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## FNM holds North Abaco rally Hundreds turn out to hear party leader



Ingraham Park in Cooper's Town was the site of a FNM rally on April 13. The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham told his supporters of his plans for Abaco for the next five years if he is elected.

*By Vernique Russell*

The atmosphere was electrifying as hundreds of energetic and enthusiastic supporters of the Free National Movement gathered at Ingraham's Park in Cooper's Town for the FNM Mass Rally on April 13th. Supporters came from Moore's Island in the South to Grand Cay in the North to hear what the FNM Leader and his team has planned for Abaco if elected on May 2nd. The anxiety and excitement that filled the air was taken to another level as plans were unveiled and darkness brought to light as speakers took the podium.

Locals and guest speakers who took the podium ran down the line of achievements under the FNM administration during 1992-2002. The issues of racism and prejudice was also addressed by Mr. Junior Roberts, who claimed that "the PLP has no place for white people and Conchy Joes in their party" and encouraged the supporters to vote them (the PLP) out. Jack Albury assured the North Abaco supporters and the entire Bahamas tuned in by airwaves and Internet streaming

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## Green Turtle Cay Heritage Festival will feature pirates

*By Jennifer Hudson*

"Heave ho, my hearties," and get yourselves ready for a swashbuckling good time at the Green Turtle Cay Heritage Festival on May 4-6. This year you will need to be on the watch out for pirates, especially the notorious Anne Bonney and Mary Read. It is historically recorded that these two ferocious pirates spent time in The Bahamas and it is believed that they hung out in the waters of Black Sound on Green Turtle Cay. For this reason they have been "invited" back to the cay for the festivities. "This year the theme for the festi-

val will be *Pirates* and we have several professional pirates coming over from the United States. Anne Bonney will be portrayed by Brandy Etheridge and Mary Read by Michelle Murillo," announced Heritage Committee Chairperson, Karen McIntosh.

Anne Bonney and Mary Read were the most notorious of the infamous women pirates. Anne Bonney was born in Ireland about the end of the 1600s and her parents immigrated to America and settled on a plantation near

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## Anglican church is rededicated



The Archbishop of the Anglican Church, the Most Rev. Drexel Wellington Gomez, rededicated the St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour on April 15 after the congregation completely reconstructed the building.

*By Jennifer Hudson*

The Parish Church of St. John the Baptist was rededicated during a three-hour service full of great ceremonial splendour on April 15th. Officiating was The Most Rev. Drexel Wellington Gomez, CMG, Archbishop of the West Indies and Bishop of the Diocese of the Bahamas and Turks

and Caicos Islands.

The service began with a procession of vestry members, members of the Anglican Church men's and women's groups, band members and the Rector, Father Earl

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## PLP holds prayer breakfast



The Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Cynthia "Mother" Pratt, was the guest of honour at a Prayer Breakfast held by the PLP on April 15 to launch their campaign. On the left is Paul Bevans, PLP party official. On the right is PLP candidate for North Abaco, Mr. Fritz Bootle. In the background is Mr. Gary Sawyer, PLP candidate for South Abaco. See story on page 4.

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# Ingraham Outlines Goals for Next Term

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that Edison Key will win his seat by 500 votes minimum. During his address to the crowd, Mr. Edison Key unveiled alleged contracts that were signed which would benefit a member of the present administration by some \$6 million over a five-year period. He indicated that the discovery of those contacts was the primary reason for his leaving the PLP administration of which he was a part for 30 years. He described this administration as "the most corrupt government ever in Bahamian history and criminals who deserve to be in Fox Hill Prison."

After being entertained and encouraged by several speakers and performers, the time arrived to be informed by the party leader himself, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, who

was introduced by Sen. Tommy Turnquest and received by the entire team travelling along with him. In his speech Mr. Ingraham firstly thanked the North Abaconian supporters for their faithful support over the last 30 years. He described them as the "wind beneath his wing," reflecting that North Abaconians supported him as a PLP candidate, an Independent candidate and under the FNM. He reminded the crowd of supporters that they are called back to national duty and they must stay the course and continue to support the FNM party.

Speakers and guests for the Mass Rally included Mrs. Terece Bethel, Mr. Charles Maynard, candidate for Golden Isles; Mrs. Elma Campbell, candidate for Elizabeth;

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Mr. Hubert Ingraham, FNM candidate for North Abaco was happy to be back in his home town of Cooper's Town for an FNM rally on April 13. He was accompanied by his wife, Delores, right; daughter Kara next to her mother; and niece Nicolette Campbell by Mr. Ingraham.

## These are projects for Abaco

Mr. Ingraham's goals for Abaco include the following:

- Promote tourism developments in North Abaco
- Construct an industrial park in Central Abaco
- Develop Phase 2 of Central Pines Estates
- Create a new sub-division for Green Turtle Cay and Grand Cay
- Construct a new airport in Marsh Harbour and remodel the Treasure Cay airport with air traffic controllers
- Construct all purpose gymnasiums in North and South Abaco
- Construct a new government administration complex in Central Abaco and Cooper's Town
- Construct a sea port/ port of entry in Cooper's Town
- Construct new primary schools in Fox Town, Green Turtle Cay and Cooper's Town

- Construct a new government clinic in Green Turtle Cay
- Construct an all purpose sports complex for Abaco
- Construct a mini hospital
- Reopen Walker's Cay
- Provide BahamasAir service to Treasure Cay
- Build a bypass road around Cooper's Town
- Bulkhead Fox Town shore line
- Provide cable service to Guana Cay and Grand Cay
- Establish a Defence Force base on Abaco
- Construct a craft market
- Establish vocational training center
- Upgrade the Treasure Cay airport
- Provide fresh water for Green Turtle
- Stop the excavation of hills
- Post a nurse at Guana Cay

## Mr. Ingraham named projects he'll undertake

Mr. Ingraham outlined what he and his party intend to do for the island once elected. The following projects are among his goals for the country:

- Create a contributory pension for local government employees
- Bring all underpaid government employees up to the minimum wage
- Strengthen immigration, issuing documents to long term immigrants
- Promote Bahamian-owned businesses

- Review the fisheries regulations
- Expand loan guarantee for potential business owners
- Give Bahamians access to Crown Land for residential and commercial uses
- Introduce a youth in business program
- Post office upgrade and modernization
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- Establish seaside parks
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# Prayer Breakfast Launches PLP Campaign

By Vernique Russell

Under the distinguished patronage of Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Cynthia "Mother" Pratt, the North Abaco Branch of the Progressive Liberal Party hosted a Prayer Breakfast on April 14 to launch its campaign season. Party supporters came from all over the island to lift up their candidate and our nation in prayers and to give thanks to God for all He has done. Putting aside political preferences and singing praises unto God, the supporters worshiped in songs, dance and exhortation.

Mother Pratt was the guest speaker and came to party supporters as a minister of the gospel, not a politician, declaring boldly that she is "not ashamed of the gospel of God and would praise her God and declare His Word no matter where she is." She encouraged the supporters to stay focused and persevere and to always allow God to be glorified. The dynamic and timely exhortation brought the entire group to their feet as it encouraged and uplifted many present at the service.

Mr. Fritz Bootle, PLP candidate for

North Abaco, and Mr. Gary Sawyer, PLP candidate for South Abaco, encouraged their supporters not get caught up in anything that will reflect on the party in a negative manner. They pledged not to engage in a "mud-slinging and name-slandering campaign." They were admonished by the Master of Ceremony, Pastor Dean of Zion Baptist Church in Murphy Town, to end their campaign by giving thanks to God Almighty just as they started. Both candidates expressed their confidence in winning their seats and becoming the next Members of Parliament in their areas.

At this service the Sherlin Bootle Scholarship Fund was launched by Mr. Bootle. Details about the criteria for qualifying will become available in the near future. However, supporters were informed that leaders in various capacities will comprise the board. The fund was opened with \$10,000 and the public is invited to donate funds into it. After coming here time after time, the youths of Abaco have sparked a passion that has grown intensely in the heart of Mr. Bootle, the man behind the scenes for the

scholarship program; and he is dedicated to doing all that he can to ensure that our young people have a chance to receive further education.

The Prayer and Praise Celebration was dubbed a grand success, and Mr. Bootle

expressed his thanks to the North Abaco Branch Committee, The New Direction, Radio Abaco, Zion Baptist Praise Dancers and everyone who attended that ensured that the event was successful.

## Motorcade Escorts "Mother" Pratt

By Luzena

The Deputy Prime Minister, Cynthia "Mother" Pratt, arrived at the Marsh Harbour Airport on April 13 for the Prayer Breakfast that was held in Treasure Cay by the North Abaco Branch of the Progressive Liberal Party the next morning. Excited PLP supporters were at the airport waiting for the arrival of Mother Pratt and to join the motorcade that followed. The majority of the cars had their PLP flags swaying to the wind and their drivers and passengers wearing the PLP "No Turning Back" T-Shirts.

Over 100 cars followed behind the police escort car carrying the Deputy Prime

Minister. PLP music was playing and excitement was in the air. The procession went from the Marsh Harbour airport to downtown Marsh Harbour, then through Dundas Town to the Murphy Town PLP Headquarters. There was not enough parking for the number of cars that were in the motorcade.

Mother Pratt made a brief speech to the crowd and urged everyone not to get caught up in the slandering. "We want a clean campaign," stated Mother Pratt. "They are tearing down my posters," says Mother Pratt. "But posters don't vote, people vote!"

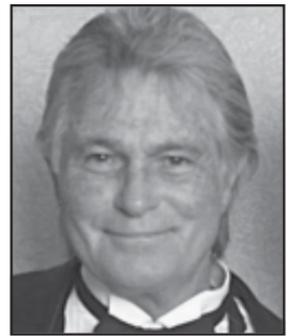
## Norman Claridge Nominates

By Julian Lockhart

The battle for the North Abaco constituency got even tighter as Treasure Cay resident Norman Claridge nominated as a candidate for the May 2 general election as an independent candidate. Also running for North Abaco will be incumbent Hubert Ingraham, the leader of the opposition party the Free National Movement, Progressive Liberal Party representative Fritz Bootle and another independent candidate, Cay Mills of Dundas Town.

Mr. Claridge said, "I have been talking about running for about two years now because I feel I can make a difference. Noth-

ing was official until the nomination day and a lot of people knew I was going to do so. I did some campaigning but not on a wide scale because I feel it



Norman Claridge

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The Hon. Cynthia "Mother" Pratt visited Sandy Point while she was on Abaco for the Prayer Breakfast. She was greeted enthusiastically by her supporters shown here. She is beside the car on the left.

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# Candidates nonimate for general election on May 2

## Gary Sawyer nominates

By Julian Lockhart

Gary Sawyer said it is full steam ahead now that he has nominated as a candidate for South Abaco representing the Progressive Liberal Party for the 2007 general election on April 13 at the Administrator's office in Marsh Harbour. This is Mr Sawyer's second time running for the PLP, and he proved in 1992 that he is willing to do what is best for Abaco and for his political party.

However, he added that he is no sacrificial lamb this time around and that he will win the seat for South Abaco in the 2007 election and give the community a man they can depend on and who will more than get the job done. Mr. Sawyer said he and his team will do everything that is aboveboard, they will run a clean campaign, they will not be dragged into name calling, slandering people's character and they will walk straight because their support is there.

The general election is set for May 2 and running against Mr. Sawyer will be the Free National Movement candidate Edison Key.

Mr. Sawyer said, "There is no stopping now until election day. I am very confident, more confident than ever, that I will be the next representative for South Abaco. I was really a sacrificial lamb in 1992. I knew when I went into the game that Abaco was divided into three seats and it was cut so my opponent [Robert Sweeting] could be elected. Maybe some of his [Edison Key] immediate family will vote for him and I said maybe. If you saw the people who are here with me today, 99 percent of them were his generals," he added.

Mr. Sawyer has proven over the years to have the ability to run a successful business and to turn small business ventures into large, money making entities in Abaco. Mr. Sawyer said, "Without a doubt I feel my business experience will carry over. I have over the years demonstrated my ability to start businesses from scratch and build them to where they are today. I believe in the empowerment of our people and not just one person owning and controlling. I believe that I have demonstrated over the years

through my businesses that we have always been involved in community activities."

Mr. Sawyer said he does not need the money that a Member of Parliament makes and he added the country has been very good to him and it is time to give back to his country. He believes that one should leave the country better for the future generations than how they met it.

With the scores of people who came out in support of Mr. Sawyer on nomination day the support for his candidacy was obvious and he said there is no doubt that he will be the next member of parliament for South Abaco.

## Edison Key signs nomination papers

By Julian Lockhart

Edison Key has officially switched his colors as he nominated for the Free National Movement seat for South Abaco

on April 13 after 30 years of serving the country under the flag of the current government of the Bahamas, the Progressive Liberal Party. Mr. Key said he was tired of the promises and failed promises of his former party and that was why he decided to get out when he realized the new PLP did not stand for what he stood for politically.

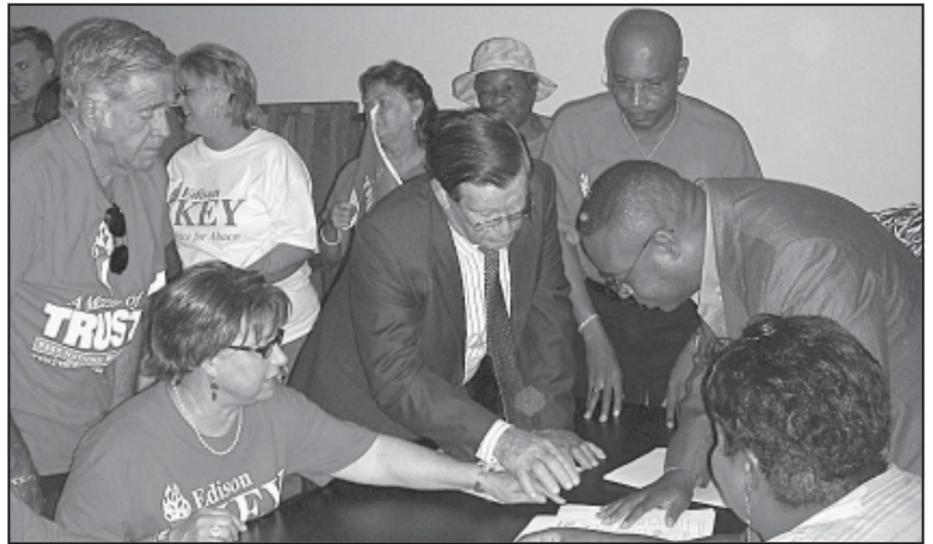
The general election is set for May 2. Running against Mr. Key will be Gary Sawyer for the PLP.

Mr. Key said, "It is full force ahead. We are ready to roll. We are nominated and over the next several weeks we have to work hard. As far as I am concerned, as far as I can see it is looking very, very good. I think on May 2 we will come out victorious."

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Gary Sawyer leads a large group of his PLP supporters to the Administrator's office in Marsh Harbour to nominate on April 13. Carrying placards with Mr. Sawyer's picture and singing to the music, they are confident of their candidate's victory at the polls on May 2.



Mr. Edison Key, accompanied by his wife, Kathy, signs the papers on nomination day, formalizing his position as the FNM candidate for South Abaco. Overseeing the signing is Senior Administrator for Central Abaco, Mr. Revis Rolle, while Mr. Frankie Russell looks on at the left.

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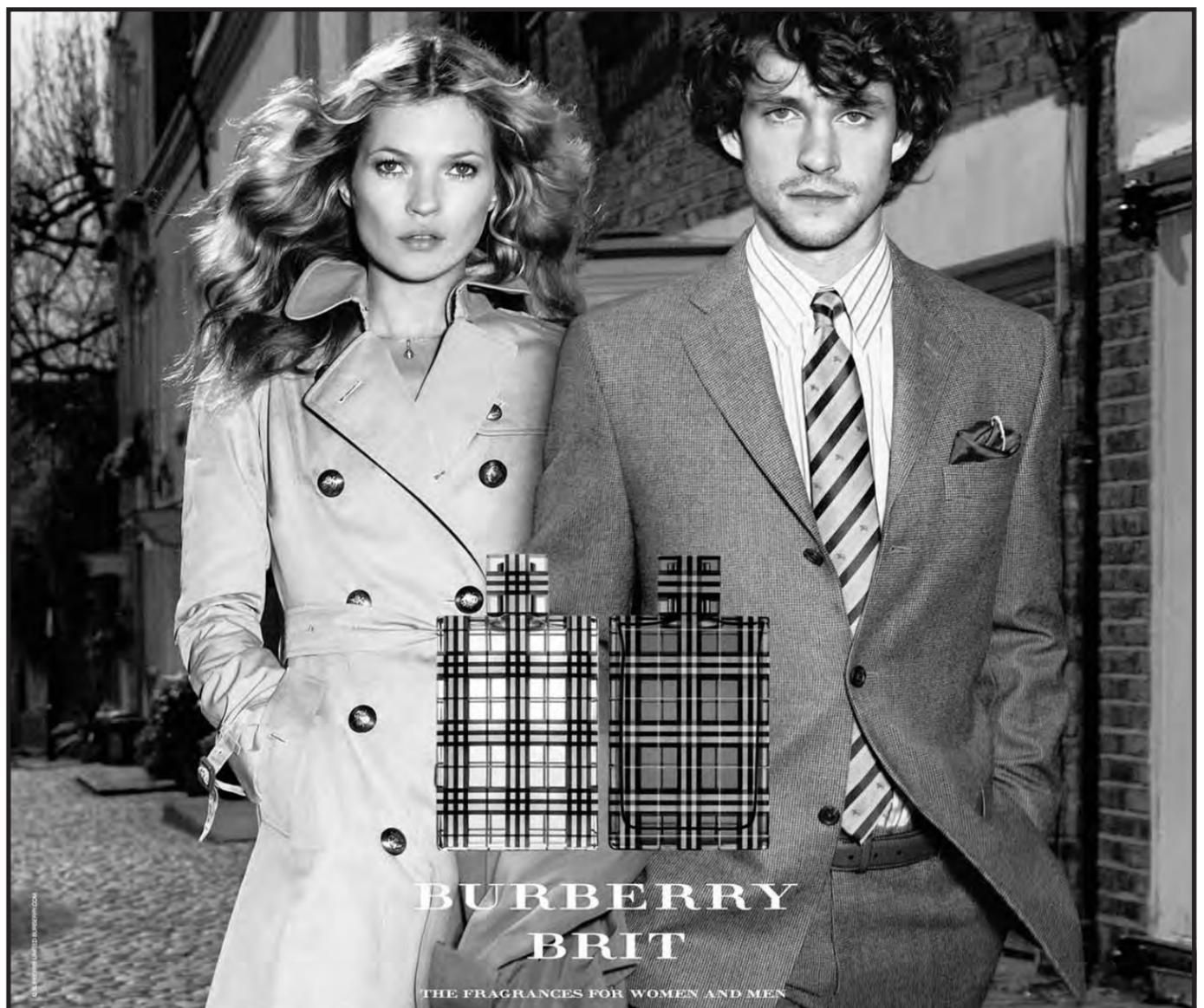
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# 4 candidates in North Abaco, 2 in South Abaco nominate

## Nominations *From Page 6*

"You can see by the crowd here this morning these are people who have never supported me in my political life. This will make my seventh election that I have been the candidate and I am just overwhelmed to see the amount of support. In the past it was very difficult to get the people on the cays and the white people here in Marsh Harbour to support the PLP and I think we have an overwhelming support from that area. I think we will do very well down in the south because I am well known in Moore's Island, Sandy Point and Crossing Rocks," he added.

