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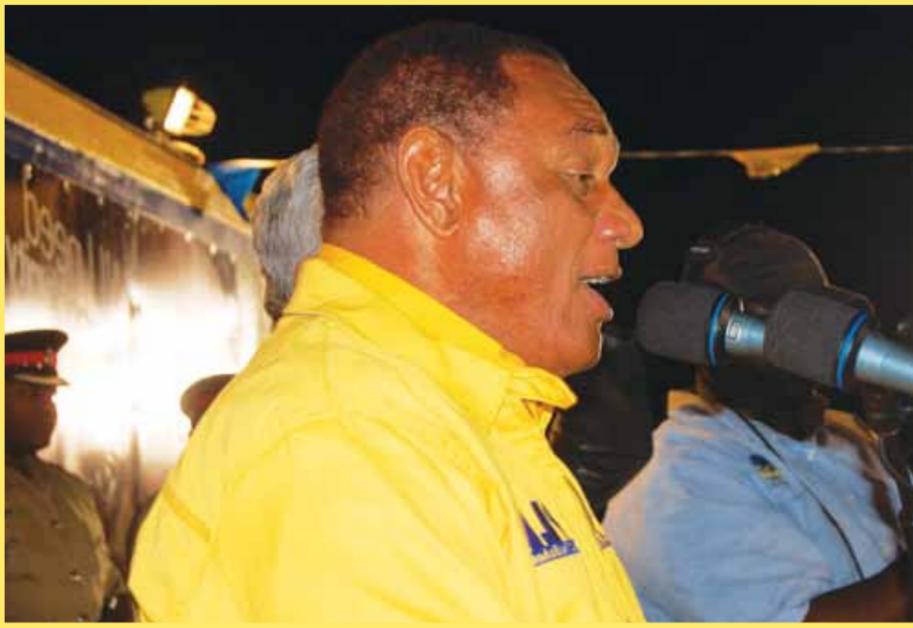
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## Progressive Liberal Party wins Government



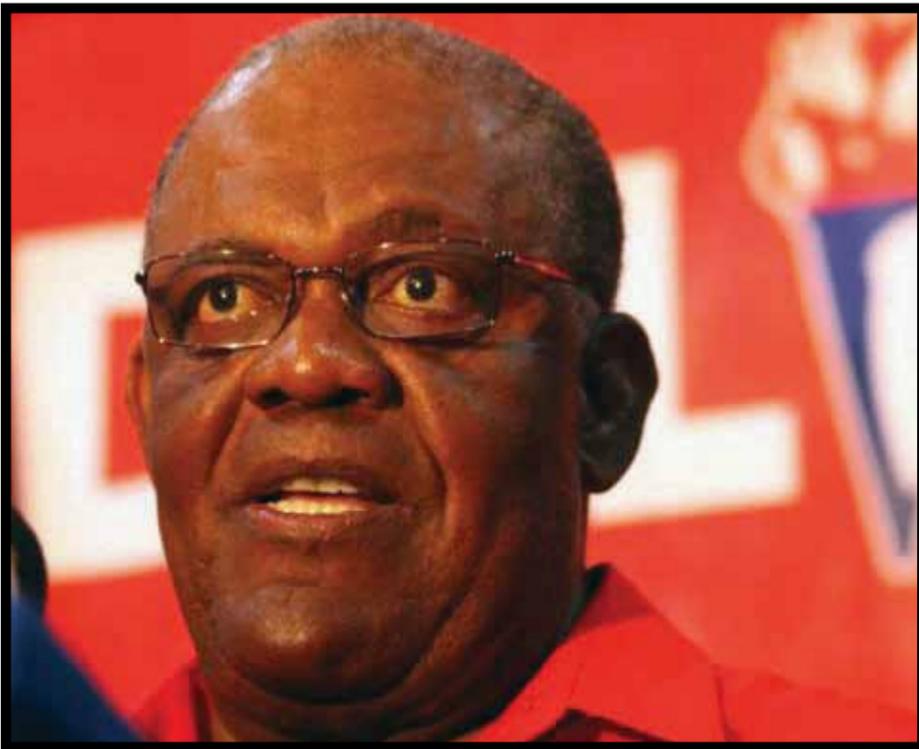
*Left: The Rt. Hon. Perry Christie addresses the crowd at the May 2 "Gold Rush" event. Several speakers were present that night including Deputy Leader Phillip Davis and Glenys Hanna-Martin. Neither Gary Sawyer nor Renardo Curry, the PLP's candidates on Abaco, won their seats. Depending on whether a by-election is called for North Abaco, the seat where the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham won but declined to take, the PLP's lead in the House of Assembly may grow.*

On May 7, The Bahamas voted for their next government. In what was primarily a three way race between the Free National Movement, the Progressive Liberal Party and, for the first time a solidified third party, the Democratic National Alliance, Bahamians voted PLP. In a landslide victory for Mr. Christie's party, the PLP swept up twenty nine seats out of thirty eight.

In Abaco, the FNM candidates won both contested seats. These local victories would represent two of the last nine FNM candidates to remain in the House of Assembly. However, The Right Honourable Hubert Ingraham chose to resign his seat shortly after learning of his victory in North Abaco. At the time of his resignation it was clear that The Bahamas would

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### The Right Honourable Hubert Ingraham resigns



*Mr. Ingraham, North Abaco's representative for over thirty years, resigned from government on May 7. Though he won his seat by some 300 plus votes, according to unofficial counts, the former Prime Minister and leader of the Free National Movement decided to step down. See page 2.*

### Edison Key wins Central and South Abaco

*North Abaco Prepares for possible by-election*



*Edison Key won his second consecutive term as the Member of Parliament for Central and South Abaco. For more see page 2.*

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not be led by him for a fourth term.

With the resignation of Mr. Ingraham, the seat in North Abaco, one of nine for the FNM, is now in limbo. If the DNA and FNM decide to contest it there will be a by-election. If they do not, then Renardo Curry, the PLP candidate for North Abaco, will be North Abaco's representation in Parliament.

In Central and South Abaco, Edison Key won the seat. Mr. Key was the incumbent and will now serve his second consecutive term as Central and South Abaco's Member of Parliament. In a statement released by Mr. Key's campaign team the candidate expressed his gratitude to his constituents.

"We are very proud of the campaign we ran. We appreciate the trust the people of Central and South Abaco put in Mr. Key. We ran on our record and we believe

that is why we succeeded. Mr. Key is committed to serving the people as best as he can even in opposition."

Gary Sawyer, the PLP candidate for Central and South Abaco, expressed similar sentiments to the victors of the race. Mr. Sawyer said he could not be more proud of the campaign his team had run and was thrilled with the level of enthusiasm he saw on the campaign trail. He is confident the PLP, and Mr. Christie, will lead The Bahamas in the right direction.

Though not pulling the votes necessary to win any particular polling division to score a victory, DNA candidate Roscoe Thompson III managed to pull more votes than his PLP colleague in a few areas according to the unofficial count.

Mr. Thompson expressed thanks to all those who supported him throughout his campaign. He explained that he had called Mr. Sawyer earlier in the evening to wish him well and congratulated his government on victory. He continued, however, that

the PLP should take their overwhelming victory as a sign that the public is hungry for change and for them to stick to their campaign promises. Mr. Thompson had no comments for his FNM opponents.

The Right Honourable Perry Christie was sworn in on May 8 as the Prime Minister of The Bahamas. Phillip "Brave" Davis was sworn in as Deputy Prime Minister. In a public address Mr. Ingraham wished his opponent well. This will make Mr. Christie's second term as Prime Minister, the first being 2002-2007.

It is unclear at this time what the decision will be on the several projects the former Prime Minister had planned for Abaco. No significant work has been started on the North Abaco Port, the Little Abaco Bridge or the Health Care Facility.

It is also unclear as to what the fate of North Abaco will be in regards to representation. Assuming no party challenges Mr. Curry, he will become that area's MP. The time frame for such a decision is six weeks.

# Ingraham Resigns

The Right Honourable Hubert A. Ingraham, who has served as Prime Minister nearly fifteen years, announced his resignation on May 7.

In an address to the nation he conceded defeat to the Progressive Liberal party and said he would be leaving politics. The announcement came as a shock to many.

During the announcement in front of cameras and supporters at the party's headquarters in Nassau, Mr. Ingraham shared his thanks. He addressed his North Abaco constituents and thanked them for allowing him to serve for so many years.

After winning his seat on May 7, Mr. Ingraham has been elected eight consecutive times as North Abaco's Member of Parliament. He thanked party supporters nationwide and his family as well.

"I know somewhere in heaven 'Mama' is smiling on her boy," he said, "I promised her I would do the best I could while I was here and I did. From the bottom of my heart I thank all."

Mr. Ingraham has said in the past that this would be his last time running and if he was rejected by the people he would retire. Even though he personally won his seat, the FNM government was swept out of office in a resounding defeat.



Above: Mr. Key, second row and middle, surrounded by supporters during the May 7 election. The votes were tallied as they were called in to the headquarters.



Above: PLP supporters reflect on Mr. Sawyer's unsuccessful campaign but celebrate the fact that the party of their choice was voted into power.

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# Central Abaco News

## AgriExpo showcases artisans and products

By Canishka Alexander

The much-anticipated opening of the 2nd Bi-Annual All Abaco Agricultural Marine Resources and Agribusiness Expo took place on April 27-28 under the theme "Progressing in Food Security." According to Josephina Curry, co-chairman of the AgriExpo, the bi-annual event was designed to educate, inform and create an awareness of the agricultural sector in Abaco.

"As we celebrate this wonderful occasion, it is hoped we will be inspired by our great potential to become self-sufficient. As you are all aware, the Bahamas imports over \$500 million in food annually," Ms. Curry said. "Self sufficient not only in agriculture, but also in the arts and crafts and marine sector."

Over the two-day period, those visit-



Ejnar Cornish, Senior Island Administrator Cephias Cooper and BAIC Executive Chairman Edison Key share a conversation next to the livestock exhibit at the AgriBusiness Expo.

ing the AgriExpo were invited to experience firsthand the demonstrations, presentations and displays of the artisans, farmers and students. Among the demonstrations

were backyard farming, straw plaiting, and horticulture demonstrations as well as livestock displays. Plants, animals, handicraft items and cooked food were also on sale,



Huel Moss displays his wares from his startup business: Fruity Freddie Farms. Jams, sauces, wines and other local grown products are his specialty.

and entertainment was provided as people browsed the booths.

Shelly Austin, who served as moderator, turned the audience's attention to specially invited guests, which included Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture Bahamas Representative Manuel Messina and a cluster of BAIC and Agriculture officials.

Soon after the winners of the Essay Competition were announced, Edison Key, executive chairman of BAIC, brought remarks. Mr. Key first apologized for the absence of Prime Minister the Right Honorable Hubert Ingraham, who appeared briefly at the event, before leaving to attend another engagement.

Mr. Key thanked all involved govern-

ment agencies for their insight in presenting means of feeding themselves.

"Feeding ourselves ought to be a matter of national pride when it is taken into consideration the dire warnings from international organizations that the cost of importing food is not going to get any less expensive," said Mr. Key.

Mr. Key said that BAIC's initiatives not only empower farmers, but also provide career opportunities for Bahamians in chemistry, biology and zoology. He appealed to all Bahamians to take advantage of the opportunities that would be forthcoming in their renewed thrust in food production.

In addition to Abaco, Agribusiness Expos were held on New Providence, Eleuthera, North Andros, South Andros,



The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham made a brief appearance at the event. Here he greets schoolchildren.

Mangrove Cay, San Salvador, Long Island, Grand Bahama, Bimini, Exuma and Inagua.

## Backyard farming demonstration focuses on drip line system

By Canishka Alexander

Agriculture officials Basil Miller and Keith Maycock of the Department of Agriculture's Gladstone Road Agriculture Centre demonstrated the use of a Portable Gravitational Drip Line system for gardens at the All-Abaco Agricultural Marine Resources & Agribusiness Expo on April 28.

Mr. Miller explained that the system helps to conserve water by sending it to the root system only. He talked about companion crops and ensuring that the crops planted are from a different family. Planting in the same "family" invited the same diseases in your garden. Certain ornamental crops like marigold and rosemary have been proven to keep certain insects away. In order to keep insects away, he advised farmers to also inspect their gardens daily.

Mr. Miller also warned that adequate spacing must be given in between crops for the proper development of each crops' root system.

"It is such a simple system to set up, and you can do it in a matter of couple of minutes," Mr. Miller said. "Once you get it set up it can save you for a very long time over the years. You can always fold it up, weed out your bed, start again, and put your system right back down. This system is not only for a season, but you can keep it for a long time."

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# Central Abaco News

## Straw Plaiting demonstrated at Agri Expo Craftwork provides livelihood



By Canishka Alexander

Bahamian straw vendor Jocelyn Neely led the demonstration in straw plaiting on April 28 at the Agribusiness Expo. She indicated several types of plaiting that she had brought along with her that were inclusive of broad plait, the 10-string fish pot, and the 15-string plait that is used to bind hats and bags. Other names for straw products are peas 'n' rice, Bahama Mama, Jacob's ladder, sour sop, and pineapple.

Explaining the process in detail, Ms. Neely said that she generally has to go into the forest to locate the silver top tree, gather the leaves from the tree and leave them out in the sun to dry. The rough sides of the leaves are stripped before they can be plaited, which makes it time consuming for

the straw worker.

Ms. Neely recalled that she learned the skill of straw plaiting as a young girl in Long Island from her grandmother. She said back in those days, they didn't make much money from plaiting. The pay would be anywhere from five to 30 cents. It was only since she relocated to Abaco that her hard work has paid off, and she began to make money off the straw. She normally sells her "plait" for \$1 per yard.

Ms. Neely said that from her straw products other vendors have incorporated them into their bags and hats, placemats, folders and phone holders. In addition to plaiting, Ms. Neely added that she can also sew hats.

## Min. Cartwright addresses agricultural responsibilities

By Canishka Alexander

Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources aims to focus on the improvement in data management capacity for the Department of Marine Resources, formulation of fisheries and aquaculture policies, support to negotiate and implement trade agreements, transformation of packing houses and produce exchange, the training rangers and forestry staff in the Forestry Pilot Project and support for land clearing for farmers.

Minister Lawrence Cartwright said that crown land on Abaco that has been designated for agricultural purposes only amounts to 11,737 acres with a remaining 4,502 acres available for leasing.

Highlighting the Ministry's progress, he said Crab Cay and No Name Cay have been added to existing marine protected areas. Emphasizing sustainability for existing and future generations, Mr. Cartwright said that we would not like to face the unavailability of grouper, conch, crab and lobster.

In 2010, a meeting was held on Abaco to discuss the threats associated with illegal fishing practices. Mr. Cartwright said that the discussion resulted in the launch of a public education campaign. A task force was instituted to review concerns relative to poaching and provided recommendations to the government.

Mr. Cartwright also said they have noted the staff shortage within the packinghouse on Abaco, and announced that

applications for three additional people are being reviewed.

He ended by encouraging students to fully utilize the greenhouses donated to their schools through Greenhouse Program, and to implement what was learned in the classroom setting in their backyards.

## Bozzuto's Inc. brings exchange trip to Abaco

By Canishka Alexander

After visiting Abaco from April 19-24, organizers and participants of the Bozzuto's Retailer and Supplier Exchange Trip 2012 fell in love with the island life all over again during their stay at the Great Abaco Beach Hotel.

Bozzuto's, Inc., based in Cheshire, Connecticut, is a wholesale distributor of groceries and nonfood items to independent retail supermarkets and grocery and convenience stores across the United States, Europe and Australia.

Karen DeAngelis, a Bozzuto's employee, helped with the organization of the event, which is held annually. There were 121 people who attended.

"They all had a great time; everything went very well," DeAngelis shared. "We do networking, we do business sessions, and we just have a lot of fun."

As one of the company's main customers, the red and white colours of the IGA or Independent Grocers Alliance logo

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# South Abaco News

was portrayed on flags hoisted next to Bozzuto's along the hotel's grounds. DeAngelis explained that it is because of their close affiliation with that particular group that their logos were seen everywhere.

Similarly, the group itself has had the opportunity to travel all over the world with stops in Italy, Europe, Caribbean, parts of the United States, Africa and Australia. The Bozzuto's Exchange Trip 2013 is planned for Hawaii.

CEO Michael Bozzuto selected Abaco as one of the favourite destinations that he has frequented regularly as a boater over the last twenty years. He described Bahamians as hospitable, friendly and quality people, and commended the staff at Great Abaco Beach for their excellent service.

DeAngelis highlighted events like the mystery murder dinner called: "Murder My Lord?" and the appearance of a hypnotist at an interactive show named "Unmask Your Imagination" that kept audience members on the edge of their seats.

Apart from the activities listed on their business agenda, the guests of exchange trip were also engaged in island hopping, fishing, kayaking, snorkeling, boating, a spa day by the pool and a Bahamian cooking class with Chef Charles.

## Trash collected at Casuarina Point

By Eustacia Jennings

Earth Day celebrated its 42nd anniversary on April 22 under the theme "A Billion Acts of Green." As stewards of the environment a group of 20 Pathfinders and Masterguides of the Marsh Harbour Seventh-Day Adventist Church conducted a beach cleanup at Casuarina Point.

The field trip was the final requirement for the Environmental Conservation Honor facilitated by Masterguide and Environmental Scientist, Eustacia Jennings, a resident of Casuarina Point.

The first session took place on March 11 with a lecture dealing with ecosystems, endangered and invasive species, water and air pollution, ecological footprint and other local environmental issues. Members of the class also attended a session on the Bahama parrot by Caroline Stahala on March 20 to assist with homework assignments.

The climax of the training was fittingly planned for Earth Day. The group visited the Casuarina Point Dumpsite and Water Treatment Facility before moving to the beach and mangrove ecosystems. Despite the overcast skies and breeze, four teams armed with gloves and plastic bags combed through the sand and seaweeds for debris. At the end of the task, a total of eight large bags of garbage were removed from the shoreline.

The group was rewarded with a swim and fun day for their hard work. They are now tasked with putting into action what they have learned and spreading the word to family and friends, encouraging them to partake in "creation care".

## SAFA breaks ground in ceremony

By Jennifer Hudson

The groundbreaking for The South Abaco Farmers Association Farm Property on the Earnest Dean Highway took place

on April 27 under the banner "Bringing in the harvest." The entire executive team of The Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation from Nassau was on hand for the celebration along with Mr. Edison Key,

farming to Abaco in the 1950's.

"I am delighted to assist with this project," he stated. "My passion is to see farmers having land on which they grow produce not only to sustain themselves but



Above: The Bahamas Agriculture and Industrial Corporation's executive team along with the South Abaco Farmers Association and other guests were present at the official groundbreaking ceremony for their new SAFA property on the Earnest A. Dean Highway.

Chairman of BAIC and Member of Parliament for South Abaco, and South Abaco Farmers Association members and guests.

In his official opening of The South Abaco Farmers Association property, Mr. Key reminded the audience that he himself is a farmer, his passion for farming having begun when he worked for Mr. J.B. Crockett, the first man to bring large scale

also to sell and export. I am committed to seeing this project through and will do all in my power to assist. I am presently trying to get an office and warehouse in place for you."

He also assured them that BAIC will supply fencing and fertilizer and give all

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# From the Editor's Desk // Vox Populi



I have a feeling this editorial will get a little more pointed towards the end. But for now let's start off slow and pleasant.

