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National Election Is May 2

Campaigns are heating up as 41 seats are contested

By Julian Lockhart

After months of speculation as to when the general elections will be, Prime Minister Perry Christie named May 2 as the date when Bahamians will be able to cast their ballots to elect the political party that will govern the Bahamas for the next five years.

Parliament was dissolved on April 4th with the new 41-seat Parliament to convene on May 23, 2007. The dissolved Parliament had 40 seats and the new seat was recommended by the Constituencies Commission and approved by Parliament.

The Prime Minister said, "I encourage all registered voters to cast their ballots in the forthcoming general election. I have every confidence that they will do so this time in record numbers just as they have always done so impressively in the past. The last general election, as you know, was held on May 2, 2002. The May 2, 2007, date that I have fixed for the forthcoming general election is therefore in faithful accord with the promise I made to you earlier that the general election this year would be held on or before the fifth anniversary of the last general election," the Prime Minister added.

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Fire in the Mud destroys 14 houses



Close to 100 persons were left homeless from the fire early in the morning of March 21. See story on page 10

New citizens are sworn in

By Luzena

The Minister of Works and Utilities and Immigration, the Hon. Bradley Roberts, was on Abaco for the second swearing-in ceremony to be held in Marsh Harbour. Eighteen individuals officially became Bahamians citizens on April 4 in a swearing-in ceremony held at the Court Room. All were adults with the exception of a four-year-old little girl by the name of Mackenzie Dam. The proud mom, Kelly, stated that Mackenzie will be turning five on April 30th. The majority of persons sworn in were males. Only five were females. The Minister congratulated the new Bahamians and bade them to be model citizens.

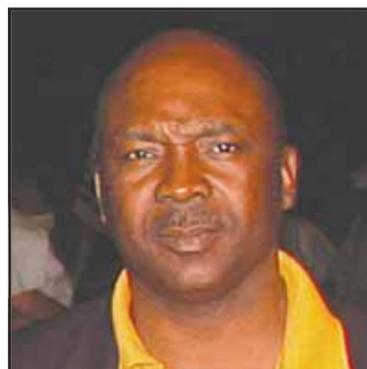
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Hubert Ingraham



Fritz Bootle



Cay Mills

New Marsh Harbour runway is underway

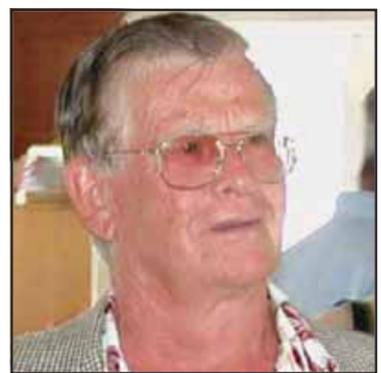


Work has begun on clearing the land for a new runway at the Marsh Harbour International Airport. The work is being done on the 6100-foot runway by Bahamas Hot Mix, a Nassau-based company with a division on Abaco. This work was started after the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie announced that government will be spending \$10.2 million on a runway, taxiway and terminal expansion. Mr. Christie was at the commissioning of the airstrip landing lights in Sandy Point when he made the announcement on March 19.

Candidates for South Abaco



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South Abaco Candidates Express Their Views

By Julian Lockhart

The 2007 general election is set for May 2nd after Prime Minister Perry Christie ended months of speculation on April 4th. Abaconians will now have a chance to step forward and vote in the two men they want as their next representatives.

There will definitely be a new representative for South Abaco with incumbent Robert Sweeting stepping down after 15 years in Parliament. Edison Key is running for the Free National Movement and Gary Sawyer for the Progressive Liberal Party, which is currently in power. Both candidates were asked questions as to what they would do pertaining to some of the major issues facing South Abaco if they are elected. Below are the answers from both candidates.

What would you do to expedite and improve the Marsh Harbour airport?

Mr. Sawyer - I will stay on it diligently and make sure it is done in the shortest possible time even if it means people working extra shifts. I have mass knowledge in quality of work being a previous builder for over 20 years, and I will make sure Abaco gets whatever it deserves that has been promised for many years. It is unfortunate that we haven't gotten it yet since we have been promised it for many years, but the good part is we are getting it. I would really pay attention to the quality. Anything we saw during the building phase that would make it more user-friendly, I will petition for it to be done. I lobbied very strongly at the Prime Minister's house for him to come up and do an inspection because what I saw from the inspectors and surveyors I didn't think it was the right thing for Abaco. Through my urging the Prime Minister and

Min. Glenys Hanna-Martin came to Abaco and did the assessment. It prolonged it for a while, but good things come to those who wait, The prolonging will prove to everyone it was the right decision.

Mr. Key - Right now Abaco is one of the fastest growing areas in the Bahamas, and we are the third revenue producing island. We have investors in here

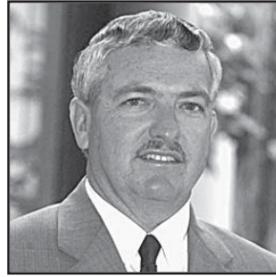


Mr. Edison Key

like Baker's Bay and Winding Bay, and the airport is one of the major concerns. If we are going to continue to grow here in South Abaco, we need a modern jet port with a modern terminal and all the facilities. We have been promised that here in Abaco for many years, and I think it is high time we get it. It will be a priority as far as I am concerned in short order.

How would you improve the education in Abaco?

Mr. Sawyer - I think with all of the new developments that have come to Abaco over the last three or four years Abaconians have to be put in position to take advantage of those jobs. Abaco just doesn't need classes from the College of the Bahamas and Bahamas Technical Vocational Institute. I will push diligently that we are offered the same advantages that Grand Bahama and New Providence are offered through COB and BTVI so that our people can capitalize on all of the opportunities from these new developments. I believe that education is very important. There comes a time in every



Mr. Gary Sawyer

person's life, whether they want to be a carpenter, mechanic, mason or electrician, they should be trained on their own island. I would work diligently towards improving our education system so all the proper training will be right here. I will also encourage the ones who are out of school to take night classes that will be provided so they can further their education and take advantage of all the development that is taking place.

Mr. Key - In South Abaco we were promised in the 2002 elections, the now government, to immediately put in a high school in South Abaco. The kids from Sandy Point and Crossing Rocks are being bussed every morning which is 100 miles round trip; and they have to get up at 5 a.m. every morning to catch the bus to be at school on time. I think this is something that needs to be looked into, and I think a nice high school in South Abaco in the Sandy Point area would be a priority. Right now we have outgrown the two high schools and they need to be upgraded. We need to develop for the young people coming. Abaco is really moving forward and at this point we need a major high school.

What would you do to increase the sports activities on the island?

Mr. Sawyer - Even before I may be elected, I have been working to push towards having a proper sporting facilities put

on Abaco. It has been promised for many years and to date little has been done. Contracts have been signed to renew, expand and enlarge the Spring City basketball court to include a volleyball court so the young ones can have positive activities to do instead of sitting on the blocks. It is time for Abaco to have a major sporting facility including a gymnasium, and it has to be strategically located so all of the schools and young people can use it. We can have international teams in, some sports meets and one day have a major sporting event. It is time that the youth of Abaco can be brought into the mainstream. We used to have a sports director on Abaco, but it was done away with. Mr. Ishmael "Stretch" Morley is in charge now and I think he is doing an excellent job. I would support it 100 percent. As a corporate citizen we have always supported a clean environment for sports and assisted in any way we could.

Mr. Key - I think first of all we need to appoint a director of sports here in Abaco. Back in the 1980s we had a director, Mr. Bernis Pinder, who was very interested in sports and he did a good job. We need to really get somebody in there to follow up on and help us move forward in sports. In Nassau you have indoor basketball and all of that, and we don't have any of that on Abaco. I think a nice track has to come and we have to move in that direction as well.

What programs would you start to help decrease crime in South Abaco?

Mr. Sawyer - No political party can lay claim to the crime that comes along with prosperity and development and that is one

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MP Sweeting sums up his 15 years in the House

By Julian Lockhart

After 15 years of serving South Abaco as the representative for the Free National Movement, Robert Sweeting has stepped down as the Parliamentary representative. Once the elections are held on May 2nd he will no longer be representing his constituents in government.



Robert Sweeting

Mr. Sweeting won his first seat in 1992 when the FNM changed the face of the political landscape and was the representative for the Hope Town District. In 1997 the FNM combined Hope Town with South Abaco and for the last two terms he has been the Member of Parliament for South Abaco.

Mr. Sweeting said, "It was my intention to only run two terms and because of a circumstance at the last minute I was asked by my party to offer for a third term. So I decided at that point and made it known I wouldn't go more than a third term. I don't

have any regrets because it gave me an opportunity to serve my constituents in government. When I became a member of Parliament, we won the government and we were able to accomplish a lot of things. I enjoyed the last term though it was a totally different ball game. I think I did well in opposition pointing out the flaws of this administration," he added.

The first time Mr. Sweeting ran he was opposed by Mr. Gary Sawyer and the last two terms he was opposed by Mr. Edison Key. However, Mr. Key decided to run for the FNM this time after a disagreement with the leaders of the PLP.

Mr. Sweeting said whoever wins the seat he feels they need to concentrate on the young people and especially sports so that there is more for the young people to do in Abaco.

Mr. Sweeting does feel that he is leaving his constituents in great hands with Mr. Key and that everyone who voted for him should vote the same way again because they won't be disappointed with their representation. He said, "There is no question about it that I am leaving the FNM party here in South Abaco in good hands. Of course, it is strange how politics go. The individual I beat the first time, Mr. Gary Sawyer, turns out to

be the candidate that is running for the PLP, and between that I beat Edison Key twice. We are a world of change and sometimes in the Family Islands it is difficult for party politics. Edison knew some things under the present government he felt he couldn't support and switched parties," Mr. Sweeting added.

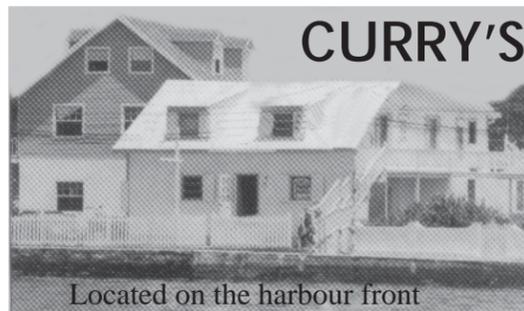
Mr. Sweeting said he will take it easy for a bit to give his wife and family some quality time and play with his grandchild-

dren. Then he wants to continue to be involved with helping Abaco grow.

When asked, a lot of Abaconians feel Mr. Sweeting has done a good job in his 15 years and South Abaco has improved under his direction.

Mr. Sweeting said, "If you are ready become a Member of Parliament to serve

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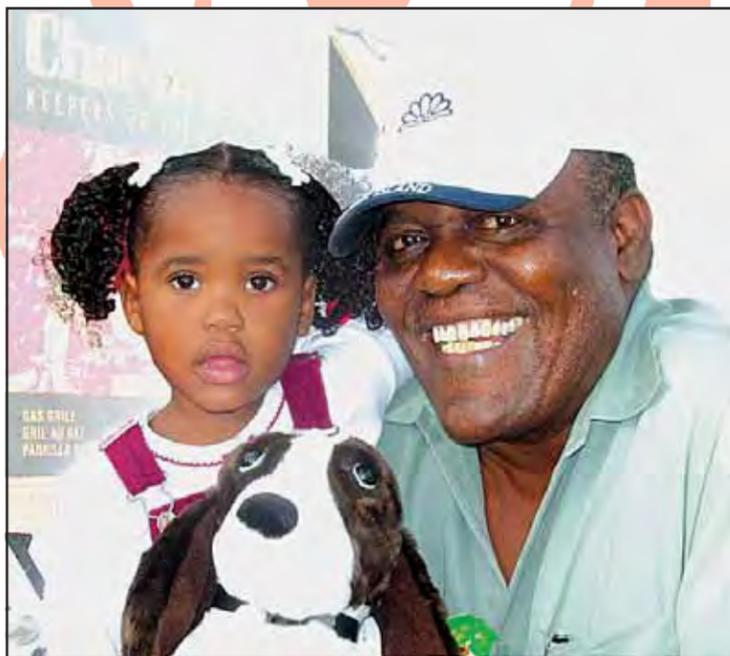
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of the negative things. The police cannot do it all and can only do so much. I believe the police have to be provided with the necessary things to get their job done. I believe concerned citizens need to step forward and be our brother's keepers. We have to watch each other, and it needs to be an educational process and needs to start from the school. Parents need to take responsibility for the actions of their kids. A lot of kids

are raised in a single family environment, mother having to work seven days a week and kids not given the family time they need. We have a break down in society. Church, concerned citizens, police - it needs to be a joint effort to stamp out the crime. Abaco doesn't have as much crime as other places; but if we don't stop it now, it will get worse.

Mr. Key - Well, the crime situation if you look at Abaco, you have the Mud and the Pigeon Pea. You have hundreds of young men in most cases doing nothing.

Election From Page 1

As a result of the dissolution of Parliament, only the 148,055 persons who registered to vote up to April 3, will be eligible to cast their ballots on May 2.

South Abaco had 2733 people register, up from the 2528 that registered in 2002. North Abaco had a total of 3467 registered, up from the 3386 that registered in 2002.

Running in South Abaco will be Edison Key for the Free National Movement and Gary Sawyer for the Progressive Liberal Party. The North Abaco candidates will be Fritz Bootle for the PLP, incumbent Hubert Ingraham for the FNM and Cay Mills as the independent candidate.

The Prime Minister noted that Bahamians live in one of the oldest democracies in the world and have been going to the polls to elect representatives to the House of Assembly for 276 years. He said Bahamians have always exercised their right to vote with voter turnout consistently being in the 90 plus per cent of registered voters.

The Prime Minister said, "We also live in one of the most vigorous democracies in the world. Bahamians cherish their hard won

political rights and freedoms. Amongst these there is none more precious than the right of the Bahamian people to choose their own government in free, fair and democratic elections. This is an outstanding statistic by world standards, and one more reason why our little nation is the envy of so many other nations, large and small, all around the world," he added.

Mr. Christie called on all parties and candidates to leave all the name-calling and nastiness out of the election campaign. He asked for all candidates to take the higher ground and be mature and civilized in their debates. He urged all political parties, including the governing PLP, and all candidates to conduct a campaign that is lively and spirited but at the same time peaceful and respectful of their differences.

In accordance with the constitution, after the Prime Minister formally announced the dissolution of Parliament and the election date, Provost Marshall, Paul Farquharson, read from the steps of the House of Assembly the two proclamations on behalf of the Governor General.

The Haitian situation is a major concern of most of your constituents, What would you do to deal with the problems of the Mud and Pigeon Pea?

Mr. Sawyer - It is very unfortunate that consecutive governments have allowed these communities to be where they are today. I have to lay as much blame on us as citizens because we have not been proactive in working to rectify this situation. We go to meetings and talk about it, then we go away and that is the end of it. There are not only Haitians in there but also Bahamians who live in there. In a lot of cases it is circumstances and they have been in there for years. Cost of land keeps them there and they don't want to be there. The ones who are due their status as residents or citizens that will get done. I think the work permit holders should be made to provide adequate housing to those who are on work permits. Their living arrangements should be inspected before they get the work permits. I will work diligently with the government to ensure that land is made available so they can purchase land and move out of there. As that happens we have to bring a direct focus to that so it can

be dealt with. As they move out, we have to demolish the houses and in three to four years the situation can be rectified. This will be on top of my list to bring to a solution so it won't be an issue anymore.

Mr. Key - The government needs to look seriously at relocation of the Mud and Pigeon Pea and providing land to put in a subdivision where eligible people can move to. There are hundreds of Bahamians who are living in there in deplorable conditions, and they need to be able to afford their own house. It has to be rectified soon or it will only get worse because people are multiplying. It is a serious matter and it has to be dealt with soon.

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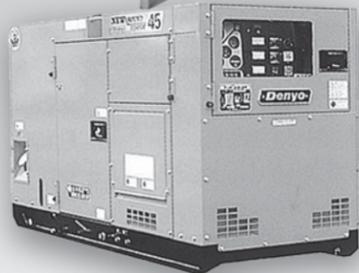
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The Editor Says . . . Will the landfill keep us cleaner?



All residents on Abaco are about to be served by a new and environmentally-friendly trash and garbage collection system. Dates have not been given, but the landfill site is nearing completion.

Residents, whether on the cays or on the mainland, will not see much different from the present collection system.

Businesses in Central Abaco that take their own refuse to the dump will have to travel a farther five or six miles to the new location, then pay a tipping fee to tip or dump the load of trash. The fee is based on the weight of the refuse. Fee schedules have not been announced yet.

Residential trash and garbage will be exempt from any fee if under 250 pounds. A drive-on scale is now being installed at the landfill site and obviously there will be one or more attendants to weigh vehicles in and out and collect the fee.

Two transfer sites are being prepared to act as intermediate collection stations, one on the Cherokee road and one in Little Abaco near the bridge (causeway) connecting Little Abaco to Abaco. These two transfer sites are being protested although work seems to be going forward by the government contractor.

It would appear that these transfer stations must also be staffed and have scales to determine the appropriate tipping fee. It is unclear how the fee is applied.

Residential garbage is collected by contractors who are awarded annual contracts by local government for providing this service. It is not known if they must pay the tipping fee out of their contract. Perhaps they will be exempt from the tipping fee for the residential trash which government pays them to collect.

Businesses are responsible for their own refuse disposal and will either pay the fee at the land fill or pay their trash contractor as a part of their monthly payment for the service. Any commercial refuse collection company would pay the fee as its trucks are emptied at the landfill site or the transfer stations.

The cost for garbage collection is likely to increase but this is generally an acceptable cost for cleaner communities.

The Central Abaco dump has been configured at the entrance so it can be locked

on weekends. Persons cleaning their properties on weekends must wait until Monday to take their trash during normal business hours. However, people are now pitching their trash over the gate on weekends. How this will play out as the local dump is closed and the new land fill comes on-line eight to 10 miles away remains to be seen.

Since dumps rank slightly higher than septic tanks on conversation scales, a massive educational program by environmental health may convince everyone to observe these new hours to access the present dump or the new landfill.

But we are afraid human nature will prevail, and our woods will become littered with garbage and other debris. Even when the dump was open on weekends, fresh trash could be found on our many side roads in the woods. Closing the dump on weekends will cause more garbage to be disposed of this way.

Dumps serve a large and diverse community which does not operate within set business hours. Businesses have learned to open and close to accommodate the needs of their customers. A few government agencies have altered their hours to accommodate the needs of the community. Police, customs, immigration, clinics and ports of entry are some obvious ones.

Dumps, like septic tanks, exist to serve a fundamental need of humanity by accepting our waste products. They both must function when called upon. The acceptance of trash at a dump can be mandated to specific hours and days. But human nature does not always follow the rules. The rules must be structured to accomplish the desired results without being too onerous, causing individuals to circumvent them.

There is a ground swell of public opinion for a cleaner Abaco. We hope this new landfill and all it entails supports this move.

Our growing responsibilities

In about three weeks on May 2 national elections will be held. In this short span we will be bombarded with projects starting and promises made from those wanting our vote.

You can vote for a party or vote for an individual but in either case this is the one opportunity each of us has which directly impacts government for the next five years. Those who registered have an obligation to go to the polls and cast their vote.

There is a lesser and neglected obligation to support and work with local government at the various levels. It has an important role to play in managing our communities, but it is not being utilized to its fullest capabilities. The rules and guidelines are vague. There is a lack of continuity as new persons are elected every three years. However, those communities which press their case and lobby for change within the local

government system will eventually see the fruits of their efforts.

Government understands that all facets of society in this diverse archipelagic nation cannot be governed or controlled from Nassau. While this fact is recognized, those in power are never-the-less reluctant to relinquish authority. As the needs of society get more complex, it becomes more difficult to govern from a distance. This devolution of authority will come with time.

Just as we question and press our elected leaders at the national level for improvements, we should question and work at the local level to improve the system. Just as competent people are desired nationally, similar people should be considered to serve locally. Choices should be made on competence, not friendships.

Abaco is not a distant backwater. It is growing and is vibrant. It needs good leaders.



This is the entrance to the Central Abaco dump with a chain across and a sign reading that the dump is closed on Sunday. It is closed after normal business hours also. The garbage seen here is on the dump side of the chain. We feel that the persons responsible for it should be thanked for not littering the road side. We cannot expect the public to go out of their way to dispose of their garbage.

Letters to the Editor

Local input is ignored

To the Editor

For years local council boards on Abaco have complained about central government making decisions for development of local sites without any communication or dialogue at the local level. Recently this concern has come to the forefront again as a result of recent discoveries of Bahamian government waste disposal facilities being constructed locally without the knowledge of local boards, members of the public or even local departmental offices of relevant ministries.

The waste disposal project from the Ministry of Energy and Environmental Health has instituted its programme without reference to local councils, local government agencies, non-governmental agencies or the public at large. The result has been the selection and construction, in progress, of two garbage transfer staging sites; one in Little

Abaco two miles from the bridge and east of Cedar Harbour; the other on the road to Cherokee some three miles east of the highway to Sandy Point. Both sites have become controversial for very different reasons, but do share one common denominator, they are both sit atop very large fresh water lenses.

The site in Little Abaco sits in a tract of virgin pine forest, unique in its geology, endemic flora and fauna, and geographical location; an area that by all accounts should be conserved. This same site is located approximately one mile from the ruins of the Black Point sisal plantation, a portion of its railway line, and the largest solution hole in Abaco, all subscribing to the fact that this area should be preserved.

The site in the Cherokee area of mainland Abaco is located just over a mile to the west of a 200-acre well field designed to supply a present demand of up to three-quarters of a million gallons of fresh water daily. This same site borders on a free range small ruminant (goat) farm to the south and approximately 2000 acres of agricultural cooperative farmland to the west.

In both cases the implications of aquifer contamination are serious.

Both sites are questionable in their efficiency as temporary waste holding facilities because both Treasure Cay and Sandy Point waste collection vehicles will have to travel in excess of 30 miles to dispose of waste. While the Cherokee site is only eight miles from the central land fill (garbage dump), the Treasure Cay garbage will have to return over the same 30 mile stretch of highway on its journey to the central land fill four miles south of the Marsh Harbour airport.

This simplified description of a portion of Abaco infrastructural development demonstrates failures in key areas of decision making and planning procedures within the framework of the Bahamian economic and physical landscape.

Sadly, the majority of the Abaco public is unaware of this series of events, even as they unfold in front of them. Yet the potential threats to eco-tourism, to a healthy environment, to agricultural production, to historical artefacts, and to species loss and biodiversity are real and alarming.

Unfortunately, the attitude of the Project Execution Unit (Environmental Health) towards the public at a recent town meeting in Marsh Harbour did nothing to soothe the individuals and their concerns over the impact of such a project. The attitude from the unit was somewhat arrogant and uncompromising in its decision to proceed regardless.

The public is not attempting to stop the project; in fact, opinion is definitely supportive of the improvement of waste handling and disposal. The objection is to the way in which implementation occurred and the lack of knowledge by the decision makers of the local environment, its assets and the potential damage and harm as a result of the rapidity and lack of consultation with local wisdom.

This whole scenario being presently played out before our eyes gives a definite insight into two important institutions of Bahamian civil society: central government (public service) and the heart of democracy (local councils).

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tude to the Out Island communities is a present day reflection of a colonial rule where devolvement cannot occur because the jealous guarding of power by a central authority supercedes any notion of localised powers. The rule by decree has been gone for over 30 years, but its institution lives on regardless.

We Bahamians seem to be under the impression that democracy and its responsibilities are limited to a general election once every five years or so. We are very proud of our extremely high voter turnout and our free and fair electoral process. However, we are not prepared to shoulder the responsibility of continuing supervision of our elected government. Rather, we have allowed this power to be eroded and eventually taken over by a public service who by its own naming should comprise our servants. The existence of local government allows the Bahamian public to regain that control over our public servants. If Bahamian democracy is to grow and flourish, we on the island communities must begin to support our local councils. If we don't, then central government will continue to dictate, without local dialogue, and our own voices will remain unheard.

"A people get the government they deserve."

John Hedden

Teacher dismissed unfairly?

Dear Editor:

Agape Christian School has been noted as a school with good academics and high standards. The teachers there are doing a wonderful job of educating children and instilling them with Christian morals and values that the world and even Bahamian society seem to be forgetting. I greatly appreciate the effort of so many of the fine teachers in the school that they are making to not only educate the kids in their classes, but to teach them right from wrong. Nothing I am about to say in this letter is to be reflected on them, as I have a great respect for what they do as individuals and are trying to accomplish in the lives of this current generation.

That being said, there is a situation that it seems like everyone in the community is talking about that needs to be clarified. On March 9th the board met with and fired its first grade teacher solely on the basis that she was too strict and a few of her students and their parents were complaining. There was no discussion of her teaching methods or how she could perhaps change them to accommodate the school. She was even accused of not loving her students like she did at the beginning of her teaching career. Now anyone who knows her knows how preposterous that accusation is because she has always loved children and been involved in children's ministries for at least 40 years. She is without a doubt one of, or perhaps the most, hardworking and dedicated teacher they had.

Needless to say this has wounded her deeply as well as all of her family, myself included. It has shocked us to the core thinking that people who have known you all of their lives and whom you cared about and thought they did in return could do such a thing. The other confusing issue is that many of the parents of her present and past students and others are calling to say how much they appreciated her and what she has done over the years. So the only question we really have is why was she really fired?

But sadly, it gets worse as the hurt does not end there. According to the Labour Department, she is not only entitled to the two weeks' pay they already paid her, but

also two weeks' pay per year that she has taught at the school as well as be paid up until the end of the school term. The Labour Department has informed us that a board member has called and refused to pay her what she is owed, which has only added further insult to injury.

Since I have family and friends teaching at and attending this school, I have absolutely no desire to cause any trouble for the school. As I mentioned, the curriculum they are using is providing children, our future leaders, with an excellent education. However, there are times when you must take a stand for what is right to give your own conscience peace of mind, if no one else. I know that writing this letter will not ease the pain that has been inflicted, nor will it cause the money that is owed to her to be paid, but I feel that the community and the parents who send their children to this school have the right to be aware of this injustice, and maybe, just maybe, the Board of Agape Christian School and all those who instigated this hurtful situation will feel a little shame and remorse.