After running for the PLP for so many years, Mr. Key is hoping that some of his supporters who know him, know what he stands for and trusts him realize that it is best to switch as well and give him their vote as a FNM.

Mr. Key said a month before the elections if you go to the Marsh Harbour airport the PLP has finally brought in a couple of bulldozers to push the trees off. He feels that Bahamians are more intelligent than that and if they had done it two and a half years ago and had commis-

sioned it, he said maybe the PLP would have received some support for it.

"All you have to do is look at the country today because for the past five years the PLP has been a total failure. There is not one single project here in Marsh Harbour they can point their finger to that they did of the things they promised to do.

### Fritz Bootle declares his candidacy

*By Julian Lockhart*

Fritz Bootle faces a major battle as he contests the North Abaco seat for the Progressive Liberal Party in the upcoming general elections, May 2 against incumbent Hubert Ingraham, leader of the Free National Movement, and two independents, Mr. Cay Mills and Mr. Norman Claridge.

Mr. Ingraham, who is the former prime minister and is looking to serve his third term in office has been the member of parliament for North Abaco for the last 30 years, but Mr. Bootle feels none of that matters this year.

He feels people will vote for him because they are not happy with the repre-



Fritz Bootle

Hubert Ingraham is a formidable opponent. He is a veteran politician, but my take on that is at the end of the day the people make the choice. I think Mr. Ingraham will have to run on his record and then I will highlight his record.

"It is my opinion that the people will look at that record over the 30 years he has been there that they could do better. That is what we have to try and bring to

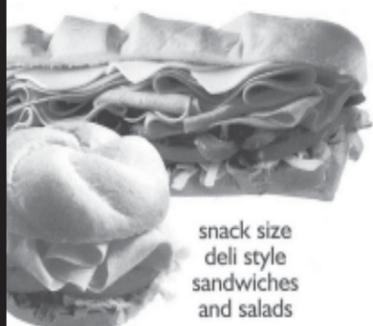
sentation of Mr. Ingraham over the last 30 years and are ready for a change.

Mr. Bootle said, "We must admit that

the floor, that there is a better way of representation," he added.

Mr. Bootle said he believes in the young people in North Abaco and he will do anything to ensure their future and help them to be better off financially.

Mr. Bootle said, "I feel a representative, his duty is to ensure that the economy of his constituency strives. It doesn't just happen, it is something you have to work at doing. My intentions is to do whatever I can to attract investments into North Abaco; Treasure Cay and other places. Of course Treasure Cay will be the most appropriate place for touristic development, but there are any number of other things that can be done in North Abaco to cause the economy to get better.



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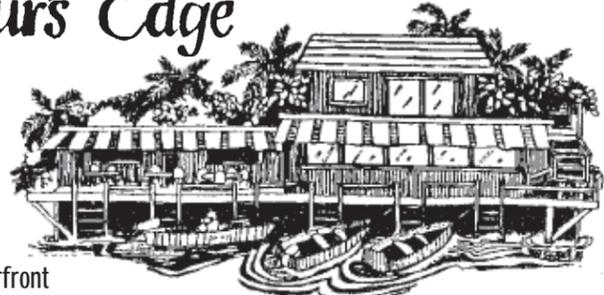
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# The Editor Says . . . Minimizing Environmental Changes



The word "environment" is being heard more frequently on television, newspapers and among individuals, even by politicians. The word is often used as if it were a new discovery to be implemented in a month or two as technicians perfect the process.

Unfortunately, working with the environment is a long-term process that is not put in place with a single stroke of the pen or a flip of a switch.

Politicians worldwide are discussing environmental issues while scientists are pressing for more action and changes now.

Closer to home we are seeing more interest in our environment and conservation issues and their many wide-spread implications.

Abaco schools will observe Earth Day on April 27 at New Vision Ministries in Marsh Harbour. This is to make students more aware of their environment and the need to protect it. The public is invited.

Many communities have just participated in a coastal clean-up program with residents and visitors picking up bags and bags of refuse, debris and trash from shorelines and roadsides. This is in conjunction with similar efforts throughout the Bahamas and worldwide.

Better garbage disposal methods on Abaco have only come to the forefront in recent years. As Abaco has grown, the volume of garbage and trash has grown to overwhelm the dump sites.

Although about 18 months behind schedule, we are getting closer to having a new solid waste disposal site to dispose of garbage and trash. When that opens, burning garbage at open dumps will not be allowed.

It is the beaches and clear water that draw visitors to Abaco and the other Bahamian islands. But through the first two-thirds of the twentieth century, little value was placed on the beaches.

It was the arrival of the foreigners in the 60s and 70s that brought an awareness of the value of the beaches. In prior times, the beaches were a benign nuisance, only used by fancy-free school children in good weather.

Garbage from the settlements on the cays was often dumped at sea with some of it returning on the beaches. That was of little consequence. Harbours had value but not the beaches.

Native houses did not face the beach and the hostile sea. It was the new foreigners who were brave enough or stupid enough to put their houses on the sea dune above the worthless beach.

But with the wealthy foreigners buying the beach property came an awareness that it was even more valuable without garbage, and inland dumps were created.

In recent years, further growth has squeezed the dumps, forcing the system to ship the garbage to mainland Abaco for disposal. Steady expansion has recently outgrown the ability of the Marsh Harbour dump to cope with the volume and the new landfill is supposed to be the ultimate answer.

Environmental issues now plague some elements of the new system and discussions are being held with government to alleviate anticipated problems.

Just as environmental issues are emerging on a larger scale and being discussed at the local level, government is becoming aware of the need to address conservation and environmental issues. In fact, residents are often standing up and confronting government on these issues.

Abaco's random development was manageable in previous years but the explosive growth and arrival of comparatively large projects makes us look more closely at the long-term effects and how we and the environment will be impacted.

The ferry ramp at Sandy Point is an example. It was a welcome addition to bring ferry service to Sandy Point from Nassau. Now questions are being asked as the beach to the south is getting bigger and the beach to the north is washing away.

Everyone likes to keep the environment the same, but that is not how it works. New

people are coming, whether singularly as second home owners or as several hundred acre developments with bulldozers, dredges and batch concrete plants.

We must work with government to ensure that the qualities remain which we value and take for granted. Growth changes those values just as our children change with maturity. But just as we guide and steer our children into adulthood, we must guide society's growth in acceptable ways.

There is a 10,000 acre development underway on Mayaguana accompanied with a master land-use plan. It is probably an easy task for a planner to develop such a scheme on a relatively blank sheet of paper. The native population there has had little effect on the island's ecology but massive physical and social changes will follow as a major development gets underway.

A recent announcement publicized a 200-acre development on private land at Rocky Point on the Southwest corner of Abaco by Sandy Point. Current information suggests that only 50 acres is privately owned with the balance being acquired from government. This will have to be carefully evaluated as coastal changes could erode the narrow isthmus connecting Sandy Point to Abaco.

We have already impacted our environment in many negative ways. The causeway connecting Great Abaco with Little Abaco is an example. The natural water flow was stopped. Now a true bridge is being considered to restore hundreds of acres of marine nurseries.

The hands of Mother Nature's clock measures time in decades and years, not the hours and days we go by. Changes we make today may take years before we see the negative consequences.

Abaco badly needs long range planning but it will not be a simple process. Many of our towns have grown around roads laid out for wheelbarrows. Narrow streets and small lots do not lend themselves to the demands of modern society.

Added to our hap-hazard growth are the various government corporations and departments which make decisions to suit themselves without any coordination with other agencies or local consultation. This can create problems as was the recent case with Environmental Health's arbitrary siting for two garbage transfer stations. Discussions are now quietly underway on this issue and we expect to hear more.

Five or ten years ago, government set up the BEST commission, Bahamas Environmental, Science and Technology Commission, to monitor and give technical advice on relevant issues. They operate in a closet with little information being made public. Furthermore, the government corporations and agencies appear to be exempt from the regulations everyone must abide by.

A national election on May 2 will set the course for the next five years. Both of the major parties are becoming more aware of environmental and conservation issues. Whether there will be meaningful changes to the previous lackadaisical attitude and confidential agreements concerning the environment remains to be seen.

Everyone wants to keep up with technology and have all the conveniences of modern life, but at the same time they don't want to see changes in their surroundings. It is development that brings about the higher standard of living that we all enjoy. We, and government, must learn to work together to bring about changes which we are comfortable living with.

## Letters to the Editor

### Second homeowner is offended

Dear Editor,

For over 20 years my family has been visiting The Bahamas annually, the last 15 of those years have been mostly on Abaco. We have enjoyed our times here and have created many friends. Since we feel so at ease here on Abaco, we decided to purchase a second home here. A second home that is a great expense on our family, but well worth it due to our love for the area. The views of the Sea of Abaco, its reefs, the fishing and diving and most of all the friendly people of Abaco who have taught us how to unwind and enjoy life's simple pleasures.

On a recent return visit I was reading the Mid-March 2007 Abaconian. In the article detailing a meeting by Min. Miller of the Fisheries Department, I was shocked and offended that he would make such a bold statement as "What benefits do we get from these second homeowners?"

Changes in fisheries regulations were needed, albeit the new ones are very drastic. However, any change will bring forward questions and in some cases animosity. What we don't need as a community is a politician from Nassau, who apparently doesn't understand the social and economic fabric of a community such as Abaco making demeaning remarks "in his very outspoken way."

As a second homeowner I was angered by such a question of what benefits do I leave. Where would Mr. Miller like us to start, monetarily or socially? The typical second homeowner is going to spend from around \$400,000 to into the millions for a second home; 10 percent is paid in stamp tax to the Bahamian government, four percent is paid in attorney fees to a Bahamian attorney, seven to 10 percent to a Bahamian realtor if one is involved. Then there is the cost of insurance which we purchase through a Bahamian insurance agent. As a second homeowner we pay property tax on the value of the property annually. There will be repairs which involve Bahamian contractors to repair, update or just general maintenance to the home, a Bahamian landscaping service to maintain the plants and lawn. We ship in vehicles and boats which once again the Bahamian government collects duty and stamp tax on.

Mr. Miller would like to confiscate "flats boats." Is this after duty has been paid? My monthly bills at the two hardware stores in Marsh Harbour average over \$1000 each, and that doesn't include items the contractors purchase. These items only pertain to the ownership of a home; this does not include monies spent on dining out, groceries, entertainment, dockage, etc., all put back into the local economy.

If a second homeowner does decide to rent out his home "as a business," then there

will be a Bahamian property manager employed who in turn brings in his staff for cleaning the home and any small repairs for the homeowner. Unless the homeowner doesn't want to spend much time here and plans on renting the home out constantly, this is not a money making proposition; it only helps cover some of the expenses of owning a second home here. In the same issue in the classifieds, The Abaco Club, which is mostly made up of second homeowners, is advertising for employment of 36 positions to be filled. That's 36 local jobs that were created by a second homeowner economy. If it weren't for second homeowners, how many property managers, realtors and contractors would be needed in Abaco?

Socially, this is one of the most diverse areas in all of the islands. On the front cover of the same edition of the Abaconian was a story and photos on the Abaco Pathfinders auction; this event netted \$100,000 to go towards scholarships for local students who want to continue their education. Does Mr. Miller know this and does he know that it was attended by locals, second homeowners and tourists alike? All with the common goal of helping the young people in this community. This isn't the only such event of its kind; the Reef Ball, charity events for Every Child Counts, fund raisers for the volunteer fire department, just to name a few. All are attended by people who care about this community, whether we are Bahamian or a foreigner, we come together to help one another. That is what makes Abaco such a special place.

Why should the Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources question the benefits from second homeowners? He should check

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## Letters

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within his government for the answer. They apparently know something; otherwise they would not be allowing all the development that is exploding throughout the Bahamas. Locally, we have Winding Bay and Baker's Bay, on Grand Bahama on the western end there is a huge project being built by the Ginn Corporation from the U.S., another 4,000 residences. Developments have been approved and are under construction on Eleuthra, Exuma and Rum Cay in the Southern Bahamas. They are all being marketed to foreigner investors, also known as second homeowners.

Several of my Bahamian friends have stated the issue correctly. It is an election year and politicians have a way of stirring up things when an election is near. I guess with that said, we foreigners and Bahamians are much alike. Our leaders back in America have waded in on issues they should have stayed out of, too.

### An offended second homeowner Cherokee Resident Responds

Editor:

Reference is made to a recently published letter signed by "Concerned Citizens of Cherokee." Well, what a bunch of crock. Whatever happened to a fair and balanced assessment of person's community worth.

The individual being thrown under the bus is, in my opinion, much more of a "giver" than a "taker" in the overall scheme of things. Fore example, he gives freely of his time and equipment when necessary to clear the public dump as well as removal of the bush on both sides of the Cherokee Road between the settlement and Winding Bay. Let us not forget his contribution to mosquito control and a willingness to help his fellow man.

In the above referred to letter, it was stated that the person in question destroyed someone's fence. I cannot say with any certainty if this is the case or not. However, if it is true, I say, "a job well done" because the fence in question was "illegally" erected and attempted to take a portion of the old grave yard for personal use. Everyone objected to the fence as no one has the right to take the grave sites of our ancestors for personal greed. I understand that requests by local government to have the fence taken down were ignored.

Let us remember that not unlike a coin, people also have two sides; and it would behoove us to always look for the good side.

Bernard G. Albury

### Great Guana Cay holds sunrise service

Dear Editor,

On April 8 a yearly Easter Sunrise Service was opened on the Great Guana Cay community by Orchid Bay Property Managers Jimmy and Melanie Albury. Since its inception five years ago more than 100

people attend this event each year.

It actually began with the adventures of a doctor who had been plying the Caribbean Islands for 42 years in his 50-foot classic wooden vessel to distribute books to children and create libraries from the Exumas to the Grand Bahama Bank including many of the Abaco cays. Florida newspapers called the *Amazing Grace* "the world's first floating library" as new books were purchased, shelved by topics so children could view, select and keep those that interested them before they were easily available in the islands.

James Moseley, a retired physician, is also remembered on many islands as always available to "sound" residents and help with emergencies before there were medical services. As a graduate of Liberty University, a member of D. James. Kennedy's Council at Coral Ridge Ministries, he also served as minister of the beautiful chapel on Walker's Cay at the invitation of the owner before his death. That is where this reporter heard the Moseleys exhort visitors to "give back" and Bahamians to "stand in the watchtower" against the laxness in morality and kinship the world has experienced in their lifetimes.

In 2001 the doctor returned to Great Guana and decided his wanderings were over. He built a 12-foot cross in gratitude for years of safe passage and asked Orchid Bay permission to place it on top of a high outcropping of coral facing the sea as a reminder that the beauty of these islands are a very special gift which honor their Creator. When he suggested it would be a perfect setting for a Sunrise Service, Jimmy and Melanie Albury agreed and made it open to all with the Seaside Chapel and Elder Sylvan Bethel participating. After the work of coordination, it has grown steadily.

This year, blessed with a perfect Easter morning, Lynn Roberts accompanied the hymns while the crowd was awed by the sight of the Cross mantled with a purple cloth stirring in the breeze as the sun rose. One guest was moved to whisper, "And the Son rose!" Those assembled enjoyed a delicious Continental breakfast of coffee and juice with home baked breads provided by Melanie Albury. Words of appreciation and fellowship followed on the beach before residents headed to the Seaside Chapel for the traditional Easter Service. In a world beset with troubles, few were as fortunate as Orchid Bay visitors to welcome Easter morning in such a peaceful place for reflection.

As a visitor to your islands at least once a year, I try to make it at Easter for the impressive Sunrise Service on Great Guana. As a political journalist, I cannot be credited, but felt moved to report what I learned from those in attendance. (Curiosity never takes vacations!) I enclose a shot of the sun rising over the beach - one of the most moving I have for my portfolio.

Enjoyed Easter on Guana

### Security rules need to be known

Dear Editor:

We recently returned to the States after two delightful weeks on Abaco (mainly in the Marsh Harbor area) where we have visited for many years. As usual, we found the hospitality and friendliness to be outstanding. The quality of activities, accommodations, services, restaurants and overall atmosphere is among the best.

However, the afterglow was slightly diminished by what we were told at the airport when departing. The "carry on" rules are more restrictive than in the U.S. where travel-size liquids and gels can be carried in a one quart clear plastic bag. "No liquids or gels are permitted in the carry on," we were informed. We did not hear, read or know about this restriction at any time during our two weeks. I even wondered if such had been reported in *The Abaconian* and we just missed it?

In any event, what does one do? It is not practical to transfer anything to the "check through" at this point for several reasons. We could just toss away a few items but in looking around, I did not see anyone doing this. Maybe they were better informed. Since there are no metal detectors or personal screening, the simplest thing is to just transfer such items to one's pockets and no one will know the difference. I decided to leave them in the carry on and sure enough, I was relieved of a travel-size toothpaste, a travel-size hand lotion and a travel-size hair spray, all of which would have been OK in the U.S. One travel companion was also relieved of several items but two other companions whose carry ons were searched did not have to surrender similar items.

So I wonder? How ludicrous is this restriction and what is the final image of Abaco left with those leaving your wonderful island? Just wanted to raise this issue for whatever it may be worth, or not!

Sincerely,

Fred B. Paxton

### Beware of web site

Dear Editor,

I am writing to make Abaconians aware that there is a "forum" claiming to be "the best source of information on Abaco on the web." On further investigation, I find the site is owned and operated from outside The Bahamas.

At first glance it looks like a "tourist information" site with potential visitors asking questions such as the "times of ferries," "distances between cays," "the best beaches and places to eat," etc. But they also have fairly controversial content where potential investors, business ventures are discussed negatively, our laws and regulations and political parties are questioned. Some information is provided by people who have seldom been to Abaco (thus can be out-of-date or incorrect.)

From what I understand, these sites need revenue to exist, so seek advertising and sponsorship and can make money for their owners. Most queries I have seen could easily be answered by the Ministry of Tourism, *The Abaconian*, Cruiser's Net, individual rental companies, realtors, etc. If you are approached by a site of this type to be a local sponsor, please look at its content to see if it is something you wish your advertising dollar to fund.

It would also be more beneficial for our first time and repeat (most welcome) visitors if an enterprising, computer-savvy Abaconian got involved in setting up a site where at least the information would be accurate and one of our own could benefit from what can be a lucrative venture.

As the internet is more and more a part of our world, we owe it to ourselves to "be informed" as to what is out there, especially if the "source of information" is at present not coming from Abaconians who would be the most obvious choice to promote our wonderful island.

Yours sincerely,

Be Informed

### Thanks for Coastal Clean-up Support

Dear Sir,

Just a brief note to thank those who volunteered for the 2nd Annual Marsh Harbour Shoreline Clean-up on April 14th. I especially want to thank the Scurvy Few organization, the Baker's Bay contingent, the many businesses and organizations which supported this year's initiative by lending and offering tools, trucks, heavy machinery, gloves, soft drinks and water.