Congratulations Mr. Key, our Member of Parliament for Central and South Abaco. Congratulations also to the Progressive Liberal Party for once again being entrusted to lead our country. These are responsibilities and honours to which you are not entitled; instead these are duties that Abaconians and the Bahamian people have leant to you for a short time. The people have spoken and put their trust in you. Please do not disappoint us.

To Mr. Sawyer, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Lockhart: I wish you luck on your future endeavors. I hope that you do not disappear from the public eye, but instead pour just as much enthusiasm and effort into helping your country on the community level as you put into your campaigns.

Mr. Curry, in a surprising twist of events you may well be the next Member of Parliament for North Abaco. The following few weeks will tell. Regardless of the outcome, I place the same stress on you as I do Mr. Key. Represent your constituents and work for all of our gain.

Mr. Ingraham, I hope you enjoy your retirement. You have served your constituents for over three decades. Regardless of whatever my political ideology may be, I respect your service. This is the first time you've ever read The Abaconian as a regular citizen. Perhaps now you can enjoy the crossword puzzle.

So, now we are finally done with the election season assuming the north does not need a by-election. I have to say things did not exactly shake out as I thought they would. There has been a lot of argument about who is to blame for the FNM's loss. I have seen a lot of frustration expressed by one side and a lot of gloating and show-boating on the other.

Then there is the DNA who, despite not winning a single seat this election, may have fundamentally changed this country. It's an odd sort of satisfaction they hold, perhaps rightly so, that reflects the deeper collective restlessness within the country that propelled them on the scene in the first place.

Did the DNA win? No. Did they come close this time? Not really. Did they alter the outcome of this election? Maybe, that's for another debate. But did they prove something?

Absolutely.

The PLP now has a supermajority in the House of Assembly. They won twenty nine seats and will possibly pick up Mr. Ingraham's old dominion for a solid thirty. This frightens me. This has nothing to do with my party leanings; it frightens me because absolute power corrupts absolutely.

And controlling all but eight seats is pretty close to absolute power.

The way our government is set up already gives a disproportionate amount of power to the Prime Minister. In fact, that was the source of a large amount of criticism for our now retired, former PM. If our new administration is not careful they will fall into the same trap and be blinded and misguided by their landslide victory and take it as a free pass to do whatever they please. Vox Populi: The voice of the people is the voice of God. But it's my understanding people misunderstand His words quite often.

That is why it's better to continue listening to the people who put you in power, and not persuade yourselves that the one loud shout on May 7 was the whole message.

It was just to get your attention.

Mr. Key it is your job to be our speakerphone to Parliament. I understand your message and your position within BAIC, and I find it a noble and important message. Our food bill is unsustainable and there is growth and jobs to be found in agriculture. But do not get so close to the soil that you no longer see the people. You were elected to represent us.

Mr. Curry, you will soon find quite large shoes to fill. Remember the community that voted for you. Though you did not win the seat in the traditional way, assuming there is no contest for it, you still have a responsibility to all your people. I invite you to reach across that imaginary line that separates "North" and "South" Abaco. Work with Mr. Key to fulfill the purpose of your job.

Represent *us* within your *party*.  
Do not represent your *party* within *Abaco*.

Dear reader, I ask you the same thing. Passions have run high for our colours and I have seen ugly things said and done. Now it's over we need to get back on track. We have issues to face within our community and if we wait for government to solve these problems we could be waiting a long time. The issues may be large but the solutions can start small.

Reach out to the greens, the yellows and the reds to organize crime watches, trash pickups or community picnics. Start a project that will beautify your neighborhood or will occupy children once they get out of school for the summer. Be a part of a solution and stop waiting for the current government or, worse, a successive government to step in. It starts with us.

Remind our politicians that we are more than FNMs, that we are not only PLPs and that our DNA is more than a politician we follow. We are not colours on t-shirts to be counted at rallies and we are not votes to be bought and traded along imaginary township lines. Remind our politicians that we are something more.

We are Bahamians.  
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**Write in to the editor to share your thoughts:  
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# Letters to the Editor

## Election Over? Hallelujah!

Dear Editor,  
Thank you for allowing me space in your paper.

Political season is in full swing, and by the time this edition of The Abaconian is printed, it will be over. I, for one, am thankful. Don't get me wrong – I love living in a country where I have a voice in choosing my government. We are indeed blessed and should all be thankful. However, it is not "election time" that I detest, it is the fact that every time we have an election it seems to bring the worst out in many of us.

I'm sure most of you who have followed this election closely have heard endless streams of foolishness – from ALL parties. Whether it is the endless barrage of name-calling, half-truths, baseless promises, defamatory accusations, or utter nonsense such as the hologram accusations – we've heard a great deal from our nations' so-called "leaders." Sadly, this seems to be the norm in this country when election time rolls around. However, the divisive nature in which our nations' politicians run their campaigns does not surprise me. In fact, it shouldn't surprise any of us. They ARE politicians after all. What irks me is the way WE – the voters – behave during election season.

Democracy is best enjoyed peacefully. In fact, some of the staples of democracy are being able to practice your own

religion, having freedom of speech, and having the right to vote for whatever party YOU think is best suited to run the country. Democracy isn't about censorship, or hating others just because they happen to have a point-of-view that differs from your own. It also isn't about ripping down political posters of "rival" parties, or vandalizing people's private property because they don't share "your" party's sympathies. Yet, I see evidence of such behavior everyday as I ride through Marsh Harbour, and it disgusts me.

Is this what we've been reduced to as a society? Is this our idea of what democracy is or how to run elections? Is this what it means to be a Bahamian nowadays? It sickens me to see my fellow Bahamians behaving in such an uncivilized, immature manner. However, what's more disturbing is that this very behavior is witnessed by our youth – the very people who will one day run this country. Are these the lessons we should pass down to future generations? What message do we send our youth by acting so irrationally, so – dare I say – childishly?

The message of this letter is simple: GROW UP PEOPLE! ACT WITH SENSE! When this issue of the Abaconian comes out, the election results will be in, and we will have a new government. And no matter which party wins – be it PLP, FNM, or DNA – they will be YOUR government, MY government: OUR government. We are all Bahamians after all. We will have to wake up on May 8th and go to work – regardless of who won – and we will go to work together.

This country is in trouble people, and the only way we're going to fix it is to stop pointing fingers, stop blaming others, and to try and work together.

We could all learn something from the following quote:

"The strongest democracies flourish from frequent and lively debate, but they endure when people of every background and belief find a way to set aside smaller differences in service of a greater purpose." – Barack Obama

Thank you again for your time.  
- Shane Cash

## Marcus Bethel: An Altruist "Par Excellence"

Dear Mr. Editor,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for graciously allowing me this space in your newspaper to express my thoughts. My name is R. Octavia Dean -McIntosh, and I am writing to commend and thank Mr. Marcus Bethel, an established proprietor here in Abaco, for his continued interest in the students of Abaco, and more specifically, the students of St. Frances de Sales School.

A few years ago, Mr. Bethel began an annual essay competition at different schools here in Abaco for both primary and high school levels. The four winners of this annual competition are each awarded a laptop donated by Mr. Bethel. This competition allows students a chance to

flex their writing abilities and express their interpretation of topics that have ranged from the United Nations to self-esteem to helping build up one's community. We definitely do not take Mr. Bethel's generosity for granted. The school truly appreciates and values his magnanimous gesture and therefore all students participating in this essay competition are required their research in advance and then write their essays in a controlled setting, under examination conditions without using any notes.

This year, St. Frances de Sales School was even more deeply touched by the beneficence of Mr. Marcus Bethel as, in addition to our four laptops, Mr. Bethel donated two desktops for the school's computer lab. As one of the winners in the 2011 essay competition, I feel compelled to not only laud the praises of Mr. Bethel but to also express my deepest gratitude to him. His actions are not out of obligation, rather they demonstrate his sincere commitment to education. I am heartened to see someone so invested in the youth of Abaco, and it is my hope that, not only will Mr. Bethel's altruistic action make a positive impact on us as students, but that his passion will become contagious, thereby inspiring others to invest in the development of youth in of Abaco.

Mr. Marcus Bethel, thank you so very much! The St. Frances de Sales family is truly appreciative of your good deeds and it is our prayer that God will continue to bless you and your family.

Yours sincerely,  
R. Octavia Dean-McIntosh

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# South Abaco News

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the help and expertise necessary to make the project a success.

Leslie Thompson, President of the South Abaco Farmers Association, pledged his support for the farmers telling them, "This is a great historic milestone. The board is excited and is committed to getting farming recognized and taken to a higher level."

Mr. Thompson thanked BAIC and the Government for providing the land and the expertise. "We are going to make this a showpiece through the cooperative effort of BAIC and the farmers," he said.

Deputy General Manager of BAIC, Don Major, informed the audience that this is another pilot project like those in Exuma and Andros. He based his remarks on the premise that "Lots of people said that it couldn't be done again on Abaco but those who say that it can't be done should get out of the way for those who want to do it."

Mistress of Ceremonies for the occasion was Jacquelyn Estevez, Treasurer of SAFA and liaison officer with BAIC who said how overwhelmed she is that the South Abaco Farmers have finally reached this position and are moving forward. She told the audience that she had spoken with District Education Officer, Helen Simons-Johnson, and Abaco's Chief of Police, Superintendent Noel Curry, to apprise them

of the plans the Association has to try and make a difference to the youth of Abaco.

"I have asked them to partner with us so that young men and women can train for community service through this project. We hope that by providing opportunities for young people to learn the trades of farming and carpentry we will be able to keep at-risk youth off the streets," Ms. Curry said.

Ms. Estevez stated that she would like for the community to be aware of local produce and to purchase it.

George Martin, Vice President of SAFA, thanked Abaco Groceries and Maxwells for taking all of the produce he and other farmers had grown, cancelling a previous outside order to make way for Abaco farmers.

Following the breaking of the ground by Mr. Key assisted by Gary Sawyer, Leslie Thompson and several members of BAIC Executive Board, guests enjoyed platters of fruit all proudly grown by the South Abaco Farmers.

## Some South Abaco voters disenfranchised

By Timothy Roberts

Several voters were left with a bad taste in their mouths as they were denied

the ability to vote on the advanced ballot during polling on May 1, despite applying to do so.

According to a source there were five voters who applied in the Central and South Abaco constituency that did not get accepted because the applications were delivered past the deadline. The applicants were people who were away or travelling on May 7 - the date of the general elections.

The Parliamentary Elections Act was amended on July 29, 2011 to include students and public officers in overseas ballots which would take place at nearby embassies.

The act also included a section on "special voters," which granted those resident in The Bahamas but who would be unable whether by hospitalization or travel to attend the election on that day, to be able to vote on the advanced ballot.

The act requires those travelling to complete an application to the Parliament Commissioner within 14 days of the issuance of a writ of election.

Due to the ongoing general elections Parliamentary Commissioner Errol Bethel was unable to be reached for comment.



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# The Cays



Above: the top winners of the Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon with their prize bags. The event, held in hope Town by Friends of Abaco Animals, is sponsored by Rich Curry of Purina Brands out of Nassau.

## Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon benefits animals

By Candace Key

The weather may have been threatening, but spirits were high and the group was excited as they left Jarret Park in Hope Town on the 8th Annual Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon which is the major fundraiser for Friends of Abaco Animals the Hope Town based humane organization.

The group provides spay/neuter services and animal care for animals throughout Abaco, although it was started to aid Hope Town's animals 30 years ago. The students collect funds from sponsors who donate to them to walk the 2 mile course with their dogs. Golf carts run alongside to aid tired or hot walkers both 2 and 4 legged.

Children vie for prizes from Friends of Abaco Animals and from their major

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SPECTACULAR BEACH

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**#13058 ANNE BONNY - WATERFRONT** Charming down east 3 bed cottage with 360 degree views. Protected dock for two boats. **US\$950,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



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**#13417 ORCHID BAY - LOT C10** This 14,574 sq.ft. lot is the largest available cottage lot close to all resort amenities. **US\$300,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



STUNNING BEACHFRONT

**#12122 THE ABACO CLUB LOT #30** Great dune elevation, 1.6 acres. Close to Buster's Beach Bar & all amenities. **US\$1,300,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



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#12057 ST. CHARLES PLACE - SUNRISE BAY Stunning 4 bed 4 bath home with direct beach access and private dock slip. **US\$1,900,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



NEW PRICE

#12313 CANALFRONT 5b 4b plus office, pristine 5,500 sq.ft. family home with 100' dock with elec and H2O. **US\$1,500,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



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WATERFRONT

#13669 AVALON 3b 2b 2,500 sq. ft. beachfront home with detached garage. Beautiful & private court yard & patios. Furnished. **US\$1,650,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



NEW PRICE

#12043 WATERFRONT - HIDEAWAY Sea to sea, 150' dock & boat lift. Main house with 1 1/2 bed 1 1/2 bath, guest quarters with 2 bed 2 bath. **US\$1,495,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



NEW LISTING

#14264 BATAVIA - PELICAN SHORES- 3b/3b overlooking harbour. Deep water dock & dock house. **US\$1,400,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com Jane.Patterson@SothebysRealty.com



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#5962/5690 BLUEFIN - 3b/2b 1,100 sq.ft. with private dock & detached garage. **\$880,000.** YELLOWFIN 3b/2b, with dock. \$ 1,250,000. Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



BEACHFRONT VILLA

#15592 BEACH VILLA 714 2 bed 2 bath beachfront villa close to all amenities. Steps to shopping. Great rental. **US\$440,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



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#14138 IGGY BIGGY PROPERTY - BUILDINGS ONLY 3 storefronts & 2 apartments centrally located. Great income potential. **US\$1,140,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



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WATERFRONT

#12965 ROCK POINT LANDING 3 bed 3 bath situated at the entrances to both Treasure Cay and also Gun Powder Creek. **\$940,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



GREAT VALUE

#14582 PAPI'S PALACE - Great value home in TC beach. Furnished, new 3 bedroom 2 bath 2 storey home. Excellent for rentals. **US\$795,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



MOTIVATED SELLER

#14421 CHATTERBOX - PELICAN SHORES - 2 bed 2.5 bath. Panoramic view of Fanny Bay. Cabana with summer kitchen. **\$1,000,000.** Kristi.Wong@SothebysRealty.com



SEA OF ABACO VIEWS

#14362 LOWE'S RETREAT - 3b/3b & 2b/2b apartment. Swimming pool w/ large deck Standby generator, utility room, tool shed. **\$950,000.** Leslie.Pinder@SothebysRealty.com



MOTIVATED SELLER

#10244 SEA VIEWS - CROSSWINDS - Best price in neighbourhood, 2,800 sq.ft. 4 b/3b home. Large lot. Backup generator. **US\$585,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



CANAL FRONT CONDO

#13859 ROYAL PALM 2437 - 3 bed 3 bath 1,264 sq. ft. condo overlooking Treasure Cay Marina. Dock slip and storage locker included. **US\$540,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



UNBELIEVABLE PRICE

#14720 BAHAMA BEACH CLUB - 3, 4 & 5 bed luxury condos on beach with great views & every imaginable amenity. Pool & Bar. Starting at **\$530,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



NEW LISTING

#14138 YELLOWFIN - GREAT ABACO CLUB - Best buy on the market! 3b 2b on double deep water canal lot with large pool. **US\$899,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



CANAL FRONT

#14040 TURTLE'S REST - Near Marsh Harbour Canalfront home w/ private dock in Leisure Lee, 3b, 2b plus 2 lofts. furnished. **US\$695,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



STUNNING VIEW

#12564 ATLANTIS 2207 - CANAL FRONT CONDOMINIUM Two storey comfortable 2 bed 2 bath w/ dock and garage. Pool. Great views. **\$450,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



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#13115 TURTLE'S NEST - 2.7 acres w/ 2b 2.5b main home, deep water dockage, pool, high elevations. **\$2,350,000.** Turtle's Landing 2b 2b. **\$877,500.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



BEACHFRONT ESTATE

#13542 GILLIAM BAY ESTATE 1.7 acres. Best price on Green Turtle Beach. Desirable neighbourhood. Existing 2 bed home. **\$650,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com

PROPERTIES AND ACREAGE

MAINLAND

- #4071 BAHAMA PALM SHORES Lot 43 Good residential area. \$30,000. Bill Albury
- #6088 BAHAMA PALM SHORES -Lot 29 Section 1, Block F. Lot 29. Large lot. \$62,000. Leslie Pinder
- #4632 MARSH HARBOUR High Rocks waterfront lot. High elevation, views. \$599k. Bill Albury
- #7011 MARSH HARBOUR - NEW LISTING - High Rocks - 2 acres. \$1,250,000. Leslie Pinder
- #7086 MARSH HARBOUR - Royal Harbour canal front lot 3 with dockage. \$525,000. Bill Albury
- #5899 82 ft. of Waterfront - Grape Tree Lot, North Abaco. 17,645 sf. US\$100,000. Stan Sawyer
- #5990 Fire Road - 13.6 acres. Road to bayside. \$368,500. Kristi Wong
- #6022 Baine's Property - Little Harbour. 1/2 acre + with deeded dock. \$195,000. Bill Albury
- #7063 Turtle Rocks - 18,000 sq.ft with beach access. Fantastic homesite. \$65,000. Kristi Wong
- #6085 REGATTAS #306 - Views of swimming pool & tennis courts. \$325,000. Leslie Pinder
- #6086 REGATTAS #401 - Mins from world class recreational boating facilities. \$325,000. Leslie Pinder

TREASURE CAY

- #4803 MARINA ENTRANCE Choice canalfront Lot. \$270,000. Stan Sawyer
- #5601 OCEAN BLVD. Lot 82, Block 2. 10,560 sq. ft. \$55,000. Stan Sawyer
- #5402 ATLANTIS 2207 - Two storey 2b/2b with deck, pool, & garage. \$ 450,000. Stan Sawyer
- #5114 BEACH TOWNHOUSE - Steps to beach. End Unit. \$349,000. Stan Sawyer
- #5888 Lot 6 Block 198 - Protected canal with great views. \$242,500. Stan Sawyer
- #5448 PINEAPPLE POINT #5-Canalfront furnished 2b 2b ground floor unit w/ dock slip. \$695,000. Stan Sawyer
- #5898 ROYAL PALM 2437 - Canalfront with dock slip included. \$540,000. Stan Sawyer
- #6038 VILLA FAR NIENTE -BRING OFFERS- Newly constructed 4b 4.5b w/fantastic views. \$2.75m. Stan Sawyer
- BAHAMA BEACH CLUB - Hot Deals. Luxurious resort amenities. Stan Sawyer

GUANA CAY

- #7125 Prince's Trust Lot - 75 ft of frontage, great elevation. \$375,000. Chris Albury
- #5237 Paradise Cove - Delia Bay 7,533 sq. ft. naturally elevated lot with dock plans included. US\$165,000. Kerry Sullivan
- #5121 Lot 32/32a 90 ft on water over looking the Sea of Abaco \$500,000. Jane Patterson
- #5120 Lot 26 - Great Value 22,000 sq ft corner lot over looking the bay. \$250,000. Jane Patterson

South Abaco



NEW ISLAND COMMUNITY

SCHOONER BAY #5671 WATERFRONT LOT - HARBOUR ISLAND 52 ft on harbour facing Schooner Bay Village. Enjoy a seaside golf cart community. **\$160,000.** Info.Bahamas@SothebysRealty.com



DESIRABLE LIVING

SOUTHABACO #14358 SANDY BEACH HIDEAWAYS - 4b 2b waterfront home. 20 min drive from Marsh Harbour. Relax on patio overlooking the beach. **\$750,000.** Leslie.Pinder@SothebysRealty.com



GREAT VIEWS GREAT PRICE

LITTLE HARBOUR #12186 OCEAN VIEWS from 3 bed/2 bath high above sea level with beach access. Near Pete's Pub. **US\$379,000.** Also 2 bed 2 bath cottage with generator. Great starter home with some TLC. **US\$209,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



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## HIGHLIGHTS

### ABACO ARTS & CRAFTS EXPO

- ABACO ARTISAN BOOTHS
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- VARIOUS FOOD STALLS & FARMER'S MARKET
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- BEVERAGES SOLD BY ROTARY CLUB OF ABACO
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- 5K & 10K WALK-RUN INSIDE SCHOONER BAY

### COMMUNITY SPORTS & RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

- JUNKANOO RUSH OUT
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- OPTI & RC LASER SAILING REGATTAS IN THE HARBOUR
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- FISHING TOURNAMENT (WEATHER PERMITTING)
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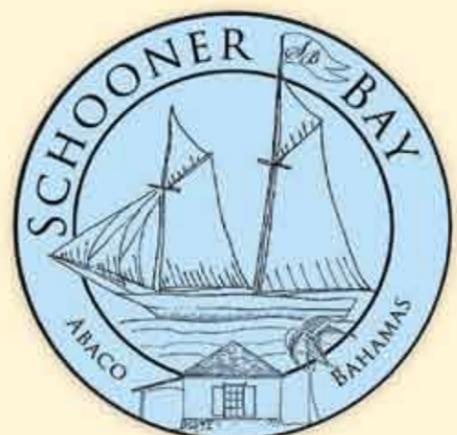
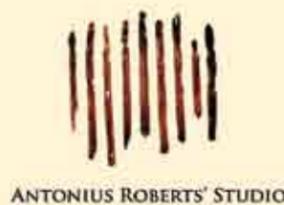
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## Michael Lightbourn honoured in tree-planting ceremony

By Canishka Alexander

Friends of the Environment's Executive Director Kristin Williams began the ceremony with a welcome address to all in attendance followed by an update on the organization. Upcoming events included the announcement of FRIENDS' 25th Anniversary next year.

