided by the Zion Cathedral Praise Team.

Zion Baptist Youth Ministry Features Pre-Easter Production

By Samantha Evans

"In the Shadow of the Cross" was the name of the Pre-Easter Production held by Zion Baptist Youth Department on Sunday March 25 beginning at 7pm. It was a packed church as persons from various denominations were in attendance during this season of Lent. The play was written by Youth Leader Leroy Thompson who stated that he was inspired to write this script out of his desire to get the youth involved in the Lent celebration. The drama was dedicated to those men and women who have fallen as a result of violence in our land.

Before the play began, Pastor Christopher Dean gave a brief history lesson on the incidents that took place before Jesus went to the cross. The focus of the play was a dysfunctional family. The mother was the only Christian in the home, the husband and the wife's brother were alcoholics, the daughter Mary had a drug dealer boyfriend and her son was living a dangerous life.

As the story unfolded, Mary became pregnant and moved out of the house with her boyfriend. She gave up an eight year scholarship for medical school when she made this decision. Her mother was distraught. After years of praying, the mother started to slowly see changes. However, it eventually took tragedy to bring both children back to God.

The play was humorous but touched on some very serious issues. Not giving up hope for loved ones was a key message of the play.

Swains to open leadership and development center

By Samantha Evans

Rev. Mark and Vernelle Swain are two Abaconians who have been away from home for about fourteen years as they took advantage of an opportunity to pursue degrees abroad through church connections. They both attended Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri where Ms. Swain obtained a Master's Degree in Theology and a Master's Degree in Counseling and her husband obtained a Master's Degree in Theology with a minor in Counseling.

After four years at the Seminary, Ms. Swain began her career as a Case Manager and part-time counselor. In 2003, they moved to Memphis Tennessee after her husband completed his degree. She worked at Universal Health Services Adolescent Treatment Facility as a therapist. She worked with kids with bipolar, trauma, sexual abuse and other issues. She obtained her counseling license in Memphis while there.

From 1998 to 2002 Mr. Swain was the Pulpit Supply Minister at New Beginners Community Church. From 2003 to 2008, he planned a church in Memphis, Tennessee and worked with the Community Centers of Memphis which dealt with youth and senior citizens.

In 2004, he became the Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Churches of America. Later he became a church strategist and was able to raise over \$250,000 through networking and fundraising.

In 2008-2009, he became the Senior

Pastor at the Evangelistic Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. They then moved to Atlanta in 2010 and remained there until they moved back to Abaco in mid-September 2011.

Now that the Swains are back on Abaco they have plans to start the Wellsprings Center for Leadership and Development. Their motto is "Advancing the kingdom through Teaching, Training, Mentoring, Counseling and Church Growth Consulting." Mr. Swain is also overseeing the Baraka Church and running his late father's taxi business. His wife is volunteering at Every Child Counts, works once a week at Horizons Academy, and offers mentoring services.

Once they get Wellsprings Center open they will plan seminars and workshops for churches and community groups. The church workshops will be geared towards helping churches develop and grow. The vision is to partner with the community. The counseling services will be provided for at-risk children, therapy for individuals, groups and parents, camps for troubled youth, and counseling for substance and drug abuse victims.

The leadership services will include, sermon development, strategies for church growth, preparing leaders for seminary and bible college, and provide mediation and conflict resolution in leadership. Additionally, Rev. Swain will offer motivational seminars for corporations. They are also available for school talks and seminars. At Wellsprings Center, the Swains hope to partner with churches to strengthen the community. The Swains can be contacted by calling 533-4285 or via email wellspringsbahamas@yahoo.com.

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Politics and Government

Busy Day of Crime

By Timothy Roberts

Saturday, March 24 presented the local police department with a heavy workload dealing with criminal matters from armed robbery to assault with a vehicle and even murder.

Murder

At about 2:28pm police received an anonymous call that there was a male that was bleeding in the area of the Road Traffic Department. Upon arriving at the scene the Police discovered a 59 year old man, a resident of the area, bleeding from a stab wound to the neck area.

He was given immediate medical attention and carried to the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic where he received further attention; however, at 3:47pm he succumbed to his wounds.

Police are questioning a man whom they have in custody and are confident that they will successfully wrap up the investigation into this murder in a short time.

Run Down

Police officer received a call around 5:45pm indicating that there was an injured man lying in the road near a liquor store on Queen Elizabeth Drive. Police responded along with a Doctor from Auskell Medical Clinic who gave immediate medical assistance to the young man. The young man had been run over by a vehicle.

He was then airlifted to Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau for further treatment where he is currently in stable condition.

They were able to take into custody a male suspect and they feel confident that they will bring closure to this matter in short order.

Armed Robber

At about 10:45pm an officer in the area of the Carnival on Forest Drive heard what he believed to be a gunshot. Upon investigation he found a local Marsh Harbour businessman who told him that he had just been robbed at gunpoint of his watch by a lone gunman who fled the scene through a dirt road to the north.

The gunman is about five feet and ten inches tall with dark complexion and a round face. He was dressed in dark clothes and had a cloth over his face. Police are requesting assistance from the community in their ongoing investigation.

Hope Town District Council

By Timothy Roberts

March 14, 2012

Paul Thompson, project manager for Joe's Cay, thanked the council for their approval and pledged to work closely with the council and community of Hope Town, keeping them informed as the project progresses. He said he felt in the long run it would be good for the community.

Mr. Sweeting took time at the beginning of the meeting to recognize Anna Albury for representing her school and the people of Abaco well during the visit of Prince Harry to The Bahamas in March. The councilors also observed a moment of silence for recently deceased Hope Town

resident Margaret Sweeting and also for Ministry of Lands and Local Government's Administrator, Gary Knowles.

After the council read the Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Program for the Joe's Cay development and having many questions answered by the developer, Mr. Sweeting announced that they approved the development as presented.

Council member Michael Albury (who has responsibility for environmental affairs) reported about the meeting that he and two other council members attended along with Troy Albury of Save Guana Cay Reef Association and Dr. Livingston Marshall, Senior Vice President of Environmental and Community Affairs at Baker's Bay.

He said they discussed their concerns with the reef and that the council will be seeking the opinion of an independent reef biologist and will proceed based on their findings. Baker's Bay was agreeable to the arrangement and said they will act on what the science reveals.

Mr. Albury also said that Baker's Bay agreed to move forward with plans for a community center and will meet with the community and council to discuss it before the end of the year. Baker's Bay is also considering an incinerator at this time to deal with garbage rather than to continue shipping trash from the island to the mainland.

The Council received a Memorandum of Understanding for the nurse the government promised for Man-O-War.

The Hope Town Community Center Committee arranged a meeting to discuss plans for the Community Center with residents. They said they have received a sizeable donation and are looking at the possibility of building on property owned by St. James Methodist Church.

Plans for an additional building for the Hope Town School were reviewed and approved pending review by the Ministry of Education.

CORRECTIONS:

In the previous edition of The Abaconian the report on the Hope Town District Council stated that PLP Candidate Gary Sawyer said he has record as a lobbyist who has helped get roads paved and the school expanded in Man-O-War Cay. The sentence should have read: Mr. Sawyer shared that he has a record as a lobbyist who has helped get roads paved and the school expanded in Hope Town.

Also it was said that the council approved the paving of a road by Robert Lowe. It should have stated that the Council viewed the application favorably pending written letters of permission from nearby property owners concerned. Also after receiving the letters of approval from surrounding property owners the application will need to be approved by the Department of Lands and Surveys before being able to receive the Council's official approval.