Learning from last year's effort, we were able to nearly double the areas cleaned this year. Furthermore, we were also able to

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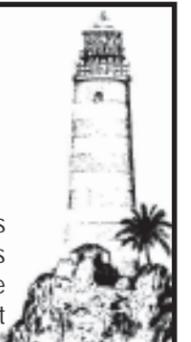


Easter Sunday morning sunrise on the beach on Great Guana Cay is a special time for church goers. A special service commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The service was begun five years ago after James Moseley, a retired physician, erected a cross on a rock outcropping on the beach.

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# Archbishop Gomez Challenged Anglicans

## Church

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Hepburn, along Don MacKay Boulevard from the AID parking lot to the church.

Each element of the new church was individually dedicated and Archbishop Gomez began outside with the dedication of the cornerstone. With clergy and servers gathered around, the Archbishop laid his hands upon the cornerstone which he then sprinkled with holy water and censed. He then moved towards the closed doors and struck them several times with his crozier saying, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be lifted up, ye everlasting doors and the King of glory shall come in." After striking the door for the third and final time, he blessed it and marked the threshold with the sign of the cross. The outside doors were opened and the Arch-

bishop, with his attendants, entered the church. Once the interior doors were blessed and opened, the Episcopal procession entered the sanctuary to an instrumental fanfare and singing by the choir while the prelate made his way to the altar making the sign of the Episcopal blessing as he passed each pew.

The Archbishop continued with the blessing of every component of the church from the altar, font, lectern, pulpit and stained glass right down to the smaller fixtures such as lights, fans and air conditioning. Following each blessing the first verse of a hymn was sung by the congregation which also joined in the joyful singing of several more hymns throughout the service.

The Most Reverend Drexel W. Gomez took Genesis chapter 28 verse 17 as the text

for his sermon. This verse tells of Jacob's encounter with God in a dream. "How wonderful and awesome it is to meet God. At every church dedication we enter God's presence and it is dedicated to His glory. No matter how lovely the building, that is only secondary to worship. We come to honour God," he told the congregation. The Archbishop encouraged everyone to work on building togetherness, the togetherness that flows out of worship. He touched on three situations in which people must put God first - politics, the workplace and sports and recreation, reminding the congregation, "The Bahamas won't get any better until we change people's hearts."

This weighty sermon was closed with a prayer. "This renowned church will help the membership grow so that God will be well pleased with our witness. This is the gate of heaven, not just the house of God." The service continued with scriptural passages read by younger members of the church, an item by the children's choir, prayers, giving of the Peace and closing with the administration of Holy Communion and children's blessing.

Following this memorable rededication service, the congregation made its way over to the church hall to partake in a fellowship meal.

## Refurbishment of the Anglican Church

By Jennifer Hudson

The site of the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist on Don MacKay Boulevard has been a hive of activity for the past year and the refurbishment of the church is now complete. Volunteers worked late into the evening on the final day before the greatly anticipated day of rededication making sure that everything was in order. "Renovations to the church building were necessary as the structure was facing serious problems in that the roof was sinking and also additional space was needed to fully exercise the church's ministry," explained Father Earl Hepburn, Rector.

The renovations took one year almost to

the day to complete as work began on Easter Sunday of 2006. Prior to that a Gift Day Drive fund raiser was held in order to raise funds for the refurbishment. During this fund raiser six persons who had been faithful members of the church and were now deceased were chosen to be honored and persons were asked to make contributions in their memory. Members honoured were Father Brian Colebrook, a priest who lost his life on Abaco; Mr Ken Owen, organist; Mr. John Lowe, Sexton; Ms. Sybeline Archer, teenage acolyte; Ms. Velma Ferguson

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Archbishop of the Anglican Church Drexel Gomez is greeting the church leaders of the St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour prior to the re-dedication service on April 15.



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Charleston, South Carolina. She was always headstrong, often dressed as a male and married a "pirate of sorts," James Bonney. She became bored and restless with her failing pirate husband and they moved to The Bahamas. When Bahamian Governor, Woodes Rodgers, offered a king's pardon to any pirate willing to turn traitor, James Bonney took up the offer. By then Anne Bonney had had enough of him, met Capt. Jack Rackham and sailed aboard his ship.

Mary Read was born in Plymouth, England, about 1690 and lived most of her growing life as a boy in order to receive aid from a grandmother who did not like girls. She continued to dress as a man when later working aboard a man of war ship. Mary also joined Rackham's gang who became known as Calico Jack and the two women became friends. This duo was known for fierce and violent tempers and there was no one on board as bloodthirsty as these two.

After the hanging of Calico Jack, Anne Bonney and Mary Read were tried and found guilty. But since they were both pregnant, their sentences were stayed since, according

to British law, they could not be hanged while "with child." Many rumours surround their fate but it is held that Mary was sentenced to hang after the birth of her child but she died of a violent fever. No one really knows what happened to the mysterious Anne Bonney.

The trial and gaol scene of these two pirates will be re-enacted and writer, Sandra Reilly of Key West, who is very well known on Green Turtle Cay, will read from her book *Sisters of the Sea, Anne Bonney and Mary Read, Pirates of the Caribbean*.

Throughout the entire festival pirates will be making their presence felt with Sea Shanties, swashbuckling sword fights, pirate piñatas, pirate fashion shows, pirate artist Don Maitland, who drew the pirate for the Captain Morgan Rum label and a pirate ship filled with sand in which the children can dig for coins, jewellery goblets and other treasure. Also arriving from Key West will be the Schooner Wolf with Capt. Finbar, who was the First Sea Lord of the Conch Republic along with his first mate, Blossom, and crew.

Heritage Festival Chairperson, Karen McIntosh, says that although the theme for this year's festival is *Exploring Our More Wild Past*, all of the entertainment is good wholesome G-rated family fun.

In addition to all of the pirate activities, there will be the usual tasty Bahamian foods, a wonderful display of native arts and crafts, unique storytelling by Jessie Pearl as seen on television, old time games, a conch cracking contest, Abaco dinghy sculling, Bahamian genealogy by Joy Lowe, entertainment by local school children and hopefully, a parade and beating of the Retreat by the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band.

All of the families from Key West who previously lived on Green Turtle Cay have

been invited back as part of the sister city relationship.

Entry fees will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children to help defray costs, and everybody entering will be given a colour-coded name tag to wear which will make it easy to see where everyone is from and make it more interesting and friendly. With all this on the agenda, you cannot afford to miss the fun. So gather up your families and friends and enjoy a great family weekend of educational fun and entertainment.

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**Claridge**

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shouldn't have been done until nomination day because anything could have happened before that day. I decided to run because I live here, I see the problems that we face and I face the same problems as anyone faces here.

"I feel I know how to address or a good solution as to how the problems could be addressed. I feel I can make a difference if I am given an opportunity to represent the people," he added.

There are a number of issues that Mr. Claridge said he would address and work towards completing if he was elected as the North Abaco Member of Parliament.

First, he said the future of Abaco's children is in a dire position as a number of them cannot find jobs when they graduate from high school; and when they do go to college, they don't return home.

The garbage dumps need to be addressed because the burning is causing other problems for the residents who live near the dumps.

There needs to be a port of entry for North Abaco because it is not fair that people in the north have to drive into Marsh Harbour to collect their goods.

All roads should be marked with signs throughout Abaco.

One of Mr. Claridge's major concerns is that all property taxes collected on Abaco should remain on Abaco to work for the communities they were collected from. He added this should not interfere with the normal revenue sharing with central government

Mr. Claridge said, "I know I can be a good candidate. You never know if I can make that kind of change if the opportunity doesn't come up. I feel the government needs more diversity in the opposition. If it was in place, it would help police the leading party. I think there are areas that need to be addressed that maybe have not been addressed at all or strategically enough. My first rule is no political bashing and I won't say anything negative about someone else," Mr. Claridge concluded.

Both independent candidates have a major fight on their hands as they face off against the two leading political parties in the Bahamas. As a rule Bahamians generally vote for either the FNM or the PLP.

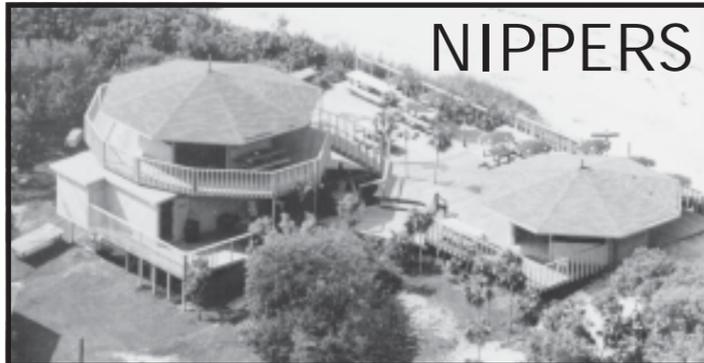
However, in 1967 when the PLP took over the Government of the Bahamas, the elections were tied and independent representative Alvin Brennen sided with the PLP, thus bringing in majority rule and a change of the entire Bahamian history.

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One of Rotary International's project for this year is literacy and to address that problem the Rotary Club of Abaco decided to help with the construction of a new library. This is a project of Mrs. Yvonne Key, chairman of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee, and Mr. David

Smith, a volunteer who manages the current library. The club organized a golf tournament in Treasure Cay as a fund raising event, the proceeds, \$7,500, were handed to Mrs. Key and Mr. Smith. The library will be built next to the existing library across from Lowe's Pharmacy. The existing building is very old and too small to properly house the library. Presenting the check is Mr. Brian Thompson, President of the Abaco Rotary Club.



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# North Abaco candidates speak on issues

By Julian Lockhart

The 2007 general election set for May 2 is only a few days away and candidates in North Abaco are gearing up for the final push towards being the next members of parliament to represent this constituency.

Incumbent Hubert Ingraham, leader of the Free National Movement, will have three people vying for his seat as Fritz Bootle represents the Progressive Liberal Party and two independents, Cay Mills and Norman Claridge, have nominated.

All four candidates were asked questions as to what they would do pertaining to some of the major issues facing North Abaco if they are elected. Below are the answers from the candidates.

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

**Mr. Ingraham** - "In 2002 we had the tenders out for the renovation of the Marsh Harbour airport and the winning construction company already won the bid. However, we were voted out and the PLP have done nothing since then to fix the Marsh Harbour airport. I will build a new airport in Marsh Harbour and remodel the Treasure Cay Airport and add air traffic control there."

**Mr. Bootle** - "The process has already been started and the government is committed to finish this airport as soon as possible. So I don't know if there is much I can do to speed it up because as far as I am concerned the process is on going right now and it will be done in a very short time."

**Mr. Mills** - "First of all it seems as if persons who are in positions to do well and to push it keep forgetting. I have to keep

hammering and hammering and showing the powers that be the need. I think the media needs to get involved and embarrass the government. The only thing that makes government move is embarrassment."

**Mr. Claridge** - "First of all my personal belief is it would be more feasible and accommodating to the Abaco people to put an international airport between Treasure Cay and Marsh Harbour. With one airport then all the people in Abaco would have equal distance to drive and we can have all customs and international flights go into there. The two existing airports can be used for smaller aircraft and charters. In the last seven years Treasure Cay airport has gone down to nothing, and I find that very discouraging. There should be some thought consideration for the entire island, not just for local people but the visitors as well."

## How would you improve the education in Abaco?

**Mr. Ingraham** - "I will construct a branch of BTVI (Bahamas Technical Vocational Institute) in Abaco. There will be new schools in Cooper's Town, Fox Town and Green Turtle Cay. I will introduce the Youth in Business Empowerment Program and partnership with churches to provide adequate preschools in the communities."

**Mr. Bootle** - "Presently, I am not quite aware of all the things that may be wrong with the schools. My intentions are to meet with all the principals and teachers of the schools to get their feel as to what is wrong and their suggestions as to what needs to be done. Then I would go ahead and champion their cause with the Minister of Education to ensure that all the equipment, tools and manpower is there so we can give the kids what they really need to advance. One thing that is a concern to me is that comput-

ers are in each school and taught from a very early age. This way kids can very easily assimilate themselves, with computers being one of the tools of survival nowadays."

**Mr. Mills** - "The first thing I would put the necessary infrastructure in place. There is no way the private schools should have more than the government schools. The same degree that the private school have the government school have and you just have to fill in the blanks with the infrastructure."

**Mr. Claridge** - "I think the education system can be improved in Abaco by two fundamental ways: we need more schools and we need more teachers. I think the schools can improve if the teachers who are brought in are qualified to do the job they are supposed to do. We don't need to be putting children forward if they don't pass and we have to accommodate more people in the schools. Education isn't the biggest factor but what happens after the children is educated."

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

**Mr. Ingraham** - "The first thing I will

do is construct an all purpose, all Abaco sporting complex. Also there needs to be an all purpose gymnasium for the north and south communities in Abaco."

**Mr. Bootle** - "First of all, right now over the past couple of months I have been talking to the Minister of Sports, and I am assured there are some works that are about to be started in renovating the present sports facilities. However, the two things that are very important to me is a proper track and field and also I would fight vigorously to ensure that we have an indoor sporting facility. It can house events and when people come into town. We have some very talented kids on Abaco who cannot reach their full potential because the sporting facilities are not there. I will ensure that we have all the proper sporting facilities here as well as the proper teachers in the schools to teach the sports."

**Mr. Mills** - "Infrastructure is needed. The only infrastructure that was fixed in the northern area was when the Abaco Basketball Association fixed the court. We need people to show awareness and stop talking

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# Candidates express their views

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because nothing will be done. We need to get them up and running and get them up and running soon."

**Mr. Claridge** - "I do think that Abaco needs a couple of sports facilities. The problem being they would have to be basic type of sporting facilities. It would be great to have stadiums and they can also be used as hurricane shelters if that became a reality. Parents are the number one factor whether it has to be with sports or education, because it is the example they set that matter the most."

### How would you deal with the problems facing the Mud and Pigeon Pea?

**Mr. Ingraham** - "I will enforce the immigration laws without fear and favor and protect the Bahamian entitlement. I will ensure the regular routine arrest and deportation of all illegal immigrants found in the Bahamas. Process and regularize the status of long time residents in the Bahamas and of persons/children born to married women outside the Bahamas."

**Mr. Bootle** - "My take on that is quite

simple, the government has to come up with a solution to find a way to deal with those Haitians who are here legally and those that were born here and entitled to citizenship to regularize that. You would have seen that over the last couple of weeks with the government granting some citizenship because they are conscious to that. As far as the living conditions, there has to be a humane way in which to do that. I think there is something on the drawing board presently to find the most suitable way to move them from where they are and quite easily assimilate them into society."

**Mr. Mills** - "First thing I will do is bring awareness. We have people calling Haitians, they have a name. We have to get away from that slave mentality that we have. Having the Haitians degraded even when they are born here. If you are born here, you are Bahamian. We have to fix that and fix it swift. The Mud and Pigeon Pea is the responsibility of the government and the government put the power there and water there so they are directly responsible for that."

**Mr. Claridge** - "The immigration situation has reached a crisis point in the Bahamas and Abaco. I don't think the Christian way is to pick up people and pack them in

boxes and ship them back. This only separates families. There has to be a humane way to solve this situation and at this point in our history there is no easy solution being the way the situation has evolved. I do feel a solution can be arrived at that would be beneficial to all parties, but it would take a lot of negotiation to do so. Pigeon Pea is an illegal settlement to begin with and relocating them would be a solution. Any building that goes on must be within the building codes of the Bahamas."

### What programs would you start to decrease crime on Abaco?

**Mr. Ingraham** - "I will ensure the police force will be equipped with all equipment and man power necessary to do their jobs. There will also be a defense force craft stationed in Abaco to protect the waters around Abaco."

**Mr. Bootle** - "My take on crime really is charity begins at home. It is not solely a police problem but involves. We have to really start in the schools and churches so it can be a tri-fold thing. The prime minister said government will in the next term pro-

vide the police with all of the necessary tools and man power to fight crime. My take on crime is that by the time it gets to the police or courts, the problem is already there. I think we need to start at home and the parents and children in the schools and churches."

**Mr. Mills** - "We have to get serious about crime. We cannot have murderers walking the streets of Abaco who have already been charged with murders. You cannot have murderers who have already been convicted and who have exhausted all of their appeals sitting up there in Fox Hill getting fed. We have to execute these guys."

**Mr. Claridge** - "First of all, to help fight crime in Abaco we need to make sure that our police are equipped with the equipment they need to work with. Number two, the police force needs more man power. Number three, the police need an adequate finger print bank that will ensure that they can help solve the crimes that are committed. I think everyone should be finger printed when they get a driver license, and everyone in school should be finger printed and put in a data bank for identification."



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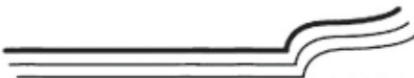
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# News

## Hope Town ECC gave a performance

By David Webb

"...and I am so proud of her."

When these words were spoken by a very proud mother following the performance of *Where, oh where is Baby Bear?* at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge to benefit Every Child Counts on March 20 there was hardly a dry eye in the audience. Austinique, who played the part of Goldilocks in this verse

drama written by Hope Town author Elizabeth Webb, is one of the many children who have found hope, motivation and respect in the work of this remarkable school. "We had no idea what to do; she could not construct coherent sentences and was making no progress in learning or social behavior," said her mother, "until she became a pupil at Every Child Counts and joined Mrs Ellen Hardy's Class. Thanks to the skill and devotion of teachers like her, my daughter's life has changed."

This note of parental pride and gratitude for the work of ECC was echoed by the mother of Cory, who played the leader of the Pooh Bears, who found the missing Baby Bear at the Teddy Bears' Picnic. It was no surprise that the St. James Singers chose this song to round off the children's performance.

But it was a real surprise when Alonzo,

a member of the senior class at ECC who read the narration of the story with such professional confidence, stepped forward to make his un-programmed expression of deep personal gratitude for what the school has done for him. Alonzo described how his life had changed from confusion to hope as he now looks forward to going to college in Edmonton, Alberta, when he completes his final year.

Beti Webb read the opening chapter of her latest book, *Magrival and the Magician*, which, like its two predecessors, was sold in aid of the school. This gave Kitty Donnan of the Hope Town Writers Circle the opportunity to remind us all that the wonderful magic of students like Austinique, Cory and Alonzo depend entirely on donations. She quoted from ECC's new brochure. "We

have a waiting list of children, and even as we expand we learn of more with needs yet unmet. We know how to change their lives, what we lack are resources. We have generous people who support us. But not enough. Not nearly enough."

This cry must have been heard. Over \$25,000 has already been given in response to the children's performance, and this has been equaled by a most generous matching gift to bring the total to \$50,000. A magic start, indeed, but the need at Every Child Counts continues to grow.

## Great Guana Cay

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Every Child Counts School presented a program at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge in Hope Town. These are some of the characters who dramatized a story based on a nursery story. On the left is Alonzo Williams, who explained to the audience what the school meant to him.



Guana Cay held an Easter Egg Hunt to raise funds to build a playground for the communities children. The successful event which included a raffle raised \$6000. The playground will be constructed on the waterfront.