A Concerned Family Member

Working together

Dear Editor,

We have been coming to Abaco for several years and finally purchased our dream Winter home in Bahama Palm Shores in early 2006.

I was very pleased to see the content on the environment in the December 15, 2006, edition of *The Abaconian*. But at the same time I was a bit dismayed to read Julian Lockhart's coverage of a study revealing that 80 percent of Abaco's coastal litter comes from local activities, not foreign boats or other sources as one might suspect. I guess it's true that we often don't appreciate the things we have until it is too late. As a foreign second-home owner, I wouldn't dream of littering Abaco with even something so small as a tiny piece of paper or gum. I have a very deep respect for the people and beauty of Abaco and our collective responsibility to preserve it.

Each time we walk the beach or roads, we make a point to pick up others trash on every trip. While it is difficult for one person to make a difference, life has shown us countless examples of what we can do when we come together for a common cause.

It all adds up very quickly when people unite behind a common cause. I urge every citizen of and visitor to Abaco to model the way for others by doing their part to pick up and dispose of trash properly. If a few people in each neighborhood would model this behavior, I'm sure the civic pride would quickly spread to maintain Abaco's natural beauty.

Thanks also for Vernique Russell's "Viewpoint ... *We Need to Help Our Environment*". Please keep up these great reminders to all of us!

Stories like that of Terrence McDonald's Christian behavior should be front page material across the globe. God bless and keep great stories like this coming.

J W Bowers

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Suggestions for protecting our environment

Dear Sir:

The environment has been covered extensively in recent issues of the *Abaconian* by both citizens and residents, and it is with some reluctance that I as a visitor to Abaco add a few thoughts to this discussion. I can't take credit for the observations made below, as they have been stated elsewhere in both the public and academic press. Rarely have these findings been applied to island nations.

One of the environmental problems confronting all communities, whether large or

Second Marsh Harbour shoreline clean-up is planned

Dear Editor,

With the support of the Friends of the Environment and the Ministry of Tourism and in recognition of April being the Environmental Awareness Month worldwide, we have decided to repeat the Marsh Harbour Shoreline Clean-up on April 14th.

This year we are trying to have greater participation from the local community. This effort is spearheaded by several churches, civic organizations and the busi-

ness community.

We plan to meet at the dinghy dock at the Union Jack Dock at 9 a.m. and divide into two groups. One will start in the western part by the Marsh Harbour port while the other will begin at the eastern end near the Outboard Shop. Assuming a reasonable turnout, we should be able to finish by noon or shortly thereafter.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Niels West

small, rich and not-so-rich, is that waste disposal represents a significant cost to the community. These costs may be direct or indirect. Let me give an example or two. The discarded beer, soda cans at the roadside and the old car in somebody's back yard - or worse disposed of in the public domain, lowers the visual amenity of that environment. Direct costs are represented by the expenditures which the government incurs in the collection and disposal (recycling) of cans, bottles, plastic containers car wrecks, etc. Indirect costs are apparent in a number of ways. Besides the visual impact of garbage strewn along the roads, toxic garbage results in health hazards.

In a country like the Bahamas with universal health care these expenditures are carried by every citizen. The disposal of plastics, bottles and the inappropriate emptying of holding tanks in coastal waters again results in visual impacts, potential health hazards and adversely affects fish and shellfish, which may be caught and consumed by citizens and visitors alike.

So what is the solution to these problems? The ad hoc clean-up efforts initiated on Elbow Cay, and other cays are, of course, one way of addressing these problems. But it is fair to say that such initiatives do not really solve the problem. What needs to be done is a change in attitude among local and national decision-makers. In short, the costs described above should be included in the purchase price of the products we all buy.

Society should recognize that the discarding of the plastic container, aluminum or steel can and paper product represents a cost to us all. Such costs may be referred to as a disposal charge to the buyer of the new car, soft drink, newspaper, etc. These charges (e.g. 5 cents for a soft drink container, \$100 included in the cost of purchasing a new

car) would provide an incentive to the owners to take the car to a wrecking yard, the can to a transfer station where the user would be reimbursed for all or a part of the deposit paid at the time of purchase. A portion of these "transfer fees" could pay for the cost of collecting and moving these used products to places where they can be recycled. If the purchaser decides to toss the can or bottle at the wayside, others might collect these items in expectation of being paid for their efforts.

It seems obvious that a small number of goals would be reached by the introduction of such a program. Based on observations in Europe and elsewhere, the environment has become noticeably cleaner, in no small part because of the economic incentive in collecting and transporting these items to a recycling station. Of course, less carelessly discarded trash would also reduce any collective health hazards.

These observations also relate to the reduced quality of the waters within the Marsh Harbour anchorage. The three or four marinas in Marsh Harbour, in addition to the boats anchored out, probably represent between 200 and 250 vessels of varying size, nearly all of which are now equipped with holding tanks containing human waste. It is my guess that a significant number of these vessels do not use the community's only pump-out facility, not because they don't want to, but because they are not aware of the existence of the pump-out station. Also, it is not that easy to access because of shallow waters leading into the facility. Some vessels decide to move out of the harbour to dump the waste offshore, but a significant (yet unknown) number of vessels empty their holding tanks in the anchorage or within

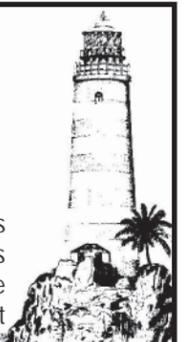
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Volunteer Firemen Responded to Mud Fire

By Julian Lockhart

Disaster hit the Mud once again as fire blazed through the Haitian community destroying 14 homes in the early morning hours of March 21st. A fire started in one of the houses after a candle fell. Because of the heavy winds and lack of water in the vicinity, the fire spread quickly engulfing a number of homes before dying out because of the work of the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department and the wind blowing the fire south into a wooded area.

The fire started at 2 a.m. but the fire department was not notified promptly. The first fire truck arrived on scene at 2:30 a.m. driven by Marsh Harbour Fire Chief John Hall. Over 20 fire fighters joined Mr. Hall with some coming as far as Cherokee, Casuarina Point and Bahama Palm Shores as well as the airport fire truck with fireman Rockling Bootle.

Bro. Bob Cornea from Casuarina said it is difficult fighting fires with the homes so close to each other, but he was happy with the response from all the guys down South. It proves that even though they are all separate departments, they are still willing to

help each other.

Mr. Hall said, "I am happy with the response. We had 18 members from Marsh Harbour, five from Casuarina Point and the airport truck as well. We are not all at the station to respond in trucks, so the drivers we called first and they respond in trucks and the other volunteers responded straight to the scene. The problem was two-fold: heavy wind and lack of water. There are no hydrants in the area, so we had to keep shuttling water back and forth which was either at the Shell Station or the Anglican Hall. I had two lines out and I was on one and two other guys were on the other one. In this case we didn't have any hydrants and the water from the first truck was used up quickly," Mr. Hall added.

Four trucks from the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department serviced the fire, one from Casuarina Point and the airport fire truck. However, even with six trucks it was hard containing the fire because there were no fire hydrants in the area to hook up to and once they emptied their tanks the fireman had to leave to fill up at least a mile away. That coupled with how strongly the

wind was blowing led to three homes being on fire when Mr. Hall arrived to about 14 burning to the ground by the time the fire was controlled.

The fire department has been begging for more fire hydrants, especially close to the Mud and Pigeon Pea because of the number of fires there, but government has yet to have any additional hydrants put in.

Some of the residents in the Mud felt the first truck on the scene driven by Mr. Hall did not have any water, but Mr. Hall said he definitely had water but with only 750 gallons it ran out in a few minutes.

Mr. Hall said, "We need fire hydrants all over the place. As I explained before there are only five on Don MacKay Boulevard, three in Murphy Town, one in Dundas Twon and there are none from the red light east. Central Pines has some. "We requested some from Water Works before and we got a letter back stating they are not actually responsible for providing water for fire fighting capabilities. So that is something we need to look into. Insp. Miller is looking to get some in the areas where we have a lot of fires, but we will see how it goes,"

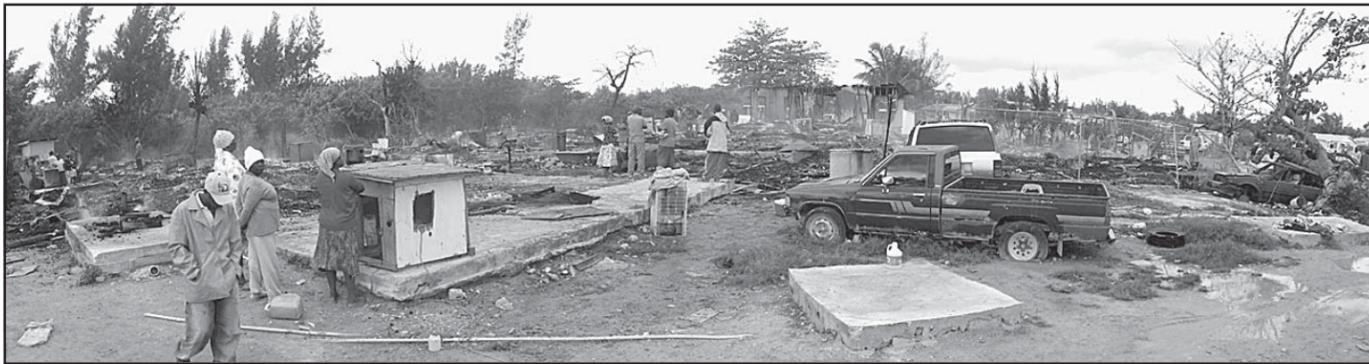
he added.

The one good thing about the night was that the volunteer fire fighters who went to the Mud were not attacked by any of the Haitian residents like they have been in the past. Mr. Hall said they have been working in the Mud and with continuous efforts the people who live there and the Pigeon Pea realize they are trying to help them and are doing their best.

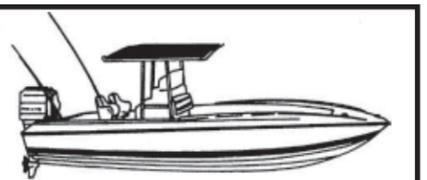
Mr. Hall said, "We were happy there were no attacks and we normally don't have any problems in the Mud. On two occa-

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This is a scene of devastation after a 2 a.m. fire swept through a section of the Mud, a settlement of mostly immigrants. Almost 100 people were left homeless, losing all their belongings in the night-time fire. Fortunately, there were no injuries.



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Immigrant community suffers another devastating fire

By Mirella Santillo

A fire in the Mud put close to 100 people out of their homes. Early on that morning of March 21st, a large crowd was gathered in the Mud around the smouldering remains of houses destroyed by a fire during the night. Fortunately, there were no casualties, but the charred remnants of household items - sinks, fridges, stoves, bits and pieces of burned furniture - were scattered around the flattened area where the houses had been. People stood just watching the smoke, few of them talking, not too willing to give information on what happened.

A resident commented that "a candle had started the fire" which then spread to the other close-by dwellings, (it had been very windy during the night). A man stated that "a fire truck with very little water had come to fight the fire, but the fire extinguished itself," he said. (It was later found out that other fire trucks had been subsequently dispatched to the area.) None of the displaced people were around. It seemed that they had all left the settlement.

PLP representative, Mr. Gary Sawyer, and Pastor Carlton Dorsette were already at the scene talking to residents. They were soon followed by ASP Wayne Miller ac-

companied by Dep. Comm. John Rolle, who was visiting Abaco from Nassau. The FNM representative, Mr. Edison Key, Radio Abaco, Red Cross officer Barbara Johnson and Social Services Salomie Gibson accompanied by other members of Social Services arrived shortly after as well as Pastor Meme. He invited the crowd in Creole to meet at Marsh Harbour's Seventh Day Adventist Church that Pastor Rahming had offered as a meeting place so assessment of the disaster could be done, reassuring the people that the authorities were here to help, not to deport anyone.

Mrs. Diane Turnquest and Mr. DeMario Barton, officers of the Red Cross in Nassau, who were teaching a seminar in Treasure Cay, cancelled that day's session to be of assistance and were waiting at the Church. As the church slowly filled, Mrs.

Memose Cornish, who is fluent in Creole, was asked to address the assembly. She told the victims to come forward and give information on which houses had burned and

Jean Blanc, 42, with his wife, Eloinese Blanc, and two children, a boy, 8, and a girl, 7, is now without a home. He had this to say. "I am disappointed and sad that I lost everything. I have to find a house now and I can't. I have my wife and children, and I have no where for us to live. I can't find a house. Everything is lost, everything. First truck come and make noise for nothing. Then the second one come but they don't help either. They put lil bit of water and house burn up. They bring some water but not enough to kill fire.

how many people resided there. With three other Creole-speaking people, Ms. Luzena Dumercy, Police Officer Nelson Botin and Social Services' Serena Simms, they filled the reports, as a long line of claimants formed. Families with children, older people, all had lost everything they owned. An elderly woman who was by herself when the fire occurred said, "Everything is gone, the house, everything."

While the information was being gathered, Mr. Edison Key organized food and drinks to be delivered to the church and Mr. Silbert Mills agreed to make an appeal to the community on Radio Abaco, asking for clothing, bed linens, baby supplies and

whatever people could donate.

The Director of Immigration for Abaco, Mr. Spence Dorsett, and his assistant, Mr. Hutchinson, made an appearance at the church to offer their help with lost documents. The Administrator's office was represented by Assistant Administrator, Mrs. Margaret Symonette.

By late morning, it was assessed that 14 houses had been destroyed in the fire and 92 people were homeless.

Food and drinks sent by Mr. Edison Key and Mr. Gary Sawyer and by some Marsh Harbour's residents were delivered to the church where a distribution area had been set up.

Mrs. Gibson later confirmed that temporary shelter had been arranged in Dundas Town, but "no one came to take advantage of it," she said. However, people came for the food, blankets, sleeping bags and clothing that were distributed two days later.

Mrs. Johnson said that a major distribution of goods took place late afternoon on Saturday as well at the Red Cross' Office. She mentioned that someone is there Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and donations can be brought in within these hours. According to Mrs. Johnson most people have relocated with friends and family in the Mud.

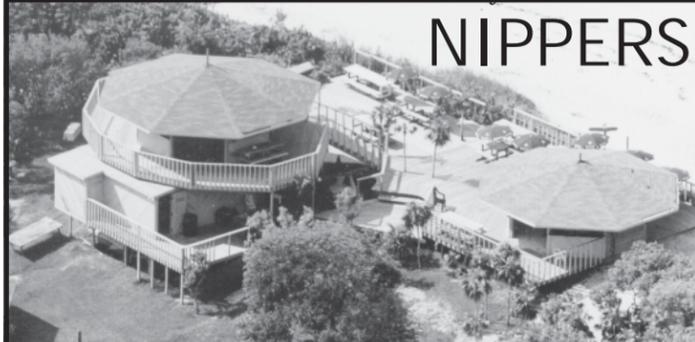


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School has new addition

A large group gathered on March 24th for the dedication service and open house to view *Mr. Eddie's Room*. This resource room is an addition to the Man-O-War School that we have long dreamed about. It became a reality when a number of people expressed interest in wanting to do something to benefit Man-O-War in the memory of Mr. Eddie Albury. His son, Bill Albury of William Albury Construction, along with James and Ann Pleydell-Bouverie were the moving force behind this project. Many friends of Mr. Eddie and supporters of our school gave donations of funds or labour to

see to the completion of this wonderful room. Mr. Eddie loved children so this is an appropriate way to remember him. He was a skilled carpenter who gave attention to the last detail. Some of those who remember him well encouraged the students to keep their work standards high in his memory.

The room has many functions. This is now the meeting place for an after school Children's Bible Meeting hosted by Edith and Sarah Ann Weatherford. A large walk-in storage area keeps the school organized with shelves containing supplies for art projects, and there is a large area to teach classes. The science section contains supplies needed for experiments. There is now



Students of the Small World Learning Center and Man-O-War All Age School entertained the community at New Life Bible Church on the evening of March 26th. Mrs. Deanna Stecker wrote and directed the Easter musical *I Knew Jesus*. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended. Tears were shed during the moving songs. The community appreciates the hard work of the students to learn their dialogue and the words to the songs. Their performance was impressive. Mrs. Stecker has been practicing with the children since returning to school in January. Man-O-War appreciates the talent and enthusiasm she shares with the children and her patience in working with them.



Mr. Eddie's Room is a new addition to the Man-O-War Primary School. This all-purpose room contains the school's computer lab, kitchen, art supplies, science section, music and Spanish activities. It was dedicated in a ceremony on March 24.

a location to teach subjects that may get a bit noisy like music and Spanish lessons. The room even includes a kitchen for cooking classes. This new teaching space is also a computer lab where six computers are hooked up to high speed internet where students can Google to find the answer to many of their "Why is that?" questions. The students' favorite use of this room is movie night using the projector and the big screen. Students and teachers are grateful to all individuals and businesses who supported this project. The school is truly blessed.

Body builder will be recognized

Body builder Arthur Elden of Man-O-War will be one of the Legendary Honourees at an Awards Banquet to be held in Freeport, Grand Bahama. Mr. Elden has been competing since 1960 when he came in third place in the Mr. Bahamas competition. Since

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family guardian's calendar photo contest a celebration of nature

14 winning entries will appear in Family Guardian's 2008 calendar. Winning entries receive a gift certificate valued at \$400 each. Entry deadline is May 31, 2007

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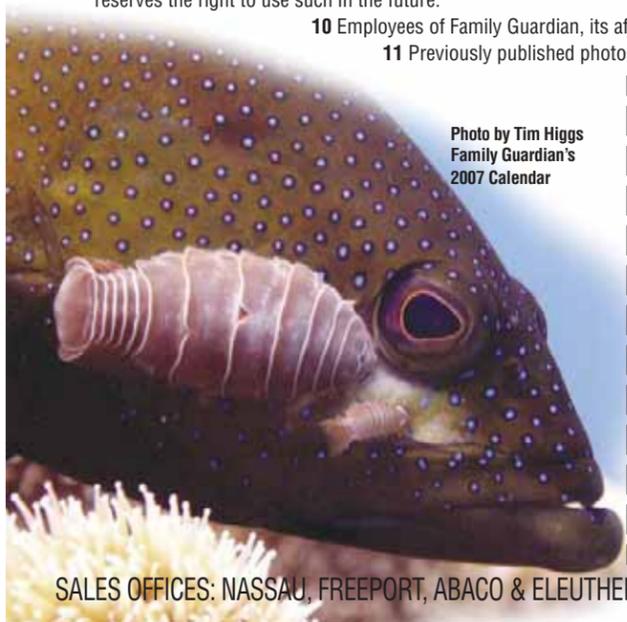


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then he has consistently won awards in Nassau, Grand Bahama, the United States, the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada and even in Spain. He has had numerous special awards over the years.

Mr. Elden along with another body builder was the first to represent the Bahamas in an international competition, the first to represent the Bahamas in Caribbean competitions and the first Bahamian to be featured on the covers of U.S. muscle magazines.

Hope Town Joyful noise concert

By Jennifer Hudson

A concert entitled *Joyful Noise* was held on March 18 at the St. James Methodist Church at Hope Town and was the second

major fund raiser within two weeks towards helping the young people of the church with funds towards their summer mission trip to Tennessee. People came out in full force for this delightful concert and the church was packed to capacity with several people even standing in the foyer throughout the entire concert.

The evening consisted of a variety of music from hymns and spirituals to bluegrass and was the idea of Doug Berent, husband of one of the St. James Singers who decided that this would be a good way to benefit the young people. The Youth Praise Band featured three of the young people who will be going on the mission trip: Eric Albury on lead guitar, Eric Patterson on bass and Stephen Malone on drums. Bluegrass music was provided by two visitors Dane Johnson, whose family have been coming to Abaco for many years,

and Brad Beachy, son of St. James Church members Dr. Larry and Carol Beachy, who played guitar and banjo. The duo were joined by youth leader Ashley Yancey on guitar. Organ selections were played by Rosemary Jackson, a retired profes-

sional organist with the Church of Canada who now resides on Man-O-War Cay and who delighted the audience with selections from the Sound of Music and Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals.

A love offering was received and donations amounted to approximately \$3,000 towards the youth mission trip.

Youth auction in Hope Town

By Jennifer Hudson

An auction with a difference was held at Cap'n Jack's in Hope Town on March 11. Instead of items to be auctioned, teenagers were auctioned. Although this may conjure up visions of former slave auctions at Vendue House in Nassau. Of course, it was nothing of the sort. Fourteen young people aged 12 to 16 years, members of the St. James Methodist Church Youth Group, were each offering themselves for four hours of work in order to raise funds for their youth mission trip to Tennessee this coming summer. Prospective bidders were given a sheet listing the name of each teenager with a description of what he or she is good at, whether it be babysitting, house work or other types of manual work. One young lady was even hired to organise a tea party for a three- or four-year-old girl.

According to Youth Group leader and organiser of the auction, Ashley Yancey, Cap'n Jack's was packed for the occasion and auctioneer, Mr. Willie, almost lost his voice. The lowest bid of \$70 came at the beginning of the evening before people really got into the swing of things but later everyone got into the mood and the highest



Mrs. Rosemary Jackson was organist at the Joyful Noise Concert held in Hope Town on March 18. She is a resident of Man-O-War but willingly assisted with the fund-raising event



Dane Johnson on the guitar and Brad Beachy on the banjo, both with a long association with Hope Town, played bluegrass music at a recent concert in Hope Town. The concert was one of the events that the youth of the community held to raise money for a summer mission trip this summer.

bid was \$230 resulting in a final total of \$2,600. All of the young people who will be going on the mission trip participated in this event and assisted in the selling of food and grilling hotdogs and hamburgers. Altogether the grand total of \$3,500 was raised towards the mission trip. According to Ms. Yancey, over half of the necessary funds have now been raised and a couple more major fund raisers have been scheduled for between now and June to raise the remainder of the money needed.

"Everyone had an all-round good time," stated Ms. Yancey, who was grateful to the owners of Cap'n Jack's for donating the use of the restaurant for the evening. They are both very active in the church and their son, who is a member of the youth group, will

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be a member of the mission group to Tennessee where the young people will assist in the construction of houses for the needy.

Museum was given a diorama

By Stephanie Downs

While Colin and Helen Ray were cruising in The Bahamas on their M/V *Cohessence*, they chanced to stop at the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum in the little settlement of Hope Town. There, they discovered a treasure trove of exhibits reflecting the history of not just Abaco but the whole Bahamas.

Colin was so impressed and inspired that he began formulating in his mind a minia-

ture scene in wood of early island activity. Considering sponge fishing to have been a major means of income at one time, he set to creating a diorama which, as the name suggests, portrayed a moment frozen in time of this important industry.

With the help of Mr. Emerson Albury of Man-O-War Cay, who lent him a model of an early schooner, he set about copying it with remarkable exactitude. At the annual flea market on the same island he found photos depicting the era. Along with these, he added material gleaned from his birthplace, Bermuda.

When the diorama was completed, he donated it in timely fashion to the Wyannie Museum. It was "timely" because Heritage Day, March 2-3, was fast approaching and

the museum's curator, Mr. Tony Bennett, was welcoming anything which portrayed not only the rich history of Abaco but the Bahamas in general. When Colin and Helen offered the diorama depicting sponge fishing in The Bahamas circa 1850, Tony and the Hope Town community were delighted.

It was no mean feat for the Rays to get the diorama to Abaco from Canada. Close to Heritage Day the couple set off from Canada in a truck with three huge boxes with all the pieces of the diorama entitled *Daybreak on the Mudd*. They drove to West Palm Beach and then with the kind assistance of local air charter Capt. Faron Sawyer and Bahamas Immigration services, they eventually brought everything safely to Hope Town.

Just a few weeks before Heritage Days they carefully unpacked the boxes and set up the scene of early island activity, of something which had been a major source of income in the nineteenth century.

"I considered that the children of these islands should have some idea of the nature of that enterprise," said Colin, who carved the sponging schooner out of pine-laminated layers, each three-eighths-inch thick. The vessel to scale would have been 60 feet in length. Crewmen, conch shells, starfish and other small items which made up the accurately reenacted scene were all made in special modeling clay. They were then painted

in an acrylic medium.

As the caption denotes, the action takes place in the shallow waters known as The Mud, areas located west of Andros Island on the Great Bahama Bank and west of Abaco on the Little Bahama Bank.

Time of day is as Colin says, "just after the sun has cleared the horizon when there is a promise of another beautiful day." The men have worked before sunrise and some are shown returning to the mother ship with their first load of sponges. Everything is depicted in great detail with a water jug and calabash for bailing shown in each dinghy.

As the men hunt for sponges, some of which are shown drying on board the schooner, they have hauled on board the odd conch and lobster. It is apparent that the schooner has been anchored for a few days in the same location as there are discarded conch shells shown strewn on a sandy beach beneath the model of the schooner. This he has enclosed within a glass case with real Abaco sand.

A school of grey snapper has gathered in the cool shade of the starboard quarters as three striped mutton snappers graze near the set anchor. The scene is realistically created with such detail. To add to the realism

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Colin and Helen Ray, cruising visitors to Abaco, contributed a detailed diorama of a sponging scene to the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum in Hope Town. The attention to fine detail is particularly apparent in the model of a typical Bahamian fishing boat



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Art Workshop Produces a Mural

By Mirella Santillo

The Abaco Art Guild was created two years ago by local artists not only to bring artists together but to promote art awareness among the students. Recently the group invited a well known Bahamian artist from Nassau, Mr. Antonius Roberts, to supervise an art workshop in Marsh Harbour. The first Abaco Art Guild's workshop was for students over 13, their teachers and members of the Art Guild to collectively

paint a series of panels. The mural will be mounted on the wall of a local business; Standard Hardware offered to display the art work. A garden corner was the perfect location, offering the right setting and visibility for the mural. The workshop was set for the last weekend in March.

Twelve panels of primed masonite, pots of paint in every possible colors and an array of paint brushes awaited the artists. As students of St. Francis de Sales, Long Bay School, Wesley College, Every Child Counts, Agape Christian School and Forest Heights Academy, some accompanied by

their teachers, and local artists gathered in the hall of New Vision Church that afternoon of March 30th,

Mr. Roberts immediately took charge, communicating his idea of what the mural should look like: a colorful Abaconian landscape. He assigned a crew to sketch the design explaining that each panel would be a flowing continuation of the previous one. A few samples of birds, flowers and trees were suggested, but he invited them to use their imagination. By the end of the first session an amazing scene of palm trees, bougainvilleas, mangroves, flowers, birds, lizards with a background of the sea had emerged. Even a man dozing in his hammock entered the landscape!