Dundas Town to commence work on cultural center

By Samantha Evans

The Dundas Town Township held a brief meeting on Tuesday March 20, 2012 at 6:30pm. The focus of the meeting was the commencement of the work for the Cultural Center at Ocean View Park. Ocean View Park is one of the major landmarks in Dundas Town and a favorite place for sports and community events.

In the coming weeks, this landmark will get a much needed facelift. The first stage of work to be done will be the seawall. The construction of this seawall will

allow boaters to dock at the Center and shop the vendors. This work will go out to tender for two weeks then awarded to the person who can best meet the needs as outlined on the plans.

Any interested contractor can visit the Local Government Office during normal working hours to view the plans and to collect the scope of work. At the meeting Chairman Faron Newbold passed around the plans so that all members present would be able to view it in its entirety.

Below: the proposed Cultural Center at Ocean View Park in Dundas Town. Contract work will soon go out to tender so interested persons are invited to view the detailed plans.



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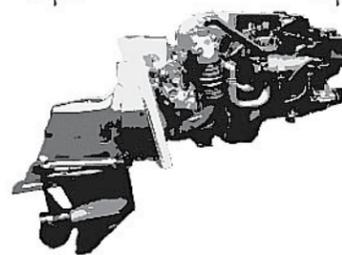
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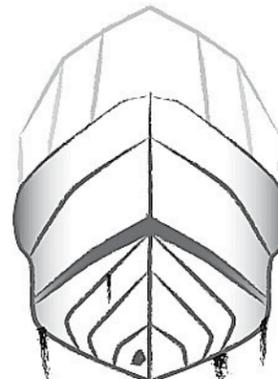
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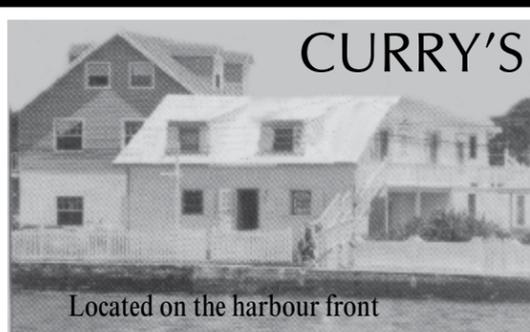
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Abaco Swimmers Qualify for 2012 Nationals

By Timothy Roberts

The Abaco Swim Club traveled to Nassau with ten children on Friday March 23 to participate in the SWAT Invitational Meet who all qualified in their age groups for the upcoming 2012 RBC Nationals.

The swimmers were: Eight and under boys Maddox Pinder; Eight and under girls, Kiana Hicks, Paxton Albury, Marissa Albury; Nine to ten girls Taylor Albury, Deanna McDonald, Jewel Pinder, Khalea Richard; Nine to ten boys Trent Albury; and eleven to twelve boys, Miller Albury.

Coaches, Sara Knowles, Chris Pinder and Brenda Sawyer accompanied the group to Nassau and enjoyed the support of many proud parents. "Our parents are all so supportive and we thank them for all they do," Ms. Sawyer said.

Ms. Sawyer said that Maddox Pinder, the youngest swimmer the Abaco Swim Club at the meet, after his 50 meter freestyle trial got out of the pool and automatically looked at the time clock for "His Time". "Now that's an athlete, he already knows that his "Time" is what it's all about," she said. He finished second in his heat. Trent Albury and Miller Albury also placed first in a number of heats.

In eight and under Paxton Albury made a qualifying time in the 50 meter backstroke earning her the Academic Award. The Academic Award goes to swimmers eight and under that have a 3.0 or higher grade average and make a qualifying time in one of the heats.

The rules are that they need to only swim this event and not be disqualified in order to swim in RBC Nationals – the country's top swim event.

There will be another meet after CARIFTA but before the RBC Nationals – June 14-17 – the club plans to attend sometime near the end of April. "We have great expectations for our swimmers at this year's Nationals," Ms. Sawyer said. "They are all working very hard."

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a positive one, and she looks forward to this year's event being held here in The Bahamas.

"I know there is a lot of great competition ... but I feel good about how much I have trained for this."

When asked her thoughts on the upcoming games, she replied "I know there is a lot of great competition coming to swim in Nassau, but I feel good about how much I have trained for this. I am ready and hope to get many personal bests out of this competition. I am so proud to be able to represent my country again."

Albury returned home after last year's Carifta Swimming Championships in Barbados with 5 medals, helping secure the Bahamas a third place finish.

Miller Albury

Miller Albury, 11-year-old son of Bill and Victoria Albury, will be swimming up to seven events in the upcoming CARIFTA Games which will be held April 12-15.

He will be taking part in seven events, which are:

- 50 Meter Back stroke
- 100 Meter Back Stroke
- 200 Meter Back stroke
- 200 Meter Individual Medley
- 200 Meter Freestyle Medley
- 200 Meter Medley Relay

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at breaststroke, so probably butterfly is my least favorite (it is really HARD!)"

Miller acknowledges that the competition is going to be fierce at the CARIFTA Games, with the very best swimmers from all over the Caribbean coming to Nassau to attend. To prepare, he has been training hard over the last few weeks with both Abaco Swim Club Coaches here locally and travelling to Nassau on the weekends to swim with Coach Andy Knowles, and the rest of the CARIFTA Team.

He says "This was a goal of mine, to be a part of the Bahamian CARIFTA swim team, so I am really happy, but I know it is going to be hard work. I just want to represent the Bahamas well and improve on my own personal performance. I am so proud to be a part of this, especially since it is being held in Nassau this year."

Women's teams open 2012 softball season

By Canishka Alexander

The 2012 softball season opened on March 17 at Baker's Field in Cooper's Town, and Coach Nigel Bootle, president of the Abaco Softball Association, was excited about what this season will offer.

"We're ready now, and you know this is the second weekend where only the ladies have been playing, but this weekend that's coming we will open with our men," he explained. "Softball is back, and it's up and running in Abaco."

According to Bootle, there are eight teams participating in the league – four men's teams and four women's. On opening night, the Talk of the Town Torna-

does and F.E.S. Peacocks women's teams played in the season's first game. The Tornadoes scored 18 points to win the game leaving the Peacocks to settle with 11 points.

Then on March 24, the Tornadoes went up against another veteran team – the Lady Sluggers. This time the Tornadoes bit off more than they could chew. The Lady Sluggers were merciless as they maintained a 10-point lead on the Tornadoes, who had not scored any points well into the fourth inning. However, the Tornadoes did their best to make a comeback by scoring three points between the bottom of the fourth inning and the top and bottom of the fifth innings. But it was all they would score

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Special Olympics torch run will raise awareness

By Canishka Alexander

Government officials on Abaco have partnered with Every Child Counts staff to form a committee and organize a torch run for Abaco's Special Olympic athletes. The torch run, which is scheduled for May 12, is expected to become an annual event as it raises the community's awareness of Special Olympics and gives them opportunities to assist the athletes.

In attendance at the meeting on March 15 were committee members: Nicole Denardin, ECC teacher; Sgt. Jocelyn

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L-R Back row: Sara Knowles (coach), Chris Albury (coach), Brenda Sawyer (coach); 2nd row: Miller Albury, Khalea Richard, Jewel Pinder, Deana McDonald; 3rd row: Trent Albury, Taylor Albury, Paxton Albury, Kiana Hicks, Marissa Albury; Front Center: Maddox Pinder

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Smith of Community Policing; Wynsome Ferguson, manager of the Abaco Tourist Office; Helen Simmons-Johnson, district superintendent of the Dept. of Education; and Caroline Sawyer.