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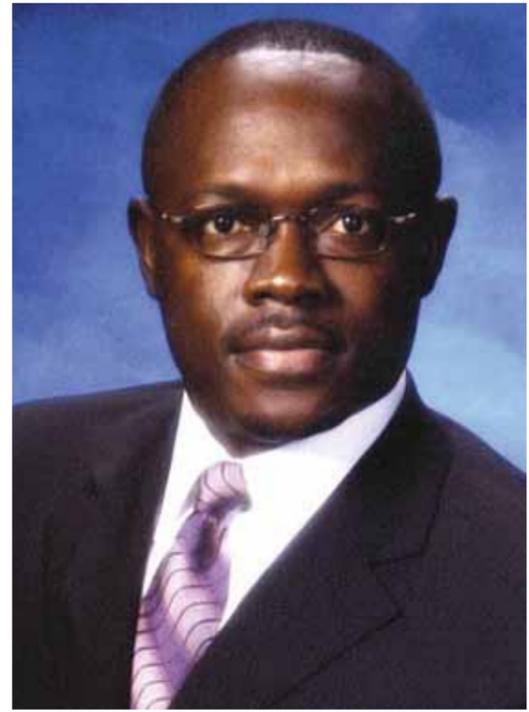
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# More News of the Cays

## Cays

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### Egg hunt raises funds

By Mirella Santillo

The day before Easter, April 7th, was dedicated to a fund raising project on Great Guana Cay that was put together by Mrs. Marlana Bethel, Mrs. Donna Sands and Mrs. Mandy Sands. This year the residents decided to build a playground for the children and their fund raising efforts were rewarded with the sum of \$6,000.

As people gathered at the fig tree, fund raising was not the only activity, Fun and food were also on the agenda. The children under 11 years old were treated to an Easter egg hunt on the beach organized by Mrs. Mandy Sands and the older kids, locals and visitors, took part in a treasure hunt organized by Mrs. Anyes Adams. They were to find the buried treasure of Arabella Drummond following clues that led them

all through the settlement. It took the nine teenagers almost an hour to find the buried cash which, we are told, they shared evenly.

All the games had great prizes and the Easter Bunny even made an appearance. There was a large buffet of baked ham, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese and rice and beans, prepared by Guana Cay ladies and a conch salad so abundant that it took the volunteers two days to chop all the ingredients. The prizes for the raffle were donated by businesses on Guana Cay. Raffle tickets were sold on Guana Cay and in Marsh Harbour by the children.

The playground, which will be located on the waterfront, is to be designed by second home owner, Mrs. Josie Rich, who has playground building experience. According to Mrs. Donna Sands, Mrs. Rich has been coming to Guana Cay since she was a little girl. Since she and her husband became second homeowners, they spend most of the

year on the cay and like to get involved in community projects.

### Green Turtle Cay

#### Cancer Society Holds Art Show

By Jennifer Hudson

The Cancer Society of Abaco held its first Annual Art Show on April 7 on Green Turtle Cay, hosted by the Green Turtle Club. Six artists participated. Marjolein Scott, watercolours on silk paintings; Tim Higgs, underwater photographs; Don Wood, bronze sculptures; JoAnn Bradley, oil on canvas; Bob Zwickel, acrylic on canvas; and, in addition to presenting his colorful new artwork, Jeep Byers also signed copies of his new book, *Last Breath*. All artists donated a piece of art to the silent auction as well as a portion of their sales.

Fifth and sixth grade students of the Amy Roberts Primary School played their part in assisting the Cancer Society by painting a variety of colorful pictures which were displayed by their art teacher, Maria Schrack, outside on the deck alongside Estin Sawyer who kept things lively by playing

his upbeat music. The students' paintings were on sale for \$4 each and were quite a hit with the customers. Ms. Schrack and her pupils donated half of their proceeds, \$147, to the Cancer Society which was an excellent effort on the part of the young students.

An attractive selection of items was donated for a silent auction by the artists and local businesses. Prior to the bidding, guests were treated to a tasting of wines donated by Burns House Limited and an appetizing array of hors d'oeuvres, courtesy of the Green Turtle Club.

Both the show and auction were very well attended, and Mr. Hugh Cottis, President of the Abaco Cancer Society, was very pleased with the excellent amount raised for the work of the Society and thanks all of the artists, donors and Green Turtle Club for their generosity. Lynn Johnson, General Manager of the Green Turtle Club, and the Board Members of the Abaco Cancer Society look forward to making this an annual event.



The Cancer Society held an Art Show at the Green Turtle Club to raise funds for its charitable activities. The artists are shown here along with Green Turtle Club manager, Lynn Johnson, and the art teacher, Maria Schrack, from the Amy Roberts Primary School who directed school students in paintings that were also sold (at \$4 apiece).

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# More Church News

## Church

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and Mr. Simeon Pinder. Additional monies were borrowed from the bank to cover the cost of the renovations.

During the entire building process men from the Anglican Church Men's Group in Nassau and Grand Bahama came to work on weekends and completed much of the work. A local labour force with special expertise such as electricians and carpenters was also utilized. "We've overcome tremendous obstacles in our way, one of which was during the construction process three quarters of the walls collapsed from our existing building. I know God's hand was at work, He knew that our existing walls were not strong enough to maintain our new structure," stated Father Hepburn. "Our Church has now had a facelift that has trans-

formed our Abaconian landscape while remaining true to our Anglican architectural style."

The walls of the church, which were originally eight feet high, have now been raised to 14 feet and the roof height has also been extended. The front of the church has been lengthened but remains the same width. A large balcony has been added along with beautiful stained-glass windows in the front and rear. In order to provide the additional space necessary to accommodate the church's ministry, a priest's office, secretary's office, Sunday School room, Sacristy and bathroom have also been added. "All of these features will also serve to give the church a greater appeal," stated Father Hepburn.

The entire weekend of the rededication was one of celebration and rejoicing for

Father Hepburn and members of the St. John the Baptist Church. A Singspiration was held on April 14, the day prior to the rededication ceremony. "This was an evening of Praise and Worship giving God praise and thanks through music and song," stated Church member Ms. Shelley Austin. "We invited other denominations to come and worship with us." During the evening awards were presented to all of the groups who came from away to participate in the rebuilding of the church.

A fish fry was organized the previous evening for all of the persons who had come from other islands during the past year to assist with the construction and who returned for the rededication. This gave them the opportunity to socialize with members of the church while being welcomed back.

## St. Andrews' manse is under construction

By Jennifer Hudson

A group of men from the St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Dundas Town gathers every Saturday and toils under the hot sun donating their time and talents to construct a new manse for the church. This will be located atop a hill close by the church that will replace the old one which time and the elements had demolished. On March 17 wheelbarrow after wheelbarrow of cement was poured into the foundation to form the footings for the new manse in preparation for the laying of the foundation blocks.

Project director for the building is Andy

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The newly refurbished St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour has changed the building into a stately edifice that is better suited to the needs of the church. The year that it has been under construction has been filled with difficulties but the congregation is proud of their new place of worship.



A group of members of St. Andrews Methodist Church in Dundas Town work every Saturday on the construction of a new manse. This building will replace the old manse that had to be demolished after many years of use.

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Moss, a building contractor, is in charge of properties for the church. He is assisted by Craig Cornish, also a builder, and six to eight willing helpers who turn up regularly each week. The manse will eventually be a two-storey, four-bedroom building with an efficiency apartment adjoining for the accommodation of visitors.

The structure is being built with funds raised by pledges from church members and a pledge from a sister church, but fund raising is still ongoing. Rev. Dr. Steven Hale and the church members are excited to see this project going steadily ahead.

### Two programmes celebrated Easter

By Jennifer Hudson.

In celebration of the Easter Season two programmes were presented at the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel.

On March 29 and 30 the students of Agape High School Drama and Choir Group performed its programme entitled *Redeemed*. This was an evening of reflection and celebration tracing the life of Jesus from

Palm Sunday to the Resurrection." The students performed various short skits focusing on several Biblical characters whose lives were touched by Jesus and how they responded to him. The skits were interspersed with songs by choir and soloists. Students also assisted with the instrumentals.

All of the students performed with conviction and enacted their parts well. Though there were some lighthearted moments, the seriousness of the underlying theme was well portrayed. Special mention has to be made of Brian Higgs, who played the part of Joseph of Aramethia with a decidedly Bahamian twist and received a rousing response from the audience. He definitely deserves the proverbial "Ham" for his outstanding cameo performance.

Ms. Rhonda Bill, Music and Drama teacher at Agape School, stated how proud she was of the students' performance "as music and drama is an elective which has only 50 minutes per week for rehearsal of this programme." The students along with their Director had obviously worked hard and their efforts resulted in a performance which was greatly enjoyed by their parents and friends.

As each important season in the Christian calendar comes around, the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel Choir presents a very fitting Cantata which is greatly looked forward to by its audiences. This year's Easter Cantata was no exception as the church sanctuary was filled to capacity. The presentation was entitled *Like a Lamb* and in welcoming the audience, Choir Director Kevin Sawyer said that he hoped "it would put everyone in the mind set for the season."

The powerful sound of the full 19-member choir was punctuated by solos from Rhonda Bill, Troy Albury, Kevin Sawyer, Claire Marshall and Brian Saunders plus narrations by Kaye Russell and David Cartwright. At the close of the Cantata a poignant song, *I Come to the Cross* was touchingly rendered by six-year-old Mikayla Marshall. Kevin Sawyer and his choir put a lot of hard work into this Easter Cantata which ranged from tender to triumphant and it was indeed an Easter blessing to all who attended.

## New Vision youth

By Julian Lockhart

It seems whenever the youth of our nation make the news it is for something negative, whether it be crime related or they are just being juvenile delinquents. However, on February 11th the youth group at New Vision Ministries proved that, if given a chance, the young people in Abaco can step forward and be productive and showcase immense talents.

Pastor Chris Pinder and numerous members of his youth group hosted the Sunday morning service and the presentation had everyone amazed and on their feet clapping for the youth band and Pastor Chris' message. Pastor Chris definitely proved he can keep a crowd on the edge of their seats with his spoken word, but it was the youth band that really surprised many in attendance.

New Vision Ministries is known for its band and its music ministry. With the performance of the youth band they proved that the future will be taken care of as well.

The band is made up of drummer John

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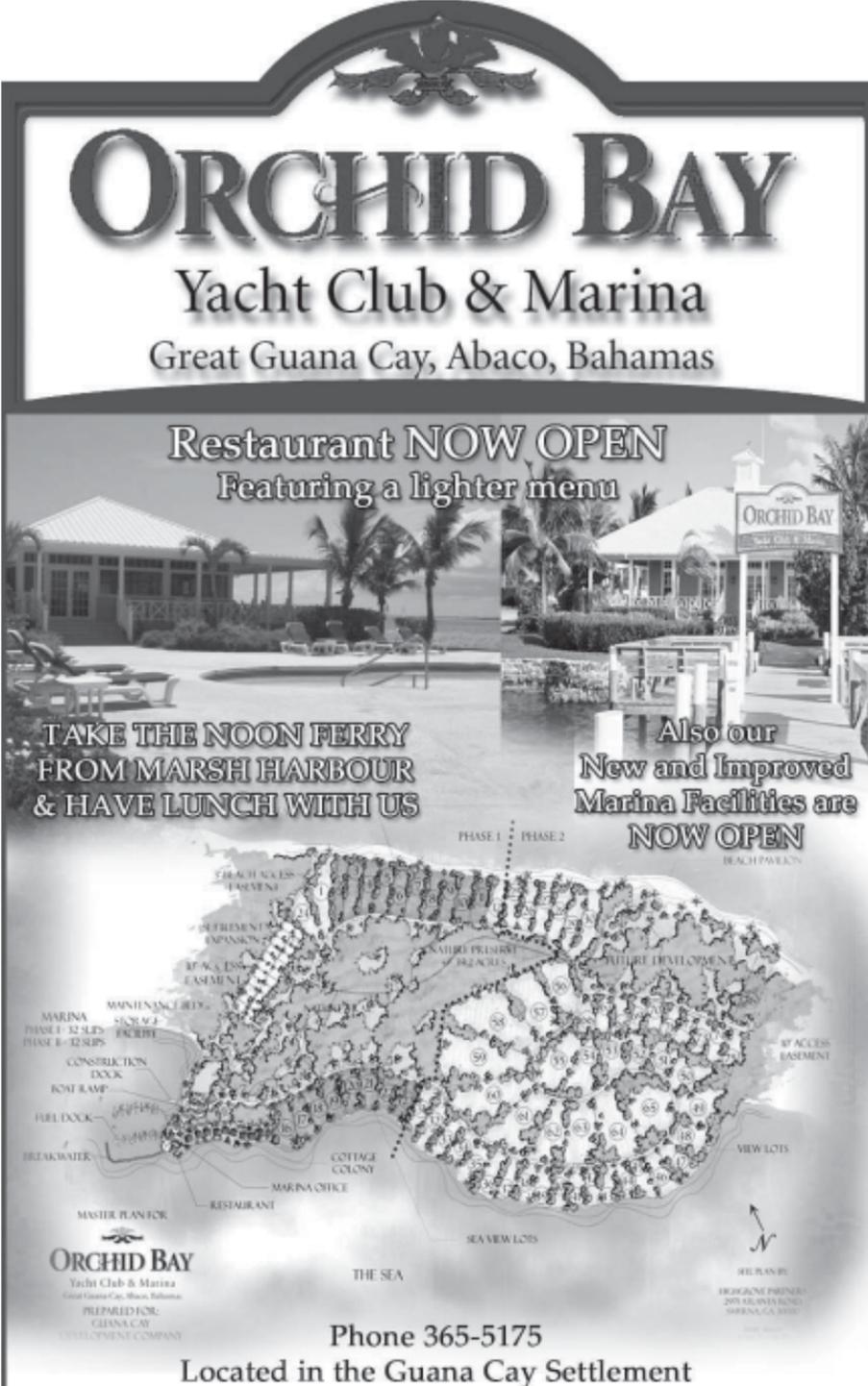
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Ross, guitarist Bradley Albury, base Daniel Higgs, lead vocalist Alex Forbes and background singers Calisha Russell, Ashley Whyly, Pamela Smith, Amanda Long and Kristina Albury.

There are numerous youth throughout Abaco who are taking a step towards being productive citizens in the Bahamas. Church music is one way to keep the youth of Abaco focused on a goal. The key is finding the interests of the numerous young people throughout Abaco and give them something positive to do.

### Church adopts Central Abaco Primary

*Samantha V. Evans*

Soul Saving Ministries under the leadership of Overseer Lawrence Arnett made an announcement that they have officially adopted the Central Abaco Primary School. The decision to adopt this school means a lot to the children who attend. The teachers and administrators stand in agreement with Pastor Arnett as they, too, have a vision to see their school soar to new heights. As the church and school leaders converse about what plans they will tackle first, the children wait in anticipation because Pastor Arnett has left them with such motivated spirits and great expectations of all that is to come.

### Appreciation Service Held for Pastor Cornish

*Samantha V. Evans*

After nearly four years of prophetic teaching and preaching as Senior Pastor of Change Ministries International, the mem-

bers held a special service of appreciation to honor Pastor Samuel Cornish. On February 25th the service of celebration was held to honor him. He was showered with gifts of love, songs of thanks, praise and appreciation, and many tributes. He expressed his gratitude to everyone who had a hand in making this evening possible. Pastor Cornish is a very humble man, but he knows that he has been called to shepherd this flock at Changed Ministries International, and he is committed to ensuring that he fulfills his calling as their pastor but more importantly as a man of God.

### We Cannot Remain Silent

*By Samantha V. Evans*

The New Dundas Town Church of God Women's Ministry held its Women's Conference 2007 from March 14th-17th at the church in Dundas Town with the theme *We Can Not Remain Silent*. The speaker for the opening night was Sister Katherina Thompson from a sister Church of God. She set the precedence for the evening by talking about how Esther from the Old Testament ended up as queen. She stated that as in the story, many people change when they are elevated to a position of authority.

Mrs. stated that Esther was promoted to the position of queen by God so she could deliver her people, the Jews. She made the following connections from the story to what is presently happening in the Bahamas today. She proclaimed that our country is in trouble so we cannot remain silent!

We all need to have confidence and believe that we are in the right place at the right time.

The second night the speaker was Mrs. Lovely Reckley. The conference ended on

Sunday evening with an old-fashioned gospel concert at the church.

### Change Ministries hosts Precious Pearls

*By Samantha V. Evans*

The Women in Action group at Change Ministries International treated 20 senior citizens to lunch at the church on March 21st. This was to acknowledge "the precious pearls" who have touched the lives of many persons in their various communities by celebrating them while they are still with us. The church members arranged transportation for the group and the church ladies donated, prepared and served all of the food items for this luncheon. Members of the church also donated special gift items to present to them after lunch.

### From Despair to Hope

*By Samantha V. Evans*

On February 19 Pastor Lawrence Arnett and the Soul Saving Ministries Family pre-

sented Dynamite Daisy in the drama show *From Despair to Hope* at the Church Hall of Change Ministries International. The show began with the hilarious Dynamite Daisy who did what she is known for: making people laugh until they cry.

The drama show for this night had a cast of four: Lynn Terez Davis, who played all characters, Min. Marlene Minus, narrator; Sonovia Williams and her daughter Amber, Ministry of Dance. The entire evening was a fabulous production from start to finish. The power-packed dance ministry performed in between each scene.

### Church planned March Madness

*By Samantha V. Evans*

The month of March was a great month for the thousands of persons who attended March Madness at Changed Ministries In-

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This is the drama group which provided an evening's entertainment at Soul Saving Ministries Family Night. A dance group entertained between scenes.

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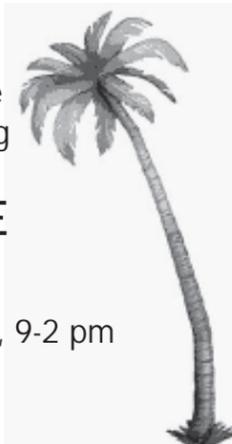
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ternational. A different speaker spoke each Sunday night in March and each night was phenomenal and most encouraging for everyone who attended. The four speakers Apostle Raymond Wells from Living Waters Ministries, Pastor Lenora Sands from Bethel Restoration Revival Center, Pastor Samuel Cornish from the host church and Pastor Terrance G. Morrison from Zion Baptist Church. All guest speakers were from Nassau. The purpose of this month was to bring hope to the people of God.

Over the first two Sunday nights, the guest pastors made a profound impact on those who attended. This was a dynamite time of worship, praising and praying. Pastor Cornish spoke prophetically on the third Sunday evening. On the final night Pastor Morrison spoke about the importance of the



Miss Dynamite Daisy

pastors and ministers in the church to lead the flock by properly speaking the Word of God. Whatever they do for God must be real or else it is false worshipping.

## Hundreds enjoyed a night of comedy

By Samantha V. Evans

A verse of Scripture states, "laughter doeth the heart good like a medicine" and on April 7th hundreds got an opportunity to get their funny bone tickled as Change Ministries International hosted *A Night of Comedy*. The church's drama team made its debut performance lead by Sister Mollie Davis with a skit was called *Waiting*. Also present that night was a comedian everyone loves - Miss Dynamite Daisy. The program also included a young Christian comedian from Nassau, Ms. Simone Beneby. The show was hilarious from start to finish and everyone laughed so much that they were all surprised how quickly the time flew by.