Ms. Williams also mentioned the Lionfish Derby scheduled for June 23, the Friends Summer Camp that will be held from July 16-23, and the annual Earth Day Science Fair that has been rescheduled until October. Her final reminder centered on the national park proposal developed by Friends and the Bahamas and the Bahamas National Trust for the sustainability of the East Abaco Creeks.

D'Shan Maycock awarded National Park badges and sashes to Discovery Club members in the Explorers and Guardians.

The winners of the Conservation Photography Competition were rewarded for their contributions. Joined by Lindsey McCoy of FRIENDS, Erica Thibault from the U.S. Embassy said that it was wonderful to see what FRIENDS is doing on the island, and that it is important to support FRIENDS and the BNT, who are encouraging young people to be good stewards of the environment.

Journey Higgs received an award for being the youngest competitor. In the student competition, Natasha Albury placed

first, Yael Sawyer came second and was the People's Choice Award Winner, and Ashwell Murray was third.

In the adult competition, Dwayne Wallas was the first place winner, Neil Aberle placed second, and third place went to Rick Block.

Lorenz Carter and Seanna Albury joined Olivia Patterson, FRIENDS program coordinator, as they shared their experiences at the Disney Kids and Nature Celebration. The event brings together children from all over the U.S. and various places around the world. It is also a part of the Disney Friends for Change program, which is a school-based program that allows children to get together and solve problems in their classrooms while finding ways to help the environment. Both students were motivated by the role they could play in making a difference in their communities and country.

FRIENDS President Cha Boyce then requested that everyone head outside to witness the planting of a Lignum Vitae tree in honour of Michael E. Lightbourn, who served on the Friends board. Lightbourn's longtime friend Reg Patterson and his daughter spoke in his memory. Guests were also invited to participate in the Nature Trail Tour, and were later given a native tree to replace any invasive tree found in their yards.

## Live Mocha introduced on Abaco

By Samantha Evans

Live Mocha is an online Foreign Language Program that teaches people to speak different languages. It was introduced by Eureka McKinney, who works in the Foreign Language Unit at the Ministry of Tourism. She is fluent in Spanish and currently learning French. She is also the coordinator and owner of the Language Study Abroad Program.

LSAP is committed to supporting the efforts of modern language teachers by offering exciting programs specializing in international language experience and online language learning. LSAP organizes 1-week, 2-week, and 4-week language programs for adults, teachers and students that are specially designed to immerse students in the target language and culture and get them speaking Spanish from day one.

LSAP has taken a group to Costa Rica and Mexico and this year they will be traveling to Panama. It is Miss McKinney's goal to encourage and assist as many Bahamians as possible to become bilingual.

Live Mocha is the program she was introduced to that can engage people in a foreign language from the comfort of their home. Once she was introduced to the program, she called the company in Seattle and became their Bahamian Agent as well as purchasing 500 subscriptions to retail in the Bahamas.

In this ever changing world of multiculturalism, it has become important to learn another language other than one's native tongue. Live Mocha is a great tool to help persons do this in the comfort of their own home, school, or office. Miss McKinney will be visiting Abaco soon to give presentations. Those who want to attend can give her a call at 302-2079 or 361-3169. She can also be reached by email at [terreka@yahoo.com](mailto:terreka@yahoo.com).



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~ Cottage Lots from Low \$100's ~



# Trash



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- "Summertime" # 1550 - Ocean Blvd. Superb 3 bed, 2 bath beach home plus 2 bed, 2 bath guest house. 3,600 s/f under air plus 4,100 s/f open & covered patios. Tastefully furnished. 1.37 acres, 133' beach frontage. **\$3,995,000.**
- Brigantine Bay Canal Home # 1589 - Newly built 4 bed, 4 bath unfurnished home. 3,150 s/f under air, 4,850 s/f total. Many extras. 15,306 s/f parcel, 91' canal frontage, lay-along & finger docks, boat lift. **\$2,995,000.**
- "Turtle View" - # 1778 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 4,088 sq. ft. elegantly furnished home on landscaped 14,000 s/f parcel with 68' frontage on Treasure Cay Beach. **\$2,559,000.** Package Price option to include Galleon Bay bulkheaded canal lot with dock & garage. **\$2,774,000.**
- "Casa Linda" # 2107 - 5 bed, 5.5 bath Ocean Blvd. furnished beachfront home, 3,677 s/f under air, plus double garage & beach pavilion, oversized 60,300 s/f parcel, pool, 130' beach frontage. Fantastic sea views. **\$2,495,000.**
- "Top of the Rock" # 2014 - 3 bed, 3 bath "turnkey" furnished home, 1,824 s/f living space, 740 s/f covered porches, double garage. 198' beach frontage on 2 lot parcel. Fantastic elevated views along entire Treasure Cay Beach. **\$2,300,000.**
- "Tranquility" # 1307 - 4 bed, 5 bath, tastefully furnished 2 level canal home on 2 lots. 3,580 s/f under roof, plus decks/balconies. 90' canal frontage, dock, boat lift, Great water views, excellent condition. **\$2,200,000.**
- Cutwater Way Canal Home - #1524 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 3,600 s/f home on Brigantine Bay. Newly built in 2008, elegantly furnished, many upgraded features. 144' bulkhead, 70' dock, boat lift. **\$1,995,000.**
- "Turquoise" - #1696 - Ocean Blvd 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2,127 s/f furnished beach home on 1.5 acre parcel with 170' of sandy Treasure Cay Beach frontage. **\$1,899,000.**
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- # 2084 - Thompson Beach Cottage - 3 bed, 2 bath turnkey furnished beachfront home on Windward Beach. 19,000 s/f parcel with 103' sandy beach frontage. Spectacular sea views **\$1,150,000.**
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- "Dolphin Watch" - Galleon Bay - # 1534 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath furnished home (including 2 bed, 2 bath guest cottage). Total 2,800 s/f living space. 18,000 s/f parcel, 74' bulkheaded canal frontage with dock. **\$949,000.**

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- Treasure House # 2 - #1777 - 2 bed, 2 bath topsider style 1,000 s/f furnished beachside villa. Exceptional elevated Sea & beach views. Close to beach & pool. **\$569,000.**
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- Treasure House # 11 - # 1592 - Delightful 2 bed, 2 bath comfortably furnished 1,000 s/f Topsider style beachside villa. Community pool, well maintained villa. Exceptional sea & beach views. **\$549,995.**
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- Beach Villa # 715 - # 2072 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 950 s/f turn-key furnished beachfront villa. Well maintained, excellent vacation rental income potential. **\$499,000.**
- Ocean Villa 916 - #1737 - 2 bed, 2 bath "turn-key" 900 s/f furnished villa. Unobstructed sea views. Close to beach. Good vacation rental potential. **\$429,995.**
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**Condos**

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- Royal Palm # 2435 - # 1881 - 3 bed, 3 bath 2nd level turn-key furnished 1,264 s/f harbourfront condo. Well maintained end unit. Sensational marina views **\$499,000.**
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# Business

## Dept. of Agriculture sells livestock at Expo



By Canishka Alexander

Andrew Pinder, officer in charge of the Livestock Production at the Department of Agriculture's Gladstone Road Agricultural Centre, was in charge of the animals that were brought over to the Agribusiness Expo in April. With regard to livestock development, Mr. Pinder, who is an Abaco native, said that there are a number of goals that they are focused on.

The first step in meeting their goals at GRAC is the availability of their Breeding Center, which provides full breeds of animals recommended for our country like pigs, goats and cattle. The animals are provided to farmers at a low cost to minimize the need to import, and therefore reduce the risks of importing diseases.

The second goal is the Demonstration Farm, which is open to students and the

general public for them to observe how a farm is operated.

Third on the list is the Resource Center, which provides information on what to do and how to do it in farming. References on sourcing materials and supplies are also provided. Extension Services include farm visits, onsite tours, and seminars and symposiums on farming to assist farmers on improving production. Feed is also supplied to farmers for their livestock, and Mr. Pinder said that approximately 75 percent of livestock operations operational costs goes toward feed. However, to lessen the expense on farmers with livestock, they offer feed at a much lower cost than the United States.

Mr. Pinder said that all the animals that they had brought over to the Expo have been sold. The Department of Agriculture focuses on breeds of sheep and goat that can adapt to our warm climate and that are frequently requested by farmers.



Sheep, goats, ducks and pigs were among the livestock displayed at the Agribusiness Expo.

## Nubian Styles now in new location

Business increases with move to downtown Marsh Harbour

By Samantha Evans

Nubian Styles has been moved from Queen Elizabeth Drive to the B&L Plaza in Marsh Harbour, due to parking issues and location, according to owner Micheline Edwards.

Ms. Edwards and her husband knew that they needed to move and happened to stumble upon a vacant spot. Once they met with the owner of the plaza, they moved in.

Ms. Edwards is excited that they have moved as Marsh Harbour is considered to be the hub of Abaco.

Now that they are in a prime location, business has increased tremendously as new clients continue to support the business.

Nubian Styles is running a spring special on extensions and are promoting their loyalty card which affords frequent customers a 30% discount after their fifth visit.

Nubian Styles specializes in natural hair including locks, waxing, and natural braiding. They can also lock perm hair as well.

Since they have moved, they have added beauty supplies including hair. Scarfs and branded t-shirts will be added soon as well.

Nubian Styles now has new business hours- Monday to Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday and Fridays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They can be reached at 367-0040.

## Abacom now offering e-books

By Mirella Santillo

E-books are now being offered at Abacom computer stores and by owner Malcom Spicer.

By daily adding up to 150 e-books, Mr. Spicer gradually built up a library of over 50,000 books and 10,000 magazines and comics. Books include all popular fiction, New York Time's best sellers, educational books for teachers and students on every topic and every Superman comic since 1938, every Batman since 1940 and all the series of X-Men.

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## Compete Caribbean to develop entrepreneurs Agriculture, energy and IT among underdeveloped areas

By Eric Albury

The Compete Caribbean program can allow entrepreneurs throughout The Bahamas, including Abaco, and the Caribbean to secure up to \$100,000 in return for developing innovative business ideas.

The program is partnered with the Caribbean Idea Marketplace, a business competition platform that urges entrepreneurs to generate employment and economic opportunities through building partnerships.

Winston Rolle, the CEO of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Federation, said that the Bahamas has not been able to take advantage of programs such as Compete Caribbean.

"As time goes on, I think people need to become even more aware of these opportunities and be prepared to embrace them," said Mr. Rolle. "In the past, people didn't feel we were eligible because of our gross domestic product in comparison to other countries in the Caribbean, putting us in a different position."

Mr. Rolle revealed that the countries' GDP doesn't really have anything to do with accessing these programs.

"It is about looking for companies that can benefit as a result or initiatives that they support," said Mr. Rolle.

The program will span five years and cost up to \$40 million dollars. Compete Caribbean will provide technical assistance grants and investment funding to support business development activities, including productive development policies, business climate reforms, clustering initiatives and small-and-medium-sized enterprise.

Funding for the program is being provided by Inter-American Development Bank, the Canadian International Development Agency and the United Kingdom Department.

Mr. Rolle said that there are a number of areas that the Bahamas can tap into under Compete Caribbean, including agriculture, renewable energy and information technology.

The program invites any entrepreneurs and companies from the Caribbean, USA, Canada and the United Kingdom to apply. Criteria for eligibility can be found at [www.competecaribbean.org](http://www.competecaribbean.org).

The deadline for applications is set for May 31.



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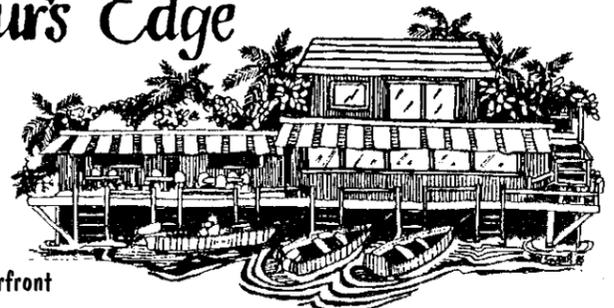
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# Further Business

## Abaco Chamber of Commerce speaks

*Business opportunities in Cuba*

*By: Rosnell Parker-Simmons*

With less than two hours of flying time from Nassau, and only 50 miles separating the two countries from their nearest borders, Cuba, to many Bahamians, still evokes scenes of a country of mystery and intrigue. Cuba and its potential as a business destination has largely been a well-kept secret.

This past week, through a thorough and informative presentation, the Abaco Chamber of Commerce was graced with the presence of Cuban Ambassador to The Bahamas, H. E. Ernesto Soberón Guzmán. His presentation dispelled any thoughts that might have prevailed about Cuba's Business Economy, being anything other than a vast, vibrant and extremely diversified one.

According to World Atlas, Havana, the capital city of Cuba with a population of over 2 million people, is the second largest city in the Caribbean. It is home to approximately 109 diplomatic offices from around the world whose people have long since tapped in to its foreign trade.

In 2011 Cuba's exports showed an increase of 41.5 percent. As an open market, it conducts business with more than 3,000 foreign companies located in over 170 countries. Europe, Asia and The Middle East form 44percent of its partners in foreign trade. Countries such as Canada, Spain, Germany and China are some of its strongest trading partners.

An immediate and primary focus for its foreign trade is to increase and consoli-

date its income from goods and services, by providing more value added, technical content and quality to its exports.

Among others, traditional sectors of industry include manufacturing, construction and communication; however Cuba has a vibrant new sector of industries including biotechnology and tourism.

In its health industry, Cuba's very comprehensive health services and patient care has positioned it as a very selective health tourism destination. In fact health tourism has seen a rise, as globally, many foreign patients travel there for a wide array of excellent, yet affordable services. Health personnel training and rehabilitative and neurological restorative care is a popular service in Cuba's health care industry.

Cuba has long since had a rich agricultural industry. In developing its foreign trade, Cuba has positioned itself well, having emerged as a trusted resource for the environmentally conscious by manufacturing natural products such as bio fertilizers and bio insecticides.

Among many other export products, such as rum, furniture, arts, crafts and cigars, an extensive listing of Cuba's exports would include nutritional products, farming technologies and agro industrial products and services, medical equipment and furnishings, health personnel training, project implementation and installation for construction, electrical and environmental projects- including renewable energies, heavy equipment for the construction and agricultural industry and technical training

and assistance for businesses in many disciplines.

Tourism in Cuba is on the rise and accounts for 35 percent of its revenue. This growth has brought opportunities for foreign investments in a number of tourism related areas such as golf course development and international marinas.

Ambassador Guzmán does not see the Bahamas as a competitor in the Tourism Industry. Instead, with a global view to developing their markets, there could actually be advantages gained by working together, because of the countries' close proximity to each other. He said that "Cuba has mountains and Bahamas has islands, with beaches that are all unique." Designing travel packages where people from the other side of the world could get to see both countries, while on a trip to Cuba or a trip to the Bahamas, would add value for both countries.

Other foreign investment opportunities are enthusiastically sought in the oil industry, in areas such as oil exploration, mining in areas such as geological prospecting of gold and copper, and in energy capacities of wind and hydroelectric plants.

The Havana International Fair is an annual event which focuses on showcasing Cuba's products to foreign markets.

It attracts thousands of prospective buyers from around the globe. This year it is scheduled for November 4-12. It is one of the few markets where East and West converge for economic exchange.

According to Ambassador Guzmán, shipping logistics is the greatest hurdle for the Bahamian entrepreneur, as a well developed shipping line between the two countries does not exist. However, there are numerous businesses in the Bahamas that airfreight their goods, utilizing the six regularly scheduled flights between Nassau and Cuba each week. Abaconians will be pleased to know, that they can leave Abaco on an early morning flight and be in Cuba in the afternoon. The same applies for the return trip home; making Cuba another option for those desiring a weekend getaway.

Business opportunities in Cuba are numerous. In essence, if you can think of a service or its derivative, it is available for you in Cuba.

For further details on "Business Opportunities in Cuba," please contact your local Abaco Chamber of Commerce at 367-6297.



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# Further Business

## Entrepreneur Watch

### Sir Q's Unique Boutique

By Samantha Evans

Damian Charlton, college graduate of sociology and biology and now an entrepreneur, has moved to Abaco to pursue his dream of opening a unique boutique which he calls Sir Qs.

Located in Murphy Town, on the corner of the T-Junction next to DNE'EEs Quick Stop Convenient Store, Mr. Charlton is open for business as the site barber.

Mr. Charlton has been coming back and forth to Abaco for the past ten months but just got a chance to open his own shop a few months ago.

Besides cutting hair, he shapes up eyebrows, and makes jewelry. Mr. Charlton makes unique necklaces, headbands, and rings out of feathers, beer bottle caps and natural products.

In the coming months, Mr. Charlton hopes to expand his business into a unique oasis that will cater to men, women, and children.

Sir Q's is open every day 10 am to 8:30 pm. Mr. Charlton can be reached by calling 458-8188.

### Soda tab handbags

By Samantha Evans

Ms. Rapeepan Cash is from Thailand where she worked as an accountant for approximately ten years. When she got married and moved to Abaco, she stated that she needed something to do and being impressed by the many natural resources easily found on the island, she started making jewelry out of sea glass and shells.

Ms. Cash said that while surfing the Internet, she came across a unique form of art used to make purses using soda tabs and magazine. This art form was so amazing to her that she tried it and since she had been crocheting all of her life, she had no problem teaching herself how to make these bags.

By using natural resources and now soda tabs, Ms. Cash sees herself as helping the environment by recycling items. She started making the soda tab bags in October last year and since then has sold out every time.