Denardin said she had spoken earlier with Inspector Julian Butler, who is the 2012 international liaison for Special Olympics in The Bahamas, and he gave a breakdown of what happens during the



Above: Nicole Denardin, ECC teacher; Sgt. Jocelyn Smith of Community Policing; Wynsome Ferguson, manager of the Abaco Tourist Office; Helen Simmons-Johnson, district superintendent of the Dept. of Education; and Caroline Sawyer. Some of the organizers of the Special Olympic torch run that is planned.

event. They discussed possible routes, the number of participants that would be involved and how the route would be sectioned out. The route will encompass the communities of Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town and Murphy Town. Denardin added that there will be full participation from ECC with about 80 athletes involved even though all will not be able to participate in the Special Olympics.

Although the event focuses on exposure for Special Olympics, it is also a way

to acquire coaches. So far Denardin has been head coach with the responsibility of leading the athletes in every sport. It is a daunting task because a soccer team has to be formed by April, and shortly after that a basketball and track team. Coaches are needed for each sport.

Although she receives assistance from ECC staff members and volunteers, they are still hoping to get more people involved in the sporting events. The Special Olympics organization has an online spe-

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Junior Achievement Sports Day

By Mirella Santillo



The members of four Junior Achievement groups, CHAT n' EZ (BTC), PLUSH (Furniture Plus), SWAG (SC Bootle) and SOAR (First Caribbean-CIBC), met at Murphy Town Park in the morning of March 17 to participate in the annual JA sports competition.

The SC Bootle High School group was well represented with not only students and advisors but also parents and



Above: the Abaco Swim Club had a Sunday Fun-Day on March 18. Some of the swimmers and coaches pose with their ribbons. Everyone was a winner that day. Left: BTC group, CHAT n' EZ, the overall winner of Sports Day; the advisor is Ms. Santana Sawyer

friends; Ms. Iris Henschell, Ms. Juaneth Curry and Ms. Charlotte Collins, advisors for the First Caribbean-CIBC's company, had come to support their group. BTC's CHAT n' EZ and Furniture Plus' PLUSH also had a good number of participants. The JA Chairman, Stretch Morley orchestrated the event and acted as referee in the basketball games.

Sherlyn McKenzie advisor for WAVE was the only representative of his group. BEC's LIGHTERS never arrived. The competition started with a 4x100m relay that was won by Chat n' EZ in front of SWAG. The first place in the advisors' race went to SWAG followed by PLUSH.

PLUSH took the first place in the egg and spoon race with SOAR in second position. The winner of the sack race was

CHAT n' EZ beating SWAG for the second time.

The four groups participated in a series of short basketball games with the winners playing each other for the final. CHAT n' EZ defeated SOAR in the first game while SWAG won over PLUSH in the second game.

PLUSH and SOAR competed for the third place title in a third game won by SOAR. The final between CHAT n' EZ and SWAG ended with a tight victory for BTC's team.

CHAT n' EZ was the overall winner, followed by SWAG; PLUSH came in third position in front of SOAR.

The points earned during Sports Day will be added to the overall points the will determine the year's winning company.

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More Politics and Government

DNA St Patrick's fun day grill out

By Timothy Roberts

The Democratic National Alliance (DNA) for Central and South Abaco held a fun day and grill out on St. Patrick's Day with the goal of raising money for a worthy cause or project for South Abaco.

Roscoe Thompson III, candidate for the DNA Central and South Abaco, said that he has chosen a different route in his fundraising efforts focusing instead on giving back to the community instead of using the money for his campaign.

"This campaign is about the people of South Abaco, and meeting their needs," he said. "I am doing this for them and for our children and their children."

The event, which started midafternoon, was designed to be a fun day for the whole family with hamburgers, hotdogs and sweets for sale and later grilled steak and chicken dinners. Meanwhile children enjoyed themselves with an assortment of games and in the bouncing castle.

A DJ was hired to play the music for the afternoon and evening providing entertainment for young and old alike with a wide variety of music.

The evening was deemed successful as most tickets were sold and a significant amount of money was raised to be used in the communities in Central and South Abaco.



Above: Roscoe Thompson III, DNA candidate for Central and South Abaco, enjoys the bouncy castle along with some children during the DNA's St Patrick's Day fun day.

Opening of FNM headquarters at Sandy Point

By Jennifer Hudson.

The Central and South Abaco constituency of the Free National Movement opened its satellite headquarters in Sandy Point on Saturday, March 24 at 4 pm. A motorcade left the Central and South Abaco headquarters in Marsh Harbour at 2 pm en route to Sandy Point, detouring into Spring City and Crossing Rocks to greet supporters. FNM supporters in their vehicles joined the motorcade at various points along the route including Cherokee Sound, Casuarina Point and Bahama Palm Shores.

The Sandy Point FNM headquarters, housed in the Masonic Recreation Hall, were officially opened by Mr. Edison Key, Member of Parliament for South Abaco, who stated how delighted he was to be in beautiful Sandy Point.

"I have been busy for the past five years representing you in Abaco and at the national level. This government in the last five years has invested more in Abaco than has been invested during the entire past 25 years. \$200 million has been invested into South and Central Abaco. How has Sandy point benefited you may ask. A brand-new \$105 million generating facility has been built at Wilson City which supports Sandy Point as well as the wider community of Abaco and a new airport terminal and runway also supports Sandy Point and the South. Everything taking place in Marsh Harbour is also for your benefit and these are things you can be really grateful for as we move into the 21st century."

Mr. Key stated that he is sure that in this election the FNM will win North and South Central Abaco. "This is your time Sandy Point," he said. "During the next five years we will be able to concentrate on smaller communities and I am here to do all I can for you." After officially declaring the headquarters open Mr. Key urged everyone to make sure that they register since "it is not long now".

"Everything taking place in Marsh Harbour is also for your benefit and these are things you can be really grateful for"

During a dedicatory prayer by Deacon Paul Pinder of the Sandy Point Church, people were urged to put their trust in God. God's blessing was invoked upon the new headquarters and his guidance was sought for peace to prevail during election time. Everybody was then invited to mix and mingle and have fun. The crowd enjoyed socializing, discussing policies amongst themselves and with Mr. Key as well as enjoying hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages. A large group of people turned out to witness the occasion from the youngest Torchbearers to 89-year-old Sandy Point resident Mrs. Enza Russell who has been an FNM supporter since its inception and still enjoys coming out to support her party.



Above: Edison Key, MP for Central and South Abaco, chats with Mrs. Ezra Russell during the opening of the FNM's satellite headquarters in Sandy Point.

FNM holds rally at Marsh Harbour headquarters

A large crowd of party supporters and onlookers gathered in the Lowes Pharmacy Plaza on March 15 for the Free National Movement's Central and South Abaco constituency headquarters opening. Several prominent government and party members were in attendance and delivered remarks. The Member of Parliament for Central and South Abaco, Edison Key, and the Right Honourable Hubert Ingraham also addressed the crowd before the official ribbon cutting. The ribbon was cut by Kathy Key, wife of Mr. Key.