Everyone is familiar with Dynamite Daisy but who is this young woman Simone

Beneby? I had a chance to find out more about her and her plans as a comedian. Ms. Beneby has been a Christian comedian for the past seven years. She started out as a part of the drama team at Church of God Englestone. But when most of the members of the group went off to school, she was the only one left. She had to think of an act for a One Woman Show. She stated that her act proves to young people that they can be funny and a Christian.

Ms. Beneby stated that the concept of her show is to talk about things people see and act as if they do not see. Her message to the youth is to be your self and not to change to make people happy. She believes that they should trust their parents because they do want what is best for them. She encouraged

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Ms. Simone Beneby and Miss Gospel Bahamas, Anya McKenzie pose with Pastor Samuel Cornish and his wife at Change Ministries.

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parents to listen to their children as well because they can learn from them. She wants to encourage the young single Christian women to stay strong and to not abandon their standards.

Ms. Beneby coaches basketball, performs as a Christian comedian, is a karate student and a college student. She balances her time well but realizes that at some point she will have to make a choice.

Also present for the event was the newly crowned Miss Gospel Bahamas, Anya McKenzie.

### Abaco Youth Ministries Anniversary Celebration

By Samantha V. Evans

Abaco Youth Ministries celebrated its 7th annual church and pastoral anniversary on March 22 -25 at the church on Forest Drive under the theme *Of one Thing I Am Cer-*

*tain, the One Who Started The Good Work In you Will Bring it To Completion.* The focus of the two guest speakers was on building church ministries and maturing in the church. The speaker for the first two evening was Sister Eleanor Webb from Dallas, Texas, who spoke profoundly about the lives of the women in Ministry. They must know how to use their skills to advance themselves in life and in Ministry.

On March 25th Dr. Shirley Arnold, recently named one of the top 16 women in ministry, spoke on dealing with church authority. She came to strengthen the church pastors and spoke about things that they should and should not do in the church. She encouraged them to work in unity with other pastors on Abaco.

Pastor of Abaco Youth Ministries, Emmitt Archer, was very pleased with the three days of celebration and he and his wife Beverley will begin planning for next year very soon. An elegant dinner followed in the church hall.

## Registered voters are urged to vote on May 2

By Julian Lockhart

It is one's fundamental right to vote in a democratic society.

Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, announced that the 2007 general election will take place May 2 and all eligible registered voters will be able to make their mark for the next leader of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

However, I know a number of people who are eligible to vote who did not take the time to register this year. They have forfeited their right to have a say in which political party will control this country for the next five years.

A number of Bahamians fail to realize how millions of people around the world die yearly for the privilege to vote in a democratic election, to voice their say as to who will run their country. Bahamians take it for granted that they live in a nation that is envied by many around the world because of its peaceful elections and the stability of the government.

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.

Those who have not registered to vote on Abaco cannot vote in this election. 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. Those numbers are up in the last five years but do not represent the number of high school

graduates over the same period who have turned 18 and thus are eligible to vote in this year's general election, compared to that in 2002.

The Prime Minister said, "We 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.

It is too late for those who did not register to vote in this year's general election. But if one did register and then vote, they have the right to voice any agreement or disagreement with what the current government or new government in power does.

Abaco should be very concerned as to which party is elected as it could affect the immediate future of the island concerning of the Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay airports, garbage disposal, new government subdivisions, fresh water to the cays and the reimbursement to Abaco of funds garnered by the island.

It is time for Bahamians and Abaconians to realize that all who are eligible to register to vote should turn out in full force at the polling stations on May 2 and make their mark for the next leader of the Bahamas.

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# Man On the Street - Political Comments

By Julian Lockhart

The Abaconian is starting a new feature as we try to get the voice of the people of Abaco in the newspaper. We will be asking pertinent questions concerning the well being and further progress of Abaco and placing the answers of the community in each issue.

The first Man on the Street will focus on the upcoming general elections on May 2 and those questioned were asked which party they support politically.

Free National Movement supporters were asked why they feel the FNM should get back in power?

**Kevin McIntosh** - Cooper's Town



Kevin McIntosh

**Barbara Davis** - Murphy Town

"They are the party for the people and

really can't trust the government and we need a leader like Mr. Ingraham to put the trust back into the government and the rest of the Bahamas."



Barbara Davis

to bring this country back from shame."

**David Henfield** - Dundas Town



David Henfield

"It has been too long for the young people who have been treated wrongly, and under the administration of Mr. Hubert Ingraham I think it will be better."

**Tishura Mills** - Dundas Town

"There is too much victimization going on. The PLP said they are the new PLP but they showed us that they are still the old PLP under the old (former prime minister Sir Lynden) Pindling rules."

Progressive Liberal Party supporters

that is what the people want. The people want this FNM Government because the PLP lie to the people and there is too much scandal and lies and we need the FNM

were asked why their party should stay in power for five more years?

**Edward Stuart** - Moore's Island



Edward Stuart

"I want the PLP to stay in power because they are doing a big thing for the Bahamas."

**Kenneth Williams** - New Providence



Kenneth Williams

"They are the best thing to ever happen to this country. From when I was a little boy the PLP is the best thing to ever happen to this country because they did everything good. They made

this country a better place to live in.

**Gerald Foster** - Murphy Town



Gerald Foster

"Basically if you do something good for the community, you may as well stay in power. It is whoever is doing the best. I am only 24 years old and the PLP is good for

the young people and I prefer the PLP.

**Geanette Albury** - Marsh Harbour



Geanette Albury

"The PLP have been the best for the country and that is why they should get back in power."



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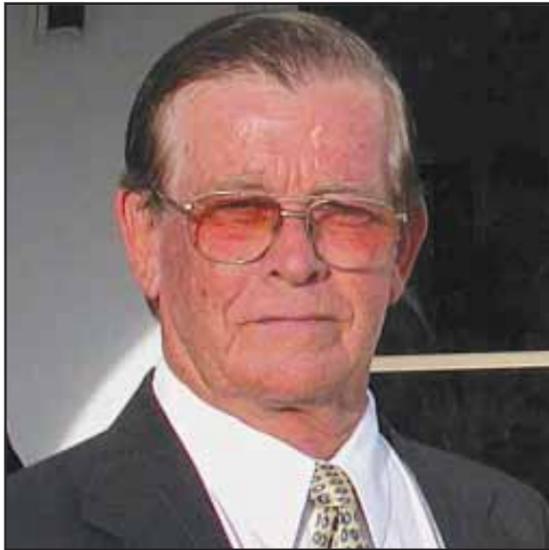
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clean up several of the abandoned vessels found on the shore and in the water. Much of this debris dates back to the several hurricanes that impacted Abaco in recent years. Finally, I wish to thank the local office of the Ministry of Tourism and the Friends of the Environment who provided organizational skills and moral support to this effort. We would simply not have been able to accomplish as much as we did without this behind-the-scenes effort.

It is my hope that next year's clean-up will be enhanced by a greater participation of the local citizenry.

Niels West, Boater

### Help! We Need Help

Dear Editor,

Thank you for allowing me a little space in your newspaper to voice some of my concerns in reference to Hope Town, Elbow Cay.

First of all, our island has long been neglected by the government, both the previous and present. For some unknown reason, it seems that the government tries its best to kill the goose that lays the golden egg rather than nourish it so that it will continue to produce golden eggs which is, in

this case, revenue for the Public Treasury. It is very evident that Hope Town, Elbow Cay, has always been a front-runner on Abaco, or for that matter, in the entire Bahamas, in contributing funds to the Public Treasury. We all know that the main reasons for this are the large number of visitors to our island as well as the many foreigners who have chosen to build a second homes on Elbow Cay.

For the life of me, I cannot understand why for so many years we have not been granted any funds to repair our town roads. The town roads are an absolute disgrace and pose great danger to both locals and visitors. They are in such bad condition, in some areas, it looks as if we have suffered great earthquakes, resulting in craters and warped concrete! One is putting his/her life in danger, particularly at night, if an attempt is made to take a walk through the town without a flashlight. I might add, much needed street lights would help the situation, but many have not been replaced since they were destroyed by the hurricanes of 2004.

Now, I bet many of you reading this article are saying to yourselves, "Elbow Cay received a lot of money for roads a couple of years ago!" It is true that after staging a protest to the government, we were granted a little money to re-pave the out of town

road. Might I add, the community had to contribute half the money in order to get the job done properly! Now, you tell me, is the goose that lays the golden egg being nourished or strangled?

A further note on the re-paving of the out of town road. A section of the road, near the southern end, was terribly eroded during the wrath of Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and once again during the fury of Hurricanes Frances and Jean in 2004. Please note, neither the previous nor present government, has made any effort to repair, redirect or secure the eroded road, and this is totally unacceptable and downright neglectful! This section of the would-be road poses a danger to all who would dare to drive on it. A danger to locals, but more so to visitors who may try to navigate this so called road at night! After some innocent person is seriously injured or killed because of neglect from the government, it will be too late to say, "We should have done something sooner!" Now, once again, is the goose that lays the golden egg being nourished or strangled?

To be honest with you, it seems that the Bahamian government takes Abaco for granted and must think that we are just a bunch of uneducated fools! I have news for you. We are not stupid and maybe we should

try to resurrect the idea once again of Abaco seceding from the Bahamas. Maybe it is not such a far fetched idea! After all, Abaco had its beginnings with rebels, and we have come a long way without much help from central government. So why not rebel again!

Some of you are probably saying to yourselves, "Why did the Local Government not ask for help?" Please note, year after year the Local Government asked for help, both for the section of dangerous out of town road and the appalling in town roads. As a matter of fact, letters were written to the Minister of Works, Mr. Bradley Roberts, and absolutely nothing was done. I must admit, a few times there were some engineers seen surveying the dangerous section of the out of town road and the in town roads, but all of this was just a farce, nothing more! Might I add, recently, we have learned that Mr. Roberts has now taken over the responsibility of Immigration from Mr. Shane Gibson. If Mr. Roberts is as inefficient with this new responsibility as he was with his previous and present responsibilities, God help us!

Maybe it would be a good idea for Mr. Roberts to come and visit us here in Hope

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**Letters**

*From Page 29*

Town. I would personally like to invite him and have the pleasure of providing the transportation for him during his visit! I think a wheel barrow ride through the town several times would give him a real good sense of the urgency of immediate town road repairs! Also, a little ride heading south on the eroded out of town road with a sudden out of control turn to the left, resulting in a drop of about 20 feet and possibly an unexpected swim in the ocean, might awaken him to the reality of the danger that exists! By the way, he would have to pay his own chiropractic bills.

Please note that this letter was written prior to the dissolution of Parliament.

A Frustrated Registered Voter

**Destruction in the midst**

Dear Editor:

Last Wednesday, after the weeks of heavy winds often present in The Bahamas during March, the seas were flat and small boating again became possible. Nissien Jones invited us to dive the reefs off Guana, an invitation gladly accepted.

After diving several beautiful reefs, using the tie down buoys thoughtfully places there to prevent damage often caused by dropping anchors, we headed toward the beach for a picnic lunch. As is newly experienced every time I go there I marveled at the splendor of the northeastern tip of the island. It has to be one of the most beautiful beaches in The Bahamas.

Cape Cod, most certainly, has one to match. It extends a distance of 40 miles running from Chatham to Provincetown. It also has high dune bluffs carved out by the fury of storm seas. Perhaps what makes this Guana tip beach even more precious than the other, besides the colour of the sea, is its western tip, which I would guess is less than one mile in length. Stepping from the sea to the soft

sand shore a rush of extreme sadness ripped through my body as I noticed the wooden stairways going up the dunes leading to future multimillion-dollar homes.

The Cape Cod National Seashore was designated in 1969. It consists of 44,000 acres. The small cottages, in both number and size, were allowed to stay as long as they remained in the family of the current owners. They could not be sold outside of family for any amount of money. Due to an active group of concerned citizens and a government that had the foresight to protect this great natural beauty for all to enjoy, the zealous short-term greed of developers was stopped short in its tracks. This is certainly not the case on Abaco. We do have a group of active citizens, but without the support of government they are relatively powerless.

My parents built the seventh private home in Treasure Cay. It was a very simple two-bedroom beach house. Early on families that followed did much the same regardless of the amount of money they had. Either times have dramatically changed or the very nature of those coming here is radically different than before. As one walks the Treasure Cay's main beach and Windward Beach, they find many smaller homes that blend into the landscape surrounded by opulent mansions that obliterate the shoreline, destroying the very beauty of this place that attracted their owners here in the first place.

The pertinent question we residents and Abaconians might ask ourselves is who's paying for that jet parked at the Treasure Cay airport that is bigger than any passenger plane serving Abaco? Who really pays for the resort at Winding Bay or the multimillion-dollar yacht servicing Bakers Bay? With some trepidation I might say the same of the Bahama Beach Club here at Treasure Cay and the strain it places on an already overburdened sewer system to say nothing of what it looks like from the shoreline. How

many of those supposed benefits are trickling down to the residents at Cherokee Point and Guana? And, if any, are they worth the way of life cherished by those who have lived here for generations. A way of life that money cannot buy, but can only be lived.

I am not saying this is the truth, but it is certainly my truth. It is my opinion those developing Baker's Bay and Winding Bay are here for only two reasons and those are to satisfy overblown egos and fill their pockets with more gold. Their greed and arrogance run amok fueling a feeding frenzy not unlike the one that plagues our Planet Earth. Perhaps, we will all have to suffer until enough gather together to say enough.

Bill Durrell

**Rally**

*From Page 2*

Rev. Frederick McAlphine; Mr. Kenneth Russell, MP for High Rock; Mr. Edison Key, candidate for South Abaco; Mr. Brensil Rolle; Mr. Tommy Turnquest, candidate for Mt. Moriah; Mr. Robert Sweeting, MP South Abaco; Mr. Alvin Smith, MP North Eleuthera; and Mr. David Wallace, candidate for West End and Bimini. Entertainment was provided by Sweet Emily, Abaco's own Nehemiah Hield and Ancient Man.

**Customs Officers Receive Promotions**

*By Jennifer Hudson*

In a recent promotion exercise, 12 Customs Officers attached to the Abaco Division were promoted to higher ranks. The promotions are as follows:

Michael Rolle, Officer in Charge at Treasure Cay, from Senior Customs Officer to Chief Customs Officer.

Molly Davis, Carmen Rolle and Melvin Forbes from Grade 1 Officer to Senior Customs Officer.

Bridgette Russell (Green Turtle Cay), Eulean Sands (Spanish Cay), Jessel Cash, Deidre Cox-Edgecombe, Calvin St. Remy and Janelle Hield (Marsh Harbour) from Grade 2 Officer to Customs Officer Grade 1.

Nya Simmons from Trainee Customs Officer to Grade 2 Customs Officer.

Donald Symonette from Customs Guard to Senior Customs Guard.

Promotions are retroactive from July 1, 2004.

Superintendent of Customs, Mr. Gary Smith, congratulates these officers on their promotions.

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+ agents with multiple cottages and houses

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**Island-wide Abaco Listings**

- Abaco Vacations + 800-633-9197
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- Abaco Bound + 242-367-5576

**Casuarina Point**

- Different of Abaco 8 rm 20 cott 366-2150

**Cherokee**

- Lee Pinder + 3 hse 366-2053
- Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075

**Grand Cay**

- Rosie's Place 352-5458

**Green Turtle Cay**

- Cocobay Cottages 6 cott 365-5464
- Island Properties + 34 hse 365-4047
- New Plymouth Inn 9 rm 365-4161
- Ocean Blue Properties + 30 365-4636
- Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105

**Guana Cay**

- Dolphin Bch Resort 4 rm 10 cott. 365-5137
- Donna Sands + 12 hse 365-5195
- Guana Beach Resort 6 units 365-5133
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- Harbour View Haven 365-5028
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- Sea Shore Villas 365-5028
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- Abaco Inn 22 rm 366-0133
- Club Soleil 6 rm 1 cott 366-0003
- Crystal Villas 6 villas 321-783-4576
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- Hope T Harb Lodge 25 rm 366 0095
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- Hope T Villas + 3 hse 366-0030
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- 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

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- Sea Level Cottages 4 hse 366-3121
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**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
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- http://www.abacos.com
- http://www.go-abacos.com
- http://www.oii.net
- http://www.bahamas.com

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## Restaurants • Services • Transportation

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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	
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 Moxy	\$16 + \$5
T C Hotel to Banyan Bch Club XX	\$ 6 + \$3
Green Turtle Ferry to Marsh H Airport	\$75 + \$10

Points of Interest	
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	

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
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Continental Connection - Miami	
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## SECTION B



VOLUME 15, NUMBER 8, APRIL 15th, 2007

## Volunteers clean shoreline

**Bags of trash, truckloads of debris and four boats were raised**

### Artists signed mural on public display



Twelve four-foot panels make up the large mural prominently displayed on Standard Hardware in Marsh Harbour. Promising art students, teachers and community artists painted it under the direction of an artist from Nassau, Mr. Antonius Roberts. A landscaped area adjacent with picnic tables will encourage the public to enjoy this work of art. See story on page 2..

By Julian Lockhart

Once again the cruising visitors of Marsh Harbour organized a coastal clean up of the Marsh Harbour shoreline. Last year's effort was very successful and this year proved to be even more successful. About 30 persons showed up including many boaters.

Mr. Niels West conceived the idea last year and wanted to repeat it this year advertising the date extensively. The boaters worked closely with the Ministry of Tourism that is organizing clean-up campaigns in several communities. A number of community members and businesses helped out in Marsh Harbour to clean the coastline from the port to Rich's Rentals. Trash was bagged and truckloads of garbage were removed.

The volunteers were divided into groups, then given an area of the coast to clean of about 200 yards each. What looked like an easy job at first turned out to be quite strenuous. Litter from bottles, plastic containers, grocery store bags, household garbage, car parts, old lumber and fallen trees were all removed. Truckloads of garbage was carted

Please see **Clean up**

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## National Election Polls

### North Abaco District

- Polling Division #1 - Grand Cay All Age School, Grand Cay
- Polling Division #2 - Fox Town Primary School, Fox Town
- Polling Division #3 - Teacher's Cottage, Cedar Harbour
- Polling Division #4 - S.C. Bootle High, Cooper's Town
- Polling Division #5 - Cooper's Town Primary School, Cooper's Town
- Polling Division #6 - Treasure Cay Primary School, Treasure Cay
- Polling Division #7 - Amy Roberts Primary School, Green Turtle Cay
- Polling Division #8 - Abaco Central High, Murphy Town
- Polling Division #9 - Abaco Central Primary, Dundas Town
- Polling Division #10 - Abaco Central Primary School, Dundas Town
- Polling Division #11 - Abaco Central High, Murphy Town

### South Abaco District

- Polling Station #1 - Guana Cay Post Office, Gt. Guana Cay
- Polling Station #2 - Man-O-War Primary School, Man-O-War Cay
- Polling Station #3 - Hope Town Library, Hope Town
- Polling Station #4 - Below Deck, Abaco Beach Resort, Marsh Harbour
- Polling Station #5 - St. John's Parish Hall Marsh Harbour
- Polling Station #6 - St. John's Parish Hall Marsh Harbour
- Polling Station #7 - Community Centre Spring City
- Polling Station #8 - Primary School, Cherokee Sound
- Polling Station #9 - Community Fire Station, Casuarina Point
- Polling Station #10 - Primary School, Crossing Rocks
- Polling Station #11 - St. Martin's Anglican Church Hall, Sandy Point
- Polling Station #12 - Moores Island All Age School, Moores Island

## Front Street yields bags of trash



Crews of volunteers were assigned areas of about 200 yards to clean along the shoreline from the port to Rich's Rentals. Although the same area was cleaned one year ago, truckloads of debris was collected.