Those interested in finding out more about her work can call 367-6619 or 475-1793.

## DNE'EEs Enterprises is transforming Murphy Town's business scene

Jacqueline Estevez provides catalyst for area's entrepreneurs

By Samantha Evans

Jacqueline Estevez, former banker now business woman, has a plan to turn the Murphy Town site where she has her store - DNE'EEs Quick Stop Convenient Store - into the native hub of the area.

What Ms. Estevez has envisioned is coming to fruition as more and more business-minded young men and women are approaching her to become a part of her vision. To date, she has a conch salad stand, native food stall, barber shop, boutique and tattoo parlor, beauty salon and laundry mat on site. She plans to open the fruit and vegetable stall in the coming weeks to give local farmers a way to sell their native products.

There are several projects on the drawing board including a children's corner where kids can come to engage in crafts, art, and other activities.

Ms. Estevez also plans to add a booth

that sells ice cream, hot dogs, hamburgers and other stuff that kids like.

Even though much work is being done, Ms. Estevez stated that the people she has rented booths to are very enterprising and are still doing much to improve upon their individual spaces. She also said that someone has approached her about building a miniature golf course on some of the remaining property.

All of the booths she has on site have been rented already, but others continue to express interest. Ms. Estevez is looking to determine how she can make more booths available.

Ms. Estevez stated that persons who are interested in applying for consideration must have a positive attitude, a business plan, a good background and be able to sell their plan to her. They can reach Mrs. Estevez by calling 225-2665.



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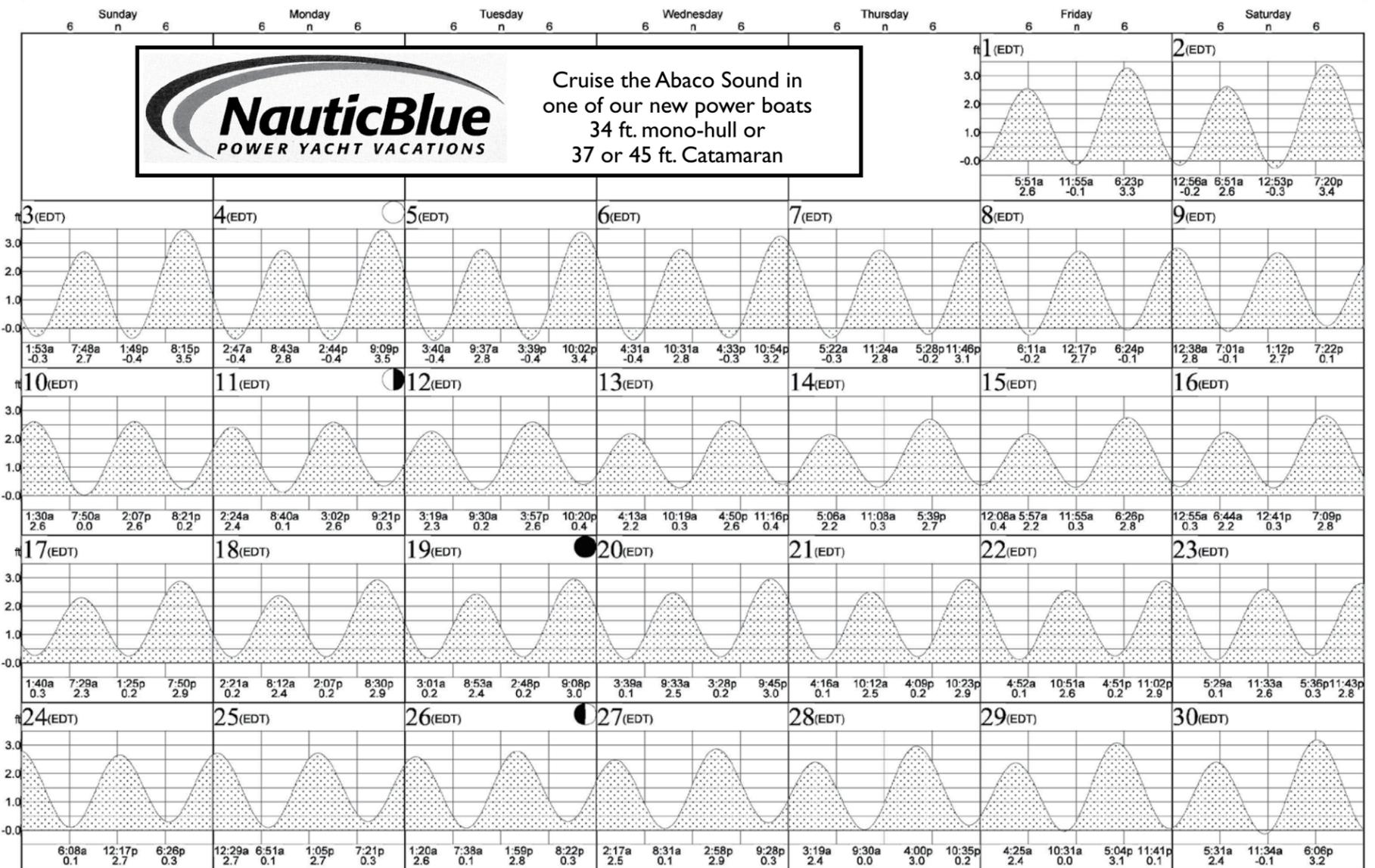


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# Further Business

## BAIC pushes for agriculture in Abaco Cherokee man proves viability of soil

By Lee Pinder

One local farmer, Bateman Sands, retired Batelco employee, grew a 9 1/2 pound sweet potato in his back yard. He also grows cauliflower, onions, several different variety of peppers, beets, carrots, pumpkin, green peppers, tomatoes, pineapples, bananas, citrus, sugar apples, mangoes and avocados. Every inch of his yard is utilized with something growing, including many beautiful types of flowers and herbs.

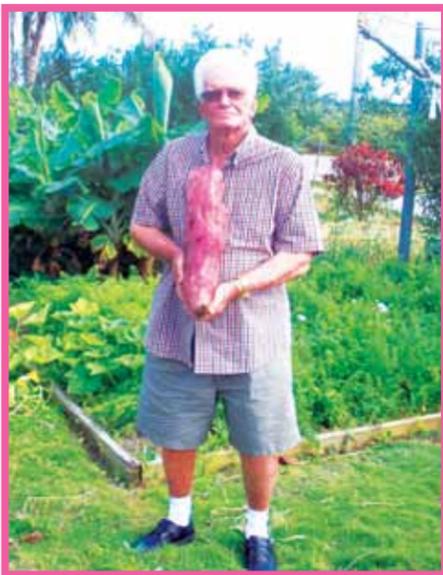
The people of Cherokee people have been nearly self-sufficient. Almost every household grew something to eat in a nearby field, and, of course, they could always rely on the many things out of the sea.

Without easy access to a well-supplied food stores and depended instead on the weekly mail-boat out of Nassau they had to make do with what was readily available. Those early settlers were probably healthier than today and didn't know anything about "take out" or "junk food".

Countries must try to feed themselves. We are fortunate in that we live in the tropics with an almost vacant arid land and plenty of sun-shine, two of the most important ingredients for growing.

The Abaco Department of Agriculture, under the chairmanship of Edison

Key, has been advocating home growing for years. Now with the near completion of the new open-air marketplace in Marsh Harbour, many local farmers have easy access to a clean and available venue to showcase and sell their produce to local customers.



Above: Bateman Sands, a retiree living in Cherokee Sound, produced a nine and a half pound sweet potato from his garden. BAIC has been making a push to revive agriculture in Abaco to reduce the country's enormous food import bill, Mr. Sands shows what can be accomplished in our soil.

e-books From Page 18

book, Kindle, iPad, Nooks and Sony Readers.

Having been an educator for many years, Mr. Spicer was concerned about the lack of reading material on the island. According to him, there was not enough choice of magazines and books available on Abaco to serve the needs of the public and he is hoping that the large inventory of his reading supply will rouse the interest of the residents and increase the number of people reading.

There is a library for books and magazines and one library for comics. Mr. Spicer will download them for his customers on their device or sell them on a flash drive. All are available in PDF, MOBI, Epub, DOC and LIT formats.

## BPC's drilling licenses suspended

By Eric Albury

-Quotes Courtesy The Nassau Guardian-

The government rejected the Bahamas Petroleum Company's bid to renew drilling licenses on May 2. Nearly \$300,000 in "rental fees" was returned.

In a statement from the Ministry of the Environment, they claim to have denied rental fees, which contradicts what BPC have stated on their website of all five licenses being renewed.

"Upon receipt of legal advice, this ministry advised BPC that it is presently

unable to accept rental fees for the year of April 2012-2013, as the government has yet to determine its course of action in connection with the license renewal," the statement said.

But, according to BPC's website, its licenses were renewed on April 27. Furthermore, it said they were committed to drilling an exploratory well by no later than April of next year.

"The current exploration licenses are in their second (of four) renewal period," said BPC. "Under the terms of the renewal, which became effective on April 27, 2012, the company has committed to spud an exploration well by April 26, 2013."

Winston Rolle the CEO of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation, said that oil drilling has become "political football," and that waiting until after the elections are over would be the best course of action to separate it from the political field.

Mr. Rolle expressed deep regret that the oil drilling issue has been "battered around" for the international community to see, possibly affecting investors.

"It is very unfortunate," he said. "This is an international traded company. There are a number of investors that might be asking if this is how business is conducted in the Bahamas."





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# Further Business

## New bar & grill opens on Marsh Harbour strip



Above: the management and staff of Rum Runners. Located in Marsh harbour across from Memorial plaza, this restaurant and grill is focused on late-night and weekend service.

On May 4 Rum Runners, a new bar and grill located in Marsh Harbour, held it's grand opening. Rum Runners is found across from Memorial Plaza sharing a building with Abaco Medicenter. It is open on weekends serving grill food throughout the day and evening.

The business is originally from Grand Bahama. The management and staff indicated they were excited to serve Abaco and

noted how nice things were on the island. The bar area is comfortably furnished and well-staffed. Outside in the back is an expansive deck area.

Drinks and food are competitively priced. The grill remains open throughout the late evening allowing patrons to enjoy grilled snacks and entrees. Sports and entertainment channels play on the several television sets in the bar area.

## As BTC readies 4G network; an explanation of the technology

By Timothy Roberts

As Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) prepares to roll-out their 4G upgrade to their cellular data package we need to understand what exactly that means to us, the consumers.

After launching their 4G network, offering maximum download speeds of up to 8Mbps, in New Providence and Grand Bahama in December 2011 BTC announced that Abaco would receive the service by

the third quarter of 2012 as a part of their \$43 million investment in network development.

Consumers preparing to purchase phones for use on the upcoming 4G network need to know a few things before purchasing.

Although BTC has marketed the new network as 4G, the technology is actually an incremental improvement of the W-CDMA platform known as HSDPA (High-

Speed Downlink Packet Access) and is more commonly referred to as 3.5G.

The term 4G, which stands for fourth generation, causes a bit of confusion because there is no true 4G service anywhere in the world that meets the international telecommunication union's standards. Using the name 4G is a marketing term similar to calling EDGE a 2G network and not

a 2.5G network; 4G in essence means that it's faster than 3G speeds.

Telecoms such as AT&T and T-Mobile also run the HSDPA Network so if you buy your phone in the United States the ones compatible with these networks will work here in The Bahamas as well.

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Island-wide Abaco Listings		
Abaco Cottage +	114 hse	366-0576
Abaco Vacation Planner +	25 hse	367-3529
Cherokee		
Lee Pinder +	3 hse	366-2053
Marina Albury Cottages	5 cottages	366-2075
Grand Cay		
Rosie's Place		352-5458
Green Turtle Cay		
Barefoot Homes	14 hse	577-4092
Bluff House Club	12 units	365-4247
Cocobay Cottages	6 cott	800-752-0166
Green Turtle Club	35 rm	365-4271
Island Properties +	34 hse	365-4047
New Plymouth Inn	9 rm	365-4161
Ocean Blue Properties +	34	365-4636
Other Shore Club		365-4226
Roberts Cottages	3 cott	365-4105
Guana Cay		
Dive Guana +	11 hse	365-5178
Dolphin Bch Resort	4 rm 10 cott.	365-5137
Guana Sunset Beach	13 units	365-5133
Ocean Frontier	6 cott	519-389-4846
Ward's Landing	4 units	904-982-2762
Ruth Sands +	9 hse	365-5140
Hope Town		
Abaco Inn	22 rm	366-0133
Crystal Villas	5 villas	321-452-0164
Elbow Cay Prop +	53 hse	366-0035
Hope T Harb Lodge	25 rm	366-0095
Hope T Hideaways +	63 hse	366-0224
Hope Town Inn	6 rm 4 Villas	366-0003
Hope T Villas +	3 hse	366-0266
Lighthouse Rentals	4 cott	366-0154
Sea Gull Cottages +	4 hse	366-0266
Sea Spray Resort	6 villas	366-0065
Tanny Key +	43 hse	366-0053
Turtle Hill	4 villas	366-0557

Lubbers Quarters		
Sea Level Cottages	4 hse	366-3121
Man-O-War		
Island Home Rentals +	2 hse	365-6048
Schooner's Landing	5 condos	365-6072
Waterway Rentals +	14 hse	365-6143
Marsh Harbour area		
Abaco Beach Resort	82 rms	367-2158
Abaco Real Estate +	6 hse	367-2719
Abaco Towns	16 apts	367-0148
Ambassador Inn	6 rms	367-2022
Bustick Bight Resort	8 rms	367-3980
Conch Inn	9 rms	367-4000
Living Easy +	16 hse	367-2202
Island Breezes Motel	8 rms	367-3776
Lofty Fig Villas	6 eff	367-2681
Pelican Beach Villas	6 cott	367-3600
Regattas	32 apts	577-6764
HG Christie +	11 hse	367-4151
Sandy Point		
Oeisha's Resort		366-4139
Pete & Gay's Resort	14 rm	366-4119
Rickmon's Bonefishing	10 rm	800-628-1447
Spanish Cay		
Spanish Cay Resort	18 rm 6 hse	365-0083
Treasure Cay		
Bahama Beach Club	88 units	365-8500
Brigantine Bay Villas	5 units	877-786-8455
Treasure Cay Resort +	95 rms	365-8801
Mark's Bungalows	4 units	365-8506
Abaco Estate Services		365-8752
Turtle Rock		
Villas at Palmetto Beach	3 villas	262-820-1900
Wood Cay		
Tangelo Hotel	14 rm 1 villa	365-2222

Web Sites with Abaco Information

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Aaron has served as the worship pastor at Grace Fellowship Church (Atlanta, GA) for the past eight years. His heart is to restore the Word of God to the foundation of corporate worship, and to see a shift in the next generation of worship leaders to becoming more biblically empowered worship pastors. Aaron's band travels internationally, leading worship and coaching worship leaders as the Lord gives opportunity, and Aaron works with Kinsey Music from the United Kingdom. Aaron and his wife of 11 years, Megan, have four sons - Cooper, Judah, Tyler, and Lincoln. Aaron and Megan are loving their lives and excited about their next season of life, love, and discipleship.

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**Sunday, May 20 ~ 11:00 PM - 12:30 PM**

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### Emergency Services

Police - Marsh Harbour	367-2560 • 911
B. Electricity Corp	367-2727, 367-2846, 367-4667
Water & Sewerage	475-1499, 475-5518

**The following services are provided by volunteers**

Fire - Marsh Harbour	367-2000
Fire - Hope Town VHF Ch 16 • Fire - Green Turtle Cay	365-4133
Fire - Man-O-War	365-6911
Treasure Cay Fire & Rescue	365-9111
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc - all areas	Marine VHF 16
Hope Town	366-0500 Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay	365-5178 Treasure Cay 365-8749

### Medical Services

Abaco Family Medicine Marsh Harbour	367-2295
Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic	367-0020
Integrated Medical Center	367-1304
Emergency	458-1234
Marsh Harbour Medical Centre	367-0049
Government Clinic Marsh Harbour	367-2510
Corbett Clinic Treasure Cay	365-8288
Government Clinic Cooper's Town	365-0300
Government Clinic Green Turtle Cay	365-4028
Government Clinic Hope Town	366-0108
Government Clinic Sandy Point	366-4010
Government Clinic Fox Town	365-2172

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### Airlines Serving Abaco

Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
Air Gate Aviation - Daytona/New Smyrna	367-3636
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
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Western Air - Nassau	367-3722
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Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-3450

### Dive Shops

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

### Taxi Cab Fares one or two passengers

Extra \$3 for each passengers above two

• Marsh Harbour Airport to: Effective Dec 08

Clinic, Downtown, Stop Light,	\$10
Ab Bch Resort, Eastern Shore close, Ferry	\$15
Spring City	\$15
Dundas Town, Nat Ins Bldg, C Abaco Primary Sch	\$15
Murphy Town & Great. Cistern	\$20
Snake Cay	\$35
Casuarina Point	\$60
Cherokee, Winding Bay, Little Harbour	\$80
Bahama Palm Shore	\$90
Crossing Rocks	\$105
Sandy Point	\$150
Leisure Lee	\$50
Treasure Cay Airport, G Turtle ferry	\$80
Treasure Cay Resort	\$85
Fox Town	\$165

• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:  
Clinic, downtown, Ab Beach Hotel \$ 10  
Nat. Ins. Bldg, Murphy Town, Gr. Cistern \$10

Wait time \$0.40 per minute, Hourly rate \$40 per hour  
Children under three - free • Caged pets - as people  
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• Treasure Cay Airport to: Effective Dec 08

Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$10
Madeira Park	\$20
Sand Banks	\$25
Treasure Cay Resort	\$30
Leisure Lee	\$45
Black Wood	\$20
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$40
Cedar Harbour	\$60
Wood Cay	\$70
Mount Hope	\$80
Fox Town	\$85
Crown Haven	\$90
Marsh Harbour airport	\$80

Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$80
Treasure Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$85
Treasure Cay Hotel to Green Turtle Ferry	\$25
Treasure Cay Hotel to Blue Hole	\$30

### Ferry Schedules - Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes, Guana Cay - 30 minutes

**Albury's Ferry Service** - Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 - VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch

Marsh Harbour>Hope Town	7:15am	9:00am	10:30am	12:15pm	2:00pm	4:00pm	5:45pm
Return:	8:00 am	9:45am	11:30am	1:30pm	3:00pm	4:00pm	5:00pm

Marsh Harbour>Man-O-War 10:30am 12:15pm 2:30pm\* 4:00pm 5:45pm  
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
Return:	8 am	11:30am	2:30pm	4:45pm

Fare • Adult prepaid one way \$17 / open return \$27, • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free (Phone after hours 359-6861)  
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**Green Turtle Ferry** • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride

T Cay Airport>Green T Cay	8:30am	10:30am	11:30am	1:30pm	2:30pm	3:30pm	4:30pm	5:00pm
Return:	8am	9am	11am	12:15pm	1:30pm	3:00pm	4:30pm	

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**Abaco Adventures** - Ph 365-8749 or 375-8123 VHF Ch 16 Charters Available

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### Attractions

Albert Lowe Museum	Green Turtle Cay
Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits	Green Turtle Cay
Memorial Sculpture Garden	Green Turtle Cay
Wyanne Malone Historical Museum	Hope Town
Elbow Cay Light Station	Hope Town
Swim Mermaid Reef off Marsh Harbour	Pelican Shore
Drive to & swim in Blue Hole	Treasure Cay farm road
Art studio & working foundry	Little Harbour
Working boatyards	Man-O-War cay