The Master of Ceremonies, David Wallace guided the evening of speakers and entertainment. Addressing the large contingent of North Abaconians in the crowd, he reminded them "You will not be voting for an MP, but for a PM." The invocation was brought by Regina Parotti Kennedy and she was followed by a saxophone performance of The National Anthem played by Jamal McIntosh.

Patricia Curry, the vibrant young president of the South Abaco torchbearers, delivered the welcoming remarks. "Our slogan," she said, referring to the 'We Deliver' campaign slogan, "has been earned." She continued on to list several government projects on and outside of Abaco that have been started under the FNM government.

Further remarks were brought by Heather Hunt, Howard Johnson and Pakesia Edgcombe, the FNM candidates for Marathon, South Eleuthera and West Grand Bahama, respectively. They provided their views about opportunities the FNM government has provided for young Bahamians and the government's record. "You know you don't like those potholes," Ms. Edgcombe remarked, referring to ongoing, nationwide infrastructure upgrades and the current, poor condition of roads in Marsh Harbour and Central Abaco.

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After a short break with entertainment by Christian Massive, Hubert Minnis (FNM candidate for Killarney) took the stage. He told the crowd that under Hubert Ingraham The Bahamas was one of only four nations in the world to not lay off civil servants during the recession. Zhi-varho Laing, Charles Maynard and Tom-

“Abaco is today a model of small island sustainable development ... the best is yet to come.”

my Turnquest finished up the procession of speakers before K.B. took the stage to perform.

Edison Key followed the performance by taking the

stage along with family and supporters. He explained that if you took the last three letters of his name you get s-o-n. “So,” he said, “You have ‘Papa’ in the North and ‘Son’ in the South.”

Mr. Key continued addressing the crowd, “This is no time for young people with no experience who talk foolishness.” He remarked on his own political career, saying “My political life is about service.” He continued, “Papa” (referring to the Prime Minister) “gave me a job to do: ‘encourage agriculture and feed our own people,’ so that is what I set to do.” He warned that, during the contentious political season, he had “some heavy bombshells. I’m dangerous.”

Mr. Key ended his remarks by in-

roducing the Prime Minister. The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham walked through the crowd towards the stage where he embraced Mr. Key and turned to the crowd.

He addressed the crowd saying, “We are, I believe, the better party for The Bahamas.” Playing on the theme of colours, he said, “Colour Red didn’t just come to



Abaco, Abaco [is] red from Sandy Point and Cherokee Sound to Crown Haven.” He then announced a series of family fun days, to be called “Red Splash,” that will happen across the country starting Easter Monday.

“Abaco is today a model of small island sustainable development,” Mr. Ingraham told the crowd, “And in our next term we will further empower Local Government.” He reassured the crowd, “The best is yet to come.”

The Prime Minister announced the near opening of the Administrative Building and claimed the building will become “the heart of the new Central Abaco Township which includes the Central Pines housing subdivision, a new library and the new community hospital.” He said the contract for the new hospital was expected to be signed by the end of March.

“The Leonard Thompson International Airport,” Mr. Ingraham assured, “is on budget and on time.” Behind LPIA in Nassau, Abaco’s terminal will be the second busiest in the country. He reminded the crowd that the new airport was being constructed by local Cooper’s Town people.

Among the current projects the Prime Minister mentioned, he promised that Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town and Murphy Town will be getting paved black top roads which his constituents in Cooper’s Town and Fire Road have enjoyed for years.

Sweeting’s Track, he continued, will be getting improved water service “in short order.”

After laying out his vision for Abaco, Mr. Ingraham turned to attack the Opposition. He claimed the PLP and its members do not have Bahamian’s best interests at heart. He cited sales of land in Mayaguna and warned that he believed the PLP Government would “stick their hand in the cookie jar.”

The PM continued on to praise Edi-

son Key as a “good man,” and a “product of Abaco.”

“I understand some here on Abaco are concerned that his work on the national level has kept him out of his constituency more than you desire,” he said referring to Mr. Key’s extended trips to Andros and other Family Islands, “I want you to know that Edison is pursuing your interests regardless to where he may be.”

“Abaco is the third largest economy in The Bahamas,” the Prime Minister said, “It is important that you are represented by competent and effective MPs.” He went on to say about Mr. Key, “He is our man.”

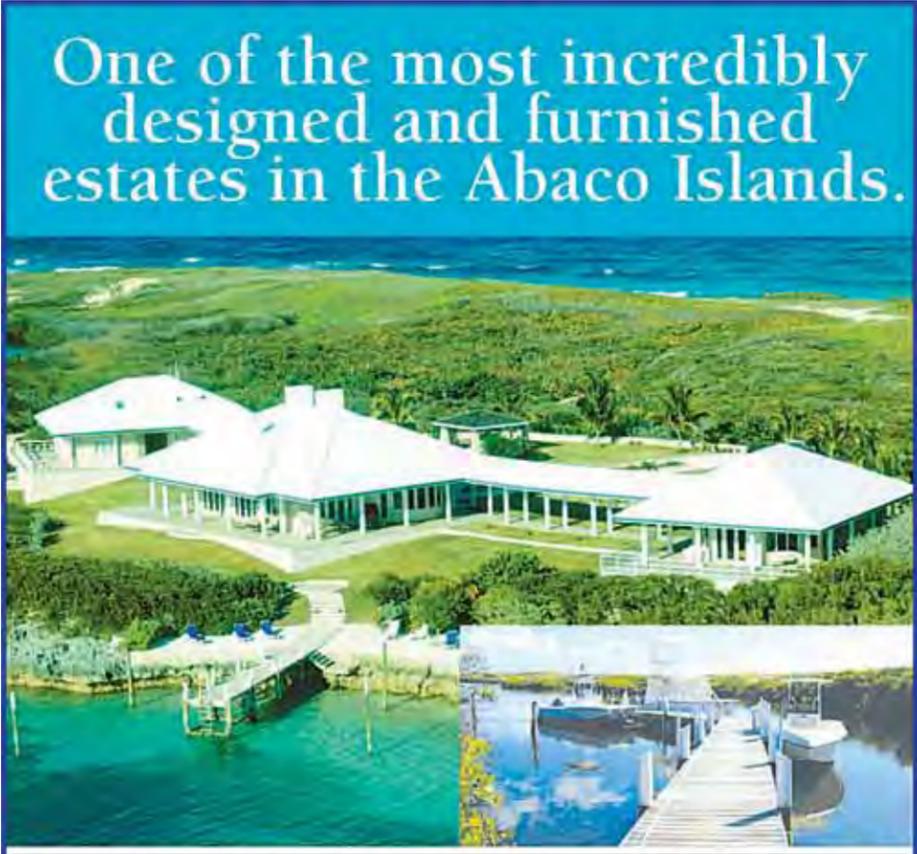
In reference to the crime problem, the Prime Minister talked about fighting a war on two fronts: the recession and the simmering crime and violence in the country. Mr. Ingraham went on to say, “Despite the challenges of today, the country is moving in the right direction.”

Mr. Ingraham, before ending his speech, called out the DNA candidate for Central and South Abaco: Roscoe Thompson III. “A vote for Roscoe Thompson is a vote for the PLP.” He went on to invite Mr. Thompson to “come home,” referring to the FNM.

Mr. Thompson has since rejected the call to abandon the DNA.

Mr. Ingraham said that the bell was soon “Going to ring-a-ling-a-ling.” After closing his speech he met with fellow party members and supporters in front of the headquarters’ doors where Ms. Key cut the ribbon to the new office.