## April is Child Protection Month

By Mirella Santillo

In an effort to sensitize the public about child abuse and methods of child abuse prevention, the Department of Social Services organized a series of events during the month of April that has been designated Child Protection Month. The staff wants to encourage children to report child abuse. They are organizing activities to share information and encourage positive parental skills.

Mrs. Salomie Gibson, Director of Social Services for Abaco, informed the public about the activities that included the distribution of flyers and the presentation of a video to children in grades 3 to 6 in several schools. Other events included egg hunts in three communities. The eggs each held a message geared to improve the child's self-esteem.

Presentations were made at several PTA meetings and two Walk-A-Thons were organized, one in Marsh Harbour and one in Cooper's Town. A special church service took place at Change Ministries to emphasize the necessity of worship in family life.

## Mini hospital is promised



The Ministry of Health is proposing to build a mini hospital for Abaco. An artist's rendition of the hospital is displayed on a sign at the corner of S.C. Bootle Highway and the road to the port. It is expected that the hospital will be built on government property along that road between S.C. Bootle and Forest Drive. Previously, it was scheduled to include an Administrative building and a police compound.

# Remember to Vote on May 2

# Artists contributed to beautify Marsh Harbour

By Mirella Santillo

On March 30th a renown artist from Nassau, Mr. Antonius Roberts, came to Abaco at the invitation of the Abaco Art Guild to conduct a workshop for gifted students of local schools, their art teachers and members of the Art Guild. It took barely two days for 30 people to paint a mural. Formed of twelve panels which were to be mounted at a right angle, the end result was amazing: a colorful island landscape. None of the protagonists knew in advance what the subject would be; none of them had worked together as a group before. But through team spirit and the

guidance of a master painter, a beautiful scene developed and a work of art was created.

Once completed, the mural was moved from New Vision Ministries where the project took place to its final destination: Standard Hardware. That was supervised by Mrs. Marlee Mason and Mrs. Jo-Ann Bradley and two days later the panels were mounted on the southwest corner of the newly enlarged hardware store. The work was framed, compliments of Standard Hardware.

Three weeks later on April 21st the participants met again including Mr. Roberts,

who came back to Abaco for the signing of the mural. Pots of paint and brushes awaited the artists to correct scratches and put the last touches to the paintings. Markers were at their disposition to sign their names. For over an hour, many of the young people got absorbed again into the art work, some going over the outlines of the subjects, some adding colors here and there, all having fun, not wanting to stop.

People stopped by to admire the work and socialize with each other. The garden

corner, landscaped by Standard with palms and ornamentals and furnished with tables and benches, is the perfect place to sit and relax. Enjoy it when shopping at Standard hardware.

"It is a gift to the Marsh Harbour community from the Art Guild," said Abaco Art Guild 's past President, Mrs. Marlee Mason, "and also a reminder to the residents of what community spirit and togetherness can achieve."

## Clean up

From Page 1

away to the dump.

Geoffrey Jones of Baker's Bay was shocked with the amount of garbage on the coast. He said, "This is the second or third time Baker's Bay has been able to participate in the Coastal Awareness clean-up program. We are all part of the community and the community suffers with the garbage and trash that tends to line the shoreline. I was absolutely amazed at the amount of garbage."

Garbage bags were provided by three grocery stores, K & S Auto trucked the trash to the dump, Sunco Builders provided a crane to raise four boats that were sunk by Hurricane Floyd, the Scurvy Few dived up engines, batteries and other debris with a boat from Rich's Rentals. That boat also assisted in removing the four sunken boats. Drinks came from Insurance Management and North Rock provided water.

The first step was cleaning up and now Ministry of Tourism along with their partner at Friends of the Environment have to

educate the community about the importance of being clean and not littering.

Project coordinator from the Ministry of Tourism Bernadette Hall said, "As usual it is a disappointment having to go out there and do it again, pick up all the garbage and everything. We are pleased with the support of the communities to do it and we hope with Keep Abaco Beautiful we will have a sustainable program.

With the Ministry bringing on the Keep Abaco Beautiful program, hopefully, the message reaches the community of Abaco.

One of the first programs that has to be installed is the placement of garbage bins along the coast and beaches, so those who are littering have somewhere to dump their garbage.

Abaco sells its pristine beauty internationally and tourists visit the island for its beautiful waters and white sand beaches, but they won't stay long if the litter problem is not corrected.



The artists who assembled at the end of March to paint a mural surprised themselves when it turned out so nicely. The key to the success can be credited to an artist from Nassau, Mr. Antonius Roberts, who supervised the work. He returned on April 21 for the artists to touch up their work and sign the painting.

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# School News

## Forest Heights Academy PTA Planned Spring Fling

By Julian Lockhart

The Forest Heights Academy's 4th Annual PTA Spring Fling went off with flying colors on March ..... as the PTA raised thousands of dollars once again for the betterment of the school. Hundreds of students, parents and community supporters enjoyed a day of good food, games and fun as the weather proved to be perfect to ensure a smooth day of activities. Children were able to play games, win prizes, lock their fellow classmates and friends in jail or just get their faces painted.

Principal Jim Richards said, "The PTA puts on the Spring Fling every year as its major fund raiser and then they decide how the funds should be spent for the school. It

was a good success this year, and we had a lot of parental support and community support. We had good weather; we had good steaks, and we sold 400 steak dinners. I think it was successful this year because we had such good weather," he added.

Despite competing against the final day of the carnival that was giving away toys, the Spring Fling still had a really good crowd. Mr. Richards said the yearly calendar has gotten so full they just have to hope for good weather and strong support for their event. It is not known what the PTA is going to use this year's profits for but there has been speculation that Forest Heights is looking into building a pool and proper track on their premises.

Mr. Richards said, "This is my first year as principal and I definitely worked harder this year. The PTA committee put a lot of work in it to make it a success and it takes a lot of organization. Last year they spent a lot of the money on audio visual equipment for the school and the year before that they bought new computers for the computer lab. So the PTA really decides what the money is spent on," he concluded.



Forest Heights Spring Fling included many games of chance or skill, a bouncing castle, cotton candy and lots of food and drink. The day was successful in raising necessary funds for school supplies.

## Abaco Foreign Language Cadets Win in Nassau

By Samantha V. Evans

The newly formed Foreign Language Cadet Program on Abaco is an initiative of the Ministry of Tourism started to teach students another language. It can now boast of winning first and second place at the Foreign Language competition in Nassau on March 1st held at the British Colonial Hilton. Winning first place was Shannalee Paul of Abaco Central High School and second place went to Lakera Saunders of St. Francis de Sales School. Both students received a trophy and a certificate.

The four students enrolled in this program had to pass a Spanish exam with above average to outstanding scores to be accepted into the program. Once they began the program, the students started preparing for the competition in Nassau. The initial part of

the competition required them to create a poster of one of their team mates in Spanish. Once the poster was done, it was sent into Nassau to be judged. The students, Shannalee Paul, Beatrice Altidor, Lakera Saunders and Christina Albury, are the four gifted young ladies in this program representing three schools.

The students stated that preparing for this competition was very hard work. They spent many hours practicing and sacrificed weekends and evening studying and preparing for this competition. Once in Nassau they stated that the competition was tough. Shannalee stated that the students were prepared. Seventeen schools were represented. The only language allowed to be spoken in the competition was Spanish. They had to introduce themselves in Spanish and de-

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Together we have gone far - from childhood here in Coopers Town to Parliament, to the Cabinet, to Leadership of the Government, to retirement, and now to a return to Party Leadership and, God willing, leadership of the Government of The Bahamas for a third time.

I am always deeply conscious of the road along which I have taken you, my most loyal supporters, during these past 30 years, from one political affiliation, to no party affiliation, to a new party affiliation where we have found a very happy home in the bosom of the Free National Movement.

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We still have work to complete. We must complete the unfinished programme of upgrading and modernizing the infrastructure of North Abaco, putting in place all that is necessary to permit and facilitate the orderly growth and development of our communities.

And we must improve and expand programmes available to ensure the proper and appropriate education and training of our young people so that they may fully benefit from economic opportunities in our country.

More importantly, we must make possible expanded Bahamian ownership in our economy and protect forever access by ordinary Bahamians to prime land and to the sea. And we must protect and conserve our heritage and our culture for future generations.

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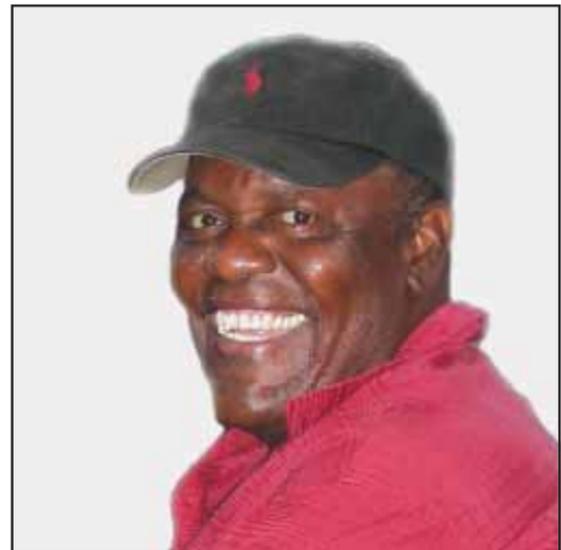
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Thank you and may God bless you one and all.

Hubert A. Ingraham



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# More School News

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scribe their poster in Spanish. Senora Brown stated that the Abaco team got the highest scores and the judges stated that if they had more prizes, the Abaco team would have gotten them all.

As part of this program the students visited Green Turtle Cay for a treasure hunt in Spanish and Hope Town where they visited the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum and had the tour spoken in Spanish by Senora Brown. At the end of the program they will go on an all expense paid trip to Costa Rica for a month where they will learn more Spanish as well as how to cook Spanish foods and take dance and Spanish lessons. Their enrollment in the Cadet Program will come to an end as the program caters to



Agriculture students at Abaco Central High School received 150 baby chicks by Abaco Big Bird to raise. They will care for them until they are eight weeks when they will be slaughtered, cleaned and sold.

students in grade eleven only.  
**Abaco Central High School**  
*By Samantha V. Evans*

Abaco Central High School received 150 baby chicks donated by Big Bird Farm in March to help the school get their agricultural project under way. Principal Hield sees this as an opportunity to teach the students the process of buying, caring for, slaughtering, selling, and buying more chicks to start the process again. Next to the chicken coop they have a room for processing the chickens when they are fully grown which will be at about eight weeks.

Renovations began on the Eastern Campus of the Abaco Central High School which will house the school's technical subjects. The buildings that were badly damaged by hurricanes a few years ago have seldom been used since then but Mr. Hield, with the assistance of BTVI, plans to have the building renovations completed for the September 2007 school year. The buildings will house the Cosmetology

Lab, Hospitality, Electrical Installation, Welding, Carpentry and Business Administration. In September all students in grades 7 -9 will be exposed to all subjects but in grade 10 they will have to choose a concentration for high school.

**Three attend**

**leadership conference**

*By Samantha V. Evans*  
 Ashley Whyllly, Molina Jeune, and Henry Mareau were the three students from Abaco Central High School who attended the Con-

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Twenty-four students were honored at a luncheon at Central Abaco Primary School on March 23rd for being named students of the month. Ms. Beatrice Moxey, vice principal, planned the event to honor the students. Parents were encouraged to purchase gifts to reward their children on this great achievement. Ms. Eunice Mills, principal, congratulated the students and presented them with certificates and pins for a job well done.

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# EXCLUSIVE LISTINGS

# More School News

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ference of Youth Leaders (COYL) in Nassau March 15-17 under the theme *Effective Leadership for the 21st Century*. The conference was hosted by BTC and held at the College of the Bahamas.

The moderators for the conference were Carson Gray from L.N. Coakley High School in Exuma and Molina Juene from Abaco Central High School. They were chosen based on their leadership skills displayed throughout the day. The guest speaker for the opening ceremony was the Minister of Youth, Sports and Housing, the Hon. Neville Wisdom, who motivated and

encouraged them to continue striving for excellence.

The second day was filled with lectures on Effective Leadership, Conflict Resolution, Promotional and Marketing Skills and other topics by persons from the business community including Mr. Lionel Elliot Executive Director of Junior Achievement Bahamas. They learned about some of the challenges of the 21st century especially poverty. The final day was for group activities and presentations by the youth leaders. They had to present speeches on their career choices, goals and what they learned from this conference.

Molina Juene received the Leader of the Year award and will be given a trophy for this honor. All students will receive certificates of appreciation in the mail. The students described the conference as very educational, interactive and filled with fun activities. They look forward to more leadership conferences to continue to educate themselves to become effective leaders of tomorrow.

### Girls Reading Challenge



Three students, Ashley Whyly, Molina Juene and Henry Mareau, attended a leadership conference in Nassau. After the first day, Molina Juene was chosen to be one of two moderators because of her leadership qualities.

## awards students

Samantha V. Evans

The girls' reading challenge was held during the month of February under the theme *Love, Happy Endings and Relationship*. Thirty-eight girls entered with hopes of reading the most books and writing a book report on each one so that she could win the top prize. Nakdot Etienne from grade 5 read the most books and wrote 160 book reports. The second place prize went to Shavante Simms from grade 4 with 127 book reports. In third place was Aleaga Knowles with 122 book reports and fourth place went

to Robin Young from grade 5 with 115 book reports. Grade 5 received the prize for the *Reading Counts Class Challenge* sponsored by Scholastics. That class wrote 117 book reports. The following classes received certificates of participation for their involvement in the class challenge: Grade 4 with 38 book reports, grade 4 with 27 book reports, grade 6 with 26 book reports and grade 6 with 25 book reports. Both events were hosted by the school's Library De-

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Central Abaco Primary School held a girls' reading challenge and 38 girls entered the competition. These are the girls who finished. The top girl was a fifth grader who wrote reports on 160 books.



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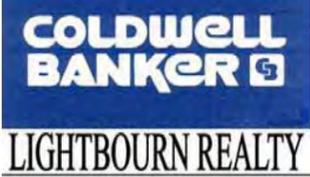
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**Yellowwood Creek**

**Lot 1- Hilltop** Lot with breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean, the world class Abaco Club Resort and the gorgeous three mile Winding Bay Beach. Comprises approx. 0.75 acres.- Offered at US\$195,000.00

**Lot 3- Waterfront** Located on the rocky shoreline, this lot comprises just over an acre with approx. 175' of waterfront & has unobstructed views of the Atlantic Ocean. It adjoins lot 4, which is also available. Electricity is near both lots. Offered at US\$312,000.00

**Lot 4- Waterfront** This lot is just over an acre & covers approx. 175' of rocky shoreline. Unobstructed views of the Atlantic Ocean. Offered at US\$300,000.00  
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**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.  
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**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**



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•Bahama Palm Shores - #5742- Beachfront lot 200 x 416 Offered at US\$550,000.00  
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**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



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**REDUCED**



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

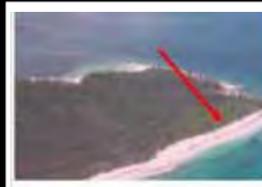
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**UNDER CONTRACT**



**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)  
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\***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.



# More School News

## International Food Day



Nine countries are represented at Abaco Central High School. On International Day the school highlights the food, culture, dress and music of these countries. The food is sold, providing the teachers with funding for needed supplies.



Some of the students wear dress of their native countries.

## School

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partment under the direction of Mrs. Coral Johnson.

### International Day Celebration

By Samantha V. Evans

While other schools celebrated Commonwealth Day, Abaco Central High School celebrated International Food Day when they recognized the various cultures represented within the school. The theme for the event this year was *Celebrating Cultural Diversity*. Nine countries were the focus of the morning assembly: Argentina, Guyana, Bahamas, Haiti, U.S.A., Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica, France and China.

The ceremony began with the flag ceremony as well dressed students representing the above mentioned countries paraded before their peers to the rhythmic sounds of Junkanoo Music. It was most interesting to hear students read the welcome in English, Spanish, and French, paying homage to the diverse cultures represented amongst the school's student body. Mr. Hield, principal, told them that the importance of the day's event was that they recognize that even though they are from different nations, they are still one people.

Mr. Robert Sweeting brought remarks telling the students that he was very moved by the recent fire in the

Mud. He used this as an opportunity to teach his grandchildren about sharing and caring. He encouraged the students to not become selfish but rather share what they have with each other.

After program the guests viewed the decorated rooms and could purchase food from various cultures including Costa Rica, Argentina, the Bahamas, Guyana and The United States. Two classroom were decorated to represent those things indigenous to each of the above countries such as their music, food, ancestral history, crafts, dress, and athletes.

Mrs. Martha Smith gave a lesson on Bush Medicine to those who expressed an interest and told them the various uses of the plants.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Samantha V. Evans

On March 30 the students of Central Abaco Primary School took part in an Easter Egg Hunt at various times during the day. The hunt was set up so that all children were able to find at least one Easter surprise throughout the day. The hunt was a fund raiser of

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## In Loving Memory of Stanton Chea 1970-2005



To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess

How much you gave to me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown,

But now it is time I travel alone.

So grieve awhile for if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part.

So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,

All of my love around you, soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and say,

Welcome Home.

From your brother Steven, Beverly,  
Dominique and Family and Friends

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NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demand against or interest in the above Estate should send same duly certified in writing to the undersigned on or before 30th April, 2007, after which date the Executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the Estate having regard only to the claims, demands or interests of which she shall then have had notice AND all persons indebted to the above Estate are asked to settle such debts on or before 30th April, 2007.

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# More School News

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the school's drama club.

**School Wins Three Trophies**

*Samantha V. Evans*

March 30th was an exciting day for three students of St. Francis de Sales School as they took home three trophies for placing in the Rotary Club Speech Competition. The principal and staff were excited that their school had once again been recognized for

producing winners. The following three students received trophies for doing an great job in this competition: primary school Aisha Jones, grade 6, won third place; junior school Olessia Simon, grade nine, won first place; and high school Brittany Archer,

grade 12, won first place.

**Field trip was to churches**

*By Samantha V. Evans*

March 28th was an exciting day for the

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**MARINER'S COVE** Townhouse condos with on-site tennis and heated pool

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**TREASURE LANDING**

Unit #4 Upstairs 3 bed/2bath fully furnished, direct beach access. EXC. \$514,250 FGS

**ROYAL PALM**

*Canal Front Condos with on-site Tennis and Pool*

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**TREASURE HOUSE**

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Unit #7 Two storey 2 bed/ 2 bath home.  
MLS \$636,000 + 7.5% closing  
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MLS \$575,000 + 7.5% closing

**BAHAMA BEACH CLUB**

Resale condos available in first completed project. Ready to go. Both units never rented but definite potential. MUST SEE PROPERTIES.