The second day was dedicated to painting. As early as 8 a.m. a crew was already painting the skies. As students arrived, the skies were completed, a sea crew started spreading turquoise. As the background took shape, Mr. Antonius Roberts appointed people to paint leaves, flowers, butterflies, birds, rocks and critters. Each group became responsible for painting a specific part of the mural.

Adults and children became entirely absorbed in the creative process, hardly speaking, enjoying the experience, barely stopping for lunch. When work stopped, a fantastic scene was revealed, the collective efforts of people from different age groups, different ethnic and professional background, but all dedicated to the same goal: the creation of a work of art. As the workshop ended, Mr. Roberts stated how impressed he was by the amount of work that had been achieved in less than two days and by the talent of some of the local students.

He is looking forward to returning to Abaco for more workshops.

The unveiling of the mural decorating the exterior wall of Standard Hardware will take place later in April.

Crossing Beach is being restored

By Julian Lockhart

Crossing Beach is the only public beach in Marsh Harbour and is the gateway for most visitors and Bahamians who travel to and from Marsh Harbour and the cays via a Ferry. This is why, under the direction of local government, Friends of the Environment has begun restoring Crossing Beach to be a native beach by eradicating the casuarinas on site, reshaping the beach, replanting native plants and placing picnic tables on the beach.

The project is well underway and Friends is hoping that the entire project is finished by May. But they are having set backs with the use of equipment and they are having to share a lot of people's time with all of the development going on in Abaco right now.

Friends' program co-ordinator Olivia Patterson said, "When you look at Crossing Beach in the past there were just casuarinas and that was it. But when you look at a native beach there is a lot of diversity with different plants, so we wanted to return Crossing Beach to its natural diversity. We realize that it is an important area and a lot of people use it. We want it to remain nice so the first part of the project is to take out the casuarinas. The second part is to re-



Artists of all ages worked on a mural that will be displayed at Standard Hardware. They worked under the direction of Mr. Antonius Roberts from Nassau. The two-day workshop showed that the area has many talented people.

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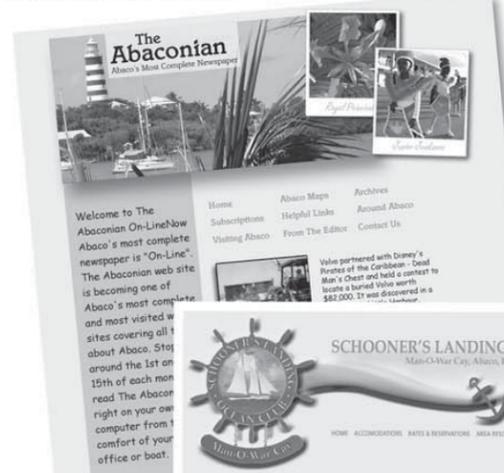
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shape the beach, give it a little bit more sand so we can put plants in. Plants like sea grape, buttonwood, sea oats which will all help hold the sand and will trap more sand when the wind blows through the area. The native plants will also bring native birds and attract butterflies to the fruit of those plants. Once the planting stage is done we will put in picnic tables," Ms. Patterson added.

The top of the list for Friends is the eradication of the casuarinas, that are an evasive species and that destroy native vegetation around them.

However, when the project is finished and the trees that are being planted mature, they will provide shade.

Friends is appealing for groups and businesses in the community to donate picnic tables for Crossing Beach so Abaconians can continue to take full advantage of the area by having lunch there or using the beach for events.

With the casuarina trees being removed and the time it will take for the new trees to mature, the need for a pavilion or other man-made structures will be needed on the beach.

Ms. Patterson said, "We have been doing this with local government because local government members really want to beautify the area. They recognize it is a gateway to and from the cays and a lot of people go through there and see it. It is the only public beach in Marsh Harbour. It is pretty important to remove the casuarinas because they do not do the job that native plants do for the beach. They don't hold sand very well with a shallow root system so they can be torn up with the right conditions. They are also not good for the environment. They change the soil because their leaves are acidic and they don't provide food for any of our native animals. So they are not doing a service at all," she concluded.



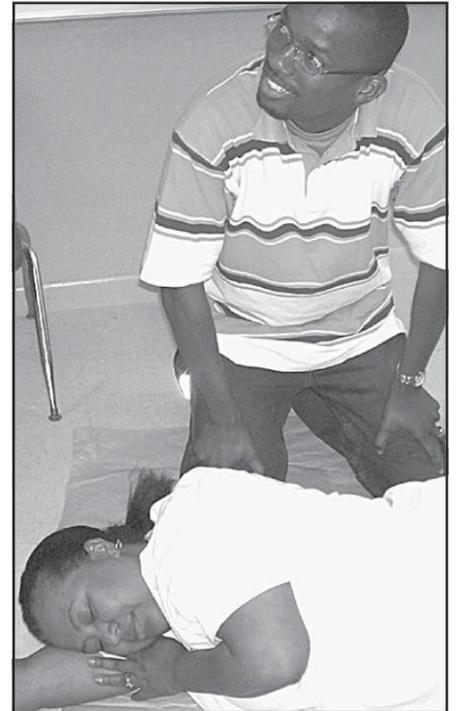
The casuarina trees at Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour have been removed and will be replaced with native trees and sea oats. Friends of the Environment has added sand and will be making the area conducive for beach goers with structures to provide shade and picnic tables.

Red Cross offers first aid training

By Mirella Santillo

Eighty-seven people attended the First Aid Certification training that took place on March 10th at Abaco Central High School. Red Cross training officers, Mr. Demario Barton and Mrs. Diane Turnquest, came from Nassau to teach the all-day seminar which involved the demonstration and practicing of the most important first aids technique. Red Cross members who were already certified but needed a refresher course assisted the teachers with some of the techniques and demonstrations.

A manual and first aids kits were distributed to everyone and the participants were taught that the first rule is to remain safe themselves before they do anything else. The first thing to do is to check the scene of an accident, the second is to call for trained emergency medical personnel and last to care the victims, making them comfortable until the emergency services



First aid training by the Red Cross was a practical course with an emphasis on personal hygiene.

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arrive. However, in certain instances a certified first aid person can get involved such as in the case of a person choking, when a victim is not breathing or does not have a pulse. In these cases, administering the Heimlich maneuver, rescue breathing or CPR until trained medical help arrives could save a person's life.

Personal hygiene was stressed. The use of gloves before handling anyone is a must and participants practiced how to remove the gloves without touching the soiled part until they could do it perfectly. They were taught how to make a temporary sling or splint and stop bleeding.

Participants completed a written examination before leaving. They will subsequently receive a First Aid Certification or

a Certificate of Attendance depending on whether they passed the exam or not. Ms. Barbara Johnson with the Red Cross and Mrs. Elaine Martinborough with Urban Renewal were the coordinators for the program.

The Wm. H. building officially opens

By Jennifer Hudson

The imposing yellow and white Wm.H. Building located next door to Sapodilly's in Marsh Harbour was officially opened on March 22. A large group gathered to celebrate the occasion, enjoy refreshments and a variety of fine wines supplied by Tupp's and enjoy the music of the James Niels Band. Guests also took the opportunity to visit the new offices of HG Christie and browse Monkey's Uncle, Tupp's and Ba-

hamas Outfitters boutiques located in the building.

This particular date was chosen for the opening by owners Brenda Mitchell and Robert Claridge as it was the birthday of their late father after whom the building is named. Mrs. Betty Claridge, wife of the late William Claridge stated, "It is very fitting for people to come together and have a good time on this occasion as Bill loved the good life."

Mrs. Claridge cut the ribbon to officially declare the building open, assisted by granddaughters Cecily and Robyn.

Dinner and a Movie

By Jennifer Hudson

"Dinner and a movie" makes a pleasant evening out and can now be enjoyed in

Marsh Harbour twice a month. The event is held at Snappas every other Monday evening with dinner beginning at 7 p.m. followed by a movie at 8 o'clock. The cost of both dinner and a movie will be from \$20 up according to the menu selection. If a person would just like to go to enjoy the movie, the cost will be \$10. The first movie shown on March 12 was *Lilies of the Field* starring Academy award-winning actor and native Bahamian, Sir Sidney Poitier attended by a small group of people who enjoyed their evening. A variety of both new and old movies will be shown and the next movie scheduled was *Casino Royale*, the new James Bond movie which was shot in Nassau.

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The Wm. H. building officially opened on March 22 with a reception. Mrs. Betty Claridge, mother of the brother and sister owners, cut the ribbon. The building houses several retail shops and a real estate office.



The Abaco Ferry company has begun operating a ferry between Marsh Harbour and Hope Town and White Sound. Its 42-foot boat, the Wahoo, is completely enclosed and is air conditioned. The ferry has an innovative bow access system for loading and off loading. The captain has a pilot house on the bow also. The ferry uses the government dock at Crossing Beach and the upper dock in Hope Town.

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Hopefully, this will catch on and become a popular biweekly event. Two American visitors stated as they left, "We love attending outdoor movies back home and we wish that there was more entertainment like this in Abaco." Marsh Harbour resident, Glenda Knowles was another who enjoyed her evening out and remarked that, "I wish there was more like that for people to do on Abaco."

Murphy Town Park gets a facelift

By Samantha V. Evans

If you drive past the Murphy Town Park, you will be surprised to see the actual field less all of the debris and overgrown grass that once made it an eyesore. Thanks to Mr. Kendris Hield, Principal of Abaco Central High School, the park has received a face lift. Mr. Hield stated that the park was in bad shape; and since his students use the field for physical education, he took the project on.

He stated that with the help of some mem-

bers of his maintenance and physical education staff, they rebuilt the shotput station. There is now a javelin station. They filled the long jump pit, cleaned up the field by removing debris, painted bleachers and are building others for the track; renovated and painted the bathrooms, replacing necessary fixtures and painting signs on each door.

Mr. Heild is pleased to report that they painted and re-lined the track for races. Even though there is still some work to be done, he is pleased with what they have accomplished so far. Presently, they are working on the basketball court. To date they have repainted the court and are looking to replace the rims shortly.

The Murphy Town Park looks cleaner and more attractive. More persons now use the track and field and can be seen placing garbage in the bins. The park is a safe place for young people and for families because the high bush has been cut down. People are there until late into the night and more persons are now using the park to exercise. Mr. Hield sees Abaco Central High School as a community-minded school so he saw this as a way to give the young people posi-

tive, fun activities to take part in and in a safe place where they can hang out even into the night. The fact that the park is now "useable" helps to keep the youth out of mischief. More sports and leisure groups use the park for soccer and fairs.

Mr. Hield plans to renovate the stage so that concerts can be staged there as well. He hopes that this effort will bring the communities together. He would like to see the residents take more pride in the park and have family activities and gatherings there. He has not received any assistance from Local Government or the town at this time but used the school budget to make the Murphy Town Park a place that residents can feel safe to visit and spend time with their loved ones.

First Caribbean Bank has new manager

By Jennifer Hudson

Ms. Iris Henschell took over as Manager of the First Caribbean Bank on February 19 following the posting of previous manager, Mr. Paul Bartlett, to Nassau. "I am excited and looking forward to the challenge," stated Ms. Henschell.

This is the first time a manager has been



Ms. Iris Henschell

appointed who has come up entirely through the ranks of the bank. In 1979 Ms. Henschell joined as a teller and worked her

way up to the position of Customer Service Manager which she held for six years prior to becoming Branch Manager. Though born in Grand Bahama, Ms. Henschell has been her home ever since. She spent a short time in the Turks and Caicos Islands doing relief work for the bank. Although she will be permanently based in Marsh Harbour, she will be visiting the sub-agencies in Green Turtle Cay, Hope Town and Man-O-War Cay. "I am very customer focused," states Ms. Henschell, "and have now moved my office in order to be more easily accessible to serve my customers."



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Radio Abaco Celebrates 10 years

By Jennifer Hudson

On March 14 listeners to the morning Radio Abaco news broadcast heard Mr. Silbert Mills announce that the radio station was celebrating its 10th anniversary. Following the news broadcast listeners were given the opportunity to call in their good wishes to Mr. Mills and to say what the station has meant to them in a few brief words during its ten years of broadcasting. Among the callers were Mr. Augustine Williams, Chairman of the Dundas Town Council, and Mrs. Ester Bethel, who thanked Mr. Mills for the opportunity he has given her over the years to share her musical singing ministry with the people of Abaco.

When Mr. Mills first came up with the idea of introducing a radio station to Abaco, he was scrutinized very carefully by government. Because only one license was being considered for Abaco and since Mr. Mills had no prior experience in any area of broadcasting, government wanted to make sure that it had someone who would be both competent and fair. It was two years before they approved his 14-page proposal. As soon as he received notification that his application had been approved on December 24, 1996, he immediately began construction. By January 1st. the broadcasting tower had been erected. A previously used tower was purchased from Y100 in Fort Lauderdale plus a brand-new Italian 1,000 watt transmitter.

On March 14, election night, the radio station was turned on at 8 p.m. and testing calls were made to Cooper's Town, Treasure Cay and Cherokee. "We were calling all around asking 'Can you hear us?' and discovered that we were being heard as far as Treasure Cay," stated Mr. Mills.

"Broadcasting that first night was cut short by severe thunder and lightning which caused the station to shut down but it was full steam ahead next day. People tuned in and we very quickly established a news presence."

Richard Fawkes was the first news anchor but his stay was very short. From then Silbert Mills himself took over all the news and continued with the weather which he had done from the opening of the station. Mr. Mills said that he was very much indebted to the late Cay Gottlieb who greatly assisted him in setting up the station.

On May 3, 2002, once again a day after the election, Radio Abaco moved into a modern 1300-square-foot building which includes an office, production room and isolated studio but the original 360 square foot building still stands, kept ready on standby for an emergency. Everything necessary for broadcasting is there and can be turned on at a moment's notice.

"Radio Abaco has had its share of problems but through adversity came opportunity," reminisced Mr. Mills. "Although all the equipment and tower were destroyed in Hurricane Floyd, it gave the opportunity for an upgrade of the equipment. The brand new tower was reinforced by guy anchors and greater transmission power was purchased. It has also suffered a couple of direct hits by lightning which burned up studio equipment and transmitter but once again the station bounced back better and stronger." Mr. Mills praised Mr. Norwel Gordon for all the help he has given the station, often until



Silbert Mills is the voice of Abaco that everyone is familiar with on Radio Abaco. He began broadcasting on March 14, 1997, just in time to announce the results of the national election held that day.

In addition to presenting news and weather, informative talk shows and call-in programmes in which the community has a voice, Radio Abaco maintains a strong Christian presence with a gospel hour every day, a full day of gospel on Sundays and a Christian Council Forum.

Mr. Mills is excited about several new avenues Radio Abaco has recently developed. It is now into video production of news for television as part of its overall vision and is able to report to the nation on stories of interest from Abaco. It is now on live Internet at www.radioabaco935.com. Mr. Mills hopes soon to have the morning news and weather on the Internet for several hours each day and he is seeking to provide Cable 12 with weather service daily. He has made application for a local television station on Abaco "that will open up additional opportunities for young Abaconians."

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Central Abaco Primary donated to fire victims



After the recent fire in the Mud that left many families displaced, the teachers, staff and students of Central Abaco Primary School were asked to bring in items of clothing, food and other miscellaneous items to donate to the Central Abaco Red Cross Society to bring some relief to these families. Principal Eunice Mills said that she is happy for those parents who responded so favorably to the school's request and to those staff members who also contributed. On April 2nd six students along with the senior mistress Ms. Patricia Campbell and the school counselor Ms. Samantha V. Evans took six boxes of food and several bags of clothing to the Red Cross to assist these families. Accepting the items on behalf of the Red Cross was Mrs. Christine Lightbourne. Pictured from left to right are: Mrs. Lightbourne, Selvains Dalmond, Older Pierre, T'Shad Cornish, Jason Adderley, Peter Dawkins, and P'Vaughn Bethel.

More lion fish are found locally

By Mirella Santillo

For the past two years there have been numerous sightings of lion fish around Abaco. Last year a lion fish was spotted off the coast of Great Cistern. In the fall three lion fish were found in the mangroves of Cross Harbour by Forest Heights students while fish tagging. In March one was speared in Casuarina in a canal by Mr. Edward Smith. Another fisherman familiar with these fish is Mr. Jason Albury.

According to Mr. Albury, "Lion fish are nothing new to the waters of Abaco. For the last seven or eight years they were fairly common in the north around Walker's Cay. What is new," said Mr. Albury, "is to find so many around the central and southern part of the island. I killed about 25 of them during the past year," stated Mr. Albury, who added that about a month ago he took three fish to

the Department of Fisheries. "I found another five or six two weeks ago in the Lower Rock Boiling Hole off Cherokee Sound." Mr. Albury explained that he finds them in lobster traps.

Mr. Wayne Cornish, local Officer for the Department of Marine Resources confirmed receiving three fish from Mr. Albury. He is not asking anyone to catch them because it could be dangerous. The fish release a potent venom from their fin spines upon contact. The venom can be active for days. Information about the fish states that it is rarely fatal, but divers are known to have drowned because of the pain and the allergic condition it causes.

However, Mr. Cornish said that if anybody catches some or sees some, he needs the exact location of where the fish were found. The fish that he receives "are sent to Nassau to deal with," said Mr. Cornish.



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Ann B. Patterson, October 19, 1931 - February 25, 2007, was a well loved second homeowner on Scotland Cay from 1983 to 1995. She then moved to Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera, where she lived until her death. She passed away peacefully after a very short illness.



Ann Patterson

She is survived by her son Bob Patterson of Hollywood, Florida, her daughter Suzanne Koch, son-in-law Sam Hadley and grandchildren Chris, Jeff, Ben and Katie.

Funeral service for **Rosita Thervil**, age 66, of Marsh Harbour was held on March 3 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Marsh Harbour. Father Rodger Madrazo officiated assisted by other ministers. Interment was in the Marsh Harbour Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her sons Rosner, Nixon, Max, Luc and Alin Thervil; daughter Linda Thervil; brothers Anouse, George, Jean-Ronal and Fidner Louis; sisters Gerta Astrid, Maryange and Mimose Louis; grandchildren Mike, Rahem, Britney, Shaquille, Nic, Alicia, Antoinia, Luc Jr., Shanti, Diesha and Shuna, Aleah and Lamont Thervil; nephews John, Jean Claude, Joseph, Sonn and Wister Thervil; nieces Franc, Carmen and Carlene Timothee; brothers-in-law Roland and Mac Antoine Thervil; sisters-in-law Alzine, Genevieve and Bernadette; aunts; uncles; cousins; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Achille Jonassaint**, 46, of Marsh Harbour was held on March 17th in Nassau and interment was in Nassau.

He is survived by his son Hasthin Jonassaint; daughters Junie Geffrard and Shirley Jean Baptiste; grandsons Nerkino Geffrard, Rashadson, Wilkenson and Shelvine Jean Baptiste; sisters Quamelitha Jonassaint and Mme Theofhard Methelus; brothers Louis, Antroine, Ausilien, Edra, Edroid, Dieuceul and Luc Jonassaint; cousins; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Marshall George Albury**, 68, of Marsh Harbour was held at the A.B. Apostolic Church in Marsh Harbour on March 24 with Bro. Andy Sawyer officiating. Burial was in the Public Cemetery in Marsh Harbour.

He is survived by his wife. Christine Albury; children Dianne., Ricky, Cherylann, Kris and Maryann; grandchildren Adrian, Adam, Dale, Mitch, Drew, Carlos. and Shania; sister Karen Dam; sisters-in-law Jenny Barry, Viola Gordon, Iris Ritchie., Gwendolyn, Nancy, Shirley, Margaret and Christine Russell; brothers-in-law Johan Dam, Hartwell, Eral, Don, David, Hank and Terry Russell, Michael Barry and Norwel Gordon; daughter-in-law Marla Key; sons-in-law Jensen Pinder, Stephen Key and Alleslie Gibson; nieces and nephews Jihan, Lisa, Beth, Patricia, Rebecca, Jessica, Jordana, Hanisha, Jonathan, Johan, Ejnar, Audie, Rory, Bryce, Nevin, Jeremy, Jake, Johnnie, Stephen, Ralph, James, Joshua, Caleb, Cerdero and Eric; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Clairmelie Bealeu**, age 67, of Treasure Cay was held

on March 24 in Nassau. Interment was in Nassau..

She is survived by her son Anternio Julimiste; daughters Rosilia and Dorothy; grandchildren Antonine, Yonise, Juliana, Diamond, Fedena, Fanise, Luise, Marie, Louseda, Dinna, Kemberlie, Kedeline, Guerda, Chandeline, Rosaline, Rosenica, Guerline, Andrew; Ronald, Obend, Luctene, and Fritz; brothers Choiselien, Monexample and Saenluc Bellot; uncle Verneus; aunts Meda, Merina and Exancia; sons-in-law Francius, Zien and Paul; daughter-in-law Yolette Julimiste; sisters-in-law Usia, Odette and Gladise Bellot; nephews David, Bernito; Lubernert, Gn Roles, Julbert, Gn Mark, Rodeni, Evenel and Ti Boy; nieces Soisilia, Martine, Nicole, Ernange, Saintilia and Jesline; cousins Esther, Elzard, Exalicia, Merelie, Vernelia, Juslene, Enide, Medele, Amide, Olipide, Maricamene, Simone, Mano, Aries, Rodrigue, Lucnert, Dodo; Morile, Lanoir, Charite, Farius and Oldert; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Whitney Hercules Clarke Sr.**, 87, of Sandy Point was held on March 25 at Mount Zion Baptist

Church in Sandy Point. Rev. Napoleon Roberts, Rev. Morris Bain and Pastor Erskin Wells officiated. Interment was in the Public Cemetery in Sandy Point.

He is survived by his sons Whitney Clarke Jr. and Hercules Clarke; stepdaughter Sheila Pratt; adopted son Cyril Dean; brother-in-law Capt. Ernest Dean; sister-in-law Glacie Dean; daughter-in-law Roselda Clarke; aunt Doris Bain; grandchildren Lawanda Greene, Lavada Clarke, Crisel Clarke, Gregory, Nadine, Raymond, Timothy, Charles, Eric Bain and Seneca Pratt; great-grandchildren Kanisha Murray, Giovanni, Giovante, Gregory Jr., Trae, Travez and Timothy Bain Jr.; nephews Wilfred Clarke, Jay, Marcus, John and Ernest Dean, Silbert Fox, Rudolph and Jimmy Lightbourne, Insp. Randy Lightfoot, Sgt. Danny Lightfoot, Dion and Kendrick Lightfoot; nieces Genese Armbrister, Lenora Bain, Shirley Saunders, Suzy Duncombe, Salomie Gibson, Carolyn Burrows, Sharon and Christine Dean, Leslie Rolle, Barbara Jenkins and Diane Smith; and many other relatives and friends.

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Hint: I'm not supposed to be here, but I sneaked in anyhow. You might think I belong on the Serengeti, but it's really too dry for me. I might be pretty, but I also pack a punch. What am I?

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Abaco artist holds one-man show

By Julian Lockhart

Alton Lowe once again put on an art show that left his guests gasping with admiration with his array of colors, lifelike images and the enchantment of a flower garden surrounding one as you walk through his studio.

Mr. Lowe held his one-man show on Green Turtle Cay for the first time in 36 years as hundreds of loyal friends and clients travelled from the United States, Canada and throughout The Bahamas to enjoy in amazement the art he has on his walls. Mr. Lowe is also helping to boost tourism on Green Turtle Cay with his show and concert with the number of overnight visitors that come for these events.

The show was held February 23rd and was followed on Saturday at the Lowe Gallery with a concert, *A Magical Evening of Musical Memories*. The cast included James Mastin, Joy Martone, T.L. Brown, Luisa Black and Mel Arnold. On Sunday night the same performers held a smaller concert when they were able to do whatever they wanted. Mr. Mastin was also a part of the exhibition with his amazing sculptures which depicted a number of different pieces.

Mr. Lowe said, "I was very pleased with



Renowned artist, Alton Lowe held a one-man art show at his home studio in Green Turtle Cay. His life-like images seem to come to life under the magic of his paint brush. He is posing here with a vivid painting of a dancer in a Junkanoo costume.

the turnout. A lot of people came from the States and Canada, clients from Nassau and the other islands as well. I am hoping to make this an annual event, so hopefully next year around the same time we will do it all over again. The following evening we did a concert and we did a lot of Broadway music as well as Elton John and Neil Diamond. The performers have performed here for many years and have done Christmas con-

certs here as well.

"I did a show here once before but this is my first show on Abaco since doing my show in Nassau. I have done 36 consecutive one-man shows in Nassau. We had a sold-out performance and we could

have done three or four more sold-out performances," he added.

Mr. Lowe's one-man show is usually held at the Nassau Beach Hotel but it is going to be demolished. At this time work is being done on the Radisson but the room wouldn't have been ready until October. To stay on schedule he brought his show back to his hometown. Despite not being able to

host as many people as he could in New Providence, the show was still a success and the gallery is open between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment.

Mr. Lowe will definitely go back to New Providence to continue his one-man show there because of his following there. Also he does not have the facilities in Abaco to host as many people as he can in New Providence. However, he is hoping to make an annual show in Abaco. Now that he has started, he will continue from here.

There were 14 definitive stamps that came out early in 2006 and then in November. Mr. Lowe added four more flowering vines from throughout the Bahamas. Mr. Lowe said, "I introduced eight new Bahamian stamps. I am very proud of this and I have been doing this since the bi-centennial. I have been doing stamps since then. I have done well over a hundred over the years. The stamps are a wonderful way to get my art out to everybody. Bahamian stamps go all over the world and it is amazing how many people collect them. Many people will write and ask if I would autograph their copies," he concluded.