### Pocket Beaches

- Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour
- Witches Point - 3 miles S. of Marsh Harbour
- Little Harbour - 20 miles S. of Marsh Harbour
- Cherokee - 23 miles S of Marsh Harbour

### Miles of beach (most exposed to ocean)

- Treasure Cay • Green Turtle Cay • Guana Cay • Elbow Cay
- Man-O-War Cay • Casuarina Point • Bahama Palm Shore
- Sandy Point & more

### Items of interest

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

### Charter Boats

Lucky Strike - Hope Town	366-0101
Sea Gull - Hope Town	366-0266
A Salt Weapon - Hope Town	366-0245
Down Deep	366-3143
Local Boy	366-0528
Back Breaker	365-5140

### Abaco Marinas - Slips - Fuel - Phone

#### Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House	45	F	365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32	F	365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15		365-4531
Other Shore Club	12	F	365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10	F	365-4033

#### Treasure Cay

Treasure Cay Marina	150	F	365-8250
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#### Man-O-War

Man-O-War Marina	26	F	365-6008
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#### Marsh Harbour

Boat Harbour Marina	183	F	367-2158
Conch Inn	75	F	367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36	F	367-2182
Mangoes Marina	29		367-4255
Marsh Harbour Marina	52	F	367 2700

#### Hope Town

Hope Town Marina	16		366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways			366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6	F	366-0154
Sea Spray	60	F	366-0065

#### Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Marina	75	F	365-0083
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#### Guana Cay

Bakers Bay Marina	158	F	365-5802
Guana Hide-aways	37		577-0003
Orchid Bay	64	F	365-5175

Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour

### Tours & Excursions

Abaco Eco Tours & Kayak rental	475-9616
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
Abaco Neem • Marsh Harbour	367-4117
Abaco's Nature Adventure	577-0004
Above & Below • Marsh Harbour	367-0350
Adventure on Prozac - T Cay	365-8749
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay	365-4411
C & C Charters - Treasure Cay	365-8506
Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Excursion boat, Froggies • Hope Town	366-0024

### Bikes & Scooters • Boats Cars & Cart Rentals

#### Marsh Harbour

A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
Abaco Dorado Boat Rentals	367-1035
B & B Boat Rentals	367-7368
Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Cruise Abaco	577-0148
Quality Star Car Rentals (Texaco)	367-2979
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
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Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887
The Moorings Boat Rentals	367-4000

#### Green Turtle Cay

Brendals Dive Bikes & Kayak rental	365-4411
C & D Cart Rental	365-4084
Cruising Cart Rentals	365-4065
D & P Cart Rental	365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals	365-4119
Kool Karts	365-4176
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts & Bikes	365-4147
T & A Cart Rentals	375-8055

#### Guana Cay

Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Dive Guana Boats & Bikes	365-5178
Orchid Bay Cart rentals	354-5175

#### Lubbers Quarters

Cruise Abaco	321-220-8796
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#### Man-O-War

Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6502
Ria-Mar Golf Cart Rentals	365-6024
Waterways Boat Rental	357-6540 & 365-6143

#### Hope Town

Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Elbow Cay Cart	366-0530
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
J R's Cart Rental	366-0361
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069

#### Treasure Cay

Adventure on Prozac - Kayak	365-8749
Blue Marlin Rentals	365-8687
Cash's Carts	365-8771
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals	365-8582
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749

### Restaurant Guide

Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper  
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#### Marsh Harbour

Abaco Pizza	\$	367-4488
Anglers	\$\$\$	367-2158
Blue Marlin	\$	367-2002
Curly Tails	\$\$\$	367-4444
Gino's	\$	367-7272
Golden Grouper	\$	367-2301
Island Family Rest	\$	367-3778
Java Coffee House	\$	367-5523
Jamie's Place	\$	367-2880
Jib Room	\$\$	367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	\$	367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$	367-2366
Pop's Place +	\$	367-3796
Snack Shack +	\$	367-4005
Snappas	\$\$	367-2278
Wallys	\$\$\$	367-2074

#### Hope Town

Abaco Inn	\$\$\$	366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$\$	366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$\$	366-0087
HT Coffee House (B & L)	\$	366-0760
HT Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$	366-0095
Munchies	\$	366-0423
OnDa Beach	\$\$	366-0558
Sea Spray †	\$\$	366-0065
Sugar Shack +	\$	366-0788

#### Little Harbour

Pete's Pub	\$\$	366-3503
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#### Lubber's Quarter

Cracker P's	\$\$	366-3139
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#### Man-O-War

Dock'n Dine	\$	365-6139
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#### Guana Cay

Baker's Bay - Market Place	\$\$\$	612-1021
Grabbers	\$\$	365-5133
Nippers	\$\$	365-5143
Orchid Bay	\$\$\$	365-5175

#### Treasure Cay

Coco Beach Bar & Grill	\$	365-8470
Florence's Cafe	\$	365-8354
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$	365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$	365-8195
Treasure Sands Club	\$\$\$	365-9385

#### Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House	\$\$\$	365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$	365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$	365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	\$\$	365-4389
Laura's Kitchen	\$	365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$	365-4625
Miss Emily's Restaurant	\$\$	365-4181
New Plymouth Inn	\$\$	365-4161
Pineapple Restaurant Bar & Grill	\$\$	365-4039
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# The Abaconian

## SECTION B



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# Students' art focuses on community



*By Canishka Alexander*

According to Principal Huel Moss of S.C. Bootle High School, students of the school's Grade 10 art class began working on a mural project as a part of a unit on mural design.

After studying muralist painter Diego Rivera, students were inspired to create a mural of their own. Supervised by Tiffany Williams, art teacher, she explained that these large paintings usually tell a story, so the students sought to create a story they would want to be depicted visually.

"The designs of these proposals were based on the pop art style of Brazilian artist Romero Britto. After presenting their proposed designs to the class, the students along with [myself] carefully selected the best designs," Ms. Williams said. "This was done based on the students' awareness of their audience, which is the school and the wider community."

As a result, Davonia Jones along with Lauryn Pritchard, Aaliyah Outten, Jensen Petit-Fere, and Patrica Pritchard spearheaded the mural design that was chosen. The theme shown in this mural design is based on being "community minded."

Ms. Williams said that based on events taking place in our society today, students are given the impression that we as a people are not looking out for each other. Therefore, they wanted to express how colourful our world would be if we would just show love and give each other a helping hand.

Please see Mural

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## All three party leaders visit Abaco in weeks leading up to election



Above: Branville McCartney waves to the crowd of DNA supporters and onlookers along with his local candidates Sonith Lockhart, for the North, and Roscoe Thompson III, for Central and South.

Below: The Right Honourable Perry Christie hoists his local candidates, Gary Sawyer and Renardo Curry, in front of the "Gold Rush" event in Marsh Harbour on May 2.



The Progressive Liberal Party, the Free National Movement and the Democratic National Alliance each held a mass rally on Abaco in the final weeks of the election cycle. Each party leader arrived to address the crowds and endorse their party's local candidates. The PLP and DNA rallies were held in Marsh Harbour and the FNM rally was held in Coopers Town.



Above: The Right Honourable Hubert Ingraham reaches out to a crowd of supporters after finishing his speech on April 28. Mr. Ingraham reminded his home town about his grandmother's influence on his growth and his plans for the country.

## Bahamas National Trust organizes park cleanup on Abaco

By Mirella Santillo

According to the National Park Warden, Mr. Marcus Davis, a lot of work was achieved on May 5 when a large group of adults and students from five local schools—members of GGYA from Abaco Central High School, two students from Forest Heights Academy, a student from Man of War School, two students from Cyber Learning Center and twenty students from S C Bootle High School, answered the call for help from officials of the Bahamas National Trust. The volunteers were to work in the National Park, South of Crossing

Rocks, cutting trails, weeding, picking up trash and painting signs and outdoor furniture.

The volunteers were divided in groups who were taken by trucks to various focal points. A contingent of ten people was taken to route 45 to cut a trail through the coppice up to the sea and through Parrot Hill. Another group cleaned around a blue hole located on route 53. Others concentrated on picking up trash on the Hole in the Wall Road, from route 45 to route 14 and between route 35 to 45, gathering approximately twenty bags of thrash

Another group of nine to ten people concentrated on painting signs and waterproofing picnic tables, benches and wooden garbage containers that will be placed on various locations in the Park.

The weather was beautiful and the atmosphere in the National Park was peaceful as usual. Birdwatchers were rewarded with the sighting of a Tropic Bird nesting and a couple of Bahama Mocking birds courting, the male singing away on a branch oblivious of the humans encroaching on his territory.

It was around 3:30pm when the last volunteers left the area.

“Everything has been accomplished,” said Mr. Davis, who added that now his main concern is the maintenance of the trails and predator control to protect the parrots that have started pairing and nesting.”

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“Hence, the design of overlapping hands interacting with each other. Each hand is filled with a unique design representing how unique we are culturally, physically, and economically,” Ms. Williams said. “These hands are the different people we may meet within our lives that we should reach out and lend a helping hand to. The Britto-inspired design spans out to form a heart, which represents the love we create when we lend a helping hand.”

Although the mural project has sparked the interest of their peers and teachers, the current project is a class project so others are not allowed to help the Grade 10 class.

Ms. Williams said that they initially wanted to create two additional murals of the remaining two designs, however, they are working from limited painting supplies.

Nevertheless, she was optimistic that if they can raise funds or receive more painting supplies more murals could be

created on the school campus and possibly within the heart of the community of Cooper’s Town with the assistance of additional students from the school.

## Brittany Archer chosen as Senior Speaker at Florida Southern College Commencement

Press Release

Brittany Nicole Archer was chosen as the Senior Speaker at the Commencement Convocation at Florida Southern College on April 28, 2012.

Ms. Archer, a native of Marsh Harbour, Abaco, The Bahamas, was chosen to speak as representative of the Class of 2012. She was praised by Florida Southern Trustee Nancy Cattarius as a student who had excelled in academics and student leadership.

Ms. Archer received a Bachelor of Arts in Communications cum laude at the ceremony. At FSC, she was a member of several honor societies, including Lambda Chi Eta, a communications honor society, and Pi Kappa Delta, a forensics honor society. Ms. Archer was a member of the Florida Southern Competitive Speech team, and earned first place in After Dinner Speaking at the varsity Pi Kappa Delta National Comprehensive Tournament in March.

In her speech to her fellow graduates, Ms. Archer noted that “a diploma is not a guarantee of self-actualization.”

“Each of us must take the skills, knowledge, and experiences we have acquired and integrate them into our lives and the world around us,” she said.



Above: the group from Cyber Learning Center who helped during the National Park Cleanup. Tyreke Evans, Sandra Flowers (teacher) Level Arnett, Keith Green (teacher), Sharon Green (teacher) and Marcus Davis.

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# School & Youth News

## Success Training College offers degree and scholarship opportunities on Abaco

By Samantha V. Evans

Success Training College held registration for the Spring Semester on April 28 at Abaco Central High School. The program has been on the island of Abaco for almost five years.

New and old students were in attendance as coordinator of the Extended Learning Program, Sharon Rolle, was on-island. She met with all students and gave them class assignments and relevant deadlines. Ms. Rolle then met with the graduating class to confirm their graduation date, which is November 17.

A new class is scheduled to begin on May 5, when the new term begins.

According to Ms. Rolle, they are still offering partial scholarships to churches. She encourages them to submit the names of those active members interested in pursuing a degree to Ms. Enid Whyte, local coordinator, by June 15. Each church can submit three names. The scholarships will be for the fall 2012 semester.

The associate degree programs that will be offered this fall are computer information systems, business administration, accounting, human resources management, and early childhood education. Registration for the fall semester will be begin on June 15.

Other degree programs offered includes bachelors and master programs in conjunction with other universities. Certificate programs are also available.

Success Training College will be offering a scholarship to a graduate of Abaco Central High School for the fall 2012 semester to pursue a degree in one of their programs. The details will be made available to the school principal.

## Essay competition winners announced at Agribusiness Expo

Kajah, Jerona and Shanitra take home prizes

By Canishka Alexander

Agribusiness Expo committee members Ruth Saunders and Josephina Curry announced and awarded the winners of the Essay Competition that was held among students.

Two years ago, the competition was only offered to secondary school students; however, this year the competition was offered to primary, junior and secondary students. As a result, the "Progressing in Food Security" theme was sectioned into three topics.

For primary school students, the topic was: "Why would I like to be a farmer?" Junior high students tackled: "If I were a farmer on Abaco, these are the ways that I would ensure my business was profitable and also meet the needs of the Bahamian public." Finally, the seniors were asked to address: "How best could The Bahamas reduce the amount of imported food and increase its own production?"

Ms. Curry invited Edison Key, executive chairman of BAIC, to assist with the distribution of awards. Instead of cash prizes this year, the committee chose electronics as prizes to reward the students.

The primary school winner was Kajah Pinder, a student from James A. Pinder Primary School. She received a notebook. Next, Jerona Stuart of S.C. Bootle High School was chosen as the junior winner and was given a Kindle Fire. Agape Christian School student Shanitra McKenzie was the senior winner, and she received a Samsung Notebook.

## S.C. Bootle students win MUNS competition

Students will attend United Nations summit



Left to Right: Savannah Cooper, Sherrie Romer, Shavardo Smith, Advisor Mrs. Nadira Kawalram, Vance Poitier, Andquone Burrows and Advisor Ms. Diana Facey

By Canishka Alexander

The 15th Annual Model United Nations Summit Competition sponsored by Rotary International was held in Nassau at the Wyndham Nassau Resort on April 27.

Students from 13 schools in The Bahamas including S.C.Bootle High School and St. Francis De Sales School participated. At the end of the competition, Abaco was victorious on two counts with S.C.Bootle High School in first place, and St.Francis De Sales in second place. Queens College placed third.

S.C. Bootle Principal Huel Moss Jr. called it "a keenly contested competition." Moss and the S.C.Bootle school family extended congratulations to the winning team members: Shavado Smith, Sherrie Romer, Vance Poitier, Savannah Cooper and substitute student Andquone Burrows. He also

commended the hard work of their advisors Nadira Kawalram and Diana Facey.

The S.C. Bootle students will travel to New York with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and a delegation in the summer to the United Nations.

The MUNS competition is a simulation of the United Nations within an academic platform. The objective is to educate, and train the participants in matters relating to civics, issues of globalization, communication and diplomacy. Each school was assigned a country where it took on the role of diplomats and participated in a simulated session of an intergovernmental organization.

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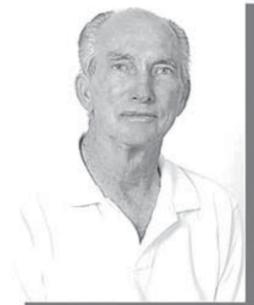
By Eric Albury

The College of the Bahamas has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with State University of New York to be-

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## Agape Christian School wins district's General Knowledge Competition

By Samantha Evans

Six schools took part in the Abaco District General Knowledge Competition held on Wednesday May 1 at St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall.

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## Abaco students among exclusive group to attend Disney Nature Celebration



Seanna Albury and Lorenz Carter attended Disney's Kids and Nature Celebration at Walt Disney World in April.

Out of the thousands of students that are considered every year, they were the only two who were accepted to go, after interviewing for the chance to attend the event.

One hundred children from around the world attended the summit. The weekend was filled with workshops and activities. They were able to hear talks by Jane Goodall, Bob Iger, CEO of Walt Disney and Craig Kielburger, Director of Free the Children.

They had personal breakout sessions with people such as Joe Rohde, Executive Designer and Vice President of the creative Department at Walt Disney who was the lead designer of Disney's Animal Kingdom.

Lorenz Carter, 10, said, "I met children from different countries, backgrounds, ages and languages. It is true that we might be young but we can make a big difference in our communities and countries."

Friends said that without the support of Disney Cruiseline and Disney Animal Programs and Environmental Initiatives, the trip would not have been possible. They also said that the experience made a lasting impact on both of the students, and that they have realized their potential to affect change.

*LEFT: Two lucky students were able to attend Disney's Kids and Nature Celebration at Walt Disney World in April. It was an incredibly difficult task to narrow it down to two students, but Seanna Albury and Lorenz Carter were a deserving pair. Both students shone in their interviews with their enthusiasm and knowledge of the environment; they made great ambassadors for Abaco.*

*Left to Right: Olivia Patterson, FRIENDS; Seanna Albury, Forest Heights Academy; Lorenz Carter, Central Abaco Primary; Wynsome Ferguson, FRIENDS Board member and Ministry of Tourism.*

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The students were asked three rounds of individual questions and five rounds of group or team questions.

The questions came from five categories: Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies and Religious Studies. The students received five points for individual questions and ten points for team questions.

The competition resulted in a tie for third place between Moore's Island All Age School and Long Bay School which had to be broken with a series of questions.

Long Bay School claimed third place. In second place was the team from St. Francis de Sales School. The winner was the team from Agape Christian School that was made up of Caleb Sawyer, Bethany Higgs, Mikayla Marshall and Amilee Sands.

The competition was open to students from Grades 4 to 6. Sandy Edwards organized this competition.

## Winners of KFC Essay Competition are announced

By Canishka Alexander

A brief ceremony was held to commend the winners of St. Francis de Sales School's annual KFC Essay Competition. Georgia Williams, who teaches English and Literature at St. Francis, first congratulated all the students who participated in the competition.

For their essay topics, primary school students were asked to discuss three main ways they could enhance their school, while high school students imagined they were on a committee that had to offer suggestions to empower the youth of Abaco.

Ms. Williams called on Marcus Bethel, CEO of KFC's Abaco branch, to assist with the distribution of the awards. In the primary division: Allaire Johnson placed first and Chloe Sweeting earned second place. Jake Consulta was named the winner in the high school division, and was followed by Marlique Hield in second place.

Mr. Bethel was pleased with the participation of the approximately 30 students in the competition, but he appealed to the remaining students to get involved next year. Like Ms. Williams, he encouraged the students to continue trying for the winning positions. However, he added that putting forth their best effort was most important.

Principal Josephine Kumar was the last to give remarks. She called Mr. Bethel a man of action who holds education close to his heart, and thanked him for his ongoing support and investment in the school through the Essay Competition.

## Shantell Miller celebrated as ACH's Teacher of the Year

By Mirella Santillo

Ms. Shantell Miller, a teacher in the Vocational and Technical Department, who, according to the students and the faculty, was embodying "the Essence of

Excellence," and was awarded the title of Teacher of the Year at Abaco Central High School.

She was recognized during a special assembly that took place on April 25 on the school grounds. Ms. Miller was escorted from her car to the podium on a red carpet and presented gifts from her students and fellow teachers.

The students acted out the whole ceremony. They included the moderators, Gina Raymonville and Olujimi Scott, and the performers, Gary Nicholas, Candace Scott, Lakia Thompson and Bianca Rolle.

The guest speaker, Pastor Ashton McFall, elaborated on the concept of excellence which he said encompassed the principle of accountability and friendship which he likened to the example of Christ: "When we strive to be like Christ, we develop excellence," concluded McFall. "Continue on the path of excellence, Ms. Miller. The school loves you; continue to strive".

Then, students from each grade she taught presented Ms. Miller with a gift. The teachers also gave gifts from the various departments and by the Vice Principal Kevin Hepburn, who in turn offered her a gift on behalf of the administration staff.

Mrs. Miller offered thanks to all, but first, she said, to God, for the opportunity He gave her to be a teacher. She felt it was her duty to educate students for what they will be tomorrow. The ceremony was followed by a gathering and lunch in one of the classrooms.