Upstairs unit 3 bed / 2 bath with den / optional 4th bed. Completely and tastefully furnished. EXC. \$882,000 FGS

Downstairs unit 3 bed / 2 bath with den/ optional 4th bed. Completely and tastefully furnished with many extra features including garage and Ford Taurus \$1,002,000 FGS

**ATLANTIS**

*Canal Front Condos with on-site Pool*

Bldg 1 Lower unit 2 bed / 2 bath, 15' wide boat slip, includes car. Newly decorated. MUST SEE EXC. \$500,000 FGS

Bldg 4 Downstairs end unit 2 bed / 2 bath, totally redone, 12' wide slip  
EXC. \$435,600 FGS

**SAND DOLLAR**

Unit #3 Ocean front, downstairs 2 bed/2 bath, fully furnished. \$640,000 FGS

**ROYAL POINCIANA**

*Ocean Front Condos with on-site pool and tennis*

2 bed / 2 bath end unit with wrap-around deck. Never rented. Fully and tastefully furnished. Special must see unit.  
EXC. \$665,500 FGS

**OCEAN VILLA SUBDIVISION**

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**SANDPIPER BEACH**

"Lacey Daze" Spectacular 4 bed/ 3 1/2 bath CBS home with panoramic ocean views and direct beach access from every room but one via decks and patios. The main house has living/ dining/ kitchen/ master bedroom suite, two guest bedrooms with bath, powder room, double garage and utility/ workshop area. Included with its own entrance is a private 1 bedroom/ 1 bath apartment with an open living/ dining/ kitchen with its own deck. Many features. MUST SEE.

EXC. \$2,220,000 FGS

**GALLEON BAY DRIVE**

"Gramling House" newly built, 2 storey home located on Galleon Bay canal with a 45' dock. Upper level has 4 bed/ 2 bath. Open living/ dining/ kitchen. Lower level has 2 bed/ 1 bath, laundry room plus covered open boat/ car storage EXC \$907,500 FGS

**LEEWARD BEACH ESTATE**

"Trident"/"Turquoise Seas" You cannot be more "on the beach" than in this special home. Offering 3 bed / 3 1/2 bath in the main house with detached garage / bed / bath / attic plus storage. Vast deck oceanside with widow's walk. WOW!

MLS \$2,500,000 + 7.5% closing

"Cross Winds" Split level CBS home extra large lot across from 2 beach greenways. Private. Master bed/ bath suite upstairs. Lower level 2 bed / 2 bath, cozy living room/ kitchen/ dining/ utility. Apartment annex 1bed/ 1 bed, living kitchen, enclosed patio. Plus! Plus! Plus!

MLS \$820,000 + 7.5% closing

**WINDWARD BEACH ESTATES**

"Dream Point" Special CBS split level home located on a corner lot near "The Point" with two choices of direct beach access. Upper level has master bedroom with ensuite bath plus two guest bedrooms and bath. On the split level there is the main entry into a large open living/dining area, modern well-equipped kitchen. All rooms open onto a wrap-around partially covered deck overlooking the garden. Ground level has an extra large garage/ workshop with lots of storage.

EXC. \$996,300 FGS

**ROCK POINT**

"Pilot House" special unique location with a commanding, enviable view of the Sea of Abaco. Water front home, 2 storey, CBS/ frame. Upstairs master and guest bed, 2 baths, large living/ dining/ open kitchen; lower level 1bed / 1 bath, 2 car garage plus 1 car/boat garage. MLS \$1,160,000 + 7.5% closing

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MUST SEE! EXC. \$400,000 FGS

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## FOR A STRONGER SOUTH ABACO

There are two kinds of people in this world; those who watch things happen and those who make things happen. Residents and friends of South Abaco, my brothers and sisters, we have reached the crossroad of change, and it time that we make something happen. South Abaco is full of good coaches, but it will take a bunch of interested players to claim our fate. I am a willing team player and I trust that you are, too! Therefore, seeing as we are all those who make things happen, let's bridge our efforts together by voting Gary M. Sawyer for a stronger South Abaco.

Over the last twenty years, many of you have gotten to know me through my business involvements throughout Abaco, demonstrating the ability to establish and operate a number of successful businesses with honesty and integrity. I believe, therefore, that God has given me the opportunity, and with your support, I can serve South Abaco in a more meaningful way. Let me assure you that the same level of energy, discipline and commitment that I have applied to my businesses, I pledge the same as your next Member of Parliament for South Abaco.

Many schools in Abaco have been refurbished, and there has been the construction and enlargement of additional classrooms. Hope Town, Sandy Point, Crossing Rocks and Moore's Island have all benefited from these upgrades. Through the course of the past five years, Abaco has experienced the largest deployment of teachers to our island. Further to this educational development, the extension of BTVI and COB has been instituted on the island to ensure that Abaconians are properly trained to meet the demands of this steady economy.

The Government also sympathized and saw the need for better health care and the good people of Grand Cay are now the recipients of a new clinic. Marsh Harbour now has a twenty-four hour ambulance service with trained EMT's which has been provided through the Ministry of Health. For the first time in Abaco's history the Government of the Bahamas through the Ministry of Housing has initiated a housing program which was so desperately needed. The Ministry of Works has also embarked on many infrastructural upgrades which include the rebuilding of docks and sea walls for the protection of our coastlines and the construction of new boat ramps and roads.

The implementation of a new waste management system is proving to be a great environmental success as some of the Abaco cays are already the beneficiaries of this program. It has brought about a significant reduction in the burning of hazardous waste material and very soon all of Abaco will benefit from a proper waste management system.

The Government through BTC has made tremendous technological improvements with the implementation of its fiber optic cable network. This has allowed them to offer revolutionary products like GSM and Blackberries and will soon be offering additional products and services to the general public. The Water and Sewerage Corporation has made the quality of life better through their improvements. There have been several extensions to water mains and reverse osmosis systems have been installed. Sandy Point is also the beneficiary of a modern water storage facility.

After many years of neglect to Youth and Sporting programs in Abaco, we once again have an Abaconian with the responsibility for the coordination and implementation of these activities. The Government has also embarked on the refurbishment of existing sporting facilities and works have already begun on the Spring City community park, which is the first of such upgrades.

The long awaited and promised for Marsh Harbour airport by the former administration that made much talk and gave a solemn commitment to Abaconians that they would construct a modern

facility was never realized. At last the wait is over! After a long and tedious process with engineers and consultants, and intervention by our Prime Minister, to ensure that the residents of South Abaco will get what they rightfully deserve, work has begun.

As your next Member of Parliament on May 2, I will begin immediately with an aggressive approach to ensure that the many programs that we have envisioned will be brought to fruition in the shortest possible time. As all of you know, I am a man of action and have always been a believer of not putting off tomorrow what can be done today. I commit to you, my family and friends, that I will work tirelessly on your behalf to bring about the following that will positively affect each and every one of us.

- I will ensure the timely completion of the Marsh Harbour International Airport with a state-of-the-art terminal
- Once the necessary approvals have been granted for the mini hospital that is presently before the Marsh Harbour Town Planning Committee, I will endeavor to work towards its completion in the shortest possible time.
- The additional satellite clinics for South Abaco that are in the final stages of approval will also be brought about during my tenure as your representative with the inclusion of proper staffing.
- For many Bahamians the dream of owning their own homes will be made an even greater reality as more land will be available for the common man and not just a selected few. Also there will be additional subdivisions created throughout South Abaco.
- I will see to it that proper road renovations are continued in our towns and settlements.
- Additional schools will be constructed in South Abaco.
- The Water and Sewerage extension program will be afforded to those communities that have not been affected as yet.
- I will seek consultation from the churches and community leaders on matters of importance to our communities.

These are only a few of the many goals I intend to pursue once I am elected to office. I am committed to the advance and development of Abaco. Many of you can attest that I have always been ready and willing to assist through God's blessings whether in hurricane relief, youth and sports organizations (marching bands, school programs, educational scholarships), medical assistance, cultural activities (regattas, homecomings, junkanoo), churches and other religious organizations.

Over the last five years much has been done, and yet there is much more to accomplish. Every island has benefited from the progressive initiatives of this administration. Because we are one Bahamas, the Government has shown no partiality in sharing the economic pie and Abaco is no exception. Due to investor confidence and the financial policies of the Government under the leadership of the Right Honorable Perry Gladstone Christie, employment is at an all time high.

As the sun will set upon this day, it will rise tomorrow with hope, knowing that the ear of our good leader rings with the voice of the people. I hear your cries and I am willing to take them away. This is not the time to be wayward; we must continue our plans for a brighter future for all Abaconians because with this vision we cannot perish. It is said that in this world a man must either be an anvil or a hammer but I beg to differ. Why, you may ask? It is because together we are determined to break new grounds in achieving our vision of a more productive Abaco, hammering our ideas together.

**ALL HANDS MUST BE ON DECK! FORWARD EVER!**

**BACKWARD NEVER! THERE CAN BE NO TURNING BACK!**

**VOTE GARY SAWYER PLP**

**VOTE GARY SAWYER, PLP**

# School News

**School** *From Page 11*

students of grade two of Central Abaco Primary School as their teachers took them learning on the road. This project was the Religious Knowledge field trip. The students had an active day as they visited six churches.

The first stop was at the Seventh Day Adventist Church where Pastor Leonardo Rahming greeted them and spoke to them on the topic *Young People and Music - Making the Right Decisions*. He told them that music is very powerful and it can be used for good or bad but that God created music to be good.

Pastor David Cartwright at the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel had a great program planned for them. Since it was close

to the Easter season, he told them the Easter story using his puppet friend, Elias, a Bible character. He told them the Easter story beginning with prophecies in the Old Testament. He then told them about the birth, life, teachings, death and resurrection of Christ.

At New Vision Ministries Pastor Derek Benjamin spoke to the students on the topic *Why Should Children Be Involved in Church Activities*. He told them that this pleases God and gives Him the opportunity to speak to them like He did David and Joseph. God will also show them the direction for their lives or their life's purpose. He told them to honor the two greatest commandments which are to love God will all their heart

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For the second year the grade six teachers with the support of First Caribbean Bank hosted It's Academic at Central Abaco Primary School. Teachers, students and the staff of First Caribbean started preparing for the series of competitions since January of this year. Each week the students met to practice Math, General Knowledge, Social Studies, and Science. The finale was held on March 28th at the school when staff of First Caribbean Bank along with their manager, Ms. Iris Henschell, held the competition. The Blue Marlins were in first place with 375 points; second place Yellow Elders with 332 points; third place Grouper with 300 points; and fourth place Flamingos with 288 points.

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<p><b>GUANA CAY</b></p> <p>#10181: 3bd/2bths : \$375,000 This super home is nestled in the heart of the settlement, surrounded by lush specimen foliage, a winter garden and well maintained lawns. Panoramic views are enjoyed from the widow's walk and porches.</p>	<p><b>GUANA CAY</b></p> <p>#10350: 2bd/1bth : \$160,000 Situated in the heart of the settlement, this cottage presents a multitude of opportunities for the imaginative buyer. Could transition well into a vacation or rental cottage. Steps away from ferry dock.</p>	<p><b>LYNYARD CAY</b></p> <p><b>UNDER CONTRACT</b></p> <p>#9297: Acreage : Serious Inquiries Bordering the Sea of Abaco with Atlantic to the east, this expansive parcel boasts 77 fabulous acres, includes high elevations, dense native coppice, numerous coconut palm trees and white sand beaches.</p>	<p><b>CROSSING ROCKS</b></p> <p>#9510: Residential Lots: \$160,000 Greenland Bay. Gorgeous, unspoiled beach front, dazzling white sand, rolling grassland interior. Parcels encompass 100 to 200 ft on the beach. Only one parcel may be sold in each instance at above starting price.</p>	<p><b>BAKER'S HEIGHTS</b></p> <p>#562105: Acreage : \$1,360,000 Prime development property located 11 miles north of Marsh Harbour on Queen's highway. Features wooded rolling terrain with hills of up to 30' in elevation. Great potential for development.</p>	
<p><b>CASUARINA POINT</b></p> <p><b>NEW PRICE</b></p> <p>#562299: 3bd/2bths : \$359,000 Bright and sunny, sturdy concrete family home, just steps from the beach. 1,472 s.f. of living space, tile floors, crown molding. Perfectly suited for family or retirement home.</p>	<p><b>GUANA CAY</b></p> <p>#562031: Residential Lot : \$349,500 NEW! Gorgeous Atlantic Ocean front home site. Located adjacent to the Orchid Bay development with elevated rocky shore and beach. Densely vegetated with natural coppice and native trees.</p>	<p><b>BAHAMA PALM SHORES</b></p> <p>#10202: Acreage : \$350,000 Gorgeous, generously-sized home site on Eight Mile Bay beach. Approx. .85 acres of nicely elevated land thickly treed with native hardwoods and coconut palms. Wonderful views, wide sugar sand beaches.</p>	<p><b>TREASURE CAY</b></p> <p>#562353: Residential Lot: \$85,000 Lovely, oversized multi-family residential lot in popular Anchorage Estates. Close to beaches and all amenities the resort and community offer. Invest in the future!</p>	<p><b>BAHAMA CORAL ISLAND</b></p> <p>#9935: Residential Lot: \$24,000 Lovely, homesite of approx. 10,000 sq.ft. with high elevation and views of the sea on the west of Abaco and the South side. Conveniently located just 3 miles north of Marsh Harbour.</p>	
<p><b>BAHAMA PALM SHORES</b></p> <p><b>UNDER CONTRACT</b></p> <p>#8928: 4bd/2bths : \$422,000 Secluded home, located directly across the lane from Eight Mile Bay and its gorgeous beach. Rooftop deck enjoys the best views of the area. Room to expand and add personal touch.</p>	<p><b>PELICAN SHORES</b></p> <p>#562332: 3bd/3bths : Executive Rental Spacious family home located on prestigious Pelican Shores. Long term lease only, references, first, last and security required. Lease pricing on request.</p>	<p><b>OFFICES IN</b> Abaco Nassau Exuma Eleuthera Long Island Harbour Island</p>		<p><b>MARSH HARBOUR</b></p> <p>#562133: 3bd/2bths: \$347,000 Fully furnished, with all new appliances and cabinets. Ideally located on quiet road, but close to Marsh Harbour. Excellent investment for rental or family home.</p>	<p><b>BUSTIC BIGHT</b></p> <p>#562174: Acreage: \$1,500,000 Green Cay is a nature lover's paradise. Situated just 1/2 mile off the west coast of Great Abaco Island. Perfectly suited for private retreat, bon-fishing resort, etc.</p>



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# More School News



The Ministry of Tourism has a Foreign Language Cadet Program that offers selected eleventh grade students a concentrated foreign language course. Four Abaco students are in the program studying Spanish and took first and second place wins at a competition in Nassau. They are shown here with their coach.

## School

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and to love their neighbor as themselves.

After lunch Pastor Silbert Mills of Friendship Tabernacle spoke to them on *The Role of the Pastor*. He told them that the pastor has to know the Word of God and must always be honest and truthful. He told them that he loves what he does especially since he knows that God called him to this role.

At Grace Baptist Church Bishop Clifford Henfield

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### TREASURE CAY

#### "Argyll House"

(Ref #483) Elegant & luxurious 4 bedroom, 5.5 bath Ocean Blvd. Estate approx. 6,900 s/f, on 1.6 acres with 153' on the beach, landscaped, fully furnished, high ceilings, marble floors, 2 car garage, includes vehicles. \$4,900,000.

#### "Tradewinds"

(Ref # 589) Luxurious 1 acre beachfront estate 4 bedroom 3.5 bath main house on T.C. point beach plus 3 bedroom 3 bath 2 storey guest house. Spectacular views, superior architectural design and finishes throughout, fully furnished. \$4,575,000.

#### "Peace & Plenty"

(Ref # 503) Splendid 7 bed, 4.5 bath 2 storey, fully furnished Ocean Blvd beachfront estate, situated in 1.453 superbly landscaped acres with 163' of spectacular beach frontage, magnificent views, covered balconies, superior finishes, guest cotage, ideal location with privacy. \$3,800,000.

#### "Final Approach"

(Ref # 601) Canal front 2 storey, 5,500 s/f 6 bedroom, 4.5 bath private home on large property, 100' private dock, 6' depth. Recently renovated, fully furnished, 4 car garage \$2,625,000.

#### "Trident House"

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

#### Galleon Bay Home

(Ref # 745) 3 bedroom, 2 bath single storey, 1,550 sq. ft. canal front home, fully furnished, located on elevated landscaped lot, carport & garage, deep water dock with boat lift. Includes van & 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.

#### Atlantis Condo # 2209

(Ref #770) Elegantly furnished & well maintained 2 bed, 2 bath 2nd level condo, vaulted ceilings overlooking Brigantine Bay. Includes boat slip & finger dock for 32' boat. \$549,000.

#### 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.

#### "Home, Sweet Home"

(Ref # 784) 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,240 s/f fully furnished home situated on 13,500 s/f lot close to beach. Adjoining lot also available. \$268,000.

#### Treasure Landings

(Ref # 600) Newly constructed 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,300 sq. ft. luxury condominiums, close to beach, marina, restaurants & shops. Superior finishes, fully furnished.

**Financing Available - \$495,000.**

#### Beach Villa 507

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

#### Brigantine Beach Condo

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

#### "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 bed, 1 bath fully furnished, two level poolside unit within view of Trasure Cay Marina & just a 5 minute walk from 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' + of protected canal water frontage situated on the wide expanse of picturesque 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.

#### 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.

#### LEISURE LEE

##### "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, 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.

#### LITTLE HARBOUR

##### Waterfront Property

(Ref #347) 2.2 acres, sea to sea, total 280' water frontage, ideal for boat dockage in protected Little Harbour, large natural cave. **Reduced Price \$608,000.**

#### TURTLE ROCKS

##### "Turtle's Rock"

(Ref #361) 3 bedroom 2.5 bath beach front home built in 2000 on 1.18 acres with 102' on the beach, very private area, fully furnished. \$755,000.

#### 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.

#### MARSH HARBOUR

##### Sea View Lot with Dockage

(Ref#493) Select residential lot in Great Abaco Club, 7,750 s/f in size, finger dock for 25' vessel, direct access to Sea of Abaco, gated community, all utilities available, use of all resort amenities, close to restaurants, shops, etc. **Reduced \$299,000.**

#### GREEN TURTLE CAY

##### "Beau Soleil"

(Ref#662) Beautiful 4 bed 5 bath Beachfront Estate - Main House, Guest House and Apt. total 3,634 s/f on 0.878 acres on White Sound with 120' dock, fresh water pool 173' beach frontage, great elevation, magnificent views, furnished. \$2,975,000. (Main House & Apt. also available separately)

#### 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

##### Atlantic Ocean Beach Front Parcel

(Ref # 714) 45,343 s/f parcel with 100' beach frontage on fantastic 8 mile beach. Electricity available at road boundary. Ideal for permanent residence or vacation home. \$349,000.