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Thirty-Four Persons Attend Coconut Craft Training

By Samantha Evans

Under the theme *Things Indigenous of the Bahamas* coconut craft training instructor, Mr. Howard Jean Bevans from Nassau, spent one week on Abaco to teach craft professionals how to make various crafts using the coconut shell. Yes, the coconut shell we all throw away! The training program was planned by the Bahamas Agricultural & Industrial Corporation (BAIC) in conjunction with the Department of Education, Science and Technology for the week of March 26-30 at Abaco Central High School and the BAIC office. The opening ceremony was held on March 26 and the training began immediately thereafter. The first night was spent showing the 30 plus participants how to properly cut open the coconut; then the other days were spent with the students making their products includ-

ing mugs, earrings, hair barrettes, necklaces and hand chains.

Mr. Bevans started making crafts from the coconut back in 1978 as a hobby. He worked with BAIC and the Ministry of Tourism in Nassau. It was during this time that he was encouraged by Lady Ruby Ann Darling to pursue his trade. It was at a workshop and craft show that she hosted that his products were first displayed. He has been making them professionally ever since. He explained that there are many craft products that are made by local craft vendors, but most of their raw materials are imported from another country. He stated that coconut is something that is indigenous to the Bahamas. It was through this craft that he was asked to share his knowledge with those persons in his industry who are willing to learn.

Mr. Bevans stated that in this craft industry many persons who create a particular craft to not share their techniques. But he sees this coconut craft as something to pass on. Abaco is the second place he is teaching this particular craft. He prefers the classes to be small so that he can work closely with each par-

ticipant. This gives them a sense of confidence to use the heavy equipment such as the bench grinder used for sanding and crav- ing, drills used to put holes in the piece and the jigsaw used to cut the coconut open. The handheld jigsaw can be used as well but he prefers the electric one because he mass produces his products.

He was encouraged by the way the ladies on Abaco caught on to it so quickly. Some came to BAIC on their lunch break and after work to make earrings, hair clips, mugs and the like. He tells them to not rush but to take their time, especially when using the electric tools. He also encouraged them to finish one piece before beginning the next one. Mr. Bevans believes in teaching them the easiest techniques possible so that they can have more products made and

catch on faster. This inspires and challenges him to work harder too he said. Unlike many of his colleagues, he welcomes the challenge!

This session is only the first for Abaco as persons in the North, South and the cays want to learn this craft as well. In the meanwhile, he will continue to encourage those persons who have learned the craft already to share their knowledge and designs with others. He is excited about this coconut craft class. He hopes that Bahamians will develop pride and an appreciation for things indigenous to the Bahamas and realize that products made here are just as good or even better than those made in other countries.



The group of ladies learning coconut shell jewelry were enthusiastic and eager to learn. They all made many items and were creative in their approach to the work.



Mr. Howard Bevans, center, was pleased with the response of Abaco women to making coconut craft. During the course that lasted one week each lady enjoyed making many items. They learned to use several basic electric tools.

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Workshop Teaches Document Preparation

By Samantha V. Evans

There are many persons on Abaco who work with legal documents on a daily basis, and in many cases these forms are not properly completed nor there is uniformity of the documents. In an attempt to correct these problems, Administrator Revis Rolle held a one-day seminar on March 17th at the courthouse in Marsh Harbour. The presenter for the seminar was attorney Vanria Lightbourne. Mr. Revis Rolle stated that he and other persons realized that legal documents were not being prepared properly so they decided upon this seminar to train persons. He sees this as a form of unification and raising the standards of persons who prepare legal documents.

This seminar was to begin bringing new awareness to serving officers and to improve the services they offer to the public. It teaching them how to prepare documents properly so that documents prepared on Abaco can stand the legal scrutiny in the future. This seminar was presented to participants free of charge by Ms. Lightbourne, but future seminars will be done at a cost. Mr. Rolle looks forward to having a similar seminar at least twice each year.

Ms. Lightbourne stated her excitement to be able to offer her expertise to assist those who work in the legal field in various capacities. She has been a practicing attorney on Abaco since 2000 and has had a great deal of opportunities to work with various documents. She sees it necessary to provide information on legal documents so that there is uniformity amongst persons who prepare such documents. She discussed numerous topics such as transfer of title to property and related documents such as affidavits to ensure that the purchaser gets a complete title and full rights to the land purchased. She also discussed renunciation of dowers, stamp duty, deeds of gifts, joint tenancy, life interests and others.

Ms. Lightbourne stated that there is a reason for every line, every word and every sentence in a legal document. Dates must be accurate. Documents must be stamped and persons must know the type of land covered in the document. Persons whose property has been inherited must provide proper documentation of ownership (title). A search should be done to properly verify the owner. All documents must have an affidavit of citizenship. If documents are lost, an affidavit

of loss must be prepared. Lost documents must be listed on the affidavit. The lawyer must ensure that property for lost documents was not sold already by verifying that the owner is not planning to sell it twice.

A wealth of information was shared and explained at this one-day seminar. It is clear from all of the information that follow-up sessions will be necessary.

Persons who assist with document preparation in any capacity on a regular basis were invited to attend this seminar. It was important for them to attend so they can know what a good, well prepared document should consist of. Present were bankers, realtors, justices of the peace, government workers and notary publics.



Ms. Vanria Lightbourne, center, instructed those interested in preparing legal documents at a workshop held at the court room in Marsh Harbour. A wide variety of people took advantage of this opportunity. Some of those attending are shown above. Ms. Margaret Symonette, Mr. Neil Campbell, Mr. Revis Rolle, all administrators are on the right. On the left are Mr. Cubel Davis and Ms. Alice Williams, both in local government.

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their respective marina. The implication of this is that the water within the harbour is unsuitable for swimming and poses a potential threat to the aquatic life.

A comparison of the water clarity within the harbour and the water immediately beyond the harbour bears witness to what the harbour could look like if a pump-out boat (also referred to as a honey wagon) is available. The operation of such a vessel would be both profitable to the operator and make a significant improvement to Abaco's coastal waters.

On a more personal note, this year is our fourth visit to Abaco which my family and I have thoroughly enjoyed. Its people are friendly, helpful and rightfully proud of their accomplishments in building and in some respects rebuilding their community following not one but three devastating hurricanes in recent years. A quick walk down Queen Elizabeth Drive bears witness to these beautification efforts initiated by both private businesses and donors. Why despoil these efforts by the random discharge of all sorts of containers, wrappers and other contaminants along the roads and byways of Marsh Harbour?

Niels West

U.S. Fisherman supports new rules

Dear Editor,

I have been in the commercial and sportfishing business for 45 years, 40 of them in Florida. During this time I have lived in The Bahamas for several years and visited at least once a year for extended stays.

The change in the Bahamian laws seem to have been precipitated by the "ugly American" attitude of some visiting "sport" fishermen. On many occasions I have seen large coolers of tiny strawberry grouper, yellowtail and other varieties being shown off at docks and marinas by so called sportfishermen. Huge numbers of "peanut" dolphin have been discarded being "too much trouble to fillet." Crawfish habitats used by commercial Bahamian fisherman are spotted from "sport boat" tuna towers and raided by these "sportsmen."

The Bahamas is a beautiful country populated by wonderful people. It is their country, not ours. We have no right to misuse their natural resources the way we have ours.

We have catch and release laws, size limits, seasons, conservation areas and a multitude of other restrictions that we abide by on our side of the Gulf Stream. Why shouldn't we retain an attitude of a polite visitor after a 50 or 60 mile run to the east. This spoiled juvenile attitude of some American visitors has given us the title "ugly American" in many areas.

Travel to the Bahamas, enjoy the water, beaches, fishing, sun, food, drink and especially the people. They are all lovely. But, most of all, be a good guest. This is their home, not ours, respect it.

Sincerely,

Capt. Kirk VanHart

Much development under PLP government

Dear Editor

Please allow me a space in your letter section.

Now that election time is near, I've heard several people say that nothing has happened under this administration

What a joke! Why is it that everyone is so busy? Whether it be to a restaurant, grocery shop, hardware store, buy an airline ticket, rent a car, etc.

Try to have some dredging done at least a five-year wait. Try to have a dock built at least a six-month to a year wait. Try to have props fixed or other minor items, sorry too busy. Try to buy some vacant land especially on the cays, hardly any left and if you do find a piece it will cost you a fortune.

Everywhere you look there are new buildings, sea walls, docks, rock walls (around people's property), boat marinas cut in toe coral rock, jetties, etc.

The buildings that are taking place at this time are unbelievable. I have never seen anything like this in my 60 years. Just five or six years ago when I was in construction, it was hard to get a \$100,000 house to build. Now most of the houses that are being built cost from \$200,000 to \$2 million.

Some say still yet nothing is happening under this administration.

I say God has been good to us. But some of us are so ungrateful. Let's just refresh our memory a little bit of some of the things

that have taken place in our vicinity in the past five years. Let's start at the ferry dock in Marsh Harbour.

Albury's Ferry has increased their fleet, also prices; Abaco Beach Resort increased; Jamie's Place increased; Fish House increased; John Bull increased; Conch Inn increased; Snappas increased; Standard Hardware (oh, my lord) increased; Liquor store increased (sorry); AID increased; Dave's Tile Shop increased; Bill Swain's building increased; Big Cat increased; Wood You increased; Abaco Outboard increased; Frederick's Agency increased; Pizza Hut increased and a new building; Maxwell's increased; Abacays Freight increased their fleet; Arawak Agency increased; New Shopping Center in Marsh Harbour; Marsh Harbour Shipping increased; Bigger mail service boat; Guana Cay buildings; Wind-ing Bay project; Baker's Bay project; Matt Lowe's Cay project; All the building on Scotland Cay; Foot's Cay has added; Man-O-Was Cay \$2 million project; plus all the other building on Hope Town, Lubbers, Tilloo Cay, White Sound. It will blow your mind.

There is much more going ahead as I write. I say we are going ahead too fast. We need to ask Mr. Perry Christie to pull back on the throttle so we can catch our breath.

Just last week I was in Nassau and tried to rent a car at the airport or downtown. There was none to rent. First time I've been turned down in 42 years. While I was on line to be checked in, customers were turned down. No room in the inn (Crystal Palace) What more do we want in this coun-

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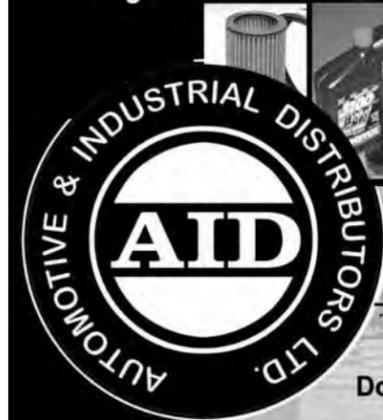
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Crystal Villas 6 villas 321-783-4576
Elbow Cay Prop + 53 hse 366-0035
Hope T Harb Lodge 25 rm 366 0095
Hope T Hideaways + 63 hse 366-0224
Hope T Villas + 3 hse 366-0030
Lighthouse Rentals 4 cott 366-0154
Sea Gull Cottages + 3 hse 366-0266
Sea Spray Resort 5 villas 366-0065
Tanny Key + 43 hse 366-0053
Turtle Hill 4 villas 366-0557

Lubbers Quarters

Sea Level Cottages 4 hse 366-3121
www.lubberslodging.com 7 hse

Man-O-War

Island Home Rentals + 8 hse 365-6048
Schooner's Landing 5 condos 365-6072

Marsh Harbour area

Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158
Abaco Real Estate + 6 hse 367-2719
Alesia's 3 rms 367-4460
Ambassador Inn 6 rms 367-2022
Bustick Bight Resort 8 rms 367-3980
Conch Inn 9 rms 367-4000
D's Guest House 6 rms 3 367-3980
Great Abaco Club + 12 hse 367-4151
Island Breezes Motel 8 rms 367-3776
Lofty Fig Villas 6 eff 367-2681
Pelican Beach Villas 6 cott 367-3600
Regattas (Prev. Abaco Towns) 32 eff 367-0148

Moore's Island

Moore's Is Bonefish Camp 8 rm 366-6334

Sandy Point

Oeisha's Resort 366-4139
Pete & Gay's Resort 14 rm 366-4119
Rickmon's Bonefishing 10 rm 366-4477

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Resort 18 rm 6 hse 365-0083

Treasure Cay

Bahama Beach Club 365-8500
Island Dreams + 45 hse 365-8507
Treasure Cay Resort 95 rms 365-8801

Wood Cay

Tangelo Hotel 19 rm 3 villa 365-2222

Web Sites with Abaco Information

http://www.abaconian.com
http://www.abacoinet.com
http://www.abacoinfo.com
http://www.abacos.com
http://www.go-abacos.com
http://www.oii.net
http://www.bahamas.com

18 persons received Bahamian citizenship

Swearing-in *From Page 1*

Present was the Director of Immigration, Mr. Vernon E. L. Burrows and three of his staff along with local people family, friends and well wishers who came to witness the occasion.

For those who are clueless about this process, the swearing-in ceremony is the end of a long journey that these individuals have embarked on. It is the culmination of all that these individuals have waited so long for. The majority have waited for more than 18 years to finally be able to get a Bahamian passport and be entitled to all that it

entails. According to Mr. Burrows even though an individual is born here, if your parents are foreigners, that individual has to wait until he or she is 18 to apply for citizenship. That is the Constitution. If the citizenship is approved, he or she then has to renounce his or her citizenship of any other country. The fee for citizenship is \$50 if applying before 19 years and \$500 if applying after 19 years of age.

Of the 18 sworn, in only two applied before 19; they were Mackenzie Dam and Yvener Odeus. That meant that the other 16 persons paid \$500! That individual is then ready to take the oath and be sworn in to officially become a Bahamian citizen. At

the ceremony each person receives a Certificate of Citizenship which is used to apply for a first-time Bahamian passport for a fee of \$30. The application for citizenship is a long and tedious process but to those individuals who were sworn in, it is a journey worth it. Congratulations to you all!



The Hon. Bradley Roberts swore in 18 persons receiving Bahamian citizenship. Shown here is Mrs. Brigitte Bower Carey of Tilloo Cay being congratulated by Mr. Roberts.

Fire *From Page 10*

sions gang members started spreading rumors that are not true and got the community riled up. We have been training in the Mud the last couple of years and we have some volunteer members from the Mud and they have been assisting us," he concluded.

Cays *From Page 15*

is the knowledge that this model was fashioned on a real schooner, the *Jean T*. Colin describes it as a "robust vessel which has nothing glitzy about it." It is purely functional. The rig was typical of the era.

The *Jean T* was named in memory of a brave and adventurous Dutch lady, Jean Termeer, who was born in 1929. Sadly she died two years ago. She and her husband Everet visited Abaco for a quarter of a century on their 32' sailing boat *Capricious*. Like for many, these islands became their second home.

Likewise for Colin and Helen who, although not coming here as long as Jean Termeer, have grown to love Abaco. "This all began in the winter of 2003 when we were visiting the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum," said Colin. It came to mind for him to use his carpenter and ex-naval

officer experience to construct the diorama. Certainly Colin, with his magic hands, has brought to life another era, one lost in the mists of time but now preserved for posterity in the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum in Hope Town.

Sweeting *From Page 4*

your people and country, you don't do it for praise or what other people are going to say. You do it because you feel good about what you do. The country was broke when we took over in 1992 and within two years we were able to spend an incredible amount of money here on Abaco. We put in highways and in the second term we paved the road into Cherokee and into Casuarina Point as well as Crossing Rocks. The water supply was virtually non-existent here in Marsh Harbour and we put in the water system that is still adequate today. We did a lot of good for a lot of people," Mr. Sweeting concluded.

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Volunteer fire fighters train with breathing apparatus



Volunteer fire fighters participated in training on March 16th with a lecture at Central Abaco Primary School ending with a practical training session on Saturday. Conducting the session were officers from the Royal Bahamas Police Force Fire Rescue Department in Nassau and Marsh Harbour. Two trainers from the fire department in Nassau and Cpl. Johnson from the local office conducted the sessions. The focus of this training was to learn how to use self-contained breathing apparatus and to learn how to properly search for a victim in a building while staying safe. Volunteer firemen came from Man-O-War Cay, Marsh Harbour, Winding Bay, Casuarina and Bahama Palm Shore and Cherokee to attend the sessions. Cpl. Johnson stated that they have a lot more training to be done and they look forward to all fire fighters being able to train at one time. He stated that training was held earlier in March with fire chiefs on Abaco to ensure that they are all following the same guidelines. They formed an association that will meet to discuss concerns and other issues. Cpl. Colebrooke from Nassau stated that the training is very important as volunteers need to learn to contour a room, especially the point of entrance and exit. If they miss the exit, they have to go all around the room again or reverse when they realize they missed the point of exit. He stated that this mistake can cause the fireman and the victims to lose their lives. The firemen are in full turn-out gear and to add realism their face masks are taped so they have no visibility.

Letters

From Page 28

try?

Tourism is at its highest in the Bahamas. Much thanks goes to our minister of Tourism in promoting The Bahamas. It has paid off well.

Let me ask the public, why would we want to go back to where we were five years ago.

As many of you know, I go to Spanish Wells a lot. They have a coffee shop where I hang out twice a day. I told them they were going to get a few tarred road on Russell Island under this administration. Some of the said, "never in this world." Well, I was up there two weeks ago. Guess What? Russell Island has a new tarred road - four miles. Now a few of them said the government stole National Insurance funds to do the job. It is very hard to please some people.

If you don't do it, you are no good. If you do it, you stole the money. How do you please the world we live in?

I say if, and I don't think it is necessary to use that word. But if for some reason the PLP does not win this election, it won't be because of all the good they have done. When you think of how they met his country five years ago, airports, roads, etc. were in a mess. They have come a long way with more to follow.

I think I told you before I don't want to go back to the old UBP days. And as for me and my wife Arlene it does not really matter, but for my children and grandchildren, I want to see the country grow as we have experienced it in the last five years. I will, Lord willing, write more as the election gets closer.

I don't have much education as you can see the way I write letters. But I can get the point across, at least I know good when I see it. Thank the Lord.

Hope to be back soon.

Samuel D. Albury

P.S. Looking for some feedback. I like the Letter section of The Abaconian. Also I like to read letters that are signed so I do not have to wonder who you are.

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| Emergency Services | |
|---|------------------|
| Police - Marsh Harbour | 367-2560 |
| The following services are provided by volunteers | |
| Fire - Marsh Harbour | 367-2000 |
| Fire - Dundas Town | 367-2935 or 4935 |
| Fire - Hope Town | VHF Ch 16 |
| Fire - Green Turtle Cay | 365-4133 |
| Fire - Man-O-War | 365-6911 |
| 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 |
| 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 | |

| Taxi Cab Fares for one or two passengers | |
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| Plus extra for each passengers above two | |
| Between Marsh Harbour Airport and: | |
| Ferry Dock or Murphy Town to Ammons Dr | \$12 + \$3 |
| Bristol Cellers thru A. Beach Hotel or Gov't dock thru Dundas Town | \$10 + \$3 |
| Dove Plaza, Stop Light or Sawyer's Market | \$10 + \$2 |
| Gov't Clinic thru Western Auto | \$ 6 + \$2 |
| Gov. freight dock through Dundas Town | \$10 + \$3 |
| Murphy Town to Shell Sta | \$14 + \$4 |
| Pelican Shores to Frankie Russel house | \$14 + \$4 |
| Eastern Shores to Peas & Rice house | \$14 + \$4 |
| Beyond Russell house or Peas & Rice house | \$16 + \$5 |
| Great Cistern | \$20 + \$5 |
| Spring City | \$15 + \$5 |
| Snake Cay | \$35 + \$10 |
| Treasure Cay | \$60 + \$10 |
| Casuarina Point | \$60 + \$10 |
| Treasure Cay Airport or Bah Palm Shores | \$70 + \$10 |
| Little Harbour or Cherokee | \$80 + \$10 |
| Crossing Rocks | \$100 + \$10 |
| Sandy Point | \$135 + \$10 |
| Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and: | |
| Ab Beach Hotel thru Wally's & Eastern Shore | \$ 2 each |
| Jib Room | \$ 3 each |
| Solomon's Super Center | \$5 + \$3 |
| Stop Light, Dove Plaza, Gov't dock | \$ 6 + \$3 |
| Government Freight Dock | \$ 7 + \$3 |
| Gov.Clinic, W. Auto or Nat. Insurance | \$ 9 + \$3 |
| Mother Merle restaurant | \$10 + \$3 |
| Waiting time \$20 per hour, \$10 per half hour | |
| Children under three - free • Caged pets - as people | |
| Luggage \$1.00 each over four, Surf boards \$4.00 ea. | |
| Between Treasure Cay Airport and: Effective 13 Nov 05 | |
| Treasure Cay Resort | \$20 + \$5 |
| Madeira Park | \$14 + \$4 |
| Green Turtle Cay ferry dock | \$8 + \$4 |
| Moxy | \$18 + \$5 |
| Bahamas Star farm | \$24 + \$5 |
| Sand Banks | \$24 + \$5 |
| Joe's Creek, Leisure Lee | \$44 + \$10 |
| Black Wood | \$18 + \$5 |
| Fire Road & Cooper's Town | \$37 + \$5 |
| Cedar Harbour | \$55 + \$5 |
| Wood Cay | \$60 + \$5 |
| Mount Hope | \$65 + \$5 |
| Fox Town | \$70 + \$5 |
| Crown Haven | \$75 + \$5 |
| Marsh Harbour Airport | \$75 + \$10 |
| T Cay Hotel to Marsh Harbour | \$65 + \$10 |
| T C Hotel to G Turtle Ferry (Blue Hole \$24) | \$18 + \$ 5 |
| T C Hotel to Bonefish Marles | \$22 + \$5 |
| T C Hotel to Joe's Creek | \$35 + \$5 |
| T C Hotel to Moxey | \$16 + \$5 |
| T C Hotel to Banyan Bch Club XX | \$6 + \$3 |
| Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport | \$75 + \$10 |

| Airlines Serving Abaco | |
|---|--------------|
| Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is | 367-2266 |
| Air Florida - Ft. Lauderdale | 367-5599 |
| Air Sunshine - Ft. Lauderdale | 367-2800 |
| 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 |
| Fla Coastal Airlines - Vero B & Ft Lauderdale | 367-0179 |
| Island Express - Ft Lauderdale | 367-0169 |
| Major's Air Service - Freeport | 367-4826 |
| Southern Air - Nassau | 367-2498 |
| Twin Air Calypso - Fort Lauderdale | 367-0140 |
| USAir - Ft. Laud and W. Palm Bch | 367-2231 |
| Vintage Props & Jets - New Smyrna B. | 367-4852 |
| Yellow Air Taxi - Ft Lauderdale | 954-359-0292 |
| Local air charters serving Bahamas & S.Florida | |
| Abaco Air | 367-2266 |
| Cherokee Air Charters | 367-3450 |

| Points of Interest | |
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| Albert Lowe Museum | Green Turtle Cay |
| Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits | Green Turtle Cay |
| Memorial Sculpture Garden | Green Turtle Cay |
| Wyannie Malone Historical Museum | Hope Town |
| Elbow Cay Light Station | Hope Town |
| Walk to & swim on Mermaid Reef off M Harb. Pelican Shore | |
| Drive to & swim in Blue Hole off Treasure Cay farm road | |

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

| Tours & Excursions | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour | 367-2936 |
| Above & Below • Marsh Harbour | 367-0350 |
| Dive Abaco 1978, Marsh Harbour | 367-2787 |
| Froggies, Hope Town | 366-0431 |
| Treasure Divers, Treasure Cay | 365-8465 |
| Treasure Cay Adventures | 365-8111 |
| Brendal's Dive, Green T. Cay | 365-4411 |
| Dive Guana | 365-5178 |
| Man-O-War Dive Shop | 365-6013 |

| Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted | |
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| Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes from Crossing Beach | |
| Marsh Harbour to Guana Cay - 40 minutes | |

| Abaco Ferry Service MH/HT One way \$15 / RT \$20 • Children 6 - 12 half fare, | |
|---|---|
| Marsh Harbour > Hope Town | 7:00am 8:50 10:10 12: pm 1:55 3:15 5:10 |
| (Limited Sunday Schedule) Return | 8:10 am 9:30 10:50 2:35 pm 3:55 5:50 |

| Marsh Harbour > White Sound 7am 12pm 3:15 Return 7:40 1:10 4:25 | |
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| Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 | |
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| Marsh Harbour > Hope Town | 7:15 am 9 10:30 12:15 pm 2 4 5:45 |
| Return | 8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 5 6:30 |

| Marsh Harbour > Man-O-War | |
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| 10:30 am 12:15 pm 2:30*(M-Sat) 4 5:45* | |
| Return 8 am 11:30 1:30 pm 3:15* (M-Sat) 4:30 | |

| Marsh H. > Guana Cay (& Scotland Cay with advance notice) from Conch Inn | |
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| (6:45am - Union Jack Dock) 10:30 1:30 pm 3:30 5:45 | * Not on Sundays |
| Return 8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45 6:30 | |
| Same day fare • Adult prepaid oneway \$16 / Round Trip \$22, • • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free | |

| Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16 | |
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| Green T Cay to Treasure Cay Airport | 8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30 |
| T Cay Airport to Green T Cay | 8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5 |

New Plymouth one way adult \$10 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$15 • Extra to some G T Cay docks

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

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

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

| Islander Express - Bus - M Harbour & Sandy Point -call 366-4444 or 457-9958 | |
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| Enovahs Bus Service - Hourly bus through Murphy Town, Dundas Town & Marsh Harbour to Ferry dock. Spring City early morning & late afternoon. | |
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| The Great Abaco Express Marsh Harbour bus to N Abaco • Call 367-2165 | |
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| Lv Marsh H. 5 am & 12:30 pm, connect with ferry to Grand Bahama & bus to Freeport | |
| Lv Crown Haven 9:30 am & 5:30 pm bringing ferry passengers to Marsh Harbour | |

| Bikes & Scooters • Boats • Cars & Carts | |
|---|----------------------|
| Rentals * Marsh Harbour | |
| A & P Car Rentals | 367-2655 |
| B & B Boat Rentals | 367-7368 |
| Bargain Car Rentals | 367-0500 |
| Blue Wave Boat Rentals | 367-3910 |
| Concept Boat Rentals | 367-5570 |
| Laysue Boat Rentals | 367-4414 |
| Pier One Boat Rentals | 367-3587 |
| Power Cat Boat Rentals | 367-4620 |
| Quality Star Texaco Cars | 367-2979 |
| Rainbow Boat Rentals | 367-4602 |
| Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars | 367-4643 |
| Rich's Boat Rentals | 367-2742 |
| Sea Horse Boat Rentals | 367-2513 |
| Sea Star Car Rentals | 367-4887 |
| Wilmac Car Rentals | 367-4970 or 367-4313 |
| Green Turtle Cay | |
| Bay Street Rentals | 477-5300 365-4070 |
| Brendals Dive Bikes & Kayak rental | 365-4411 |
| C & D Cart Rental | 365-4084 |
| D & P Cart Rental | 365-4655 |
| Donnie's Boat Rentals | 365-4119 |
| Loggerhead Boat Rental | 365-5461 |
| New Plymouth Cart Rentals | 365-4188 or 4149 |
| Reef Boat Rentals | 365-4145 |
| Sea Side Carts | 477-5497 |
| T & A Cart Rentals | 375-8055 |
| Guana Cay | |
| Donna Sands Cart Rentals | 365-5195 |
| Dive Guana Boats & bikes | 365-5178 |
| Man-O-War | |
| Conch Pearl Boat Rentals | 365-6059 |
| Island Treasures Cart Rentals | 365-6072 |
| Ria-Mar Golf Cart Rentals | 365-6024 |
| Water Ways Boat Rent | 357-6540 & 365-6143 |
| Hope Town | |
| Bike Shop Bicycle Rentals | 366-0292 |
| Cat's Paw Boat Rentals | 366-0380 |
| Hope Town Cart Rentals | 366-0064 |
| Island Cart Rentals | 366-0448 |
| Island Marine Boat Rentals | 366-0282 |
| J R's Cart Rental | 366-0361 |
| Sea Horse Boat Rentals | 366-0023 |
| T & N Cart Rentals | 366-0069 |
| Treasure Cay | |
| Alison Car Rent | 365-8193 |
| Cas's Carts | 365-8771 |
| Claridge's Cart Rentals | 365-8248 |
| Cornish Car Rentals | 365-8623 |
| JIC Boat Rentals | 365-8465 |
| Rich's Boat Rentals | 365-8582 |
| Triple J Car Rentals | 365-8761 |
| Abaco Adventures - Kayaks | 365-8749 |

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Barefoot Man Concert Overflows Nippers

Popular Free Concert Strains Guana Cay's Capacity



Nippers attracted a sea of people gathered for the annual concert of George Nowak, aka the Barefoot Man, with his distinctive calypso style of music. Many of his songs are about Abaco places.