Shantell Miller, above and left, receives a gift from Yasmin Ginton at a special ceremony honouring Ms. Miller. She was awarded Teacher of the Year at Abaco Central High School because they felt she embodied the "essence of excellence."

## Creative Studios Boutique provides artistic classes for students

By Samantha Evans

At Creative Studios Boutique, Stacey Adderley provides art classes and workshops for students ages 3-18 and also for adults.

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11 at Abaco Central High School. Harmony Williams is working on her first piece for her portfolio, which will focus on different faces of strong Bahamian women.

Ms. Adderley also tutors art for BJC and BGCSE exams. She can also provide art home schooling for children who need it.

A Summer Art Camp will be hosted by Ms. Adderley from July 2 to August 3, but space is limited so persons are advised to register today. The camp will cater to kids ages 3 to 14.

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## Mother-Daughter Spring Affair held by Anglican Women of St. John's

By Samantha Evans

Anglican Church Women of St. John's held a Mother-Daughter Spring Affair at the Anglican Hall on May 4.

This is the first year that the church is hosting such an event which is the brainchild of member Margo Dean.

Tickets were sold which included a mother and daughter with an additional fee added for another daughter to attend.

The women decided to have the event in advance so families can celebrate their mother in their own special way on Mother's Day. On the night of the event, Mother-Daughter games were played, food was offered and tributes presented to the mothers.

A tribute was given by Octavia Dean-McIntosh, who told her mother, Valerie Dean, that she knows all of the sacrifices she makes. She thanked her mom for being her only parent, provider, friend, maid, and confidant. Ms. Dean was moved to tears.

Ms. Dean then gave her sister Margo Dean a gift for spearheading this event on behalf of the Anglican women.

The women of the church prepared the refreshments. Door prizes and surprises were given out through the night.

## S.C. Bootle High honours Dexter James

By Rashida Murray

Extraordinary is the man who drives the big yellow school bus on route to the Green Turtle Cay Ferry Dock on weekdays. Unlike regular school bus drivers nation-wide, Mr. Dexter James tries to appeal and forge an identity with the students by dressing in the full S.C. Bootle High uniform. His attire is always strikingly immaculate and he provides a good example for the other students to emulate.

This initiative did not go unnoticed by the administration, faculty and staff of S.C. Bootle High. Principal Huel F. Moss Jr. honours at least one person every month and on April 23 at Monday morning's assembly, the school honored Mr. James.

In his address at the assembly, Mr. James said, "I want to thank you and especially the children that ride with me."

When asked why he does it, Mr. James said, "I've done what I am doing today for the past 30 years, not drive the bus but I've been developing leadership in people. God has given me the ability to nurture leadership in people."

He closed by blessing the children and told them to remember you are the generation that will change this world.

## St. Francis students participate in annual retreat

By Canishka Alexander

Elmer Bongon, Religious Knowledge teacher at St. Francis de Sales School, explained that the retreat is a part of the spiritual formation of the students. The annual retreat also called "The Recollection" is a one-day retreat or journey with the Lord.

"It is designed for them to look at themselves," he explained. "How is their relation with themselves, with other people and above all, how is their relation with God at this moment?"

Throughout the day, Mr. Bongon facilitated a series of activities that allowed them to reflect on the answers to these pertinent questions. On April 25, Grade 6 and 7 students participated in the retreat, and the following day was set aside for students of Grades 10 to 11. April 30 was reserved for Grades 8 and 9 students. On May 9, a senior retreat is scheduled for the graduating class.

## CAPS Outgoing Teacher of Year celebrated

By Samantha Evans

Central Abaco Primary School honored Robertha Lindsay, Teacher of the Year and the District Teacher of the Year for the past two years, on Friday, April 27 as her term came to an end.

The theme chosen for this occasion was "A Lady of Excellence." The ceremony began with a tribute by one of her former students Kadesha Canton who is now a grade eight student at Abaco Central High School. She spoke of the stern yet gentle way Ms. Lindsay nurtured her and the other students she taught. This was followed by a musical tribute by three former students.

On this day, Ms. Lindsay was showered with much love that came in the form of song, drama, and words of admiration. The Vice Principal of Central Abaco Primary School, Beatrice Moxey, spoke of how Ms. Lindsay is not only an extra special teacher but person too. She is serious about the call on her life to be a teacher, but noted that this young Christian woman also has a heart of gold as she opened her home to Ms. Moxey after her residence was badly damaged by a hurricane some years ago.

Ms. Moxey said she knows that Ms. Lindsay believes that all children can learn and that to touch a child's life is to touch eternity. Hence, she penned the school's motto: "Always in Pursuit of Excellence." The Grade 5 class performed an original dramatization called the "Creation of a Teacher," which spoke about the time God took to create those people he called to teach because he knew that they would have to endure more than the average person.

The dramatization was followed by a poem by Grade 4 entitled "Why God Created Teachers." Students from Grade 5 then presented her with gifts.

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## United States Embassy Visits Hope Town School



By Candace Key

In celebration of Earth Day the United States Embassy Charge d'Affaires Mr. John Dinkelman and other Embassy staff Mr. and Ms. Jea and Ms. Erica Thibault spent the afternoon at Hope Town Primary School.

After a brief Earth Day Assembly, Mr. Dinkelman and group heard from the students how they became certified as the Caribbean's first government school to

receive the UN Green Flag Eco-School rating. The visiting group picked fresh produce from the school garden and were presented with pesto pasta the students made as a snack for the trip home.

Before they left they took part in a native tree planting on the school grounds. District Superintendent, Ms. Helen Simmons-Johnson, also was in attendance for the eco-afternoon.

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The guest speaker for this occasion was Dr. Lenora Black, former Superintendent of Education. Dr. Black stated that it was in 1997-1998 that Robertha Lindsay came to Columbus Primary School where she was principal to complete her teaching practice. She explained how from this point she knew that this student would be no ordinary teacher. It was after successfully completing her teaching practice that she was assigned to the Abaco District; the place that Dr. Black calls home. Dr. Black said she was pleased with this decision. Over these fourteen years as a teacher, this "Lady of Excellence" has proven herself to be a hard worker.

Dr. Black challenged Lindsay to continue to strive for excellence in everything that she does. Members of the committee then presented Lindsay with gifts including a soaring eagle trophy, a projector, digi-

tal camera, E-Reader and flowers, among many others.

In her response, Robertha Lindsay stated that she is not a politician but she too has something to say. She gave teachers some advice on how to better reach the children they teach. She told them to change their teaching methods, change the way they communicate with other teachers, and change the notion that Nassau is the only place where answers for education can be found. She noted that at Central Abaco Primary School, students of excellence are developed and when they leave, they soar like eagles.

A reception followed at the hall of Friendship Tabernacle Church. All of the former teachers of the year from this school were presented with soaring eagles at the reception. Special selections were done by Tannah Newbold and Mr. Cadero Dean.

## Hope Town School adding media center



By Candace Key:

Hope Town Primary School has begun the construction of their new Media Center. This building, expected to be completed by August by Abaco Construction, will house the school's computers and library with an area for science. This Media Center is generously funded by a gift to the school from a second home owner who has "adopted" the school. Staff and students eagerly await its opening which will enhance the school greatly.

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## CAPS takes lead in the Inter-Primary Schools Track and Field Competition

By Mirella Santillo

Central Abaco Primary School took a defining lead in the annual Track and Field Inter-Primary Schools Competition with 411 points, followed by Cooper's Town Primary School, with 209 points and Treasure Cay Primary School with 170 points. Moore's Island All Age came in fourth with 141 points.

Under the patronage of the Department of Education, with Superintendent Helen Simmons-Johnson attending both days, nine schools from as far North as Fox Town and as far West as Moore's Island participated in this year's Track & Field competition held April 19-20, with a record of approximately 300 students en-

tering the meet. Four age groups ranged from under eight to under 14.

Field events consisted of long jump, softball throw and shot put. Track events were the most numerous with sprint races starting at 75-meter and 100-meter. The 200-meter, 400-meter and 800-meter ran as heats the first day except for the 1200-meter finals and the 4x100-meter relay. The finals for the other races were held the second day with the 4x400-meter relay marking the end of the competition.

It was proved difficult for the smaller schools to hold up to Cooper's Town Primary School, Treasure Cay Primary School and Abaco Central Primary School, which entered close to seventy students



Above: Westernique Davis from Moore's Island All Age School. Westernique competed in the under 14 age group. She won the Long Jump contest and came in second for the 100 meter.

category, in long jump and in the 800-meter under 14 age group and in the 4x100-meter relay.

From Central Abaco Primary School there were many first place victories. Wynsome Penn won the 75-meter under eight boys category, and Lynderdoff de L'Homme took the 100-meter under 14 boys 100-meter. For the under 12 girls, Tanae Roberts took first place in the 100-meter and 200-meter, while Kaiste Moxley took first in the 400-meter.

### Students make dolls for Olympic exhibit



Hope Town School had a winter resident, Lindy Parkinson, bring in an exciting project. The students used peg-type clothes pins to dress their "Peg Dolls" in Bahamian colours and styles. Ms. Parkinson took the dolls, complete with tiny Bahamian flags, straw plait and Androsia material back to England to be entered in the London Olympic Exhibition. The Peg Dolls will be included among thousands of others dressed in their country colours done by children all over the world. The school thanked Mrs. Lindy for a wonderful project.



Above: the Central Abaco Primary School's 4 x 100 relay team. Pictured are Kara Adlerley, Clanae Davis, Tanae Roberts and Dalisha Gerve.

each. But some of the smaller schools should be recognized for a few first places and very good performances, especially Moore's Island which has made a habit of producing very good athletes renowned at National and International levels.

During April's track and field meet, Moore's Island All Age proved that on their island the spirit of competition starts young. A Moore's Island girl, Westernique Davis placed first in Long Jump, in the under 14 age group and second in the 100-meter. In the under 12 boys category, Roland Knowles placed first in the 100-meter and Deandre Hield placed second in the 100-meter and 200-meter, both from Moore's Island. Jahniem Rolle took second place in the 75-meter and 400-meter in the under eight boys category.

Gesham Roberts from Crossing Rocks won the under eight boy's category, while Rontonio Lavarity from Amy Roberts Primary School in Green Turtle Cay, placed first in the under ten age group.

The Treasure Cay Primary School's girls did well in the 400-meter under eight

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From left to right and back to front: Ms. H Simmons- Johnson, Ms. Whelma Colebrook, Nicholas Roberts, James Williams, Antoin Davis, Deleceo Stuart, Elroy McBride, Miller Albury and Albury Higgs.

By Mirella Santillo

Members of the Abaco Swim Club and the Moore's Island Track & Field team were congratulated by the representative of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, Ms. Whelma Colebrook and by Ms. Helen Simmons-Johnson, District Superintendent of Education, during a Press Conference held on Monday April 30 at the Department of Education.

Ms. Colebrook announced that the press conference was held to acknowledge the youth of Abaco who had distinguished themselves in last month's CARIFTA Games.

She congratulated Albury Higgs and Miller Albury with the Abaco Swim Club, mentioning the impressive achievement of twelve-year-old Albury who brought back home six gold medals, two silver medals and one bronze medal.

Higgs's father - who is also her coach - praised his daughter's determination

saying that she was always ready to train harder, wanting to do better. Coach Lawrence Higgs recognized Miller's hard work and expressed his pride at his achievement. It was Miller's first participation in the CARIFTA Games.

Ms. Colebrook also acknowledged two boys from Moore's Island: Shane Jones for his silver medal in the 100m dash and Elroy McBride. Shane Jones and Elroy McBride were part of the National Relay Teams who brought back home two gold medals in the 4x100-meter relay and the 4x400-meter relay.

More congratulations were in order for the five boys- James Williams, Nicholas Roberts, Antoin Davis, Deleceo Stuart and Elroy McBride - who had just arrived to the press conference from Pennsylvania with their coach Pastor Anthony Williams, after participating in the Penn Relays April

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## Moore's Island Track Program is built to succeed

*Coach Williams helps youth achieve*



By Timothy Roberts

Returning to Moore's Island over eighteen years ago, Pastor Anthony Williams saw and filled the need to develop the youth on the island through the creation of a track program which has since developed a reputation of success.

Despite the lack of a proper track, Mr. Williams has brought a good many youth a long way through his track program that he says is a "very tough program - the training is very hard."

Mr. William's program includes intense training, and it "usually determines whether [the kids] are going to make it and stick around," he says.

The CARIFTA team this year had two athletes from the Moore's Island Track Club; Elroy McBride, who won a gold medal in the 4x400-meter relay and Shane Jones won a gold medal for the 4x100-meter and silver in the 100 meter.

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# Friends of the Environment Photography Contest winners announced

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The Adult Photo Competition winner titled "Mangrove Sunrise" By Dwayne Wallas



Natasha Albury's 1st place entry. It depicts a conch stuck in a plastic ring which eventually killed the growing conch.

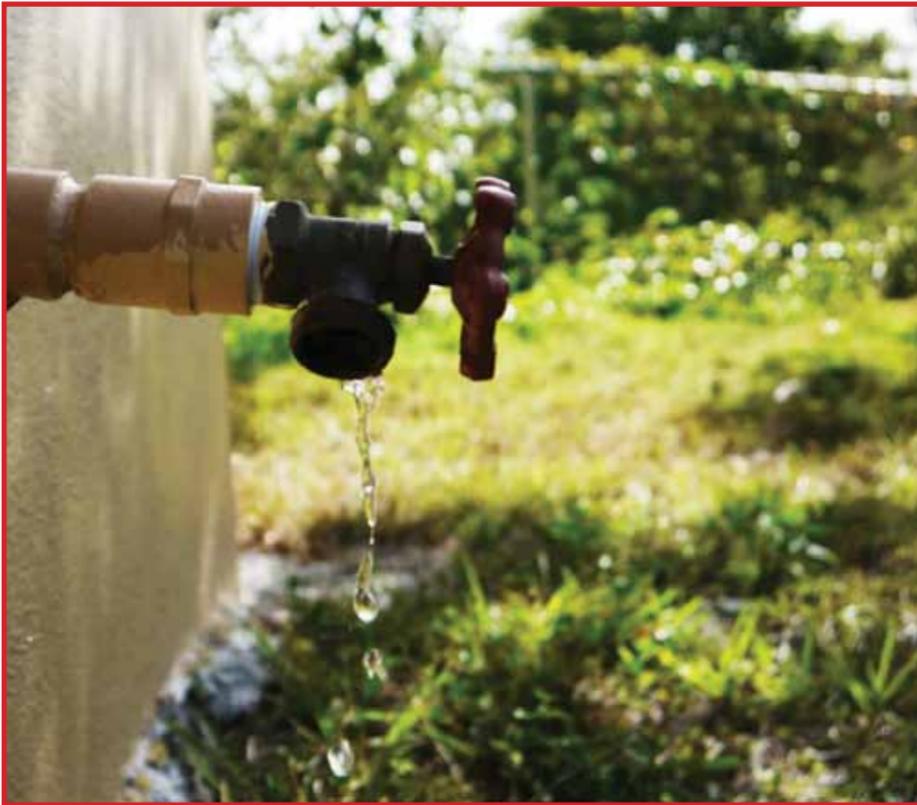


Photo by 2nd Place Student & People's Choice Award winner, Yael Sawyer.

The 2012 Friends of the Environment photography competition winners were announced during the Earth Day celebration held at FRIENDS' office. Representatives from the United States Embassy were in attendance to help distribute prizes to the winners.

The Embassy donated a brand new iPad to the first place winner of the student competition, which went to Natasha Albury from Forest Heights Academy. The other winners are listed below, their photographs will be displayed at the US Embassy in Nassau.

**Student Competition:**

- 1st Place: Natasha Albury, Forest Heights Academy
- 2nd Place: Yael Sawyer, Forest Heights Academy
- 3rd Place: Ashwell Murray, Every Child Counts

**Adult Competition**

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# SPORTS

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26-28, placing 14th out of 252 schools in the small schools division in the 4x100-meter relay.

"The results speak for Abaco. Congratulations to the swimmers and to the Track & Field team", said Ms. Simmons-Johnson, praising the efforts and the dedication that students had shown to reach such a level of excellence. "You made us all proud", she said, and I speak on behalf of the District, of the Director and of the Minister (of Education). Keep working hard."

Pastor Williams praised the achievements of the five boys who had just competed in Pennsylvania in cold weather.

Ms. Colebrook announced that the Ministry was ready to support the athletes and that coaches from the United States would come to do workshops. Ms. Simmons-Johnson gave thanks to the parents for supporting their children's efforts.

## North Abaco sweeps Little League Baseball championships

By Canishka Alexander

The All Abaco Little League Baseball Association facilitated championship games among Little League players on April 28 at the Murphy Town Ball field.

Inclement weather persisted throughout the three-game series, but the games continued.

Coach George Mills, association president, said the first game of the series

was a bronze-medal game for the 9 and 10-year-old division. North Abaco players defeated the Abaco Parrots with a score of 9-5 in the first game.

Game two was the next game to be played in the best of three series for the 11 and 12-year-olds. North Abaco Juniors swept the series with an 8-4 victory over the "Twins Plumbing" Marlins team.

Game three was the gold-medal game for the 9 and 10-year-old players. The North Abaco players maintained their winning streak, defeating the Curry's Electrical Orioles players 17-4 for the championship title.

Abaco Little League players traveling to the nationals in Grand Bahama in June for the 9 and 10-year-old division are: Keano Cartwright, Hauns Russell, Kevano Cartwright, Dillon Albury, Robert Russell, Ken Cornish, Veron Johnson, Vernon Johnson, Trevon Hield, Neko Grant, Kefon Wright, Shamori Wright, and Ranard McIntosh.

In the 11 and 12-year-old division, the players are: Jordan Russell, Terry Frank, Adrian Newbold, Shammoth Innocent, Dominico Boyd, Brad Albury, Tyrique Evans, Oneil Pritchard, Deangelo McIntosh, Mocell Smith Kedo Williams, Stephano Pritchard, and Andre Smith.

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Mr. Williams said the program is year-round. After school closes in June they give the children two weeks off to have fun and be with their friends and then get back to training in mid-July.

The boys, who are mainly from Abaco, take a great interest in the program, Mr. Williams said. In fact the team is not just a Moores Island team, but "We have students from Moores Island and the mainland who moved from the Marsh Harbour area and live with me for a part of the program."

**"I made up my mind to be a blessing and help the children of Abaco... It's open to all."**

He said that they have a good number of boys in Moore's Island who are really good at track and he expects that next year he will have about seven

kids coming from the Marsh Harbour area.

"I made up my mind to be a blessing and help the children of Abaco," he said. "It's not going to be just Moore's Island kids and not just Bahamian origin kids and not just black kids. It's open to all."

He has worked hard over the years to keep the program going as most of the funding initially came out of his own pocket. However, today he has assistance from parents and other sponsors. He said he will not turn a student away if they lack the finances.

"We need parental support. I think the track program is excellent for this region and it will bring us on par with the rest of the country - Nassau and Freeport especially," Mr. Williams said. They continue to seek out corporate sponsors in order to provide the needs for the kids.

The Moore's Island Track club is

considered one of the strongest clubs in The Bahamas. He took his present group to the Penn Relays in Pennsylvania - the first and oldest of relay meets in the U.S. - to represent The Bahamas. He said he has a few boys who can potentially receive a scholarship.

Mr. Williams was born in Moore's Island, went away to school in Grand Bahama, and returned after graduating. He felt a desire to start a program for the youth and was used to seeing the track programs in Freeport though he was never previously a part of any club.