“Despite the challenges of today, the country is moving in the right direction.”



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WWII U Boat warfare off Abaco

Eric Troels Wiberg grew up in the Bahamas, where his father is the longest-serving member of the Consular Corps, having represented Sweden in the islands since the mid 1960's. For over 30 years he has been reading naval history, particularly about shipwrecks. A maritime lawyer and licensed captain who has sailed in over 50 countries during four trips around the world, Eric has over 80,000 nautical miles of seagoing experience under his keel. Read more about Eric and his research at www.uboatsbahamas.com.

By Eric T. Wiberg

In March 1942, at the opening of the German and Italian submarine attacks on the Bahamas of World War II, the Northeast Providence Channel and Abaco were the focal point (this would shift to the Windward Passage later). Eighty percent (4 out of 5) of the Allied merchant seamen buried in the Bahamas are still located on Abaco. Out of 111 patrols to the area, over 20 scoured the coast of Abaco; a dozen rounded Hole in the Wall Light, and ten others rounded the island to the north. Countless others passed between Abaco and Bermuda. Twelve ships were sunk near or east of Abaco, including the Mamura, Clan Skene, Tonsbergsfjord, Montevideo, Raphael Semmes, Everalda, Fairport, and Yorkmoor.

Out of 344 survivors landed in the Bahamas, 89, or 25%, came ashore in either Hope Town or Cross Harbour to the south. One sub, U-128, came within 17 miles of Elbow Cay Light. Many others used Hole in the Wall as a navigational aid after Atlantic crossings, mostly from France. The three attacks on Allied merchant ships which were closest to Abaco were the O. A. Knudsen, sunk 65 miles from Abaco by U-128 on 5 March 1942, the Daytonian, sunk 115 miles away by the Italian submarine Enrico Tazzoli on 13 March, and the Athelqueen, also sunk by the Enrico Tazzoli, two days later and 80 miles away. As a result, 26,000 tons of precious shipping was lost off Abaco's shores in just a ten-day period. At 11,007 tons, the Norwegian tanker O. A. Knudsen was the largest tanker sunk in the entire million-square-mile region during the war. It was also the first ship sunk in the Bahamas area.

The Daytonian survivors were rescued by a Dutch ship – the Rotterdam – a few days after it was sunk. Since the survivors were not taken to nearby Abaco but to Nassau, this article will focus on the landing of survivors from the O. A. Knudsen and the Athelqueen. The O. A. Knudsen was German-built and took an entire day to sink. During that time Capt. Knut Bringedahl and his men shuttled back and forth to the ship getting fuel for their motor lifeboat and sending SOS messages (which the Americans received but did not respond to). Just after midnight on the 7th of March the 32 survivors in two boats (a dead British crewman was left on board) made it to the base of Hole in the Wall Light but wisely refused to cross the reefs at night.

Fortunately for them, at 2 am a schooner came out of the dark and hailed them. This was possibly the

Arena, over 50 feet and skippered by Capt. Sherwin Archer and his son Bobby. The schooner towed them all of that morning to the rail-head at Cross Harbour, which led to the logging community of Cornwall. The settlement was described, in language acceptable at the time, as “a Negro island with only three white families... [they] were quartered in a chapel and given first aid and bandages by a Negro



The Athelqueen, pictured above, was an 8,790-ton British molasses tanker en route from Liverpool to Port Everglades, Florida. Though usually escorted by a convoy, as she approached Abaco she was alone. On March 15 she was hit by a German submarine's torpedos and began sinking. The crew of the Athelqueen managed to cripple the sub as she sunk.

nurse.” Mr. J. W. Roberts of the Abaco Lumber Company – also a Member of Parliament – helped to accommodate the men and arrange for transport to Nassau aboard the Content S. the following day. Sadly one of the crew, 57-year-old widower and former miner Olaus Johansen of Tromso, Norway,



Pictured above are Olaus Johansen and his three sons. A crewmember aboard the O. A. Knudsen, Johansen and others were rescued by Capt. Sherwin Archer aboard his merchant vessel, the Arena, after the O. A. Knudsen was sunk by an Italian submarine. Afterwards, Johansen remained with the Abaco Lumber Company loggers at the now abandoned Cornwall settlement until he passed away.

was left behind and died amongst the lumbermen. They buried him “on the spot” and the grave was only recently re-discovered.

The 32 other Norwegians went on to Nassau where they were met by Wallis Simpson, the Duchess of Windsor, who was head of the Bahamas Red Cross in support of her husband, formerly King Edward VIII and the Governor of the colony. Some of them were hospitalized and all but one Canadian were taken to Florida and thence to New York where they shipped out again. Several of the crew were sunk on other vessels, and a number of them were killed in the war.

The Athelqueen was an 8,790-ton British molasses tanker en route from the Liverpool area to Port Everglades Florida in ballast to load a

cargo for England. Though she was convoy for most of the round trip, as she approached Abaco the ship was unescorted and alone. On the 10th of March she diverted to find survivors of the ship Charles Racine, sunk by the Italian submarine Finzi north of Puerto Rico. On the 13th she learned of the destruction of the Daytonian by another Italian sub, the Tazzoli, east of Abaco, and on its track. Then, on the



15th of March Captain Robert's ship took a direct hit from a torpedo and rapidly began to sink.

When the submarine, under Count Carlo Fecia di Cossato, surfaced, British gunner V. Coleman was waiting. He managed to fire some erratic shots from the ship's 4.7-inch gun. This was



enough to force the submarine into a crash dive. The momentum of the attacker was such that it could not submerge enough before passing beneath the ship. As a result the bow of the submarine was badly damaged and the torpedo tubes bent. The sub was crippled for the balance of the patrol. The men abandoned the sinking Athelqueen. Then the sub surfaced again near the bow, where the guns could not reach it, and shelled the ship 128 times until the ship sank.

All 49 of the men assembled in three boats and made for Elbow Cay, Abaco, which was roughly 80 miles to the west. One man, the Second Engineer, had a broken arm from the torpedo explosion. The boats arrived off Hope Town on the night of 16 and 17 March at different times. Captain

Robert's boat arrived first and tried to go round the island to the lee, but was caught in the reef surge. After trying to row away, the exhausted men gave up and aimed for shore, trying to bump their way to safety. It worked, and the men landed on the beach, where they rested in the dark.

The other two boats were not so fortunate. The Third Officer's boat was overturned in the surf and 5 men were tossed into the waves and refused to get back on board. The Third Officer regained control of the boat and made it back outside the surf line, while the 5 swimmers stuck out for shore. Three of them drowned, and their bodies were not immediately recovered, however two survived. The Third Officer's boat met up with the Chief Mate's boat and they waited till sunrise. At that time, Radio Operator Alan Heald writes, “...two fishermen came to tow us in – one navigating and the second steering through the reefs.”

At sunrise, Captain Roberts wrote that he “...looked round the island and saw some small boys looking at us, so I spoke to them and asked if there were many people on the island, at which time they ran away and brought along the [district] commissioner and the Padre. The commissioner took us up to the village [Hope Town] and billeted us in the various houses and sent for a yacht from Nassau.” Alan Heald wrote that on the beach he was “...met by islanders and taken to houses where we were given food and found a place to rest. The Methodist minister's home was swamped by the addition of 20-odd crew members...”.