By Robert Wilson

One may have thought the residents of Guana Cay had a touch of Spring Fever or just having a big celebration, but it was not the case when the Barefoot Man returned for his ninth concert at Nippers Bar & Grill. The cay residents welcomed vacationers and party goers from the surrounding islands and the U.S. for what has traditionally been a fun-filled weekend.



Barefoot Man

To avoid the annual "boat-jam" many of the party goers began arriving days in advance to take advantage of the nearby anchorages at Fisher's Bay or to secure dockage at Orchid Bay. According to Steve Vasilaros and his partners at Grabbers at Sunset Beach, the weekend was a huge success. "We did not want

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Reef Ball Raises Funds for Education

By Jennifer Hudson

The seventh annual Friends of the Environment's Reef Ball held on March 17 at the Abaco Beach Resort was "A wonderful night and a great success," according to

Executive Director of Friends, Lindsey Delaplaine. "We were very pleased with the

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Two Bahamians were found with 11 illegal immigrants

Ten Haitians, two Bahamians and one Jamaican were captured in Sandy Point around 6 p.m. on April 7. The group was made up of five females and six males along with the two suspected smugglers, Labardo Smith and Jason Miller. The men stated that they were headed to Freeport when they ran out of fuel and docked in Sandy Point to refuel. A police officer noticed the boat was bow heavy. When he investigated, he discovered the im-

migrants on board. It is believed that the boat was from Nassau and was heading to the United States. According to the Immigration officer dealing with the case, Mr. Jerry Hutcheson, the eleven individuals were sent to Nassau the next morning, April 8, for further processing. Meanwhile, the Mr. Smith and Mr. Miller are facing charges and are due to appear at the Magistrate's Court in Marsh Harbour on April 10.

Prime Minister Commissions Sandy Point Airstrip Lights



By Tonia Ferguson

The community of Sandy Point buzzed with anticipation on March 19 as news of the arrival of the country's leader was due in that settlement. Announcements were made the day before, posters were placed at local offices and businesses and the school staff was notified in the hopes of the students attending what some considered a historic occasion. Cars lined the roadway like lamp poles as the locals gathered near the airstrip to witness the official commissioning of the lights on the airstrip. Students of the James A. Pinder Primary School and nearby settlement, Crossing Rocks Primary School, waited patiently for the arrival of the occasion's guests, waving Bahamian flags in their hands.

Just minutes before 6 p.m. the silence of the sky was awakened with the roar of two planes . . . then it was evident that the guests of honour had arrived. Disembarking

The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, the Hon. Glenys Hannah-Martin, and the Hon. Bradley Roberts were present at the commissioning of lights on the Sandy Point airstrip on March 19.

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Box Carts Race in Marsh Harbour



The first Marsh Harbour Box Cart Derby was held on March 24 on Stede Bonnet Road. The starting blocks have just been pulled and two carts got underway. Benefits from the event will go to the Every Child Counts school.

By Julian Lockhart

After a successful performance at the Hope Town Box Cart Race in November 2006 Every Child Counts school decided to host its own box cart derby in Marsh Harbour on the Stede Bonnet Road on March 24. Only four carts entered the first ECC Box Cart race, but coordinator Liann Key Kaighlin said this is only the first of many to come, and it will grow in the years to come.

Winning the race was the ECC Senior

cart driven by Jermev Sawyer with a winning time of 23.29 seconds. Finishing second was Marco Dubreus with the ECC Junior team in a time of 23.45 seconds, with St. Francis de Sales, driven by Steven Pedican, finishing third in 25.47 and rounding out the competition was the Jib Room, driven by Dick Cunneen, with a time of 27 second.

Every Child Counts wanted to give their

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Concert at the beach gives tropical atmosphere

Barefoot Man *From Page 1*

to detract from Johnny's annual event, but a lot of folks appreciated the changes we have made, and it just made sense for us to join in the fun." Grabber's weekend was the biggest since their May 06 opening. Nightly performances by a talented Steel Daddy from Daytona Beach, Florida, was a welcomed addition for those filling the anchorage at Fisher's Bay.

The concert began at noon on Sunday; however, there were some that arrived at Nippers as early as 3:30 a.m. to reserve tables. To the amazement of everyone, there were more than 50 early risers sipping coffee and taking shifts "guarding" the premium spots by eight o'clock.

Among the early risers was the crew of the M/Y *Rebecca*. They have made the trip for several years and continue to enjoy celebrating with friends and family, and passing out Mardi Gras beads to the concert crowd. As the yacht is currently undergoing a major refit in Savannah, Georgia, everyone was staying at Orchid Bay. "The Barefoot Man Concert has become a tradition with the owner," said crew member Mary Beth Johnson, "and it's somewhat of a vacation for us as well."

Though several of the local businesses decided to close, the Art Café adjacent to the ferry dock was enjoying a capacity crowd. "We had 'em waiting for an hour on Saturday," reported the owner. "The cooks were so overwhelmed that we lim-

ited today's menu, and it has been much better; everyone got a seat and everyone got to the concert on time." The owner of one local business expressed some frustration indicating, "the Nipper's crowd is being picked up at the ferry dock and never gets a chance to stop at my shop." After a couple of hours he subsequently closed his shop and joined the crowd at Nipper's.

Most people arrived by the special ferries provided by Albury's Ferry. The new Abaco Ferry did a single morning trip and provided a late departure to Marsh Harbour for those staying late. A dive boat from Froggies arrived in time for the opening act with a 10 or more fans from Man-O-War and Hope Town and there was a continuous flow of others arriving in personal or boats rented for the occasion.

George Nowak, a.k.a. The Barefoot Man, "has been performing here for nine years," said Johnny Roberts, host of the Guana Cay event. "He loves vacationing here, and he has reached a lot of people with his music." Before the show started, the "Foot" himself added, "back home in the Cayman's it is a nine to five job with my publishing and recording businesses, and I also do two nights a week at the Reef Re-

sort hotel. Even before these concerts, I have been coming here for years. I just find it less 'busy'. My mind just sort of opens up; and there are thousands of ideas and things to write and sing about."

The Nipper's Barefoot Man Concert is an experience to remember. With over 1000 attendees, there was not a lot of room to dance; but for those into people watching, it was, as usual, spectacular. The crowd enjoyed the opening performance by Stone McEwan, who has been absent from local venues this winter due to a broken hand. Equally as enjoyable was the Caribbean music duo, Sea 'n B, who accompany the Barefoot Man in the Caymans.

It does not take a lot of time to appreciate Nowak's love of the area. He creatively incorporates the best of Abaco in his music. It only takes a quick listen to one of his CD recordings to recapture the charm of these islands. A casual bystander at this year's concert commented, "His new CD *Thong Gone Wrong* is the best ones yet!"

Everyone at Nipper's had to appreciate the crowd, although it was not quite a large

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Crowds attending the calypso concert at Nippers overflows through the town. At the concert there is barely standing room. The Barefoot Man's songs frequently feature Abaco themes.

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North Abaco News

Treasure Cay Yard Sale

By Jennifer Hudson

People flocked once again this year to the Treasure Cay Yard Sale on March 3 looking for bargains. This sale has become a tradition with bargain hunters every year as they know that there will be a huge variety of household goods, furniture, electronic equipment, large household appliances and knickknacks for sale. This year there was even a car for sale.

People know that they must arrive early in order to get the best deals. But this year the people who arrived for the opening at nine o'clock were met by people already walking away with the prime booty as the gates were opened an hour early to accom-

modate the huge numbers who had already gathered. However, there was still a great variety of interesting and useful articles to be had. All the volunteer salespeople were kept very busy and the bargain hunters seemed to be enjoying delving through the many "treasures" for sale. Proceeds from the sale assist the Treasury Cay Community Centre, Treasure Cay Primary School and Cooper's Town Community Centre.

Bookworms enjoyed leafing through the hundreds of books which were for sale outside the library, glad to stock up on their reading material for the coming months or maybe even the year as there was such a huge selection.

Inside the Community Centre building the Treasure Cay Art League staged a show of

paintings which were also for sale. The Treasure Cay community consists of many artists, several of whom are members of the Art League who meet every Friday and who donated a large selection of their work for this their second annual art show. The previous evening an opening reception was held in the Community Centre attended by more than 100 people at which many paintings were sold. One half of the proceeds from the sale of the paintings went to the artists and the other half was donated to the causes listed above.

North Abaco

By Vernique Russell

Ambassador John Rood Visits North Abaco

Reading is the activity of translating letters into words and sentences that have meaning to the individual. The ultimate goal of reading is to be able to understand written material, to evaluate it and to use it for one's needs. With this in mind the American Ambassador to The Bahamas, Mr. John Rood, in partnership with President George Bush, launched a campaign to promote reading and its importance in every country where the U.S. has an Embassy. The Bahamas was indeed not left out as Ambassador Rood has been traveling the many islands of the Bahamas to sell the message that "reading is important and essential in order to function in today's society." On March 23 the students of Treasure Cay Primary and Cooper's Town Primary were paid an official visit from Ambassador John Rood and his guests.

The beautiful ceremony that was held at the Full Gospel Assembly of God Church

in Treasure Cay was a treat to all in attendance. The message throughout the service, whether it came across in a humorous manner, dance or song, was the same that reading is important. The students invited Ambassador Rood to sit back, relax and enjoy their show. Indeed, a show was delivered as students performed military marching drills, reading acrostic, skits, song and dance. The most memorable was the chant by students of Grades 1, 2, and 3 that *Reading Rocks You*. During brief remarks the Administrator for North Abaco, Theophilus Cox, encouraged the students to "travel the world through reading."

The time had finally arrive for Ambassador John Rood to give his remarks and reading. He stated that as he travels from school to school, the performances gets better and better. The show that the students of Treasure Cay Primary and Cooper's Town Primary put on was the best thus far. He encouraged the students to read daily and reminded them that reading id very important. He along with students read *Martin Luther King*, a book that retells the struggle to freedom and equality. He presented books to both school libraries. Both schools presented him with a token of their appreciation.

35th Annual TCPOA Meeting

The 35th Annual Meeting of the Treasure Cay Property Owners Associations was held on March 20th at the Community Center in Treasure Cay. This meeting is designed to address pressing situations within the community and see how best the residents can network to make their neighbor-

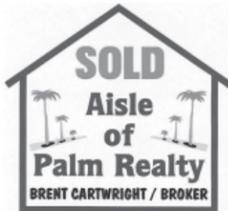


Mr. John Rood, US Ambassador to The Bahamas, visited with Treasure Cay and Cooper's Town students on March 23. He encouraged them to read and he read with them one of the books he brought as a gift for the schools.

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Spectacular ocean views from this choice hilltop location. Ideal subdivision, on rapidly growing Elbow Cay, 15,190 sq. ft. of lush terrain, this immense acreage will give a great return on investment. A must see, as this location is in great demand.

Man O War Cay



#3263

\$375,000

18th Century Historic Man O War Cottage Hilltop corner lot and is just a 2 min walk to the beach. This classic historic Loyalist cottage is complete w/ modern amenities including A/C and an updated kitchen, 2 bed, 1 bath and a loft that can accommodate up to 4 people or 6 kids. Excellent views of Man O War harbour. Room for further development.

Marsh Harbour



#3304

\$179,900

Don't miss this exciting new business opportunity. Part ownership for sale in the Port of Call Marina in Marsh Harbour. Conveniently located close to downtown in a busy tourist area. Call today to find out more!

Casuarina Point



#3338

\$385,000

2 bed 2 bath one storey home with canal frontage. Hardy panel exterior, concrete base, very well constructed. The interior needs to be completed to the new owner's specifications. Decking out back, very private. Brand new, never lived in. This is the "Bone Fishing Capital" of Abaco.

Treasure Cay Lot



NEW LISTING! #3339

\$45,000

This large lot is situated in a very nice neighbourhood and is very reasonably priced with much to offer. Approx. 9,000 sq. ft. this ideal family lot backs onto the golf course. Perfect for the single family home. All utilities are already in place. Must see to appreciate value!

Hope Town



#3391

\$299,000

In the quaint settlement of Hope Town in the lane overlooking the Hope Town harbour behind the famous bakery of Vernon's Grocery is a 100-year-old home that needs a handyman to bring it to life again. It is two floors and exterior wood is made of Abaco Pine.

Lubbers Quarters

Abaco Ocean Club

2 lots available each lot priced at \$70,000. Only minutes from Marsh Harbour and Elbow Cay, there are two 80' x 125' choice lots available. Identical in size and price, both lots can boast picturesque sunsets and views of the Sea of Abaco. There is soon to be dockage close by. Roads are in great condition and this desirable location is walking distance from the local restaurant. Tahiti Beach is a skiff ride across.

3456 \$180,000 **Abaco Ocean Club**
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Lubbers Quarters

#3390 \$100,000 **Abaco Ocean Club**

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Elbow Cay - White Sound

Ocean View Subdivision

\$300,000

Spectacular ocean views from this choice hilltop location. Ideal subdivision on rapidly growing Elbow Cay. 15,190 sq. ft. of lush terrain. A must see, as this location is in great demand.

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hoods safer, more efficient and stable for them, their children and their guests.

At this year's meeting the success thus far of the Security Gate was discussed. Members of the Association were informed that the security booth is now equipped with an infrared camera that has the ability to record license plates. Dewey Chase, a committee member with responsibilities for security affairs, encouraged members to be neighborhood watchmen and look out for each other. Also discussed were the plans for the Medical Emergency Services Building and Humane Society Center. Plans to upgrade and introduce new services at the

Corbett Medical Center were introduced. Plans for the construction of the medical services building were brought up-to-date; a new board has taken over responsibilities for that division and is committed to getting to work right away. According to Betsy Bracey, Treasure Cay is among the few settlements that does not have any emergency equipment; and she and her team are dedicated to changing that in the very near future.

The TCOPA Annual Community Award was presented to Mrs. Ann Smith for her unselfish and dedicated services to the community. Other persons who have received this prestigious award include Ron Wilson, Bill Hertz and the Laceys. A complete fi-

nancial report was issued at the meeting.

FNM Holds Prayer Breakfast

Under the theme *Men Ought Always to Pray and Not to Faint* the Free National Movement Abaco Branch hosted a Prayer Breakfast on March 24. Hundreds of FNM supporters from throughout the island gathered together and filled the Touch of Class Restaurant in Treasure Cay to pray for the Party Leader and Member of Parliament for North Abaco, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, and our nation. Min. Eleanor Darville, during her exhortation, encouraged the North Abaco MP to serve with integrity and accountability.

Mr. Edison Key, who is the FNM candidate for South Abaco, was in attendance and invited supporters to put to bed any doubt they may have about position and support in the FNM. He encouraged them to "let go of their doubt" for he is here to work for the people of South Abaco in sincerity. Mr. Ingraham in his remarks notified the supporters that there is a lot of propaganda being spread to discourage their confidence and create confusion but assured them that the party is united. He reminded supporters, especially those in North Abaco, that only they and the residents of Farm Road in Nassau have the privilege to elect, not just MP's, but Prime Ministers. However, he told the people that they will have

to make sacrifices for he has a mandate to deliver the FNM's message to every constituency in this country. He will not be here as much as he or they would like him to be. As far as all the advertisements and accusations from the PLP, Mr. Ingraham said he "does not count them enough to answer them." Also on hand for the Prayer Breakfast was Mr. C. A. Smith, National Campaign Manager for the FNM, and Mr. Robert Sweeting.

Campaign Training Session

The Free National Movement held a training seminar for members of the party who will be campaigning for the party in the upcoming election. Mr. C.A. Smith, National Party Campaign Manager, and Arthur Foulkes, Party Historian, along with the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, educated, informed and instructed excited supporters. They gave the supporters keys to successful campaigning. Supporters from throughout the island came to attend the session. The session was held at Full Gospel Assembly Fellowship Hall on March 24th.

Citizens against crime is ready for action

Community-minded person held a town meeting at the Fox Town Primary School

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Free National Movement supporters in North Abaco held a Prayer Breakfast at the Touch of Class Restuarant in Treasure Cay on March 24 to pray for their representative and for the country. The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham attended along with Mr. C.A. Smith, party campaign manager. They are shown conversing in the picture on the left.

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Mariner's Cove 1509 Town House, 2 BR 1 1/2 BA, direct harbour view in desirable 1500 building. Fully furnished, includes garage. \$365,000 *NEW LISTING*

Royal Palm 2 BR, 2 BA Marina front condo, fully furnished, with boat slip. Tropical decor \$575,000

Helen's Point, Galleon Bay Waterfront 4 BR, 3 BA Home, Sea of Abaco views \$1,388,000

Beach Villa 685 2 BR, 2 BA, steps away from pool and beach \$275,000
UNDER CONTRACT

Razzall House, Treasure Cay Beach 4 BR, 3 BA Ocean front, fully furnished with excellent rental history. \$1,735,000

Parker Place, Galleon Bay, spacious 4 BR waterfront home with beautiful Sea of Abaco views. \$995,000.000

Treasure House, Ocean front 2 BR, 2 BA Island decor, top-sider villa overlooking gigantic lagoon pool \$579,000

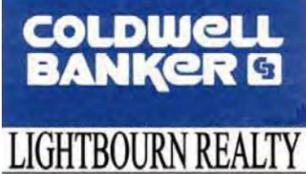
Royal Palm 2 BR 2 BA on marina with beautiful furnishings and boat slip. \$562,000

Bahama Beach Club 3 BR, 3 BA \$705,000
UNDER CONTRACT

Anchorage Estates Lots 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 \$834,949 *UNDER CONTRACT*

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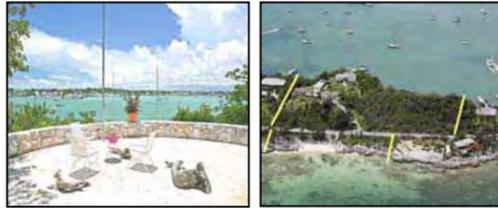
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EXCLUSIVE Casuarina Point

This CBS 3 bedroom 2 bath home features 1,600 sq.ft of living space. It was built in 1999 and very well-kept. Located across from the community boat ramp. Also features 1x6 v.joint cypress ceilings, ceramic tiles and utility room. Being sold furnished.

Priced to sell! – \$299,000 Call Mailin



Yellowwood Creek

Two waterfront parcels currently available. Both parcels are just over an acre and sit directly on the rocky shoreline of the Atlantic. Lot #3 is offered at \$312,000 and lot #4 is offered at \$300,000.

Adjoining Lot #3 is a hilltop lot that is approx 3/4 of an acre and looks out over the Atlantic. Offered at \$195,000.00

These lots are all close to Winding Bay and Cherokee Sound.



Leisure Lee- #5366 – This 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home is tucked away in Leisure Lee and offers privacy and tranquility. Features about 1,600 sq.ft of living space. Also features his and hers closets and a spacious en suite master bath. Open floor plan makes it easy and fun for entertaining family and friends. The large wrap around screened in porch adds charm and makes outdoor entertaining easy as you enjoy the gentle island breezes. Community beach access is only minutes away. Why rent when you can own your own home?! - Call Mailin

Bahama Palm Shores-
•Vacant lot, approx. 1/4 acre in size, two blocks from the beach. \$30,000.00 Call Lee
•Two side by side vacant lots, \$30,000.00 each- Call Mailin

NEW PRICE

Green Turtle Cay-#5532- 2 bed/2 bath beach house on Bita Bay. Central A/C, fully equipped kitchen & much more. Great rental history – Offered at \$995,000.00 Call Chris

Treasure Cay- #5740 Beachfront 2 bed/2bath villa with a "Lagoon" style swimming pool. Offered at \$636,000 Call Chris.

•Bahama Palm Shores - #5742- Beachfront lot 200 x 416 Offered at US\$550,000.00
•Or split lot in half 100 x 416 Offered at US\$300,000.00 - Call Mailin

NEW LISTING

Green Turtle Cay, Big Bluff- #5878 1/2 acre + waterfront lot, ideal lot for house & dock- Offered at \$476,000.00- Call Chris

Bahama Palm Shores - #5670 – 3 bed, 4,876 sq ft island home on 2 acre lot with 220' of beachfront, generator and pool. \$995,000.00- Call Mailin

REDUCED

Leisure Lee-#5739 A lovely 3 bed, 2 bath canal front home. Features 57' dock and over 17,000 sq.ft of property. Common Beach Access \$790,000.00- Call Mailin

GTC Beach House #5777- 3 bed/3 bath w/ loft. 2 bed/1bath below. Wrap around porches, generator, water maker, central A/C. 1.6 acres. \$1,850,000.00 - Call Chris

Turtle Rocks- Multi family lot, 27,507 sq.ft., power & cable to boundary, beach access, \$85,000.00

Yellowwood- 2H- # 5484- 37,368 sq.ft., featuring 184' on the Atlantic rocky shoreline, minutes away from Cherokee Sound and Winding Bay. \$265,000.00 – Call Mailin

Yellowwood - #5427- Incomplete 1bed/1bath home comprises 24,621 sq ft. Built of wood & durable cement siding. Great starter home! \$135,000.00- Call Mailin

Green Turtle Cay- 1.6 acre beachfront lot located on the most beautiful beach on the island. Approx. 130' on the beach and 560' deep. \$820,000.00 – Call Chris

Manjack Cay - 10 acres sea to sea Beautiful beachfront at both sides. & protected anchorage. Great development property – Offered at \$2,000,000.00 – Call one of our agents today.

Man-O-War Cay # 5509 – 3bed/3bath, two story home near Atlantic Ocean. Upstairs loft, 17.5 KW generator, outdoor patios, basement, manicured lawn. \$750,000.00- Call Mailin

UNDER CONTRACT

Lubbers-#5617- Vacant lot comprises 10,094 sq.ft and is one lot in from the Sea of Abaco. Offered at \$99,500.00- Call Mailin

- Green Turtle Cay, Coco Bay-** vacant lot, beach access, 9000 sq.ft. - \$89,000.00 (NEW LISTING)
- Green Turtle Cay, Island Reach-** vacant lot, 16,390 sq.ft., 106' on Sea of Abaco, Beautiful views & sunsets. \$450,000.00 (NEW LISTING)
- ***Long Beach-** vacant lot, 1/4 acre in size, beach access, \$50,000.00 (REDUCED)
- ***Casuarina Point-** vacant lot in quiet community, 10,000 sq.ft and situated across from the canal. - \$80,000
- ***Sand Banks-** Canal property, small home, mature fruit trees. Very private. Lots also available – Call for details.
- ***Bahama Coral Island-** vacant property in Bahama Coral Island, financing available- Call for details.



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on November 30 to address the social ills that are bombarding the communities in Little Abaco. Though the meeting was poorly attended by residents, it was very successful as those in attendance put their heads together and try to find solutions for these ills. Major concerns of residents at that time included the massive increase in crime especially drugs, gambling, molestation and the lack of activities for the young people in Little Abaco.

Today almost four months since that initial meeting, Citizens Against Crime is prepared to do whatever it takes to prevent the little crimes that exists in the Little Abaco area from escalating into greater crimes. They have taken the initiative to put measures into place to prevent Little Abaco from becoming a haven for crime. The committee held a basketball weekend bash that provided young men throughout the settlements that make up Little Abaco with some recreational activities. The basketball tournament was very successful and organizers were quite pleased with the turnout.

The committee is calling on residents in Little Abaco to work together to safeguard the communities. Realizing that it takes the effort of the entire village to unite and kill the disease called crime, committee executives are calling on residents to do their part and be cooperative in any way possible. Their goal is make Little Abaco a safe and peaceful haven for all its residents once again.

BTVI Follow Up

This is the last opportunity for persons interested in Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute classes being offered here in the North. While many persons have expressed interest and are awaiting the start of these classes, we are giving those who have not yet joined an opportunity to come forth. From the initial conversation with Mr. Fred Delancy, who is responsible for BTVI Northern Bahamas, assessment is still being conducted. Persons who are interested can still sign up to be enrolled when classes begin.