"I knew that in Abaco and Moore's Island there are some strong kids," he said. "I believe in the kids and I enjoy seeing when they succeed. They are making me proud."

## Special Olympics Bocce Tournament held on Abaco

By Mirella Santillo

For the first time, two Special Olympics events are to take place on Abaco. The first, a Bocce competition was held on May 5-6 on the grounds of Forest Heights Academy. The follow-up event, the torch ceremony, is to be held on May 12.

The tournament was an inter-island event with three islands participating: New Providence, Grand Bahama and Abaco.

The New Providence contingent comprised six athletes with two coaches, Dor-

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# SPORTS

## Fish Tales wins Guana Cay Championship

The Bahamas Billfish Championship held its first tournament of the season at Great Guana Cay in April. "Fish Tales" was the winning team, reeling in and releasing four blue marlins and one white marlin.

Fish Tales' score was 2,600 points; the points were accumulated over three days of fishing and one lay-day. The BBC is the oldest tournament for bill-fishing in the world. This season marks their 39th.

For the Guana Cay Championship leg of the BBC, 21 teams battled it out. The Orchid Bay Yacht Club and Marina hosted the event. Over the four-day series, 42 billfish were caught and released, includ-

ing 19 blue marlin, 15 white marlin and eight sailfish. All catches are recorded and validated using date and time stamped digital images. The anglers were required to release the fish that were caught.

Fish Tales, was led by Alex Vasquez and Joey Souto and started on day two of the tournament. They opted to stay in on the first day of the tournament. During their first day on the water Mr. Vasquez and Mr. Souto caught and released two blue marlins. However, on the third day of the tournament Fish Tales encountered tougher competition from the team "Give it Away."

Give it Away, which was led by John and Anne Aramendia, reeled in a "Grand Slam" on the third day. According to BBC rules, a Grand Slam is when a team, in a single day, releases a blue marlin, a white

marlin and a sailfish. For any team lucky enough to pull in a Grand Slam, 700 points were awarded.

The fourth day of the competition continued to prove competitive. "Miss Annie," led by Barry Weshnak, hooked a trio of blue marlins ensuring their third place spot with a total of 1800 points. Frank Rodriguez's "Fa-La-Me" was edged out of the competition as well, while Fish Tales pulled in two more billfish to increase their winning total of 2,600 points.

The three winning teams, Fish Tales, Give it Away, and Miss Annie, received a variety of prizes, gifts and trophies. The hosting sponsors of the Guana Cay Championship were MarineMax and Hatteras Yachts.

The Bahamas Billfish Championship provides scholarships for two Bahamian students seeking degrees in marine technology or marine biology.

## Fishing tournament held in Hope Town

By Eric Albury

The 42nd Annual Abaco Anglers Fishing Tournament was held on April 19-28, in which 13 anglers participated.

The awards ceremony took place on the final day of the event - April 28 - at Sea Spray Resort and Marina, where dinner was also catered. Roscoe Thompson III attended and handed out trophies to the winners.

Shane Carroll won the overall winner's trophy, the "Roscoe Thompson" for the largest fish caught at the tournament: an 85-pound white marlin. The fish was measured and released.

The only junior in the tournament, Skyler Key, caught an 11-pound mutton snapper.

"We look forward to next year's tournament," said Linda Knowles, an organizer for the event. "Hopefully next year we can have even more anglers competing."



Left: The winning team, "Fish Tales," is presented with first place trophies. They faced tough competition during the four day tournament held in Guana Cay. "Give it Away," in particular proved a difficult challenger when they reeled in a "Grand Slam" on the third day. The tournament was organized by the Bahamas Billfish Championship which will roll out several more competitions throughout Abaco this Summer.

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## NEW HOMEOWNERS' GUIDE ANSWERS KEY QUESTIONS

### Bocce From Page 12

othy Roberts and Warren Cox and chap- erons, Miriam Cox-Bowleg and Gilbert Williams. The Special Olympics National Director, Amanda Moncure, accompanied them.

There were eight players from Grand Bahama with their coach, Beacon School teacher Carleza Bain- Johnson and a chap- eron, Mr. Cordero Strapp.

Both teams arrived on Abaco early Friday morning to meet eight students from Every Child Counts, representing Abaco, with their coach Beatrice Altidor, to participate in the Bocce Ball Tournament, the first event of the Special Olympics.

The local event coordinator, Caro- line Sawyer and a volunteer from Canada, Heather Cox-Gurdon as well as other rep- resentatives of ECC assisted with keeping

scores.

During the morning of the first day, all the players took turns on the lanes, throwing the balls the closest possible to the "pallina" at distances of thirty, forty and fifty feet. The results were recorded to help selecting the athletes and place them in various divisions.

There was a break for lunch and a short opening ceremony to welcome all the players. The matches started in the after- noon and went on all of Saturday morning with games taking place in doubles, singles and teams categories.

There were two divisions in the dou- bles matches. There were two groups of players for Abaco and Grand Bahama and three groups for New Providence.

The final results were based on sev- eral matches. In Division 1, the first place went to New Providence with Grand Ba-

hama taking second; New Providence also took the first place in Division 2 with Grand Bahama, second; Abaco was third in both divisions.

Four players for each island formed the teams category. They played two matches.

First place went to the Grand Bahama team, followed by the New Providence's team, with the ECC team in third.

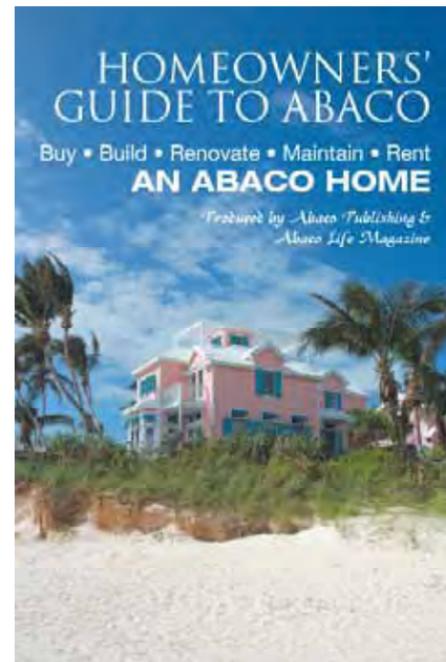
Two divisions in the singles matches grouped players by age. There was five matches in both divisions.

Grand Bahama and New Providence shared the medals in Division 1 with the first and second place going to Keshla Dav- is and George Hudson respectively. Both are from Grand Bahama. Dennis Bartlette from New Providence placed third. The last three places also went to New Provi- dence.

Tammika Laing from Grand Bahama placed first in Division 2. Asha Miller, New Providence, came second and Myron Sawyer from Abaco placed third.



Left: the ECC team who represented Abaco in the Special Olympics Bocce Ball Tour- nament held at Forest Height Academy's campus. The Special Olympics Torch Run is planned for May 12. Congratulations to these young athletes for representing our island.



### Press Release

A new, comprehensive Home- owners' Guide to Abaco, which covers topics ranging from buying real estate and construction to maintenance and renting, is now available in Abaco and in the US.

The 72-page booklet, with infor- mation, maps and photos, was produced by the publishers of Abaco Life magazine in concert with Abaco Publishing in Marsh Harbour.

Geared to both foreign and local homeowners, the guide presents a broad picture of life in Abaco as well as provid- ing specific details and tips on how to find the right locale and select a building con- tractor, as well as information on taxes.

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# Remembering Family and Friends



Funeral Service for Adam Walker, 29, years a resident of Moores Island, Abaco was held on Saturday April 21st, 2012 at

11:00 a.m. at Zion Baptist Church, Moores Island, Abaco. Officiated was be Pastor Nixon Simms Jr. Interment followed in the Moores Island Cemetery.

Left to cherish her memories are his mother: Keva Walker father: Herman Walker; three brothers: Shawn, Oscar and Kimeo Walker; three sisters: Latoya Smith, Leanza Walker and Cindy Rolle; two brother-in-laws: Donald Smith and Basil Rolle; one expected brother-in-law Ernie Davis; eight aunts: Advilda Evans, Beryl Rolle, Mildred, Judy and Angie Miller, Elizabeth Walker, Audrey and Sybilene Hield; seven uncles: Dereck, Dorla and Dennis Miller, Kelcy and Sidney Walker, Tony Rolle and Buster Davis two grand uncles: Johnathan Dean and Joseph Whyms; two grand aunts: Dorothy Dean and Luceal Walker of Sandy Point, Abaco, two god mothers: Catherina Seymour and Dennis Adderley; two nieces: Brianna Rolle and Oshawnte Walker; three nephews: Keishawn and Leonado Walker and Adrian Rolle; two adopted sons: Daniel Heild and Cruz Simms; godchildren: Oneal, Kerrinquen, Azariah Stuart, Adell, Nevaeh, Deandre, Randy Heild, Markeisha and Dristan; numerous cousins and a host of other relatives and friends including Pasty and Leon Swain, Nathaniel Heild, Pastor Nixon Simms, Pastor Preston Knowles, Roland Knowles, Darren Higgs, Charles, Mervin, Leslie, Hosea, the Freedom Riders Crew, Propher Rino Smith, Alfred Simms, Alrick, Shadrack, Mario, Edward Johnson, Dudley Stuart, Bulamae George, Julian, Dereck Gibson, Sonamae, Julie and the entire Community of Moores Island Abaco and Conch Sound North Andros.



Home Going Celebration for Samuel Wilson "Will" Bethel was held at New Vision Ministries Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Saturday, May 5th, 2012 at 2 p.m.

Will was born at sunrise on September 7th, 1951 and died at sunset on April 23rd, 2012, was the first bundle of joy God entrusted to Doyle and Annie of Marsh Harbour, Michael came next, then Una and Marji to complete the Bethel family.

Will grew up in Marsh Harbour with his boyhood buddies, including Gurth and Keith. They spent their time spinning tops, shooting marbles, boating, fishing, skiing and all the things that boys enjoyed doing in the 50's and 60's including being at all Sunday school and church services.

His education began at Marsh Harbour Public School where he received a scholarship at the age of 14 to go to Queens College boarding school in the "Big City", Nassau, Bahamas. Upon graduating, while working at Golden Isles Dairy, he received his private pilot's license and went on to teach ground school. It was during this time when he would surprise his family on a Sunday morning with a fly over the house, which meant "pick me up at the airport."

The handsome young man that he was, with his keen eye, spotted a beautiful young city lady and soon made his intent known to her dad. On December 14th, 1974 Will and Kim were wed in Nassau and soon after they made their move to Marsh Harbour to call it home. Their marriage was blessed with a beautiful bouncing baby girl, Bianca, who became the center of their lives from that day on.

Will's family life and love for the Lord went hand-in-hand and whenever possible he and his family were in God's house, whether it was for a church service or to service the air conditioning, etc. He was on call 24/7 for pretty much anyone

who needed a helping hand. His mom said that from a very young age he thought the phrase, "where there's a will there's a way," meant him.

Being an electrician by trade, his working career in Marsh Harbour began at Lawrence Engineering. In 1996 he and Kim started their own company, K&W Refrigeration.

Early in February of this year, after not feeling like Will for a while, he decided to go to Nassau for medical care where he was admitted to Doctors Hospital immediately. After 10 weeks of surgeries, tests and intensive care provided by numerous doctors, nurses and of course Kim constantly by his side, he was flown by air ambulance to Boston. His last 9 days were at Massachusetts General Hospital where he was treated for a rare blood disease by some of the top medical professionals the USA has to offer, including of course his own Bianca.

At 11:55 p.m. on April 23rd, God in His own way and time had Will's "spot" in heaven perfectly completed and called him home.

Will is lovingly remembered by his wife: Kim, daughter: Bianca and son-in-law: Benjamin. Brother: Michael and sister-in-law: Glenda. Sister: Una and brother-in-law: Lester. Sister: Marji and brother-in-law: Chris. Father-in-law: Chris, brother-in-law: Tony and sister-in-law: Jackie. Nieces: Susie and Amanda and her husband: Anthony. Nephews: Marvin, Kenny, and Adam and his wife: Nelly. Grand nieces: Shania, Mikalia, and Amy and her husband: Daryl. Uncle Bobby and Aunt Adrella, Uncle Everett and Aunt Peggy, Aunt Phyllis, and Aunt Thelma. Also special cousins, numerous family and friends including his church family and his K&W family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Abaco Pathfinders.



In Loving Memory of Joseph Ernest Sawyer, 84, born June 8th, 1927, Died: April 30th, 2012

Service was held at

the New Plymouth Gospel Chapel, Green Turtle Cay on Friday, May 4, 2012. Officiated was Brother Gurth Roberts.

Left to Cherish his Memories are his Loving Wife: Viola Ella Sawyer; Children: Reggie, Ronnie, Donnie & Roddie; Grandchildren: Erin, Cameron, Danielle, Cori, Taylor, Justin & Sabrina;

Great Grandchildren: Gage, Lauren, Emma, Makai, Makayden, Sean & Anthony; Brother:

Peter Sawyer; Sister: Lorna Moses; Brother-in-Law: Vernon Moses; Sisters-in-Law:

Laura Sawyer & Myrtle Sawyer; Daughters-in-Law: Leslie, Janet & Pam. Special Thanks to Junior Roberts & Family Nurse Colebrooke, Nurse Moss, Dawn Surrance Lesley Dames, Doctor Consulta, Tanya Lowe and Stephanie & Randy Sands.



Margaret Davis - 63 yrs., a resident of 2nd Street & Poinciana Ave & formerly of Sandy Point, Abaco, died at PMH on 23rd April, 2012.

She is survived

by her 2 sons: Leonar Davis & Shawn Dames; 1 daughter: Anastacia Dames; sister: Louise Green; brother: Bob Green & a host of other relatives & friends.



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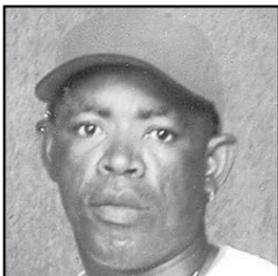
# Remembering Family and Friends



**A n n i s** Sherril Dames age 37 of Nassau Street and formerly of Moore's Island, Abaco died at the Princess Margaret Hospital

on Tuesday April 17, 2012.

She is survived by her Daughter: Adrianna Dames; Two Sons: Alex and Ashlan Charlow; Six Sisters: Elmetta Morris, Patricia, Patrice and Beverly Dames, Sabrina Ferguson and Jenniemae Dames; Six Brothers: Clyde, Mervin, Salathiel, Wendall, Stephen and Jerome Dames; and a host of other relatives and friends.



**A n d r e w** "Pull" Davis - Funeral Service for Mr. Andrew "Pull" Davis age 53 years, Resident of The Bight Moore's Island

Abaco, will be held on Saturday 28th, April, 2012, at 11 am, at St. Matthew Baptist Church, The Bight Moore's Island Abaco, officiating will be Pastor Geneva Williams, assisted by Rev. Ishmael Williams, Pastor Nixon Simms, Pastor Preston Knowles, Pastor Anthony Williams &

Pastor Paul Jones, Interment will follow in Moore's Island Public Cemetery, Moore's Island, Abaco.

Cherished will linger in the hearts of his (3) brothers, Rudolph Davis, Godfrey & Stevenson Mitchell, (5) sisters, Maxine Gaitor, Rosebud Greene, Shelia Davis, Is-sie Mitchell & Sharon Stuart, step-father, Joseph Mitchell, (1) aunt, Rosenell Light-bourne, (1) uncle-in-law, Llewellyn Light-bourne, (2) brothers-in-law, Harrison Gaitor & Norman Stuart, (2) sisters-in-law, Denise & Charlotte Mitchell



**C h a r l e s** Joseph Roberts was born one of fourteen children to James and Susan Roberts in Cherokee Sound on May 22, 1932.

He was a fisherman, helped build boats and also worked at the old Sugar Cane Farm like many other Cherokee men.

Mr. Charles is best remembered for his 35 years of doing the postal run between Marsh Harbour and Cherokee. His first ten years he had to go by boat to Big Mangrove and by car over pot-holed riddled back roads through the pine forest which he did twice a week.

Although all his siblings predeceased him he is survived by his wife of 54 years, Vernell, his daughter, Norma Jean Neilly and son, Andrew and their families as well as a host of other family members and friends.



**S y l v i a** Clarice Bethel passes away after a difficult battle with cancer

Sylvia Clarice Bethel is one of three children born

to Leslie and Elsie Pinder in Cherokee Sound on the September 12, 1940.

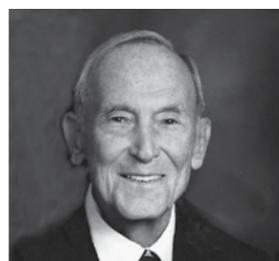
After studying under Walter W. Sands at the Cherokee All-Age School and attaining the distinction of Class Monitor, she stayed on after graduation to teach for a while, but then married her soul-mate Bertram Bethel, also from Cherokee, and they moved to Nassau.

In 1979 they went on to Freeport, Grand Bahama where she lived out the rest of her life. She worked at Captain's Chart-house restaurant keeping their books, went on to work at LMR Drugstore as a cashier for many years, and finally in the office at Freeport Jetwash. She was considered faithful member of her church and a willing volunteer to help with any community project.

She was predeceased by her husband in 1986, as well as a grandson, Brandon

1995 and her only daughter, Denise Whan in 2003. She leaves behind a brother,

Rannie in Nassau, a sister, Loree Sands who resides in Cherokee and her grandson, Edward (E.J.) Whan III living in Fort Lauderdale, as well as their families. In addition, she is survived by two brothers-in-law, Ivan and Winston, and their families, as well as the family of her third brother-in-law, George who predeceased her last year, all of whom stood by her during her long illness.



**E d g a r** Danciger, a longtime resident of Jacksonville and long time renter in Man-O-War Cay, died on

Sunday, April 15, 2012 ending 94 years of a remarkable life. Reared in Riga, Latvia, Ed was a U.S. military veteran, a lifelong sailor, and a renowned industrialist. In the mid-sixties he kept a 33 foot Tawana class yawl in the Abacos for a period of 5 years and made annual passages from Jacksonville to Hopetown. During the fifties and sixties he raced in the Miami to Nassau races.

Edgar and his wife, Agnes, rented a home in Man-O-War Cay for the past twelve years. They stayed every January through May. They built great friendships within the community of Man-O-War and other settlements throughout Abaco. Edgar's love of sailing allowed him to fit right in with locals.

Ed learned to sail on the Baltic Sea as a young man, and following his mandatory service in the Latvian army, he left his native land for work in international merchant shipping. In search of freedom and unable to speak English, Ed "jumped ship" in Boston harbor in 1939 with neither money nor luggage. He initially found work as a lumberman and a dishwasher. Dissatisfied with life underground and aiming to contact his family, Ed returned to sea for the attractive compensation offered seamen willing to serve in the Atlantic Ocean war zone. He became a chief gunner in the British merchant fleet, once evacuating British troops in the Battle of Dunkirk, as he fought off Nazi Stuka dive-bombers.

Please see Edgar Page 18

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# Our Natural Resources: Aragonite

An Opinion Piece by Timothy Roberts

"The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired, in value" - Theodore Roosevelt

For a long time I was under the impression that the Bahamas' only resources are sun, sand, sea and us, the people, but I have discovered that we have much more than that.

The Bahamas presently exports four valuable resources: fisheries, salt, aggregate and aragonite. Amidst much controversy there are talks of the possibility of oil sometime in the future as well. For a nation of 360,000 persons one would think that the four resources we are presently mining would be bringing significant contributions to our public treasury. I have found that not to be the case.