Heald continues: “...The islanders couldn't have been kinder to us.... The Roman Catholic priest visited us and offered to let our families know we were safe... One islander took me to his 'estate' to show me his crop of sugar cane and his palm trees. He generously cuts some cane and a coconut for me to eat... A woman islander wove me a hat from some kind of vegetation. The one thing that surprised me was seeing a small girl wheeling a pram which contained a recently born baby. ...I was told that this 14 year old was a married woman and that the baby was hers.”

A few days later the men were taken to Nassau on the government launch Content S., the same vessel which had rescued the O. A. Knudsen men less than ten days before. The British sailors gave their 3 large lifeboats to the islanders, who towed them to the ship while singing a hymn with the line “God be with you till we meet again.” In Nassau the men were billeted at the Lucerne and Rozelda hotels, where the Duke of Windsor bought them a beer.

After some recuperation time the Athelqueen sailors were repatriated to England via Montreal, Canada in various convoys. Alan Heald was sunk two more times within two months and afterwards moved to a shore job. The three dead men, Harold Jones, aged 21, William Proctor, 30, and David W. Firth, 52, are buried behind the berm under cairns of local stones. A monument was recently erected in their memory.



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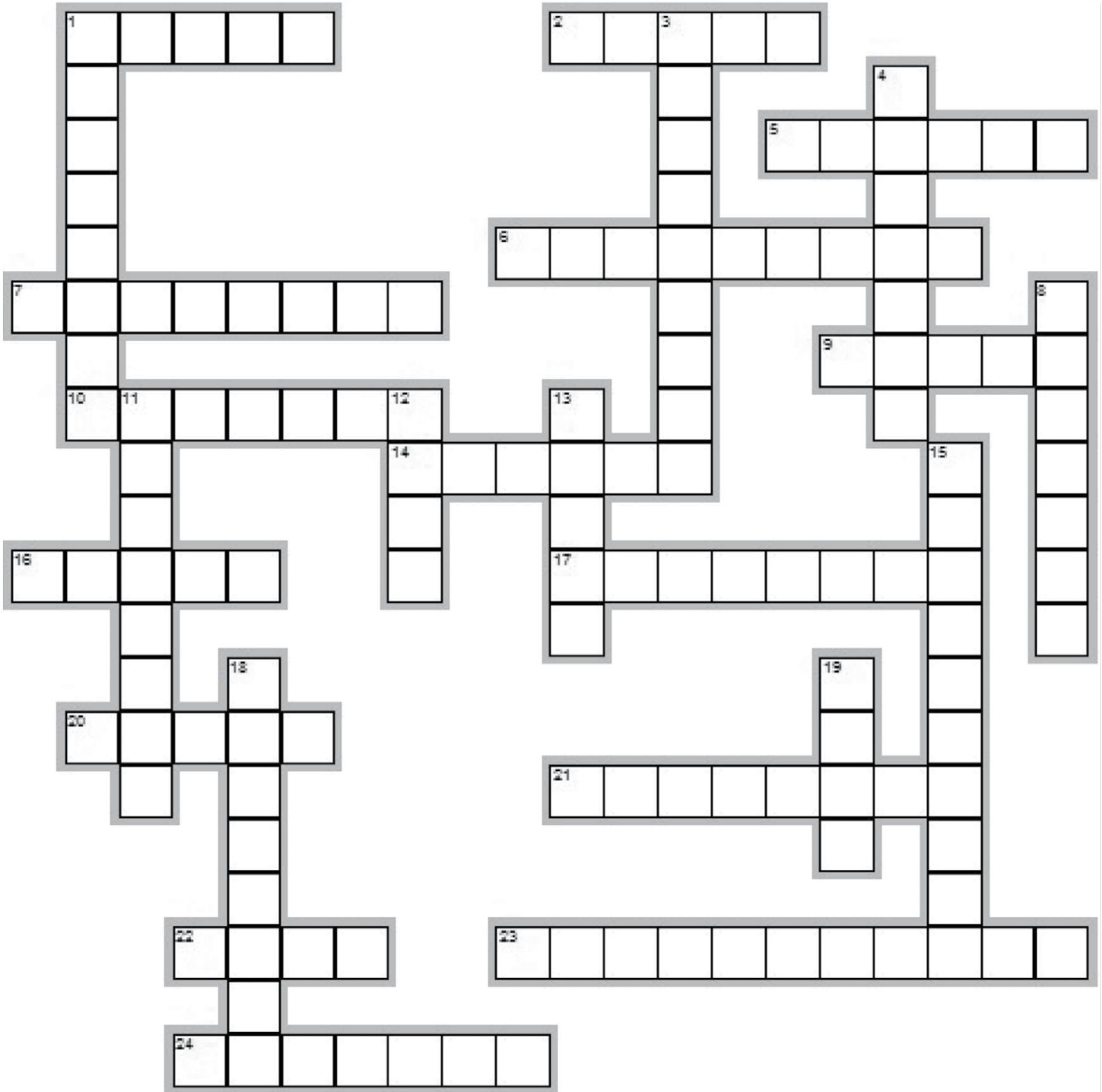
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- 7. Delicious invader
- 9. Cay under the Fig Tree
- 10. Marsh, Little and Cedar
- 14. Largest Bahamian island
- 16. Treasure Cay's Top Ten
- 17. Hidden reefs proved fortunate
- 20. An industrious crop, for twine and rope.
- 21. Goat skin and cow bells
- 22. Plaza The Abaconian is located in.
- 23. Local scholarships
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- 1. 5 1/2 inch tails
- 3. Wyannie Malone and Crew, God Save the King
- 4. Don't park under these trees
- 8. These red-neck locals nest in the ground
- 11. Familiar ocean
- 12. A weather condition; a Regatta winner
- 13. Abaco's northernmost settlement, a Haven
- 15. Two on Abaco, red and white
- 18. A protected nursery
- 19. Sun, BLANK, and sea

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as the Lady Sluggers were shut down the game with a score of 10-3.

Lady Sluggers Pitcher Rhonda Eldon said that the team did well in their first game despite their lack of practice. However, she anticipated that they would "be more than ready" as they prepared to face the Tornadoes again on March 31.

Bootle said a men's game between the Bulldogs and New Vision would take place on March 30 at Baker's Field as well as a game between female players of the R.J. Runners and F.E.S. Peacocks teams on April 1 at 4 p.m. in Cooper's Town. No games were scheduled during April 6-8 in observance of Good Friday and Easter.

The games resume on April 13 with a double header at Baker's Field. The first game takes place between the Tornadoes and F.E.S. Peacocks at 8 p.m.; and in the final game, the Bulldogs face the Destroyers at 10 p.m. On April 14, the R.J. Runners compete against the Lady Sluggers, and the Destroyers take on the D & R Sluggers at the Murphy Town Park. The R.J. Runners and the F.E.S. Peacocks play at 4 p.m. at Baker's Field on April 15.

Little League Baseball players prepare for Eleuthera tournament

By Canishka Alexander

In the past several weeks, the All Abaco Little League Baseball Association has been hosting a series of fundraisers to assist their players with travel expenses for upcoming tournaments in April and May. As a result, the "Twin's Plumbing" Marlins team will head to Eleuthera from April 13-16.

Thanks to the community's support, the fundraisers held in March have greatly assisted the teams. The association members provided food and drinks, bouncing castle and other children's activities, and they organized a scrimmage between the

players and parents. Part proceeds went toward the Eleuthera trip while the remaining portion will go toward the May tournament that will be held on Abaco.