Presently, there is a great demand for courses in Computers, Nail Technology, Intro to Computers, Tile Laying and Office Base Training Classes. However, other areas have not been ruled out. We need a minimum of eight person to offer any class. Students that are anticipating enrolling in the classes are required to pay a fee of \$250 prior to classes and a registration fee of \$100. Students will also be responsible for their books and supplies.

If you are in the North Abaco area and have interest in any course that is available through BTVI, please contact myself, Vernique Russell, at 365-8720 or 442-0019 as soon as possible. If you are interested in a course that has not been listed, don't hesitate to contact me. This is a great opportunity and be sure to reserve your seat when classes begin.

Making A Difference

To touch a heart and change a life is the most rewarding gift one can give to another.



Mrs. Ann Smith

The work and service of Mrs. Ann Smith has demonstrated the above and is an example to us all. Mrs. Smith has dedicated her time and effort to the children of the Treasure Cay Primary School. She has committed herself to the promotion of literacy. She along with other home-owners have donated books that successfully opened the *For the Love of Reading Library* at the school. She has launched an active art program that the kids are able to participate in three days a week. Mrs. Smith has successfully hosted art shows and reading sessions. She was instrumental in launching the lunch program for students whose parents cannot afford to provide lunch for them for the past year. She continues to demonstrate what community citizenship is all about. Mrs. Smith is the recipient of the eighth TCPOA Community Service Award and was

well deserving of it, for the life she leads speaks for her.

The community of Treasure Cay along with the Treasure Cay Primary School expresses sincere thanks for the work she has done. Thank you!

School News

Sherlin Bootle Anchor Club attends conference

During the month of March members of Anchor Clubs from New Providence, Abaco and Grand Bahama gathered in Freeport for a weekend of activities. The fun-filled weekend included a conference, fun night out and a church service. The purpose of this weekend was to unite Anchors together as a body and to address pressing issues that these young people are faced with daily. Among this group of Anchors were the members from the Sherlin Bootle High School.

Under the theme *Celebrating Anchors in Biblical Times*, the Bahamas District of Anchors and their leaders were treated to pep talks on subjects such as *Your Body Is*

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the Temple of the Lord, Crime that young people are attracted to, and Personal Etiquette. The Anchors enjoyed an award ceremony, evening dinner, bowling and a church service among other activities. The Anchor Club is the junior wing of the Pilot Club International and its mission is to improve the quality of life in communities throughout the world.

Students show art work

The students of Treasure Cay Primary

under the direction of Mrs. Ann Smith held a successful Art Show on March 23 at the Community Center in Treasure Cay. Original pieces of art drawn by the students were on display and for sale. Proceeds from the event go toward the purchase of supplies and equipment.

Church News

Soul Saving Ministries held revival

Soul Saving Ministries International held three nights of revival services at the Hubert

Ingraham Park in Cooper's Town during March 14-16. This mid-week revival featured speakers such as host Pastor Lawrence Arnett, Min. Marvin Mills and more. Pastor Arnette and his team sought to provide hope through Jesus for this day and time that were living in. The revival received good response from the residents. Soul Saving Ministries is located in Dundas Town and the pastor and members are committed to preaching the Word of the Lord.

Fun, run, and walk

The Anglican Parishes in North Abaco

hosted a Fun, Run and Walk Day on March 31st. This event included a bike-a-thon, walk-a-thon and run-a-thon. The starting point was the St. Simon by the Sea Anglican Parish in Treasure Cay and to the Point Site in Treasure Cay and back to the church. There were prizes for the first place runner, walker and rider. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Parish edifice in Green Turtle Cay.

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"Final Approach"

(Ref #601) Canal front 2 storey 5,500 s/f 6 bedrooms, 4.5 bath private home on large property, 100' private dock, 6' depth. Recently renovated, fully furnished, four car garage. \$2,625,000.

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(Ref #317) Superb 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath fully furnished beach front home, 3,500 square feet, sensational beach & ocean views, many extras \$2,500,000.

Galleon Bay Home

(Ref # 745) 3 bedroom 2 bath single story 1,550 s/f canal front home, fully furnished, located on elevated landscaped lot, car port and garage, deep water dock with boat lift, includes Van and golf cart. \$1,148,000.

Windward Beach New Home

(Ref# 780) 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,500 sq. ft. new home with 106' of seawalled sandy beachfront, steps to beach and sensational Sea of Abaco views. \$1,150,000.

Restaurant For Sale

(Ref # 781) Fully equipped & furnished 2,818 sq. ft. restaurant located at Treasure Cay highway intersection. Situated on 26,136 sq. ft. parcel. Seating capacity of approx. 70. Great location catering to Treasure Cay community. \$517,000.

Just Off The Beach

(Ref # 771) Attractive, fully furnished, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,244 sq. ft. home just one block from Treasure Cay Beach \$345,000.

Treasure Landings

(Ref #600) Newly constructed 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,300s/f luxury condominiums, close to beach, marina, restaurants & shops. Superior finished, fully furnished. \$495,000. Financing Available

Beach Villa 507

(Ref # 782) Newly renovated, 2 bed, 2 bath villa. 1,150 s/f tastefully furnished, plus 592 s/f exterior patios. Many extras, 5 minute walk to beach, close to marina, shops and golf course. \$490,000.

Brigantine Beach Condo

(Ref #369) 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath bath townhouse with ocean views just steps from the beach, furnished, rental history \$458,000.

Beach Villa 506

(Ref #636) 2 bed, 2bath garden view villa, completely renovated in 2005, all new furnishings & appliances. 1,250 s/f. Ideal rental property. \$435,000. Reduced

"No Problem"

(Ref #718) 2 bedroom 2 bath Villa, fully furnished, close to beach, shops, restaurants & marina, furnished, screened lanai, extra storage, central A/C. \$399,000.

Beach Villa 504 A & B

(Ref # 743) Two 1 bedroom 1 bath adjoining Garden Villas, each with full kitchen and living, excellent rental history as individual or combined units. Sold Together, furnished, turn key \$380,000.

Two Bedroom Mariner's Cove

(Ref #454) 2 bedroom, 1 bath fully furnished, two level poolside unit within view of Treasure Cay Marina and just a 5 minute walk from the Treasure Cay Beach. Can be combined with listing #455 to make a 3 bed/2bath with open living area. \$317,900.

Mariner's Cove Unit 1401

(Ref #655) Fully furnished 2 bed, 1 bath end unit overlooking marina/harbour. Complex offers pool and tennis courts, close to beach, restaurant and shops: \$317,900.

One Bedroom Mariner's Cove

(Ref #455) 1 bed, 1 bath fully furnished ground floor poolside unit. Mariner's Cove offers pool, tennis courts, laundry facilities, on site management, good rental potential. \$200,000.

Treasure Cay Beach Lot

(Ref # 654) Prime elevated parcel of 12,800 s/f with 118' of pristine beach frontage in protected cove. Fully cleared, all utilities available, superior sea views. \$1,480,000.

Beach Lot

(Ref # 590) Located on Leeward Beach near the T.C. Point with 136' of fabulous beach frontage, views of Green Turtle Cay, total of 28,700 s/f, ready for construction, all utilities available, quiet & secluded Cul de sac. \$1,330,000.

Ocean Blvd. Beach Lot

(Ref # 585) Prime location with 140ft on magnificent beach, total of 1.37 acres, partially cleared, all amenities at lot line. \$1,215,000.

Galleon Bay Canal Lot

(Ref #422) Prime Canal Front cleared lot totaling 10,295 s/f and 88+ feet of protected canal water frontage situated on the wide expanse of pictureque Galleon Bay, quick access to the Sea of Abaco. \$350,000.

Flamingo Drive Lot 66

(Ref #558) Large residential lot situated on a quiet Flamingo Drive cul-de-sac, an ideal home building site, all utilities, including electricity, water, telephone, Cable TV & DSL access available at the lot line. \$66,000.

Residential Inland Lot

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

Golf Course Area Corner Lot

(Ref #559) Oversized corner lot # 7 offering paved street frontage on two sides, plus all utilities at lot line, enjoy the solitude & greenery of the golf course, just a few hundred feet away. \$49,500.

ABACO CLUB AT WINDING BAY

Lot # 2

(Ref #727) Spectacular 1.1 acre estate lot overlooking the 18th hole with superb elevation & magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean. Easy access to the clubhouse and amenities. \$3,015,000.

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"Double Eagle"

(Ref # 757) 3 bed, 3 bath, plus loft, fully furnished home on 11,619 s/f canal front parcel. 95' sea wall, 68' fully serviced, deep water dock. 2,500 s/f living space, recently renovated. Underground utilities. 250' from beach access. \$776,000.

Canal Front Home

(Ref # 124) 2 bedroom 2 bath fully furnished home, open living/kitchen. 50' bulkhead & dock on deep water protected canal, includes vehicle, close to beach. Reduced Price \$348,000.

Canal Lot 206

(Ref #597) Cleared 11,242 s/f lot with 171 feet of bullheaded seawall, views of Treasure Cay and the Sea of Abaco. All utilities available. \$265,000.

Elevated Canal Lot

(Ref #704) Located on deep water canal with 104' of protected frontage, 10,400 s/f, all utilities available, near beach access, quiet residential community. \$299,000.

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Waterfront Property

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Joe's Creek Vicinity Lot 15

(Ref# 567) 2.139 acres on highway with 50 ft. elevated ridge & 956' depth. Ideal for private residence or small subdivision, electricity & telephone available. \$149,700.

GUANA CAY

Atlantic Oceanfront Parcel

(Ref#746) Approx. 1 acre residential parcel with 154' of elevated shoreline on Atlantic Ocean, near Orchid Bay community, great ocean views. \$395,000.

Two Commercial Lots

(Ref#368) 2 adjoining lots, harbour front road location, across from the public dock, total frontage 161 feet, Lot # 8: \$299,000. Lot # 9: \$349,000.

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Sea View Lot with Dockage

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Oceanview Home

(Ref#693) Newly built 4 bed, 2.5 bath, fully furnished 2 storey colonial style, 3,000 s/f + 300 s/f covered porches, residential neighborhood, beach access, large lot, ocean views. \$778,000.

Sea View Elevated Lot

(Ref#684) Hilltop 0.405 acre parcel in planned residential community of "Island Reach", perched high on White Sound Bluff, one of the highest elevations on Green Turtle Cay, overlooking the Sea of Abaco, \$725,000.

BAHAMA PALM SHORES

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Family fair drive

The Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town is making preparation to move into its new edifice on the South Side. Progress on the completion of the edifice is moving along quite smoothly and Bishop Archilus Cooper and his members are working to-



An early afternoon caller on March 4 informed Diane Claridge that dolphins were stranded in Treasure Cay. Ms. Claridge along with her assistants, Kiya Gornik and Edward Adderley, arrived at the northern end of an isolated beach in Treasure Cay to discover two male dolphins. Upon observation Ms. Claridge noted that the dolphins had been dead approximately 12 hours. Their bodies showed no indications to the cause of death. However, it was stated that it was peculiar that both their bodies were lean. To determine the cause of death, each animal underwent a necropsy - an examination and dissection of an animal after death to determine the cause of death. Ms. Claridge is one of the scientists at the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey based in Sandy Point that is undertaking a long-term study documenting the occurrence, distribution and abundance of marine mammals in the Bahamas.

ward having the sanctuary completed before the end of this year. In an effort to defray expenses, the church body will host a Family Fair Drive on April 1st, 2007. This event will take place at the church grounds in Cooper's Town and will begin at 10 in the morning. At this time donations will be accepted toward the building funds.

Church fun day

Friendship Mission of Cooper's Town will be hosting a Grand Fun Day at the church grounds on April 9th with lots of food, games and activities. This fund raiser is in aid of the church building funds. The venue for the event is the church grounds in Cooper's Town. The public is invited.

Ordination and installation

"They said I wouldn't make it, but I am still holding onto God's hand," was the cry of Pastor Bridgette Mills, who was ordained on March 26th at the Cities of Refuge church in Treasure Cay. Reflecting on the hardship that the road to the event had brought, Pastor Mills declared, "It

wasn't easy but, indeed, it was worth it." Pastor Mills was ordained by Pastor Charlene Duncombe of Healing Hands Ministry in Nassau and now is fully ordained to proclaim the Word of the Lord. Members and followers of Pastor Mills came from near and far to celebrate with her. Pastor Mills is ready to do the work of Him who sent her. Congratulations to Pastor Mills.

City of Refuge offers hope

Often we attend church services with our hearts and we leave the same way. We are left to question the life of God's vessel, wondering if the power of God that heals the sick and cures the lame is real. Though it may seem that the Bible is a mere book of fairy tales when compared to times we are presenting living, it is reassuring to know that Pastor Bridgette Mills of City of Refuge stands firm ready to declare that God is still in the miracle-working business. The power and anointing of God that is at work in her life gives one hope and strength for whatever situations and circumstances their going through. A welcome is extended to all to visit the City of Refuge Restoration Center located in Treasure Cay in the Brent Lowe Plaza.

"These signs shall follow them that believe, they shall cast out demons in my name, lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." These signs were evident at Cities of Refuge Ministries during the week of March 26-30. The revival and restoration began with the ordination and installation of Pastor Bridgette Mills and continued through with healing and breakthrough services for the remainder of the week. Pastor Charlene Duncombe delivered the Word of God and ministered through prophecy. The dynamic team that travelled along with her demonstrated that God is indeed in the healing business.

Full Gospel Men's Conference

The Path of an Approved Servant in a Day of Apostasy was the theme for Full Gospel Men's Ministry Conference 2007 during the week of March 28-April 1st. It was under the leadership of Min. Cutis Cooper and was held at the church in Treasure Cay. Men from throughout the island came together and united in worship and praise.

Pastor Alexander Archer of Latter Rain Ministries in Dundas Town was the guest

Revival

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speaking on Wednesday. On Thursday night Bishop Burnell Parker of Revival Time Pentecostal Church of God, Crown Haven, delivered the Word. Friday night Apostle

Raymond Wells of Living Waters Kingdom Ministries in Nassau brought the Word. The services climaxed with Bishop Washington William of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Eight Mile Rock, Grand Bahama as the guest speaker.

Conference 2007 was a great time for fellowship in the Lord, a time to be encouraged, restored and revived.

Concert will raise funds

The Christian church throughout the island of Abaco will unite on April 14 at Open

Door Ministries in Fox Town to raise funds to assist a fellow brother, Pastor Gibson, to be used toward building his church. There will be a concert held at Open Gates Minis-

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tries where local choirs, dance teams and praise and worship teams will be performing. The public is invited.

Business News

Car lot coming soon

If you travel along the Sherlin Bootle Highway towards Blackwood, you would notice that Crown Land that was acquired by the local residents is now being cleared



Mr. Shi Golden, Vice President at Jackson Memorial Hospital, addressed Treasure Cay residents about a program to assist them in getting medical assistance quickly. He is shown here on the left with Dr. Shedd, the resident doctor in Treasure Cay. They are putting together a program that will diagnose locally, then fly the patient to Jackson Memorial for further treatment.

and construction has began in some areas. The newest construction will be a used car lot and car rental. The owner will be selling used vehicles at affordable prices and will also offer affordable and reliable car rental services. North Abaconians, you will soon have the opportunity to purchase the car you desire right in your backyard.

Triple D's reopens

The Triple D's Restaurant at the Green Turtle Cay Ferry Landing in Treasure Cay has reopened its doors. Once again you can enjoy delicious Bahamian and American meals and snacks prepared just the way you like it. Owners Curtis and Audrey Cooper are committed to delivering quality and professional service and meals that not only nourish the body but are also good for the soul. You are invited to dine with the folks at Triple D's.

It's a girl

"It's a girl," is what the doctor at the Princess Margaret Hospital said on December 19, 2006, when proud mother Edith Lezinscar gave birth to a baby. The beautiful bundle of joy was proudly named Hansonique. Baby Hansonique resides in Cooper's Town with her proud parents, Hanson and Edith Lezinscar. Congratulations to the Lezinscar family on the birth of their baby girl.

New health care

proposal is presented

By Mirella Santillo

The Corbett Medical Center of Treasure Cay divulged its plans to bring Abaco into the 21st Century through a new health care program. The intention is to purchase a Computerized Tomography Scanner (CT scan) as part of the program. The equipment will allow the medical staff of the clinic to diagnose a broad variety of medical conditions and to plan for emergency airlifting, if necessary. The emergency flights would involve a partnership with Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami.

A preliminary meeting was chaired by Mr. Joe Calihan in collaboration with Dr. Shedd, who is in charge of the clinic and through whose vision the project developed. Corbett's enhanced medical service will soon be a reality. The program already has received a challenge grant which if met ensures sufficient funding to proceed with the service."

They explained that the program would work in three steps:

- diagnosis treatment at the Corbett Center with the CT scan
- evacuation, if necessary
- reception of patient in Miami at Jackson Memorial Hospital

The evacuation program will be supported by the purchase of a yearly Corbett Membership Gold Card at the cost of \$600 for the first individual plus \$50 for a spouse and an additional \$25 each for children. The card would enable the bearer to be airlifted to Miami free of charge, provided the patient has medical insurance or enough money to pay for the charges incurred at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

The benefits outlined were the diagnosis on the island which would be immediately communicated to Jackson Memorial. This means that the patient could be directed to the proper care center, hence reducing waiting time in the emergency room. The time it would take a plane to arrive in Treasure Cay would also be shortened. The hospital would send transportation to airlift the patient upon receiving the information, a procedure which Dr. Shedd hopes would take less than four hours.

The cost of the equipment, structural modification to the clinic to accommodate the scan and various installation expenses has been estimated to approximately \$615,000, but the Corbett Capital Campaign Committee is hoping to raise \$900,000.

At another meeting held on March 23rd Shi Golden, Vice President at Jackson Memorial Hospital, addressed the residents. He has been working with Dr. Shedd since last July to develop a program that would address the needs of the community. The audience, which included several resident doctors of Treasure Cay, was fairly responsive and asked many questions mainly concerning insurance issues.

Barefoot Man

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as last year. The windy weather did not deter large groups from Atlanta, Florida and the Caymans in making the 2007 Barefoot Man Tour a delight for everyone that attended.

In closing, this reporter wishes to thank, Branson, his friend from Man-O-War for his assistance in creating an open passage through the crowds for several photo opportunities.

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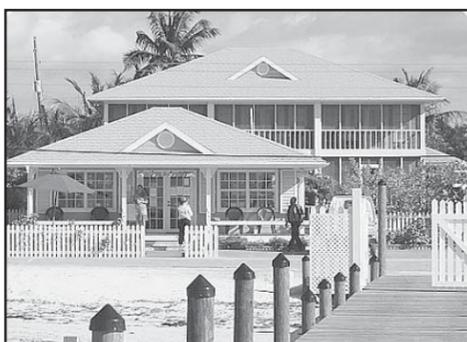
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South Abaco News

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were the Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance; Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, Minister of Transportation and Aviation; Hon. Bradley Roberts, Minister of Works, Utilities, and Immigration; Hon. V. Alfred Gray, Minister of Local Government and Consumer Affairs; Hon. Vincent Peet, Minister of Labour and Financial Services; Hon. Obie Wilchcombe, Minister of Tourism; along with other government officials. At this time the flags waved higher and the chants rang out.

Bringing remarks for the commissioning of the lights was Min. Roberts. The lights which lace the airstrip were installed January 12, 2007, by the Ministry of Works and Ministry of Transportation and Aviation. It was noted that these are state-of-the-art lights, having been made by a Canadian company which is a leading integrator of

renewable and energy-efficient technologies. The company has installed 250,000 solar powered lights in 110 countries. The lights are solar-powered LED (light emitting diode) lighting.

During Mr. Roberts' presentation residents were informed that the 2007 - 2008 budget included funding for the construction of a terminal by the end of this year. This excited the crowd! With this, he introduced Mrs. Martin. She alluded to the social implications of having the lights which are for emergency purposes during the night and low visibility during the day - stating that without the lights, situations can become quite dubious.

The country's leader, Mr. Christie, cautioned the residents that while the government has intentions of spending \$10 million on the Marsh Harbour International Airport with the necessary amenities, it is incumbent upon them to ensure that they are prepared for advancement.

He told them that negotiations are underway with a major corporation to invest in a project near Sandy Point. No Crown Land is involved as the developer is purchasing the property from a foreigner. The project will be putting in an aircraft fixed base operation.

Mr. Christie mentioned that second homeowners supported Abaco after 9/11 and Abaco lead the nation in tourism.

Residents were encouraged to become employers of what he promised to usher in a modern Sandy Point in an effort to capitalize on the expected investments.

At this time Mr. Christie announced that the highway connecting Sandy Point to Marsh Harbour will be named in honour of Capt. Earnest Dean, a local Sandy Point resident. In closing, he reiterated that if they neglect to prepare themselves for their settlement's development, others would undoubtedly do so.

Mr. Campbell, Administrator for South Abaco and Moore's island, led the crowd to the air strip where a prayer was offered for the lights which brought the event to a close.

Bahama Palm Shores Holds Social

By Jennifer Hudson

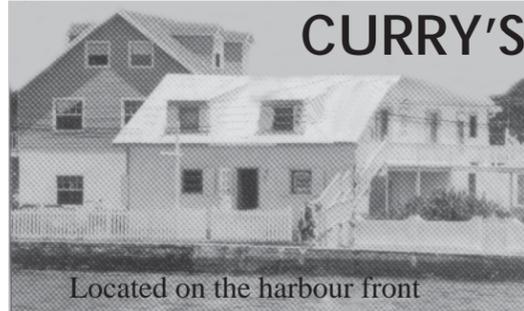
The residents of Bahama Palm Shores gathered on March 3 along the Esplanade to enjoy a day of fun and in so doing strengthen community ties. This year, thanks to the capable hosting of Bahama Palm Shores resident, Alanna Thompson, this was the biggest and most successful social in Bahama Palm Shores history. Sixty-five residents attended and enjoyed an excellent assortment of food and drinks which everyone had a hand in preparing, spurred on in the hopes of winning one of the two prizes for food. The prize for the best tasting dish was won by Levanda Bruce for her delicious meatball dish and the prize for best tasting dessert was won by the home owners association's treasurer, Barbara Adams, for her chocolate and coconut pie which was, by all accounts, "to die for."

Lunch was followed by more games in-

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The Bahama Palm Shores residents enjoyed a social that included plenty of food, drink, games for all ages and lots of fun.



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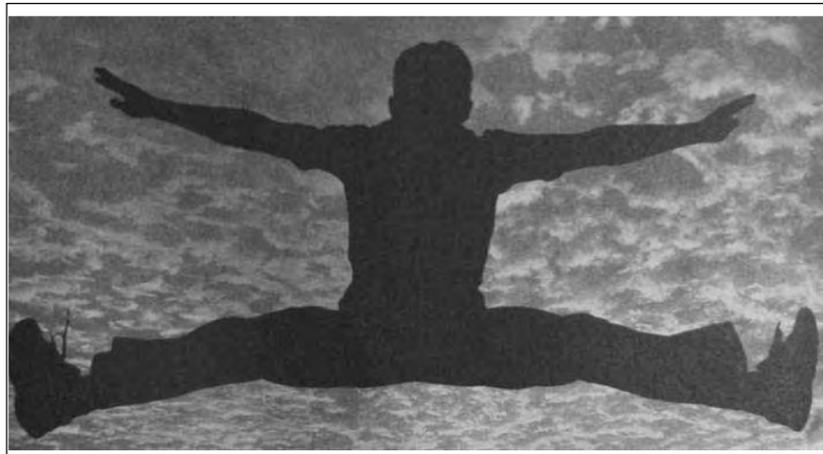
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cluding a word search for the ladies, spoon and water balloon race for the men which caused much hilarity and a hula hoop competition for the children which was won by Alex who really knew how to work the hula hoop with his arms.

More activities are being planned for Bahama Palm Shores including beach clean ups, consideration of a park for the area and a fire seminar.

Sandy Point Spanish Club Promotes Languages Week

By Shawn Roberts

Muchos idiomas un mundo - many languages one world was the theme of the Ministry of Education's modern languages week and the Buenos Amigos Spanish Club took part in promoting the celebrations. A brief speech was given at a morning assembly meeting at the James A. Pinder Primary School to encourage the students on the



The Spanish Club in Sandy Point visited the pre-school and gave the children gifts.

importance of knowing another language. As we became more globalized, knowing other languages will be quite beneficial. Haitian, Creole, French, German and Chinese should be considered as important to us as The Bahamas becomes more involved with the various countries through investing and tourism.

At the Buenos Amigos Club we continue to educate ourselves in the Spanish language and culture. Along with speaking at the Primary School, we visited the Assemblies of God's pre-school where the students were given little gifts and taught some basic Spanish words.

¡Viva el español!

Cherókee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Parrots Are Here Once More

What an amazing sight they are. Some have reported seeing as many as 30 of the native Bahamian parrots this year in our settlement. If you are at home, you can't miss their distinctive squawk and their close formation flying habits. There is always a lookout that stays high atop a nearby tree to give directions as to where the food can be located and to let them know when it's time to fly home again. They are obviously nesting in the bush up on the hill and come down around 8 a.m. each morning and about 6 p.m. in the evenings to feed on the wild figs, dillies, tamarinds and any other fruit they can find. We learned from Tuppy Weatherford's wonderful close-up photographs she

took after the last hurricane that they love oranges, too. Everyone is thrilled to see them return and see that the flock is again rebuilding.

School News

Cherokee Primary schoolchildren celebrated Commonwealth Day, March 12th, with *A Parade of Nations* showing the various commonwealth countries and shared information about our mother country, the United Kingdom.

Music has never been taught in our school before but the students are being taught how to read music for the first time while learning to play their recorders. They are really excited about it and enjoying themselves quite a bit.

The young people did a community clean-up at the Long Dock on March 1st and a settlement clean-up on March 22nd with a

cookout for the volunteers on the 24th.

Annual Talent Show

On March 30th the annual talent show was presented by Cherokee Primary School students in the W.W. Sands Community Center to a packed house. This is an evening no one wants to miss. Every seat was taken; persons were standing by the door and peeping in through the windows. The show was so good no one left till the judges gave their verdict.

The students each chose a prominent Bahamian citizen, either living or dead, and dressed in period costume to match the person they chose to represent. Some of the outfits were very authentic. What really impressed the audience the most was the fact that no one seemed to be the least bit

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Friends of the Environment Trivia Corner Answer



Answer: Lion Fish (*Pterois volitans*)

Lion Fish are native to the South Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea. They are typically found in crevices in coral reef habitats. In 2000 Lionfish were found off of North Carolina and have since spread down the US coastline, more recently being found in The Bahamas. It is possible that lion fish were brought to this area of the world as eggs or larvae in ship ballast water.