One such case is aragonite, also known as oolitic aragonite. Aragonite is a renewable source of ultra-pure 97 - 99%, calcium carbonate. A naturally occurring perpetual precipitation on the Bahama Bank, just south of Bimini, creates a continuous supply of organic minerals with a unique, consistent crystalline structure.

Aragonite is a minor constituent of limestone which is used in cement and in steel production, ornamental carvings, bio-plastics and farming applications.

In 1971 The Bahamas government signed the Ocean Industries Incorporated (Aragonite Mining Encouragement) Act which was deemed to retroactively come

into force on July 3, 1969 and so the mining of aragonite in the country began.

On June 3, 2010 the contract with Ocean Cays Limited was renewed for a two year period and included duty exemptions on equipment, a fixed lease on the island of \$7,500 per annum and a two dollar royalty per metric ton exported from the Bahamas.

The Bahamas exports over one million metric tons of aragonite per year. Current market values per metric ton are between \$100 - 150 per metric ton making exports from The Bahamas potentially worth as much as \$1.5 - 2 billion per year with royalties to the public treasury per year of about \$2 million representing roughly around 2% of the export value.

This raises questions of whether The Bahamas is receiving a fair value of resources extracted from our country. More questions need to be asked and more answers required ensuring we are not being exploited.

These natural resources hold the key to reducing debt and increasing the level of our Gross Domestic Product (GDP) while providing the opportunity to diversify and strengthen the resilience of our economy.

The burden is on us to make sure we are not exploited while others take advantage of the wealth of resources in our country. We also need to ensure these resources are properly managed and regulated to ensure their sustainability in the future. These resources may well be the building blocks that provide a future for our children and generations to come.

Edgar

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Preceded in death by his parents, siblings and wife, Evelyn, Ed is survived by his wife of 21 years, Agnes Ellis Danciger; son, Gary W. Danciger (Molly Mitchell Danciger) and their three daughters, Anna, Audrey and Kate; son, Daniel F. Danciger (Wendy) and their daughter, Taylor Danciger, and son Brendan Fusco. Ed is also survived by his stepchildren Margaret G. Barton (Thomas Kimbrough); Quinn R. Barton, III (Elizabeth) and their two daughters, Lily and Ella; Ellis C. Barton (Stacey) and their two children, Emily and Chase Evans; and David A. Barton (Susanna) and their two children, Ben and Marley; and goddaughter Eva Dahlstrom.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Man O'War Heritage Museum

renting a home and much more. Abaco's housing history and a look at areas currently most popular with new home buyers are also examined. Maps help the reader get oriented, and many colour photos of various houses, gardens and scenes provide a cross section of locales.

The publication is free in Abaco, and available by mail in for US\$5.00 each, including postage. For mail orders, send checks payable to Abaco Life to P.O. Box 37487, Raleigh, NC 27627. In Abaco, contact Sid Dawes in Marsh Harbour at 242-367-2681, or e-mail: sid@homeownersguidetoabaco.com.

## Upcoming Events

•Saturday, May 12: Special Olympics Torch Run

•May 16-May 19: Customs Shootout at Abaco Beach Resort

•Saturday, May 19: Schooner Bay Spring Festival

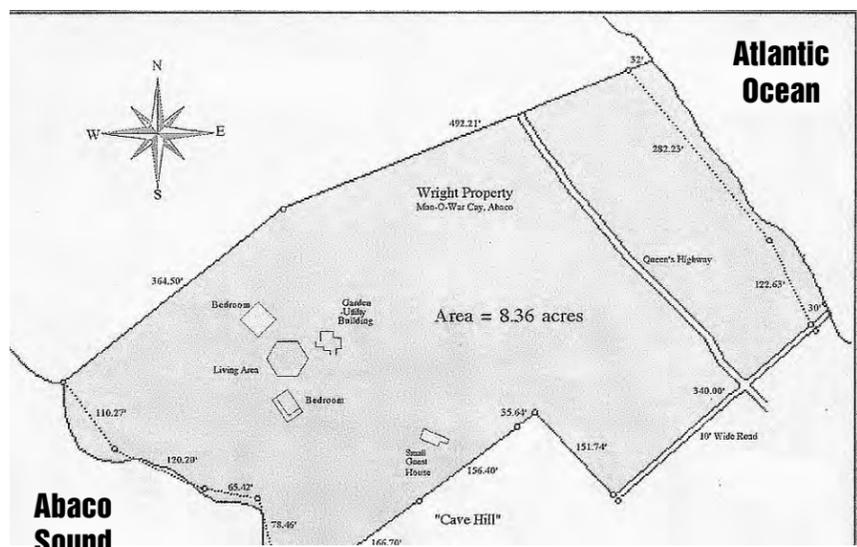
•Saturday, May 19: BTC Treasure Cay Store Opening

•Saturday, May 19: RE:Focus at New Vision Ministries

•June 1-June 2: Schooner Bay Tuna Classic

•June 6-June 9: BBC Marsh Harbour Championship

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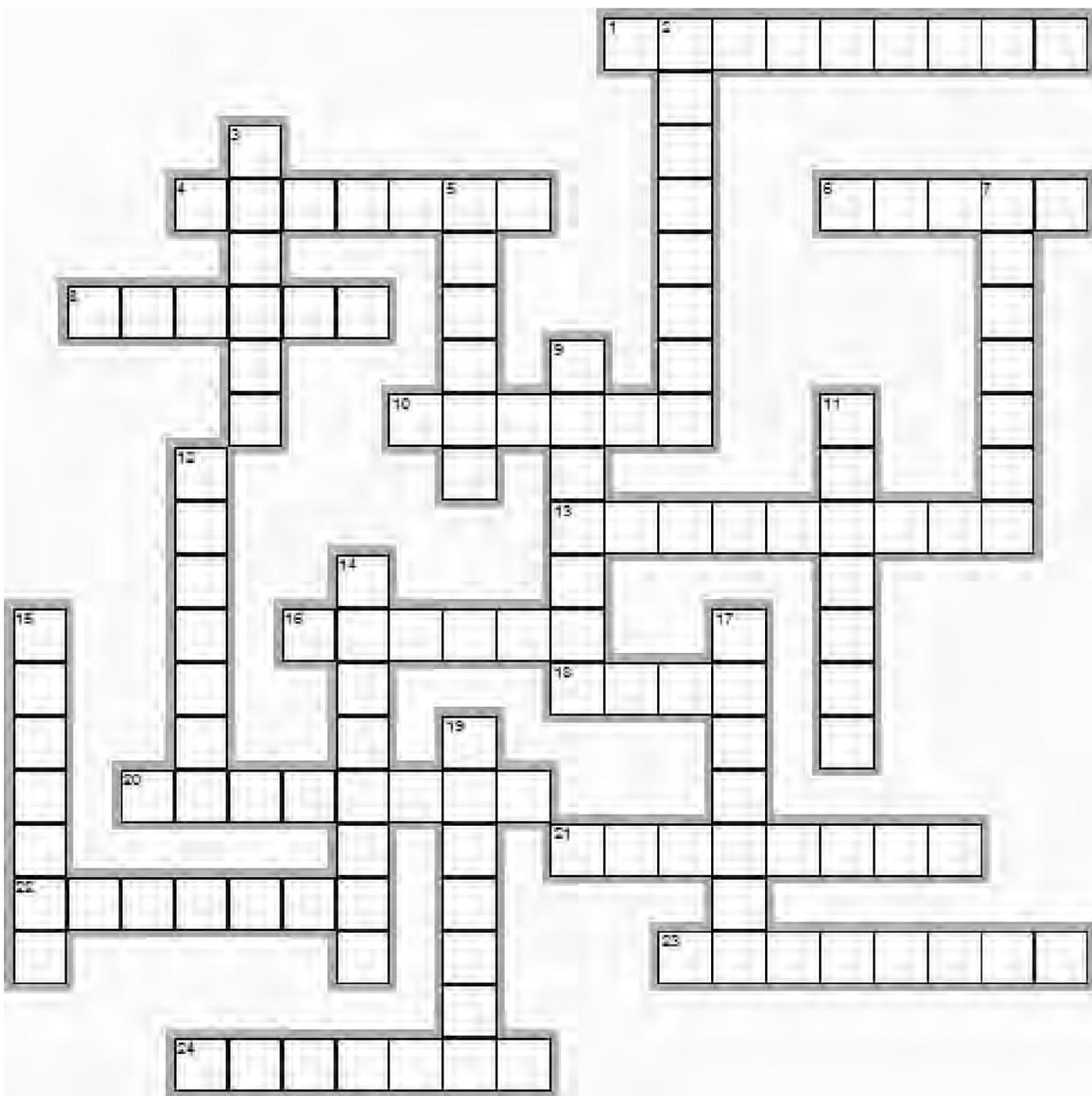
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# The Abaconian Crossword Puzzle



### Across

1. An invasive tree; \_\_\_\_\_ Point
4. A tropical style of music.
6. A rolling ball game.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Ships; bring visitors to Nassau.
10. Found in conchs and clams.
13. Mined in The Bahamas; A carbonate mineral.
16. "The voice of the people is the voice of God": Vox \_\_\_\_\_
18. Dry or wet but always dark.
20. Best way to enjoy a beach; A Bandit.
21. They say he found San Salvador first.
22. Suction cups and a beak
23. Summer, Winter & Special.
24. The red are tasty and live deep, the gray eat scraps in the harbour.

### Down

2. The Bimini Road; Lost City.
3. No longer "Out" Islands
5. Always in the West.
7. An arawak chief.
9. Without pesticides.
11. Popular yellow fruit; can be grown locally.
12. A series of boat races; a popular Summer festival.
14. Popular for sport in the flats.
15. Happens to the beach when currents are altered.
17. Don't leave your filets out for too long around these laughers
19. Best for cooking hot dogs and smores.

### May 1 Crossword Answers

Across

1. SEAGLASS
3. TILLOO
6. BARRACUDA
8. ROGERS
9. MARLINS
15. JELLY
16. VANE
17. DRIFTWOOD
20. CRUISERS
21. SCHOONER

Down

2. GALE
4. INAGUA
5. CASTAWAY
7. DONNIE or artifacts and history
10. SALAD
11. SHUTTERS
12. MAHOGANY
13. MANJACK
14. WATERSPOUT
18. DIPPER
19. ARAWAKS

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# Church News

## Mission Baltimore volunteers visit Abaco

By Samantha Evans

Mission Baltimore, under the leadership of Pastor Tim, has been coming to Abaco for numerous years at which time they take part in mission work.

The group started their mission work on April 23 at Every Child Counts where they cleared fields, put in waterlines and painted fences, and also took time to engage the students there.

In the afternoons, the Mission Baltimore visited the Mudd and Peas where they played games with the children. They engaged in soccer, jumped rope, and simply communicated with the kids. As the kids had fun, the group gave them stickers. All of this was done to help forge a positive relationship with the children.

On April 25, they hosted Vacation Bible School at Feed My Sheep Ministries.

Gregg Yarian, a newcomer to island, spoke of how he stumbled upon this trip but found it to be such a blessing. He explained that his church is merging with Pastor Tim's church and through speaking with him, learned of Mission Baltimore's trip to Abaco. He was so impressed with the work they were doing that once he was asked if he wanted to go, Mr. Yarian graciously accepted.

Mr. Yarian spoke of his experience in mission work especially the thirteen years he spent in Africa. He stated that one year he went to speak at a mission his church supports and fell in love with the place. While there, Mr. Yarian helped to turn farmers into church leaders, directed mis-

sions, worked with tribes, and helped rescue young girls who were given to another family to pay a debt. Once the girls were rescued, he stated that his ministry focused on building their character, confidence, and competence.

Even after returning to the United States, Mr. Yarian said that he went back and forth for the next four years.

Mr. Yarian found his experience to be warm while on Abaco, reminding him a lot about his time spent in Africa. Since he speaks French, he was able to communicate with many of the children in the immigrant communities.

Mr. Yarian stated that he loved the trip to Abaco, especially the attitude of the people.

Mission Baltimore presented Every Child Counts with a fish tank and a unique agricultural tool while here.

## PULSE held at Dundas Town Church of God

By Samantha V. Evans

PULSE has been an annual spring event held at Dundas Town Church of God for almost ten years, and this year the theme chosen for the event was "Refocus, Refuel, Recharge - God has a Plan."

This youth conference began on Friday, April 27 and ended on Saturday, April 28. It was held 7pm nightly with the first night being set aside for the speaker Dar-

ren Henfield and night two was the youth concert.

Darren Henfield, son of Bishop Clifford Henfield, is a lawyer and minister assigned to Calvary Deliverance Church in Nassau. He spoke to the youth on the theme.

On Saturday night, numerous gospel groups and artists performed including youth from Grace Baptist, Dundas Town Church of God, Mission Baltimore, with Malcolm Dean and Kyle King recording gospel artists from Freeport. These young people proclaimed that they have made a decision to serve God and to not follow the path of their peers who are interested in engaging in negative things.

According to Gregg Yarian, first time Abaco visitor, this event is very important as it shows that this church has a heart for the next generation. He went on to say that without this type of training, the church would die. On Sunday the event ended with a church service and luncheon.

## Zion holds Lenten Tea Party

By Samantha Evans

Under the theme "Big Hat Event," the Love Club of Zion Cathedral Murphy Town held their annual Lenten Tea Party at the church on April 28.

According to President of the Ladies Ministry Sister Christine Dean, this is an annual event but this year they decided to let the Love Sisters plan and execute the

event.

The Love Club is made up of women of the church ages 19 to 40.

The Lenten Tea Party is a social event for ladies to mingle and socialize. This year they incorporated hats and headpieces. The tables at the event had center cards on each of them, which included words that empower women and capture who they are. Some of those words were: resilience, honor, love, strength, inspire, empower, and courage.

Once the event got under way, the moderator, Chervan Stuart, asked each guest to say how the word on their table relates to them. Afterwards, some games were played.

Once the first set of games was done, the first session of bush teas was served along with sandwiches. The two hot teas were sour sop tea and strong back tea. The second and third set of teas served could be hot or cold and included fever grass tea and pear leaf tea. Pastries and fruits were also served.

A silent auction was held later in the evening, which was led by Sister Dean. All items on the silent auction table were either custom jewelry or belts.

The event ended with a large hat show and a testimony by a member. The ushers for the Lenten Tea Party were the female youth of the church who wore black and white attire and headbands made by Sabrina Rolle.



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# Lovely Reckley fights hunger in schools

*Appeals to public to help feed children*

*By Samantha Evans*

During a time when many families are experiencing hardships, more and more children go throughout the school day without food to eat. Some of them come to the schoolhouse hungry and cannot function. Others get sick and dehydrated that the school has to find ways of assisting them until their parents collect them; but sometimes they are not collected leaving school personnel with the task of feeding them.

One who is consistent in providing several schools with food on a daily basis is Lovely Reckley. She stated that she has a heart for children and cannot stand the idea of them not having something to eat during the day.

When Ms. Reckley started with the volunteer lunch program, she paid for everything herself. Now she has many people who assist her with purchasing food items.

For several years now, Ms. Reckley has been donating lunch to Central Abaco Primary School, Abaco Central High School, and Every Child Counts. All of the lunch she provides is hot and nutritious.

Ms. Reckley is thankful that other people are coming forward to provide

lunch but more assistance is needed. At Central Abaco Primary School alone, she provides 50-60 lunches daily. She would love to provide more, but appeals to anyone in the community who has a heart for children to contact any school on this island and lend a hand.

Ms. Reckley stated that if each person takes a day and fixes a meal for one or two dozen children that we will be putting a huge dent in our hunger problem on the island.

She wants to thank all of the people who donate items to the lunch program and invites anyone who wants to get involved by donating food items to contact her.

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# Christian Counseling Center holds golf tournament fundraiser



*By Mirella Santillo*

A constant drizzle did not prevent a group of sixteen men to gather on the Treasure Cay Golf Course on the morning of April 28 to participate in the First Annual Christian Counseling Center Fund Raising Golf Tournament.

The golfers paired in teams of two and dispersed on the course for a friendly tournament, playing for the best low net. The team of Roscoe Thompson and Chris Pinder came back a winner with a low of 56; Jeffrey Rogers and Shane Cook followed with a net of 60.

Most of the golfers finished on time

to partake of a tasty lunch of fried chicken, pasta salad and corn on the cob, prepared by golf professional Ronnie Bootle. A few silent auction items were displayed: crafts by artist Marjolein Scott, a travel voucher from Bahamas Air and a necklace and earring set of Swarovski Crystal compliments of John Bull were offered to the highest bidder.

Pastor Derek Benjamin, a board member of the Christian Counseling Center who plays golf nearly every Monday,

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came up with the idea of the fundraiser, inviting his golf buddies to participate. He organized the event with the help of Counseling Therapist Margaret Smith.

The golf tournament was to help raise funds for the organization which helps people with counseling, couples in need of pre-marital advice, others with marital problems, families facing issues, students or young people with behavioral problems. Ms. Smith and her Secretary, Ms. Rachel Johnson, run the counseling center which does not turn anybody away even if they cannot afford the consultation fee of \$55. People are referred to the center by the Department of Social Service, schools, churches, the Police or the Court House.

Pastor Benjamin thought the event was very successful, despite a few golfers from the cays not showing up because of the bad weather that day.

### U.S. and The Bahamas renew fight against drugs

Press Release

On Thursday, May 3, the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the Government of the United States of America will renew an amendment to increase funding to better enable cooperation between both countries for counternarcotics and law enforcement efforts. U.S. Chargé d'Affaires John Dinkelman and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Hon. Brent Symonette will sign the amendment and are expected to pledge ongoing support to strengthen bilateral partnership in the fight against drug trafficking.

The agreement and funding continues valued law enforcement cooperation between the United States and The Bahamas through equipment purchases, joint training, and sharing expertise. The expansion of law enforcement and rule of law funding demonstrates the continued commitment to and impact of the Caribbean Basic Security Initiative, an effort to increase citizen security and promote prosperity in The Bahamas and the region.

Under the agreement, funding for 2012 will reach nearly \$2.5 million for various programs that have been designed and developed in consultation between the

U.S. Embassy and the Government of The Bahamas – including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of National Security, Ministry of Legal Affairs, Royal Bahamas Police Force, National Drug Council, and Her Majesty's Prison.

### Treasure Cay Fiftieth Anniversary DVD

By Mirella Santillo

A Commemorative DVD containing photos of Treasure Cay settlement from 1961 to present day, premiered on April 1 at the outdoor movie theater in Treasure Cay.

Because of inclement weather, the event was not as well attended as the organizers would have liked to, but the thirty some people who were there did a great job of spreading the word of how interesting the DVD was and barely a month later, the first hundred copies had been sold.

The concept of creating a DVD commemorating the history of Treasure Cay as a fund raiser for the Community Center, was developed during last year's fiftieth anniversary celebration of the settlement.

For several months, Matthew Claridge, Betsy Bracey and Page Hammond, dedicated themselves to collecting photographs and bits of history, putting them together, using a special program that eventually produced the final item.

During the last year, Mr. Claridge contacted Bahamian residents and second home owners who had inhabited the cay since the early sixties. Some had moved away and were tracked down, such as Colin Redfern, a piano player in the old hotel, now living in Florida, who contributed to a lot of photographs.

"It was a team effort", said Page Hammond, one of the trio who very creatively put the DVD together, picking the appropriate music and the sequence of views.

The DVD titled "Happy Fifty Treasure Cay" will take you back in time through all the historic events of the cay, from hotels construction to destruction, through hurricanes, fires, celebrations and more up to present.

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