There were also several meetings held, and during the meeting on March 26, elections were held for positions needing to be filled. George Mills remains the president of the All Abaco Little League Baseball Association along with Elvis Curry as vice president, and Charmica Curry as the association's secretary. Newly elected officers include: Telanna Newbold, assistant secretary; Marilyn Innocent, treasurer; Tammy Albury, assistant treasurer; and Theresa Albury, chaplain.

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cial training course that is administered by the University of West Virginia at a cost of \$35 for those interested in becoming coaches.

"Anyone can be involved, and it would just be like an afterschool thing or on weekends to get these teams a little more refined," Denardin said. "The kids are definitely naturally gifted in a lot of ways, and they are doing well, but we would definitely be interested in anybody who could coach."

Last year, Denardin and three of the students were privileged to attend the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece. Tyler Davis, Ashwell Murray, Deangela Murray competed among 7,000 athletes from 190 countries, and returned with a number of medals for their noteworthy achievements.



Above and Left: Little leaguers practicing and at play. Thanks to the community's support, the fundraisers held in March have greatly assisted the teams.

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A real gutsy lady

By Lee Pinder

76 year old retired Government Nurse and full-time Organist at Epworth Chapel in Cherokee Sound, Margaret Schutemaker, road her three-wheeled bicycle in the Cherokee Community Clinic Walk/Bike A Thon on February 25 and managed to come over the finish line in 1 hr. and 15 min. for the 6.8 mile course. She managed to snag two trophies, one for first place in her age category and one for raising \$700 in sponsorships.

Luckily, she was first on the scene for the first of three minor accidents in the race where a young man (10 years old) fell off his bicycle which resulted in a skinned elbow. Obviously, she was unable to administer first-aid, but was able to calm his fears and got him quickly back to his Grandfather, who was also in the race, and transferred to the paramedic which was close by to be patched up.

There were two other accidents, one involving a skinned knee (by a gentleman who admitted he was watching the girls instead of the road) and few bruises and a bump on the head by one of the bikers who fell off at the half-way point. However, all three accident victims went on to finish the race. Even though Ms. Margaret can be seen peddling around Cherokee streets almost any day of the week, she does suffer with a bad ankle and her daily jaunts are probably not more than a short distance from her front door. We feel she was very courageous to attempt this race, but she obviously holds a special place in her heart for efforts to bring a New Clinic to Cherokee and wanted to do her part.

Trained in Scotland, she came to The Bahamas in 1963 and served at Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau for nine years, then served as the Government Nurse on Grand Cay for many years. She and her husband, Marinus, bought a home and moved to Little Cherokee in 1987 and she has been here for the people of Cherokee whenever there was an accident or emergency (but, not as a Government employee, but rather as a good neighbor). Needless to say, all of Cherokee was rooting for Ms. Margaret to complete the course.

Ms. Margaret is now a widow, a loyal church attendee, conducts Tuesday night Bible Study and has assisted with the Kid's Korner program over the years besides playing the church organ for any occasion. She has one daughter living in North Carolina and is well loved and respected in Cherokee and will also be here for the people of Cherokee once our Clinic is completed.



Above: Margaret Schutemaker rides her three-wheeler on the Feb 25 Cherokee Clinic fundraiser. She won two trophies, one for first in her age category and the other for raising \$700 in sponsorships for the new clinic.

First Anniversary for Soup Kitchen

By Lee Pinder

Epworth Methodist Church and the ladies of the congregation celebrate their first years anniversary of delivering a meals to the elderly and shut-ins of Cherokee. Each month they prepared and delivered meals to the residents regardless of the person or persons religious affiliation in the community. Sometimes it is hot soup or a casserole containing meat or fish, and once even a fresh fruit salad.

The elderly look forward to seeing the ladies knock at their door and welcome them each month with a smile and appreciate the few minutes of greeting and conversation, possibly their first or only contact of the day and the ladies enjoy seeing them as well and being able to visit, if only for a few minutes.

The minister of the church, Reverend Marie Neilly saw this need in our community and helped to set it up as an out-reach ministry and saw it as a way for the church to do something good within the community. Many are unable to attend church anymore and today's elderly do not receive as much attention by their family and friends as in years gone by and they are extremely grateful.

The Soup Kitchen is run by the church ladies, but it is also supported and sponsored by generous donations from church members, individuals and various businessmen in the greater Abaco community for which we are all very grateful.

The ladies vow to continue this labour of love for as long as there is a need or as long as they feel they can make a difference.

Press Release MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT CLAIM OVER OFFSHORE DRILLING

Nassau: The Minister of The Environment today reiterated the Government of The Bahamas' position with respect to oil exploration and exploitation within the territorial waters of The Bahamas.

The Minister advises that, notwithstanding the pressure of commercial interests, the same rationale which led the Government to impose the moratorium on oil exploration exists today.

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National News

Courtesy of The Nassau Guardian

Govt gets outside help in crime fight

By Candia Dames

The government announced March 26 that it will hold talks with former New York City Police Commissioner William Bratton as it explores all avenues in its fight against crime.

"We will show no tolerance and we will not rest until the scourge of crime is eliminated from our society," said Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham in a statement.

That statement also noted that, "Under New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Mr. Bratton implemented a no tolerance policy to ensure that petty crime does not lead to an overall escalation of criminal behavior."

"He also increased the diversity of the police force to reflect the demographic makeup of the cities in question, as well as discouraging police corruption, acting tough on gangs and involving law-abiding elements of the society in crime prevention."

The statement said the "exploratory visit" by Bratton will include meetings with government officials and the police force. There will be a brief press statement at 2:45 p.m. at the police headquarters.

During its current administration, the government has battled a sharp increase in violent crime with four murder records recorded in the last five years.

On the campaign trail, crime is a key issue for all parties.

Progressive Liberal Party (PLP)

Leader Perry Christie has declared that his party is the only party with an effective plan to fight crime, while Ingraham has said the Free National Movement has the leadership needed to address the problem.

The statement released yesterday said, "The Government of The Bahamas takes crime very seriously and is relentlessly pursuing bold solutions to curb crime and maintain our peaceful way of life in The Bahamas."

"Crime is a social issue the government is determined to solve by any necessary legal means. To that end, the government is involving all elements of society and incorporating all qualified advice."

The statement said that in addition to numerous initiatives to fight crime, including reforming, increasing and equipping the Royal Bahamas Police Force, and passing a very strong anti-crime legislative package, the government invited Bratton for discussions.

Bratton is chairman of Kroll, a New York based risk consultancy.

A former police chief, he became renowned for his successful contributions to solving crime issues in much tougher jurisdictions, such as New York and Los Angeles, the statement noted.

Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest said, "The government is looking at all avenues to boost its crime fighting plan, incorporating elements from people and organizations such as Mr. Bratton, who have real life expertise in reversing crime escalation in very tough locations."

The statement added that any such information that is rendered useful will be

implemented and reinforced by the Royal Bahamas Police Force led by Commissioner of Police Ellison Greenslade.

Turnquest said, "The aim is to leave no stone unturned and fine-tune efforts designed at rooting out crime and ensuring The Bahamas remains a safe haven for all its citizens and visitors alike."

"Our lawful and peaceful way of life must and will be preserved."

Earl Deveaux slams oil drilling critics

By Jeffrey Todd

The minister of the environment slammed the Democratic National Alliance (DNA) and other stakeholders concerning recent accusations on oil drilling in The Bahamas.