Lion fish are characterized by their red and white stripes and long dorsal spines. Lion fish are carnivores, eating small fish and crustaceans. There is a risk of competition for food between the lionfish and economically important species such as grouper and snapper. The spines on a lion fish are venomous, so please be careful! If you see a lion fish, please report it to info@friendsoftheenvironment.org or call FRIENDS at (242) 367-2721.

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shy. They all seemed to have practiced their parts well and gave short biographies of the persons they were depicting with vigour.

The evening included a fashion show by the children and each had to perform some sort of artistic talent. There were bathing and sporting outfits, casual wear and formal wear as well as the costumes worn in the biographies.

The talent segment included a young would-be chef making a very involved fruity salad, artists painting masterpieces, poets reading poetry, comedians telling jokes, some persons reciting Bible verses, singing and a lone musician playing his recorder. All very entertaining.

However, the real highlight of the evening were the characters or Bahamian citizens that each student portrayed. Roland

Symonette, the first Premier, wore a formal black suit with a tall stove-pipe hat that he insisted on wearing all evening (he was only five years old, but he knew what he was suppose to say). There was another who stood out and that was L.O. Pindling, Leader of the PLP and the first Prime Minister after Independence. (That student was 8 years old, wore a very dapper double-breasted camel coloured suit with extremely wide shoulders and won over the audience with his extremely wide grin). Other historical persons depicted were Gerald Cash, First Attorney General; George Roberts who headed up The Crippled Children's Society during the war; Mary Mosley, historian; Doris Johnson, M.P.; Eugenia Lockhart, who helped women win the right to vote; Milo Butler, first Bahamian Governor of The Bahamas after Independence; Debra Bartlett, journalist; Keva Bethel, M.D.; Capt. Leonard Thompson, former Air Force Captain in WWII and former M.P. for Abaco; Durwood Knowles, world renowned sailing captain and first gold medalist for The Bahamas in the Olypmics; Edward Teach; Blackbeard the Pirate; Janet Boswick, champion of women's rights; Woodes Rogers, English Governor appointed to rid the Bahamas of pirates; and last

but not least, Hilda Bowen, First Nursing Sister.

The three judges had a very difficult time choosing this year's King. They were D r e



Adrian Williams as Capt. Leonard Thompson

Hepburn, who represented Sir Milo Butler and the Queen, and Jessica Weatherford, who chose Doris L. Johnson.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition

The Cherokee Sound Primary School holds an Easter egg competition annually. This year showed the creative abilities of the students. In the younger group the winner was Branden Sands, for his grouping of Beachcombers, second place went to



Cherokee Sound School holds an Easter egg decorating competition. These are the winners of the older students.



These are some of the students of the Cherokee Sound Primary School who dressed up representing well know Bahamians. Talent night named a king and queen.

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School News

Forest Heights Academy

Students Get a Taste of the Real World
This past February grade ten students of Forest Heights Academy went out into the working world to get the nine to five experience. As part of their Office Practice Curriculum, they chose a job, applied for it and after their experience they wrote reports and received evaluations. On a more reflective note they wrote personal narratives of their experience. The following is an overview of their week.

All 24 students felt the same on Monday morning as many of us do. Dewina Hepburn described her anticipation. "I was so ready to work, I didn't sleep the night before. I was so excited." Adrianna Phillpot's description of Monday afternoon is also all too familiar. "By the end of the first day, I was exhausted. My feet and head hurt, and all I wanted to do was sleep for a thousand years..... yet, I enjoyed it and was anxious to go back the next day."

Of course, they all realized the important qualities to being successful in anything they do. Chrispin Clarke noted that he "approached everything with perseverance and pride" and felt that the experience "broadened [his] horizons and gave [him] a better understanding of what [he] wants to do in

life." Telia Burrows found three major lessons are "What it means to work hard, how to respect others and how to value life."

Five of the tenth graders worked in the medical field and were quite astounded by the intense responsibility that comes with these jobs. Taj Anderson learned "you must know what you are doing and be sure you do not cause more harm than good." Annie Sawyer had her eyes opened by "how many people right here on Abaco are affected by the terrible HIV virus," and Nasasha Bootle realized the value of life after she experienced death of kittens. She hoped she "could have prevented it, but [she knew] that it was impossible to do." But Tatyanna Rolle summed it up best when she said, "Doctors are gifts from God."

Some of the students were highly successful in their chosen fields. Zoe McDaniel worked at the Palm Beach Daily News and actually had a front page byline covering local Marines being activated to Iraq. Since then she has begun a school newspaper, taking on the role as Editor. Others realized they were given an important education as Joe Thompson was involved in experiments in innovative landscaping, and Meridith Albury learned that "when you are putting effort into doing any job, you are not only experiencing it, but you are actually learning from it."

Kyle Sands found the value of a hard days work and that "nothing comes free in life," and Travin Collins discovered that "people cannot be happy unless they are doing the work they love."

All were happy to return to school with a better understanding of what they want from their futures. Chris Weatherford summed it up best when he said, "Our parents are right. Our days in school are the best days of our life."

Obviously, this is an important experience and the Ministry of Education is even discussing making it a mandatory graduation requirement. Forest Heights has been involved in the program for over 15 years and wishes to thank all of the businesses who have made it so successful. It is truly an important investment into our children's futures.

St. Francis de Francis Sports Day

By Samantha V. Evans

St. Francis de Sales held two competitive days of field and track events on Feb-

ruary 19-20 at the school in Marsh Harbour. On the first day the students for kindergarten to grade six competed for ribbons and points for their respective houses: red, green and blue. At the end of a full day of activities, the green house had the most points - 355, blue house had 318 points and red house had 309 points. On day two the high school students from grades 7-12 competed. There events were more competitive as the best students have a chance to take part in national and international sports events. At the end of it all the green house won for high school and for the entire school. In second place was red house and bringing up the rear again was blue house.

Central Abaco Primary Students Perform Bahamian Version of Snow White

Samantha V. Evans

In an effort to improve the literacy level of students at Central Abaco Primary

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School, the teachers of grades one, two, and three performed a Bahamian version of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs on February 23rd. The Reader's Theatre was made up of a cast of 25-30 students including Snow White, the seven dwarfs, forest animals, prince charming and the queen. The play followed the original story line with a Bahamian twist which made it very hilarious as the students performed their parts as actors and actresses with all necessary expressions and no scripts. The addition of the Bahamian accent and the substitution of the native food offered to Snow White made it a very memorable play.

Students compete in speech and essay competitions

Samantha V. Evans

Students from grades four, five and six of Central Abaco Primary were invited to participate in speech and essay competitions held during literacy month at the school to help them improve their writing skills and develop their public speaking skills. They

spoke or wrote on the theme for the month *Reading - The Power House of Knowledge*. Of the 30 plus students who entered both competitions, six persons emerged as the top three in each competition. The top three persons in the speech competition for grade four were the winner Shante Russell, second place Jean Claude, third place Vinesha La Rose. For grade five in first place was Kayleisa Marshall, second place was Britney McHardy and third place was Conrad Cornish. All students received trophies.

The students entering the speech competition were judged on six areas. Twenty-one students entered. The winners of grade four were first place Ethanique Bain, second place Olympia Simms and third place Rahneisha Burrows. The winners of grade five were first place Kayleisa Marshall, second place Britney McHardy and third place Conrad Cornish. The winners for grade six were first place Dominique Curry, second place Paytan Stubbs and third place Glory Knowles.

Students from the lower primary school also received awards for their reading theatre and for reading books at their grade level. Parents of the students who read the most books were given a token gift as well. The top readers were given little trophies for their achievement.

Commonwealth Day was observed

By Samantha V. Evans

Commonwealth Day was observed on March 12th all around the world. The theme for this year *Respecting Differences Promoting Understanding* could be seen on all of the Commonwealth Day Posters 2007. This is the day when countries reflect on the accomplishments they have achieved to become independent,

free nations and remember the persons who took the risk by taking a stand. At Central Abaco Primary School the students remembered six countries that fought for political and economic freedom. These countries were Guyana, India, Jamaica, The Bahamas, South Africa, and England.

Students dressed in the native attire of each of the countries they represented. Guyana was the first country remembered. Students from grade one came out with the flag of Guyana called the Golden Arrow showcasing the colors red, green, yellow and white. A man named Koffe broke the chains of slavery for the Guyanese people. Students from grade two remembered India, the country with 15 languages. However, the main languages spoken are Hindi and English. India can thank Mahatma Gandhi for fighting for their equality and freedom. As a result of his strong beliefs, he spent a lot of time in jail.

Jamaica was remembered by grade four. Bob Marley, a famous singer who is known for his Reggae music all over the world, sang songs of freedom and political equality. Grade three students were probably the best of all as they represented the beautiful islands of The Bahamas. They were dressed in Junkanoo hats and folk dance skirts. They remembered Sir Milo B. Butler who fought for equality and was known as a freedom fighter. In 1973 he became the first Governor General of the Bahamas.

The final presentation was from grade five. They remembered Nelson Mandela from South Africa who fought against racial discrimination and oppression. He spent 18 years of a life sentence in prison for treason and sabotage. He was later released and become the leader of the African National

Congress, the group that fights for political change in South Africa.

The guest speaker for the event was Rev. Carl Campbell. Pastor of Nassau Methodist Church. Mr. Campbell was born on Abaco and his family roots date back to 1845. He told them that in this Commonwealth, we have a history of slavery. So many of us have at least one ancestor who could have possibly been a slave. He, too, had a great, great-grandmother named Noggi who was a slave. In fact, Noggi's Point on Abaco was named after her. He told the students to value all of the great people who sacrificed a lot so that they can know how it feels and what it is to be free.

Literacy Banners Displayed

By Samantha V. Evans

Four banners were entered in the Literacy Month Banner competition. All of the banners depicted stories from fairy tales. Judges who are proficient in art from various professions were invited to the school on March 12 to judge the banners. The winning banner was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory from the grade five level, coming in second was Charlotte's Web from grade four and third was Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs from lower primary. Each grade level will receive a trophy. All of the banners were posted up in the assembly area for all students, and parents to view.

Angels Academy Easter Bonnet Parade

By Jennifer Hudson

Students of the Angels Academy and their families enjoyed a delightful Easter Bonnet



St. Francis de Sales won the grade 3 Spelling Bee. Twenty-one students from Abaco's public and private schools competed in the grade three Spelling Bee at the Learning Resource Center in Marsh Harbour. First place honours went to Yelena Persaud of St. Francis de Sales School. Second place went to Ciarra Carrol of Agape Christian School and in third place was Sidney Decius of Central Abaco Primary School. Every child who represented his or her school received a certificate of participation for a job well done.

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Parade and tea at the home of April Parotti in Little Orchard on March 25 organized by Barbara Johnson, teacher at the school, and April Parotti, owner of the school. All of the 12 students of the school enjoyed parading their best Easter finery. Prizes were awarded in four categories and the winners and runners up were Rocky Thompson and Trent Albury for most original Easter hat; Ashley Hall and Hannah Parotti for most original Easter bonnet; Trent Albury and Matthew Knowles for best dressed boy and Hannah Parotti and Najeeba Campbell for best dressed girl.

This was followed by a Parade of Nations in which each family was expected to participate in either song or dance. Some

amusing skits ensued depicting several countries including England, Hawaii, Guyana and the Bahamas.

The young students changed from their formal Easter attire into some casual play clothes to enjoy an Easter egg hunt

Long Bay School

Sports finally gets a clear day

By Samantha V. Evans

After several rainy days delayed Long Bay school's sports day on two occasions, Mother Nature gave them another sunny day on March 13th to finally conclude sports day for this school year. As always, sports day was competitive as every student performed at his best with hopes of giving his house enough points to be declared the winner. After all races were run and all field events completed, the yellow house was declared the winner. In second place was green house, third red house and fourth



The winners of the Long Bay Primary School Sports Day activities are shown here.

blue house. In volleyball blue house won and in basketball red house won. The students also participated in academic trivia as well to earn points for their teams.

Every Child Counts School Presents Programme

By Jennifer Hudson

The concert presented by the students of the Every Child Counts School on March 29 was outstanding. The programme was presented as a Thank You to parents, volunteers and supporters of the school and what a gift and a blessing it was to all who attended. At the close of the presentation the audience was on its feet in a rousing standing ovation with remarks like "incredible" and "outstanding." It certainly was a very moving performance.

Each class contributed a performance.

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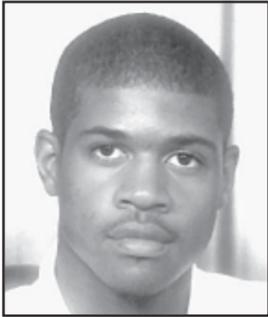
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Angels Academy students dressed in their Easter finery for a party. The winners of the competition won prizes.



These are the winners of the Long Bay high school Sports Day activities. The Yellow House was the winner of the day.



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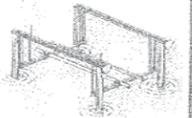
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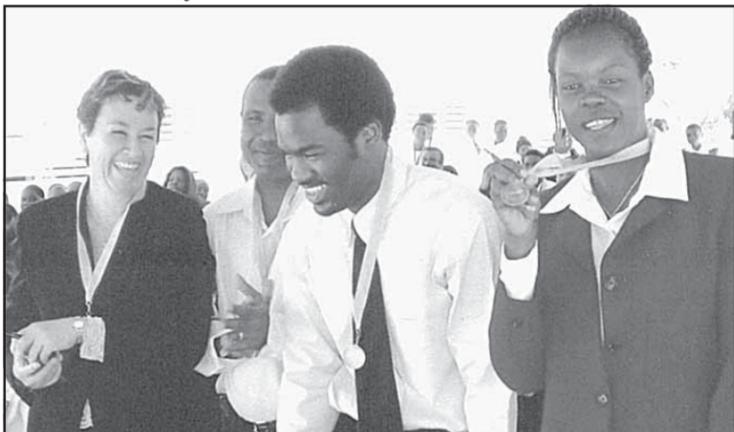
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S.C. Bootle Held Sports Day



The top male and female athletes from each house of S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town display their trophies and medals at a recent inter-house competition. From left they are Julian Cornish, Cyndera Parker, Jerome McDonld, Shenna Francis, Leon Pierre, Timmesha Russell, Ashley Clarke and Francis Delva.



These are the teachers at S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town who won the teachers' Sports Day Relay. They are Tim Roberts, Gavin Daziel, Enzil Cooper and Sabrina Russell. They are showing off their gold medals for winning the teachers' 4 x 200 m relay.

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The 14 members of Miss Pam's class performed in sign language to the touching song *The Prayer*. They performed once again, delightfully closing this wonderful

programme signing the song *From a Distance*.

Where oh where is baby bear? a skit written by children's author Betti Webb, was charmingly performed by the 7-10 year-olds of Miss Ellen's class, who obviously had a lot of fun (as did the audience) with this take on the traditional fairy tales.

The audience was treated to the world premiere of *The Journey*, an original five-act play written by ECC senior student, Alonzo Williams, with a very serious message and which was profoundly moving. Mr. Mars, senior class teacher, explained, "The idea of the play began as a simple class project back in October. The students were asked, as a homework assignment, to come up with an outline for a class play. Back came Alonzo next day with a five-act play!"

Each act was introduced by poetry written by classmate Michael Johnson which was read by the Rev. David Stapleton. Both the play and poetry showed an amazing maturity and depth of emotion.

The students all performed their parts well and did an excellent job of bringing the play to life and presenting its important message that when no love is shown to a person, the seed of love dies. And when a person has no love, they have no respect



An S.C. Bootle athlete clears the high jump bar during the recent inter-house Sports Day

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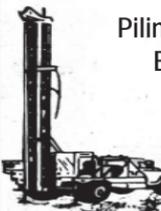
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for themselves or others and life loses all meaning. Fortunately, at the close of the play love is rekindled and prevails in the end. Alonzo's performance as the main character was outstanding and he truly "lived the part."

"Acting is not easy for the students, except for Alonzo for whom it comes naturally," stated Mr. Mars. "It demanded a supreme act of courage as these students have previously been used to being stigmatized and pushed to the background. They are very shy because, before coming to ECC, they were always being told they were wrong."

The students were assisted in the direction of their production by Ms. Grace Chapman from Guyana who has been working with the students for one month.

"We thank God for Miss Grace, who has taken the performance to a whole new level," stated Mrs. Major. Ms. Chapman has been conducting workshops in schools throughout the Caribbean using the arts to enhance learning.

In her closing remarks Ms. Major told all the well-wishers present that she tries to emphasise, "God gives us many different gifts, and we all have to look into our hearts and minds to discover them. Many come to the school considering themselves failures, but today they have shown their potential." She also remarked what a pleasure it was to see Alonzo, who has been at the school since he was eight years old, able to turn the difficult experiences in his life into something positive, though it has not been an easy road. Alonzo will be graduating in June and going to Canada and Michael will

also be graduating in June. "Resist the temptations and keep your eyes on the positives around you," were the thoughts Ms. Major left for the students to ponder at the end of this won-

derful performance.

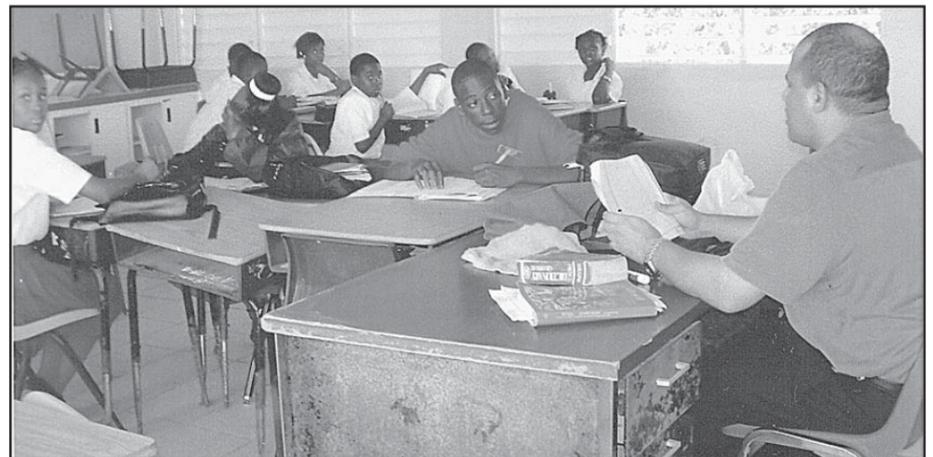
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Ms. Laura Lee Davis discusses a student's report with a parent during National Report Card Day at S.C. Bootle High School. Ninety-nine percent of parents collected their children's reports.



Charo Williams, who placed third in this year's District Spelling Bee competition, poses with his trophy along with his fellow team members and coach, Mrs. Mawalram. Charo was top speller in government schools and also top male speller.



Mr. Audley Miller instructs a Spanish class during an after school session held on Mondays and Tuesdays until 4:30 p.m. at S.C. Bootle.



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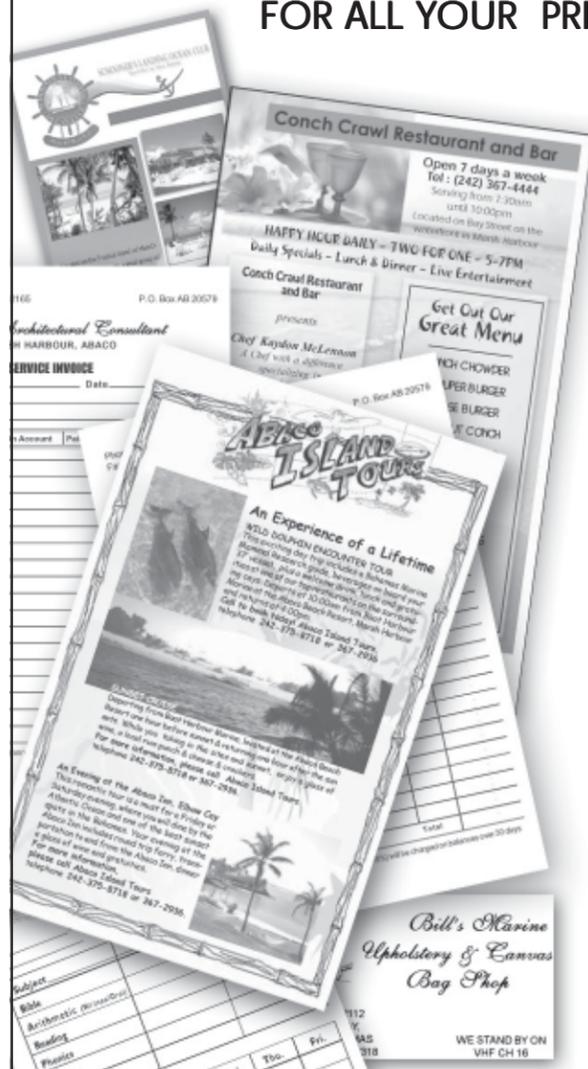
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attendance, everyone was in a jovial mood for St Patrick's night and the sum of \$63,000 was raised with all the funds going towards the Friend's education programme."

A special challenge for the night was made possible by the generosity of Michael and Anyes Adams, residents of Guana Cay, and the Nature Conservancy Bahamas programme who made available a pool of \$25,000 to be matched by donations to benefit the Friend's education programme. During a break Friends asked for donations and were happy to raise the desired amount to be matched.

Friend's main method of achieving its goal is coordination of volunteer effort and education - working with Abaco schools and providing community education opportunities. The education programme will be able to continue its important work educating Abaco's children about their environment and getting them out into that environment. No one can be expected to protect what they do not understand. Without a healthy environment both the bounty and beauty of the Bahamas could be lost.

Students have recently been working to build artificial reef balls to create a snorkel trail at Mermaid Reef and have participated in the Cross Harbour Creek restoration. During the process they learned about mangroves and their importance to the Bahamian environment.

An additional \$9,000 was raised on a silent auction of 30 of the new environmentally friendly Green Bags which had all been filled with a variety of items from different

companies. A further \$3,000 was raised from a St. Patrick's Day Lucky Clover raffle, the prize being two tickets on Cherokee Air and weekend at the Ritz Carlton in West Palm Beach.

Another important event of the evening was the presentation of awards to four persons who have greatly assisted Friends in their environmental preservation efforts.

Della Kelly has been a key motivator and organiser for the success of the Sandy Point beautification project. She has organised and assisted in cleaning up litter from the environment and organized the removal of 17 derelict cars and some derelict homes from that settlement.

Kim Sands, owner of Java Coffee Shop, was noted as always being a very willing helper for Friends. She now imports non-Styrofoam cups and makes sure that her frequent buyers reuse their cardboard trays. She recycles aluminum cans and will soon start recycling coffee grounds for gardens which customers will be able to purchase for a small fee with all proceeds going to Friends.

Darlene Haines and Kaye Rennirt shared an award for their support of Dr Craig Layman's research and the Cross Harbour Creek restoration project in South Abaco. They have both assisted in many ways by loaning vehicles, hosting students, providing field assistance and meals.

Patrons of the Reef Ball danced the night away to the music of the Modern Vintage Band from Nassau after enjoying a buffet dinner and a slide show about the work of Friends of the Environment.

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SC Bootle High School

Students compete in basketball

By Julian Lockhart

The S.C. Bootle High School Dolphins senior boys basketball team proved they could hold their own against other basketball teams in the country. Despite winning only one game at the Hugh Campbell Basketball Classic in New Providence, the team definitely gave a great effort for Abaco.

The Dolphins were the only team from Abaco at the top senior boys tournament in the country that pits the 32 best teams in the country against each other. It is totally invitational by the tournament committee. This year a team from Turks & Caicos competed in the week long tournament from February 19-26 in Nassau.

Dolphins coach Donavette Martin said, "I felt pretty okay with our performance at Hugh Campbell. I was a little disappointed in the beginning and the guys then turned it around. They went out there and gave it their all. It is difficult getting a team together because most of the kids don't want to train. It is hard for some of them to get

home after practice because of transportation," she added.

There is no high school basketball league on Abaco and the student athletes have no one to compete against on a regular basis. They play against each other or play pick-up games. Because of this they cannot develop any real cohesiveness. It took the Dolphins a game to get settled into playing in a gym and against top competition.

S.C. Bootle came out flat in their first game as they got destroyed by 25 points by a Grand Bahama team. In their second game the Dolphins bounced back with a huge win over Turks & Caicos, knocking them out of the tournament. This proved that if they had more practice time, a deeper team and more game situation, they could compete with anyone. Unfortunately, they ran into another top team in their next game, getting beaten by 22 points by a team from New Providence, knocking them out of the tournament.