Earl Deveaux told the House of Assembly yesterday that accusing companies and elected members of Parliament "of doing things they are not doing" was unnecessary, and could have been avoided if the proper channels were followed.

The declaration came as the House of Assembly passed a historic Freedom of Information (FOI) bill that promises to give everyday Bahamians the right to access information held by government and its agencies, such as the Bahamas Electricity Company (BEC), Water and Sewerage Corporation (WSC) and the National Insurance Board (NIB).

Deveaux said the result of making such allegations required "a defense from a friendly government, a response from the company, when at all times the information was available to anyone who sim-

ply asked".

At a time when we're debating and discussing the passage of freedom of information, the minister pointed out he had never received a single request concerning oil drilling activities from his political rivals.

Last week, the Bahamas Petroleum Company (BPC) told Guardian Business that it has not contracted an oil rig for exploratory drilling in The Bahamas. The statement was followed by a declaration from the Chinese Embassy, which moved to dispel notions that it was in negotiations with BPC and the government to gain an oil drilling contract. The People's Republic of China insisted it has not entered into these discussions.

The statements were in response to mounting concerns and accusations from the DNA and Bahamian public that the government was actively engaged in negotiations with oil drilling companies and information was being withheld from the general public.

To illustrate his commitment to transparency, Deveaux further referenced the catastrophic oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in April 2010.

"We provided weekly updates on the possible of impact of oil in The Bahamas. We had three trips to Cay Sal to inform the Bahamian people on the likely impact should it hit our waters and shores," he said.

The minister also highlighted a photographic journal of Cay Sal, Bimini, Andros and Ocean Cay, and a report done by the Living Oceans Foundation.

"All of the information was public and for the asking," he said.

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Scenes of fun at the carnival



The carnival is in town. Children and adults of all ages have been attending the grounds next to Central Abaco Primary School. The one price to ride all you want is \$15 and does not include admission. This price is also only good from Monday to Friday. Ms. Hitchcock wants patrons to remember that they must adhere to the weight and height stipulation of the rides. The carnival is open Monday to Friday 5 pm to 11 pm and on Saturday and Sundays from 3pm until. Admission for adults is \$3.00 and \$1.00 for children.

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Deveaux went on to detail other aspects of the FOI bill, including the hiring of an information commissioner to handle inquiries for information. He said the measures promote openness, protect whistle blowers and encourages organizations to maintain records.

Ryan Pinder, the representative for Elizabeth, praised the general concept behind the FOI, but criticized some of the "murky" provisions.

He also slammed the FNM's failure to seek general consultation on such a landmark piece of legislation.

"The issue of this bill should transcend political parties. It is a piece of legislation that is vitally important to make sure

it delivers on its intended purpose," Pinder told the House of Assembly.

The representative for Elizabeth said the current bill is "based almost entirely" on similar legislation in the Cayman Islands, saying "we do not want to legislate for ourselves".

He expressed concerns over whether elements of the bill would be incompatible with The Bahamas, and noted that no clear timeline has even been given for its implementation.

In particular, Pinder highlighted the inclusion of the Official Secrets Act that essentially overrides the FOI bill.

The act, he said, allows government agencies to deny any requests that may be

contrary to the "public interest".

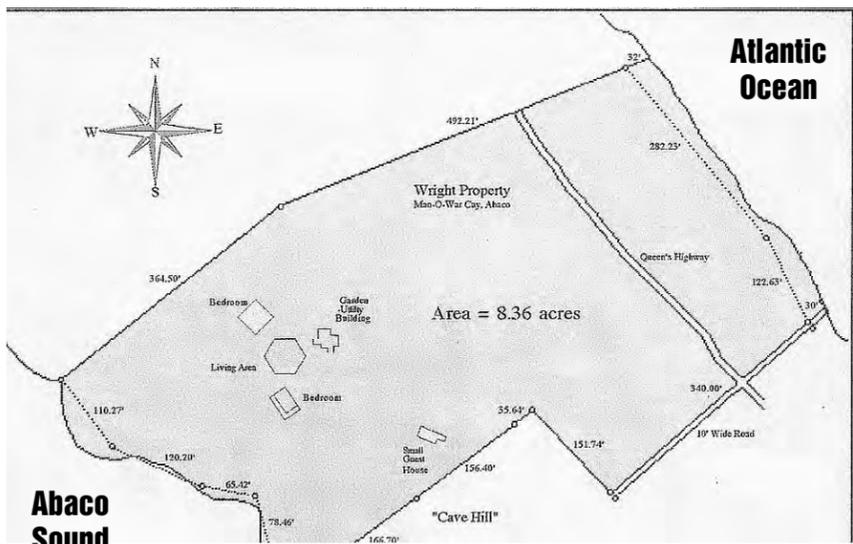
"But what is the public interest?" he asked. "In my opinion, the term public interest should be defined, demonstrating more objectivity in an otherwise murky statement."

Logistics and actually dealing with requests are another concern, the Elizabeth representative noted, as each agency will likely require an information officer or a defined process to deliver responses within the required 30 day period.

The current FOI bill does not adequately lay out this approach, he said.

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Horticultural Society meeting about succulents and cacti

By Mirella Santillo

The March 12 meeting of the Bahamas Horticultural Society-Abaco Branch was about cacti and succulents. It took the members away from Marsh Harbour to Bahama Palm Shores. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chamie, a peaceful place surrounded by trees and facing the beautiful ocean beach, was the venue.

Approximately thirty people gathered to hear Ms. Katherine Cadman talk passionately about both the thorny plants and the thick leaves ones that form the cacti-succulent family. (Note that Cacti are succulents, but not all succulents are Cacti.) Ms. Cadman made her presentation in front of a table loaded with plants that she had brought with her from Nassau and that she sometimes picked up to demonstrate a point. She explained how that type of plants had evolved to sustain long period of drought: developing thick leaves that would retain water in the case of succulents or replacing the leaves with thorns in the case of cacti to reduce evaporation. Some will even drop their leaves altogether during dry times.

She said that people (she admitted being one of them) start collecting succulents because they are usually attracted by the diversity they offer. They can be found all over the place, not just in deserts, she said. Succulents can be found in mountainous areas, as well as along beaches. Their appearance is also very varied. Two plants of the same species can look different, some

with variegated leaves, some with plain leaves for example. Collectors often tend to collect only one species because it comprises so many types of plants.

Ms. Cadman spoke very enthusiastically of her hobby, stating that she started with one cactus offered by her grandmother a long time ago and has now a greenhouse and a garden full of succulents.

When speaking about caring for succulents, she first said she wanted to dispel a couple of myths: that succulents did not need water and that they were resistant to pests and diseases. Succulents can support drought but they do need some water, if not too much, she said. They do need some attention too, as they could be attacked by scales and fertilizing them now and again will promote better growth and flowering. Although they grow slowly, they can be propagated very easily. Most of them do as well in ground (in a sandy soil) as they do in pots but Ms. Cadman said she prefers to grow hers in pots.

Among the plants she brought for sale, that were grabbed by avid buyers as soon as the presentation was over, were *Gymnocalycium*, *Hydnophytum*, several types of *Gastevias* and *Haworthias* and various types of *Aloe*.

The meeting ended with the plants auction which as usual was quite successful with Mr. Jack Hardy the perfect auctioneer, driving the prices up without anyone realizing what was happening.

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