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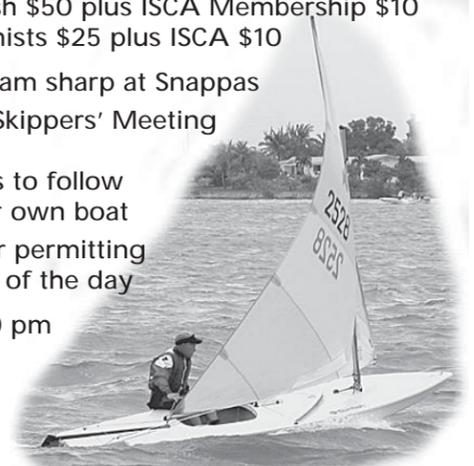
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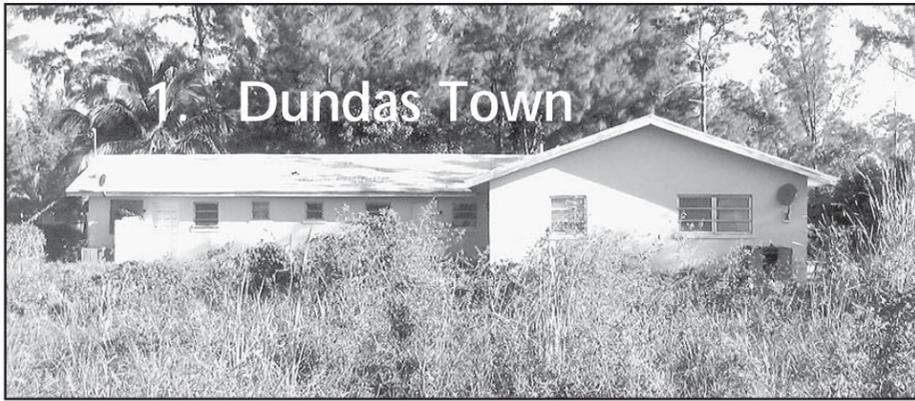
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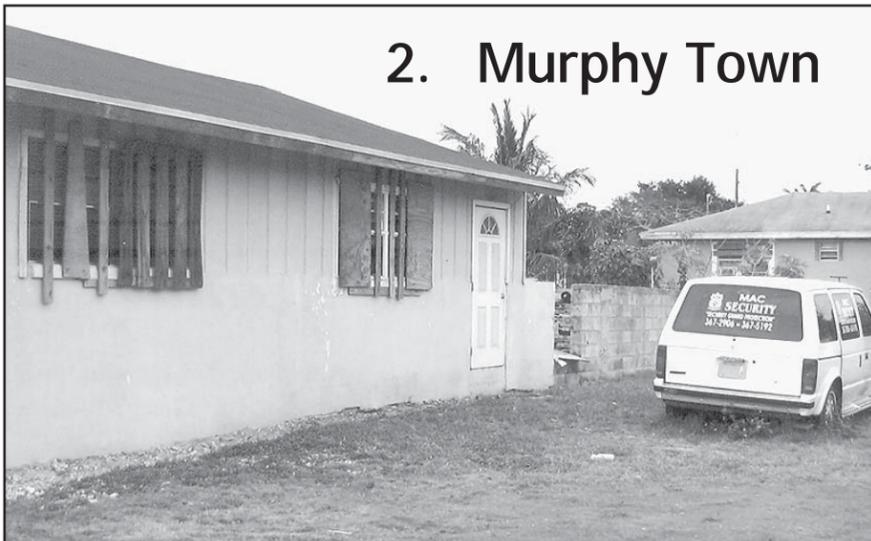
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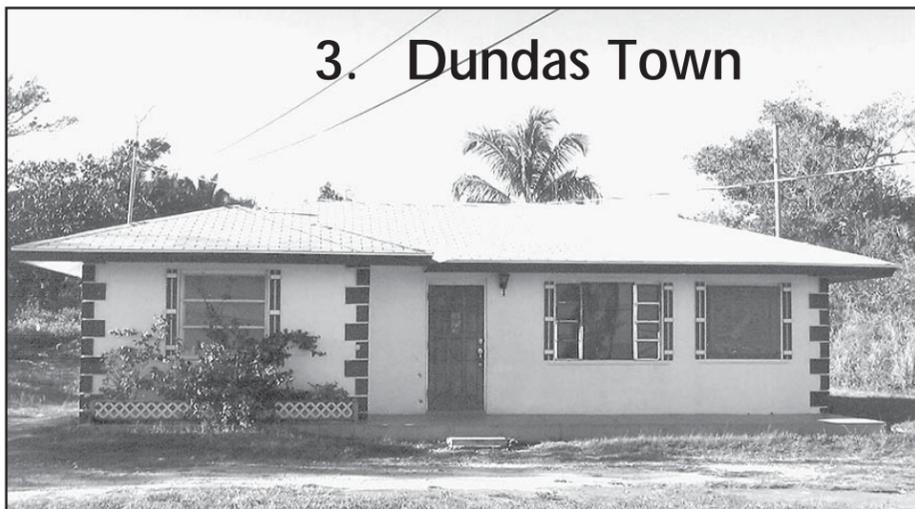
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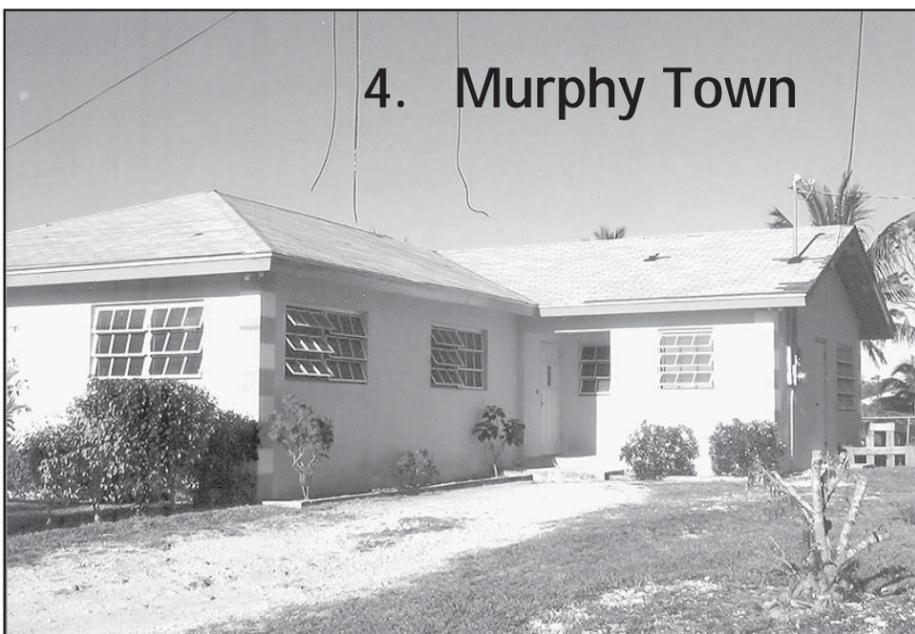
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All that lot of land having an area of approximately 10,400 sq. ft. Being a portion of Lot No. 60, of the original Murphy Town Crown Allotment situated in the settlement called and known as Murphy Town Crown. The subject property presently contains a single storey wooden/concrete structure. The subject building is being utilized as a primary dwelling with approximately 900 sq. ft. of interior floor space containing 2-bedrooms, 1-bathroom, living room, dining room and kitchen spaces. The building appears structurally sound. However, the interior and exterior are in need of refurbishment to improve aesthetics. The building has an additional sealed floor adjoining which can accommodate construction of a duplex unit. The property landscape is not relevant at this stage. All utilities are within 100 ft of the property. Appraised value \$75,660.00



All that parcel of land having an area of 14,400 sq ft, being a portion of the Dundas Town Crown Allotment. This land is rectangular in shape with dimensions of 80 ft by 180. Located on the above mentioned lot is a concrete block structure with dimensions of 27 x 40. This house is an approximate 30 yr old single family residence comprising of 3-bedrooms, 1-bathroom, living/dining area and kitchen. This house is in fairly good condition for its age with a projected future life of about 25 to 30 more years. The land rises above road level, to a height in excess of approximately 15 ft above sea level, with no likelihood of flooding in a hurricane. The grounds are sparsely landscaped. Appraised value \$90,000.00



All that lot of land having an area of 6,790 sq ft, being Crown Allotment No. 77, of Murphy Town, Abaco, Bahamas. Located on the subject property is a single storey single family concrete building. This house is less than 5 yr old and is in good condition with approximately 1,750 sq, ft of living space, and contains 3-bedrooms, 2-bathrooms, living room, dining, kitchen, laundry, and utility spaces. There is no significant improvements or deterioration evident. The property is very well drained and not susceptible to flooding. Landscaping efforts are still in remedial stages. All major public and private utilities are situate within 100ft of the subject site. Property boundaries are clearly delineated. The subject property is situate off the Front Street, Murphy Town, Abaco and is painted light yellow trimmed dark yellow. Appraised value \$167,580.00

5. Vacant property - Dundas Town

Lot No. 21, Crown Allotment, this is vacant land approximately 10,810 sq. ft. situated off S.C. Bootle Drive. Appraised value: \$15,890.00

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A summary of fishing rules - 2007

The fishing regulations applying to foreigners were changed early in 2007. Basically the bag limits which applied to individuals now apply to a foreign boat. Essentially, each boat and the occupants are now allowed much less fish.

The Bahamas government has the responsibility to protect and manage the fishing resources for the benefit of the Bahamian people. The intention is to allow visitors to catch fish for their immediate enjoyment but not to compete with commercial Bahamian fishermen. The following guidelines apply mainly to visitors.

Fishing from a boat owned by a non-Bahamian requires a fishing permit for the boat. The boat is licensed which covers the occupants. This permit is usually acquired by cruising boats when clearing Customs on entering the Bahamas. The permit fee is \$20 for one visit, usually considered three months, or \$150 annually.

Foreigners residing here and owning boats that are based here should purchase the fishing permit annually. The permit is valid for all people on board. Having Bahamian registration does not change the foreign ownership aspect which is the critical element requiring the fishing license.

Locally, permits may be purchased in Cooper's Town and Marsh Harbour from the Fisheries officers. Boats entering at a port of entry will receive a fishing license as part of the "Entry Package" given by customs. Non-Bahamians arriving by aircraft would have to obtain a fishing license from a Fisheries officer during their work days, Monday - Friday.

Boats owned by Bahamians do not need a permit for recreational fishing. This includes 100 percent Bahamian-owned rental boats. Foreigners can fish from a Bahamian-owned rental boat without obtaining a fishing permit.

Non-Bahamian fishermen in a boat are "restricted to hook and line" with a maxi-

mum limit of six lines in the water. Electric reels are allowed but must not have more than five hooks per line. Six or more hooks on a line is considered long-lining which is illegal.

Permits are required by non-Bahamians wanting to use more lines, to fish with spears or nets, to use fish traps or for any other type of fishing method. Although not emphasized in the past, a permit is required before a foreigner can use a spear for scale fish or crawfish. The fishing license referred to earlier does not give this permission as normally issued. However, the officer issuing the license can endorse it to include spear-fishing. The endorsement constitutes the required permit. Bahamians are also required to get permission to engage in spear-fishing.

Fisheries officers, now called Marine Resources officers, are enforcing the fishing rules more closely and foreigners are advised to check with an officer if unclear on the regulations.

Foreigners are advised to stay clear of the crawfish "condos" which are constructed and placed by Bahamian fishermen for their own use. Bahamian fishermen are very possessive of these habitats and do not treat foreigners kindly when they are found raiding these artificial habitats. To avoid confrontation, foreigners looking for crawfish are advised to confine their search to reefs and other natural habitats frequented by crawfish.

There are restricted areas where fishing is not allowed by any means by any person. This would apply to the Pelican Cays Park in Central Abaco. No marine resource may be taken from the park and enforcement is by the Bahamas National Trust. Marine resources include everything in the water: fish, shells, rocks and seaweed. Since the marine parks do not have signs and fenceposts, it is wise to give them extra clearance so there is no question as to your location.

Enforcement officers strongly suggest that you do not combine a fishing trip with a visit to a park. If authorities board your boat in a park and find fish on board, problems will ensue since you cannot prove where they were caught.

Also, if you are out deep sea fishing and a Fisheries officer finds dive equipment on board as well as fish, problems may arise.

Spear-fishing is not allowed by anyone in the coastal zone of Abaco or any Bahamian island defined as within 200 yards from the coast as measured at the low-water mark. This prohibited zone is the same for all Family Islands except Freeport which has a one-mile exclusion zone.

All divers with a permit may spear fish while free diving but are not allowed to use power guns or trigger-operated guns of any kind. The most common spear used is the Hawaiian sling. Recreational divers may not spear fish or catch conch or crawfish while using an underwater air supply of any kind.

A compressed air license is required for all commercial Bahamian fishermen using compressors for diving crawfish. Scuba equipment is not allowed.

Licensed Bahamian fishermen may fish by free diving to any depth. When licensed

and using compressed air, commercial fishermen must only fish in the 30- to 60-foot zone and then only to catch crawfish with a spear and only during the season.

Note that compressor use begins at the 30-foot level and extends to 60-feet. Compressors are not to be used in water shallower than 30 feet. It is interesting to note that virtually all of Abaco's popular fishing grounds (inside the barrier reef) are less than 30 feet deep. This includes the Little Bahama Bank extending to Walkers Cay, the Abaco Sound from Little Harbour north beyond Cooper's Town and most of the waters on Abaco's south side marles.

Bang-sticks using shotgun shells for personal protection underwater are allowed but must have an annual firearm license from the Police and permission by the Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources.

The following bag limits for fish apply to all non-Bahamians, whether in a foreign boat or Bahamian boat regardless of the fishing method.

Foreign-owned boats are allowed a combined total of six fish per vessel for kingfish, dolphin, tuna and wahoo. All other

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Fishing rules not as severe as first thought

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migratory fish caught, unless it is to be eaten, shall not be injured unnecessarily but returned to the sea alive. All fish aboard vessels must have the head and tail intact to aid in the identification of the fish species.

Vessel bag limits are 20 pounds of scatefish, and six individual crawfish at any time. This applies to a foreign owned boat holding a fishing license or a Bahamian owned boat which is exempt from the license requirement.

A foreign-owned boat may not have conch aboard at any time whereas a Bahamian-owned boat, including rental boats, may have conch aboard. The possession of turtle by non-Bahamians is prohibited. Grouper and rockfish weighing less than three pounds may not be taken.

The bag limits may be legally taken to Florida when the vessel leaves the Bahamas. Foreign and Bahamians may export the following quantities from the Bahamas without permission from the Minister:

- A total of not more than six kingfish, dolphin, tuna and wahoo
- No more than six crawfish if aboard a boat or 10 pounds if being carried on an aircraft.
- More than 20 pounds of demersal fish (bottom feeding reef fish, grouper, snapper, etc).

Any fish within the bag limit can be given away to friends, but visitors who sell or exchange their fish for accommodations or dockage are subject to prosecution.

Legal size for crawfish caught by any-

one is a minimum tail length of five and one half inches or a three and a quarter inch carapace (shell) length. Egg bearing females must not be disturbed. The eggs are visible as a red mass (berries) under the tail.

The closed season on crawfish is from April 1st to August 1st and applies to everyone. A closed season, December - February, exists for Nassau Grouper. Specific opening and closing dates are often changed annually as more information is learned on the grouper's reproductive cycle.

Any crawfish in freezers of Bahamians, second homeowners or visitors on April 1st, the first day of the closed season, should be documented with a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries. You may or may not be inspected by a Fisheries officer to verify the quantity. The bag limit applies to freezers ashore as well as boats.

There are no limits to the amount of fish that can be legally purchased by visitors. However, amounts above the bag limits should be documented with receipts and invoices to clarify the origin of the fish. Bahamians must observe the minimum sizes and closed seasons but are allowed 250 pounds of fish. Quantities above that are considered commercial and appropriate licenses are required.

Current rules now prohibit conch aboard a foreign-owned boat, either caught or purchased. Foreigners on a Bahamian-owned rental boat may catch conch but must observe the bag limits. Walking out on the flats and catching a conch is allowed.

Only adult conch may be taken. This applies to Bahamians and visitors. The adult conch is identified by a wide and well flared

lip on the shell. Juvenile conch have a thin lip which has not yet flared. Help keep conch plentiful in the Bahamas by leaving the juveniles.

Conch may not be exported or taken to Florida by anyone unless documented with a CITES permit which is issued by Nassau. This is due to conch being an endangered species internationally and transport across international borders is governed by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, CITES. Individuals exporting conch with a CITES permit are limited to 10 pounds. Commercial exporters are allowed larger quantities.

One other rule requires that fish resources

Viewpoint . . . Confidentiality in government provided health services

By Vernique Russell

Confidentiality in government health service? Does this exist? Is it followed through? Can employees at our local clinics be trusted? While we would all like to answer these questions with an assuring yes, the facts at a local clinic in North Abaco proves otherwise.

A patient's privacy should always be protected. Access to his or her files should be limited and protected at all times by those in charge of that department. Recently, a patient's privacy at a local clinic was completely invaded when calls were made requesting that patient's personal information without proper authorization. The caller received the information and was able to in-

form the patient of his personal information that should never have been released to begin with.

Therefore, it leaves the question in my mind, "Who can be trusted at these government-operated clinics?" It was completely wrong and invasive for that patient's personal information to be released and something has to be done to end this madness that has existed at this clinic from when it opened its doors many years ago. The fact that this one patient's file was freely accessed and released without proper consent means that this can happen to any of the other patients who attend this clinic.

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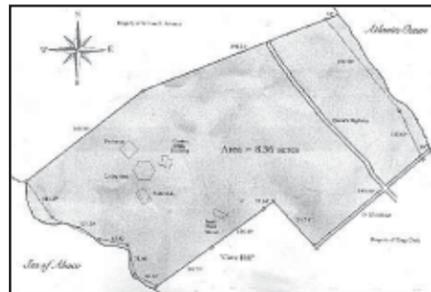
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Box Carts

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students an opportunity to work along with teachers and volunteers to build their carts and bring the campus together. Mrs. Kaighlin said, "We went over to the Hope Town Box Car in November and we all had such a great time. We entered two cars in that box cart derby, and we were successful with one of them with the junior entrance. The senior entrance, at least, made a showing. "We had the kids involved in building the cars. They learnt so much

from the time they spent in the classroom together in putting the cars together with us and we just had a blast that day."

The school was disappointed in the turnout of carts and spectators. There were a number of events during that weekend. It won't stop the school as they are hoping that with more advertising and the fact they did it this year more carts will compete next year.

Mrs. Kaighlin said as a child she grew up right across the street from the Government Hill and they used to race supermarket trol-

leys and all sorts of things and just had a fun time on the weekends.

Mrs. Kaighlin said, "I think some people were not sure that we were serious. This will be a yearly thing and I think next year this hill will be packed. We tried to coordinate with tourism as well and this could be a really fun event and attract a number of tourists," she concluded.

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Anyone interested should visit the website primetimefnd.org.

Viewpoint

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When one attends a medical facility, he or she should feel comfortable as a patient. Their privacy should at all times be respected and honored. For too long patients have had to deal with hearing their business all over the streets of North Abaco without it being given out by them. The persons in charge of these local clinics must hold employees responsible and accountable. There needs to be some sort of punishment in placed for these offenders. This local clinic is slowly become of no use to Bahamian citizens as many refuse to receive medical at-

tention at the institution for fear their business will become everyone's business. It is time for this madness to stop. Anyone can pick up the telephone and identify themselves as someone they are not. How can one take the risk of releasing information to someone they can't see but even further without consulting with the person whom the information is about. Our government-operated establishment has for many years been slack and unprofessionally operated. But it's time to demand change and force these people to deliver quality, professional service to the people of this nation. After all it's us who pay them.

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Sales Agent - Abaco Real Estate Agency, Ltd. is seeking a FULL time BREA licensed sales agent for the Marsh Harbour office. Must have computer knowledge, reliable transportation, willing to make sales calls to all areas of Abaco. contact Bill Thompson 367-2719.

Driver / Salesperson, 25 yrs - older, Chelsea's Choice, courteous, responsible. Phone 367-4842. Call for further information

Full time child minder/housekeeper required in Marsh Harbour for 19 month old child. Call 577-0422

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Young person with boating experince and strong swimming skills, to work wor a small dive shop. Only Bahamians drug free, high school graduation need apply please call 365-5176

MERCHANDISE

Hitachi electric jack-hammer/ chipping hammer. Price \$750. Bought in the US. Call 466-9093

Two electric hospital beds, twin w/ head board, box springs, mattresses, shets, bed covers. \$300 ea or \$500 both. Located in Treasure Cay. 207-671-4522

White crib with mattress, can be converted to day bed, in good condtion \$150. Call 367-4709

An above ground pool, 24' round and 4' deep. brand new, still in box.. If interested call 365-4359 Serious inquires only

COMMERCIAL SERVICES

For all your **vertical and mini-blind needs** contact Sidney Albury at 367-2091 or 367-2031. Sales and Service

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1998 Dodge Ram, \$11,000. O.B.O. Call:464-5975

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Golf Carts for Sale

2 - 2002 Electric Club Cars brand new batteries \$4500 ea.

2 - 1999 Gas Club Cars good condition \$2500 ea.

3 - 1999 Gas Club Cars, lift kit, good condition \$3500 ea. Call 365-4655

TRADING HOUSES

Canadian couple interested in house / condo swapping. Very flexible time frame. We have a log house on 300 acres 1 hour from Toronto or a condo in Florida. e-mail issyoung@aol.com

BOATS & MARINE ITEMS FOR SALE

200 HP Volvo Diesel Engine, Bobtail, rebuilt 2006, excellent condition. Ph 559-8196 or VHF Ch 16 Highway ask for Junior Sands



90 HP Honda 1997 25" Shaft, all gauges & control box - 950 hours. \$4,000 O.B.O. Call 367-3526

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23' SeaOx CC with T-Top, '87, w/ '98 225 Johnson Ocean Runner, leaning post & rocket launchers, new tandem trailer, engine runs excellent. \$17,900 Duty Paid. Leave Message 207-226-7455, abacogatoloco@yahoo.co



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BOATS & MARINE ITEMS FOR SALE

25' Mako, older model, in excellent condition. DUTY PAID. Boat in Sandy Point. Best offer 375-9724



24' Limestone Diesel Express Cruiser, 1987, diesel engine, 9'6" beam, 400 hours, Volvo engine HP230, outdrive Duopro, Stored on a lift, DUTY PAID. \$32,000 Tel: 242-365-8175

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31' Ocean Master, '88, open cockpit fishing boat, 2 - 250 HP Yamaha 2 stroke, autopilot, outriggers & fishing rods, live bait locker. DUTY PAID. US \$34,000 Call 242-365-8101, 305-433-7577

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"Paradise Point"

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 - 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths.
 - 2,400 s.f. Residence
 - 193' on the Sea of Abaco
 - Amazing Views
 - 22,371 s.f. of land

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"Fourplex"

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 - 8 Bedrooms, 4 Baths
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Casurina Point - Mainland Abaco
 - 4 Bedrooms, 1 Baths.
 - 1040 s.f. Residence.
 - .81 Acre / Double Lot.
 - 331' of Canal Frontage
 - 2 docks
 - Atlantic Access / Flats Fishing

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"Ridge Runner"

Great Guana Cay
 - 7 Bedrooms, 4 Baths.
 - 3,100 s.f. Residence.
 - 330 feet of waterfront.
 - 1.74 Acres
 - Private 100' Dock.
 - Swimming pool
 - Superb Bay Views
 - Furnished.

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"Bountifully Blessed"

Tilloo Cay
 - 2 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths
 - 800 s.f. Cottage
 - 3.75 Acres Sea-to-sea
 - 109' on Sea of Abaco
 - 106' on Sea of Abaco
 - Boat Basin
 - Protected Dock
 - Dock on Sea of Abaco
 - Fabulous Views
 - Swimming Pool

#AB1118 - \$1,850,000.

"TreEscape"

Elbow Cay - Lucayos
 - 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths.
 - 1,370 s.f. Residence.
 - 13,600 sq.ft - 0.31 acre of land
 - Great Views of the Sea of Abaco.
 - Access to Lucayos dock.

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"Starboard Side"

Great Abaco Club - Marsh Harbour
 - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath
 - 2,055 s.f. Residence.
 - 50' Canal Frontage
 - 9,315 Sq. Ft. Lot
 - Beautifully Landscaped
 - Private 20' Dock
 - Fabulous Views

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"Wings of the Dove"

Marsh Harbour Cove Estates
 - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
 - 2,216 sq.ft. Residence
 - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath
 - Downstairs Apartment
 - 14,500 s.f. of Land
 - Good Central Location

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"Surfside"

Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates
 - 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths.
 - 3,000 s.f. Residence
 - Open Decks.
 - 100' of Beachfront
 - Over 1/2 Acre
 - Superb Ocean Views
 - Fully Furnished.

#AB123 - \$1,295,000.

"Buttercup"

Elbow Cay - Hope Town
 - 3 Bedrooms, 3 Bath.
 - 1,892 s.f. Residence
 - Furnished.
 - Land - App. 5,000sq. ft.
 - Private Dockage and Harbour Frontage
 - Stunning Harbour and Atlantic Views

- \$1,195,000.

"Villa Pasha"

Green Turtle Cay -
 - 5 Bedrooms, 4 Baths.
 - 3,900 s.f. Residence.
 - 2000 s.f. Wraparound Porches
 - Land - .84 Acre Parcel
 - 250' Atlantic Beachfront
 - Great Rental History
 - Fireplace.

#TS10581 - \$2,545,000.

"Atlantic View Lot"

Elbow Cay - White Sound
 - Vacant Lot
 - 5,595 sq. ft.
 - Great Atlantic View
 - Good Elevation

#PS10612- \$169,000.

"Golf Course Home"

The Abaco Club, Winding Bay
 - 4,366 sq. ft. Home
 - Overlooking the Golf Course
 - 4 Bed, 4.5 Bath
 - 1.187 Acres
 - Amazing Ocean Views

#AS10701 - \$4,195,000

"Treasure View"

Treasure Cay
 - 2 Lots offered as a single parcel
 - 24,140 s.f. - over 0.5 acre
 - 174' of water frontage
 - Overlooks entrance to Treasure Cay Marina
 - Cleared and ready to build
 - All utilities available

#AS10592 - \$642,000.

"Little Point"

Elbow Cay - Big Point
 - Vacant Lot
 - sq. ft.
 - Great Elevation
 - Amazing Atlantic Views

#PS10614 - \$179,500

"Lubbers - Sea-to-sea"

Lubbers Quarters
 - 1.94 Acres - Sea-to-sea
 - 97' of East frontage
 - 120' of West Frontage
 - Deep water for dock on Lubbers Channel
 - Beautiful Beach on west.
 - Lush native vegetation.

#AS10719 - \$910,000.

"Breezy Hill"

Elbow Cay - Breezy Hill
 - 10,494 s.f.
 - Good Elevation
 - Lush Native Vegetation
 - Hilltop Building Site

#PS10603 - \$132,000.

"Golf Course Lot"

The Abaco Club, Winding Bay
 - 1.072 Acres
 - Stunning Ocean View
 - Direct Beach Access
 - Club Access with all Amenities.
 - Vacant Lot.
 - High Elevation

#AS10698 - \$2,100,000

"Carrington Cay"

Sea of Abaco near Leisure Lee
 - 1.4 Acres
 - 300' from mainland
 - Excellent Elevation
 - 8' water at western end
 - 3 Miles south of Treasure Cay

#AB51471 \$455,000.

"Basin Harbour Cay"

Basin Harbour Cay, North Abaco
 - 9 Acres undeveloped
 - Very secluded
 - Deep water natural boat basin.

#AS10767 - \$382,500.

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