#### Inland Lot - Near Beach

(Ref # 756) Large 13,000 s/f lot near white sandy Atlantic Ocean beaches, native vegetation, Good road access. \$38,000.

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#13563



### LITTLE HARBOUR

Nice CBS 2 bed, 2 bath, situated on approx. 4 acres with 135' beachfront, 70' elevations. Spectacular views, perfect island living.

#13495 Price: \$1,450,000



### LITTLE HARBOUR

Lovely 2 bed, 2 bath home overlooking the harbour and channel entrance. Private dock. Walking distance to beaches, fishing and dining.

#13494



### LITTLE HARBOUR

Fabulous offering includes 14+ acres with 335' of beach frontage. 1 bed, 1 bath cottage. Privacy & seclusion in your own piece of paradise.

#13515 Price: \$4,250,000



### WATCHING BAY

Situated on 8 acres offering 250 feet of beachfront. 90 foot elevations and 35 foot dunes. One of a kind.

#13482 Price: \$2,185,000



### BAHAMA PALM SHORES

Lovely well maintained CBS home featuring 3 beds, 2 baths on corner lot 90x150. Enclosed & landscaped property with secluded garden.

#2837 Price: \$350,000



### BAHAMA PALM SHORES

Comfortable island style 3 bed, 3 bath on one acre of property. 100' of gorgeous beachfront. Relax & enjoy the Bahamian lifestyle at it's best.

#13180 Price: \$580,000



### NEW LISTING

### BAHAMA PALM SHORES

Three bedroom, three bath, two storey home. Open concept beachside living on spectacular Atlantic Ocean lot.

#13552 Price: \$699,000



### NEW LISTING

### BAHAMA PALM SHORES

1 & 2 acre estate beachfront lots located in seaside community. Good elevations with gorgeous views of the Atlantic Ocean.

#13544 Starting at: \$295,000



### MURPHY TOWN

Very nice 2 bed, 2 bath home with open concept living, sits on 1.75 acres. Can be subdivided. Great investment opportunity. Open zoning, area invites multi-family development.

#13475 Price: \$305,000



### NEW LISTING

### TURTLE ROCKS

Newly built home on over an acre of beachfront property. Four beds, 3 1/2 bath with open concept living. Breathtaking views of the Sea of Abaco.

#13561 Price: \$1,400,000



### NEW LISTING

### COOPERS TOWN

40 acres of untouched property with nice coppice growth. Hilltop and waterfront ideal for residential development.

#13558 Price: \$490,000



### GREEN TURTLE CAY

1.5 acres on gorgeous ocean beach with 135 feet of frontage and great elevations. This is the last available piece in this area.

#2809 Price: \$820,000



### CASUARINA POINT

Nice 4 bed, 4 bath furnished home on gorgeous beachfront with views of Atlantic. Generator, cable, phone, fenced, deck, turnkey!

#2818 Price: \$580,000



### CASUARINA POINT

Two storey waterfront 4 bed, 2 bath home situated on 120 feet of sea walled property. Boaters dream. Boat ramp.

#13312 \$590,000



### SAND BAR AT CHEROKEE

Great potential for expansion, 2 acres of pristine waterfront property small villa & restaurant buildings. Spectacular views.

#13088 Price: \$2,455,000



### CHEROKEE SOUND

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- Bustick Bight** Two half acre lots. 100' each of seafront. \$115,000
- Sand Banks** Two waterfront properties, located in Sand Banks. \$185,000
- Bahama Palm Shores** Interior lots available with electric/phones starting at \$25,000
- Casuarina Point** Canal front lot with ocean access. Water/electric/cable. \$80,000
- Green Turtle Cay** 1.5 acres on gorgeous beach. 135 ft. frontage. \$820,000
- Treasure Cay** Elevated lot offering, golfing, deep-sea fishing, boating. \$90,000
- Sand Banks** Five half acre lots available, located in Sand Banks. \$73,000 each
- Bahama Coral Island** Many lots available in growing community. \$18,500

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15 April 2007

# North Abaco News

## Plant Fair in Treasure Cay

Friends of the Environment held a very successful Native Plant Fair at the Community Center in Treasure Cay on March 31st. The purpose of the event was to encourage the planting and cultivation of native plants. Native plants not only require less water, they also hold up better on the long term in the sometimes harsh, salty environment of



George Hallahan and Al Shew carry the rain barrel created by Kim Tiernan and Shawn Roberts to Peggy Larder's car, who purchased the barrel at the Treasure Cay Plant Fair sponsored by Friends of the Environment.

The Bahamas and provide an important food source for local and migratory birds.

Lindsey McCoy, Executive Director of Friends, spoke about other programs the organization is undertaking and a great deal of interest was expressed in extending a recycling program in the area.

Eleanor Phillips, Director of the Nature Conservancy Bahamas Country Program, spoke about the dangers of invasive plants that can crowd out natives, leaving a landscape that would be dominated by only a few plants. Hawaiian sea grape, casuarina, Brazilian pepper are the main culprits on Abaco.

Martha Hannah-Smith, an expert on Bush Medicine, spoke about the uses of various natives to an appreciative audience of around 70 people. Thanks to support from the Great Abaco Nursery, a native plant was given to everyone who attended as a reminder to plant native.

Beautiful rain barrels

that can be used to capture rain water to water plants and lawns were auctioned by Al Shew to benefit Friends. Local artists Marjolein Scott, Keats Whitcraft and Sally Rayner designed gorgeous rain barrels, and Guana Cay artists Kim Tiernan and Shawn Roberts took the idea to the next level, transforming their rain barrel into a fountain!

To see more pictures of the event visit [www.tcpoa.com](http://www.tcpoa.com). Friends would like to thank all who attended and to Uli Nowlan and Gretchen Balch for helping to promote the event.

## North Abaco

By Vernique Russell  
FNM walk-a-thon and breakfast

The Free National Movement held a walk-a-thon in North Abaco on April 7 that began at Fire Road and ended at Ingraham's Park in Cooper's Town. FNM's supporters from all over the island came together in support of the event. Energized party supporters took the street by storm and fired up the street with party pride. Upon completion of the walk, breakfast was served. The event was also a great time for fellowship among the party supporters. In respect of Holy Week, Party Leader and Member of Parliament for North Abaco, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, did not give

any speeches or make any remarks. However, the North Abaco Branch of Torch Bearers and the FNM Senior Association expressed thanks to everyone who supported the event. On hand for the event were Mr. Ingraham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edison Key and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sweeting. Hats off to Mr. Gary Smith, Torch Bearers' President for North Abaco, and Mr. Leon Pinder, Chairman Senior Association, and their teams for a job well done.

## Fund raiser is successful

The North Abaco Summer Festival and Power Boat Race Committee hosted another very successful Holiday Beach Party Fund Raiser on Easter Monday. Abaconians came from near and far to show their support for another Summer Festival and Power Boat Race to be held on July 19 - 22. This will be the 2nd Annual Summer Festival and Power Boat Race. The Holiday Beach Party Fund Raisers which began as an effort to raise funds last year have grown to be very popular and exciting.

## Treasure Cay Primary Inter-House Sport Day

The Treasure Cay Primary School held its Annual Inter-House Sport Day on March 28 and 29. With the school being divided

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## La Casa Soleil



Private sale \$1.9m

Las Casa Soleil is recently renovated, luxurious 3 bedroom, 4 bath waterfront property with 32 foot pool, overlooking Brigantine Bay within the prestigious residential gated community of Treasure Cay, Abaco.

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# Good Governance Mr. Christie?



If you are a member of the Perry Christie government, you are rewarded for bad behaviour.

**FACT:** Kenyatta Gibson and Keod Smith “bust up” furniture in Cabinet. First Perry Christie denied that a fight took place. Then he promised a full report. Then he reluctantly took their resignations. Now he is asking young Bahamian men and women to vote for Kenyatta and Keod – these are bad role models for our young people.

**FACT:** Vincent Peet claims that the ten thousand dollars in US \$100 bills stolen from his bedroom closet was to pay his child’s school fees. Bahamians do not pay college fees for their children by jumping on Bahamasair with bags of U.S. cash. Perry made Peet Minister of Financial Services and Investments.

**FACT:** Shane Gibson brings shame to The Bahamas. Perry Christie praises and defends him as a good man, and blames Hubert Ingraham for Shane’s troubles. Perry puts Shane’s work at Immigration forward as an example of good governance and is asking Bahamians to vote for Shane.

**FACT:** Fred Mitchell can’t explain what happened to the visas. Perry Christie continues to give him his fullest support and offers him as his candidate in Fox Hill again.

**FACT:** Not even the judges are safe from Perry Christie’s brand of Justice. Allyson Maynard Gibson contemplated suing a Supreme Court judge for telling the truth. Perry Christie is now asking the good people of Pinewood to re-elect her, even though she has failed to win justice for the Bethel family in Pinewood.

**FACT:** *It’s a matter of TRUST, Mr. Christie!*

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# More North Abaco News

## North

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into three team houses that represented three former Governor Generals, Cash, Darling and Butler, the fight was on to see which house would be the best and finish first. At the end of two exciting and competitive days the house that won bragging rights for one year was the Mighty Cash that was followed by the Butlers and then Darlings.

### Residents receive assistance

Following the command to feed the less fortunate and give hope to the broken, Pastor Bridgette Mills, Mrs. Shiela Lightbourne and others organized a food drive to assist residents in need in North Abaco. From Sand Banks to Crown Haven residents received food bags and boxes filled with food items. Special boxes were prepared for diabetics and those on medication. Over 120 boxes in total were distributed and residents were extremely grateful for the food.

If you are interested in assisting or making donations to the food drive, your offers will be kindly appreciated. The effort does

not have any religion affiliation but is the joint effort of neighbors helping neighbor. Everyone is invited to be a part and lend a helping hand.

### Election is drawing nigh

Election 2007 will be held on May 2nd and is quickly creeping upon us. There are only a few days left before we go to the polls. Abaconians, please let's be civilized and respectful towards all, regardless of their choice. It is their constitutional right to exercise their judgement in selecting that candidate and party that they think is best for them. We must graduate from the days when politics divided us and move on up. Please, Abaconians especially North Abaconians, let's make this short election campaign time as peaceful as possible. After May 2nd we still have to live under the same sky in the same communities and attend the same churches; therefore, let us grow up and display sound judgement and behavior during this election season. Remember, the election only comes around every five years, but we have to live

amongst each other every day. Please, let's help make this election as peaceful as possible.

### Nomination Day

April 13th was Nomination Day throughout the Bahamas. Nomination Day is the ratifying of persons anticipating as candidates in a national election in accordance to Article 47 of the Constitution. Throughout The Bahamas over 100 candidates made their way to their respective constituencies to make the financial declaration of their assets and liabilities in order to be nominated. Here in North Abaco four candidates were nominated; two are representing political parties and two are running as independent candidates.

First to the Administrator Office in Cooper's Town to be nominated was PLP candidate, Mr. Fritz Bootle. He and a group of supporters marched from the party headquarters chanting the song, *I have drawn the line and am going with the PLP all the way*. Determined not to turn back, supporters cheered Mr. Bootle on as he came from Administrator

Theophilus Cox's office and indicated that he is an official candidate in the race.

A motorcade that began at the Treasure Cay entrance led by North Abaco MP, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, made its way to the Administrator's Office for nomination. Joined by scores of his supporters, Mr. Ingraham presented his paper work which, after being approved, made his nomination official. Following his nomination Mr. Ingraham addressed party supporters, firstly thanking them for their support over the past 30 years. He expressed his appreciation and described his supporters as wonderful.

Following Mr. Ingraham's nomination was that of Independent Candidate Cay Mills. He was also accompanied by supporters and finally emerged from the Administrator Office with his receipt in his hand signifying that it is official. However, Nomination Day took an unexpected twist when a fourth candidate came to be ratified. The fourth candidate that will

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contest the North Abaco seat is Mr. Norman Claridge.

All candidates have been given the stamp of approval and the race to the finish line has begun. May 2nd will be the day to complete the race.

### 23 complete straw course

The BAIC office congratulated the 22 persons who recently completed the Straw Craft course in Green Turtle Cay. The instructor for the workshop was Mytle Munroe. The straw craft course was held on April 12 - April 21st. An official

graduation will be held later.

### Ladies Conference

The New Hope Baptist Church in Mount Hope will host its Annual Women's Conference on April 24th - 27th at the church. Guest speaker for this event will be Bishop Ricardo Grant of Universal Household of Faith on Grand Bahama. This year's conference will be held under the theme *Women of Faith and Determination*. The public is invited to attend nightly at 7 p.m.



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# Central Abaco News

## New ferry service

By Jennifer Hudson

Abaco Ferry, a new ferry service, began operating between Marsh Harbour and Elbow Cay on March 24 providing competition for the established Albury's Ferry Service (in business for 49 years). The new scheduled passenger ferry service runs between Marsh Harbour, Hope Town and White Sound with departure locations at Crossing Beach dock (beside Albury's Ferry) in Marsh Harbour, the upper dock in Hope Town and across from the Fire Station in White Sound. Presently, the ferry is operating only one boat but soon, with the arrival of more boats, it will expand its service to Man-O-War, Great Guana and Scotland Cay. By next month Abaco Ferry plans to have a fleet of five or six boats.

Rates from Marsh Harbour to Hope Town and from Marsh Harbour to White Sound are \$15 one-way and \$20 round-trip. From Hope Town to White Sound the cost is \$5 dollars one-way and \$10 round-trip. Round-trip tickets are good any time. Children under six ride free and children aged six to 12 pay half price. Charter prices are available on request. A ferry schedule is available from the ticket booth at Crossing Beach.

The ferry's 42-foot boat is enclosed and fully air-conditioned. The owners state that their vessels will all be clean and well maintained and offer unmatched passenger safety and comfort features such as twin engines, radar and GPS satellite navigation systems. They meet all Bahamian and U.S. Coast Guard certifications. This new, modern boat covers the journey from Marsh Harbour to Hope Town in just 15 minutes.

The owner/operators of Abaco Ferry, the Sherwood Simms Family, are native Abaconians as are boat captains Ryan Williams and Ivan Curry. President is Ms. Bernadette Hepburn, oldest daughter of the family who presently also holds the post of Human Resources Director at the Abaco Club on Winding Bay. Office Manager is Tasha Mills. The ferry's motto is *Service with a smile* and the family vows to "treat our

guests in the happy and cheerful manner for which the people of Abaco are so well known. Whether you're a local resident commuter, veteran Out Island traveller or first-time Abaco visitor, our goal is to make your ferry ride a relaxing and enjoyable experience."

A grand opening at which people were treated to refreshments, music and free T-shirts, was held on March 23, the day before ferry service officially began. According to the ticket clerk, business so far has been good, especially with the tourists. Though the schedule is not yet lined up for workers, some workers have already been using the ferry. But with the arrival of more boats plans will be made to better accommodate the workers' schedule.

The ferry is running an *Abaco Ferry Loves Me* contest as a way of saying "thanks for your support" and it gives customers the chance to win \$100 just by wearing an Abaco Ferry T-shirt around town. Each week one person wearing the ferry T-shirt will be selected. The winner's picture will be posted Friday on the ferry and the person simply needs to present him or herself to the captain by the following Friday to win the \$100. For those persons who did not receive a free T-shirt at the Grand Opening, T-shirts may be purchased on board at any time.

## Mother Merle celebrates forty years in business

By Mirella Santillo

On May 24th the popular Dundas Town restaurant, Mother Merle's, will celebrate its 40th year in business. Since 1967 the owner, Mrs. Merle Williams, has been catering to locals and tourists alike, all enjoying her genuine Bahamian recipes. Mother Merle was sitting down, incapacitated now by diabetes, but still wanting to be involved in the running of the restaurant she founded. Her two daughters, Shirley Lockhart and Angela Cornish, were busily seeing to the preparation of the evening meal. Mrs. Cornish explained that she and her sister had been involved since the very beginning. "I was 11 years old when the restaurant opened," she explained. "Mother was the main cook, but we helped and served the guests. We spent all our lives working here," she added.

The business endured in spite of family tragedy and hurricane damage, especially Hurricane Floyd. When one of her sons was electrocuted a few years ago, Mother Merle started to suffer health problems and the restaurant became carry-out only. Then two years ago, two of her grandsons, Javon and Julian Black, moved to Abaco and got in-

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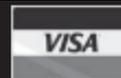
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involved in the family business, giving it a rebirth. The dining area was restored, the place revamped and reopened with a full menu.

Mother Merle's is open Monday to Saturday for what she calls The Deli, which serves hamburgers, cheese burgers, Bahama wraps, fried wings and rotisserie chicken. The full menu of steak, conch, fish, pork chops or chicken with side orders is available on Monday and then from Thursday to Saturday. Every Wednesday you can enjoy a party in the backyard with rotisserie chicken, barbecued ribs or wild boar.

Prices at Mother Merle are reasonable with the steak dinner being the most expensive item on the menu. So for a taste of wholesome Bahamian food and friendly Bahamian hospitality, don't forget to check

Mother Merle's in Dundas Town.

## Coffee Shop Opens

By Julian Lockhart

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# Sports News

## Weekends see sporting activities

By Mirella Santillo

The last weekend of March was busy with sporting events. While a dart competition was taking place at Russell's Sports Bar for the National Masters' qualification, Youth in Action played basketball at the Ocean View Park on Friday and Saturday for inter-island championships. On Sunday the regular soccer games took place at Murphy Town Park.

The dart competition started on Friday evening and lasted till midnight. The players met again on Saturday for several hours, taking a break between rounds to enjoy a Bahamian food buffet.

Five women and 10 men played five rounds against each other in round robin format to amass points. Similar tournaments were taking place at the same time on New Providence and Grand Bahama so the results could be compiled and compared. The

top players on each island qualified for the National Masters Tournament. These top 16 men and top eight women will participate in the National Masters Tournament which will be held on Abaco at Humming Bird Restaurant on May 4th and 5th.

Our local players came out with honors from the tournament. When all the points were totaled up between the three islands, three ladies from Abaco, Angela Russell with 67.5 points, Faith Sawyer (Abaco Dart Association's President) with 35.5 points and Lenora Pinder with 30 points, and five men, Myron Albury with 145 points, Lloyd Deveaux with 134 points, Donald Burrows with 131.5 points, Shane Sawyer with 118 points and Dwight McDonald with 116 points, had made the National Masters Tournament. We will follow their performances on the first weekend of May.

In soccer action on April 1st the K & Q Stars played the Steelers in the first game of the afternoon. The K & Q won 3 -0. During the second game two of the new

teams competed against each other, Hope Town Show Stoppers winning against the New Stars 3 to 1. At present the Show Offs are on top of the league leading 22 points, followed closely by Abacom United with 21 points and the K & Q Stars in third position with 20 points.



A recent dart competition on Abaco resulted in the naming of the competitors who will play against teams from Nassau and Grand Bahama next month. The winners of that tournament will go to the Caribbean Championship.

On Easter Sunday the first round of the Knock Out Cup took place between the two top teams, the Show Offs and Abacom United, in the first game and between the Medics and K&Q Stars in the second game.

Please note that in the last article about the Dart Association we mentioned that Mr. Malcom Spicer was the President of the Abaco Dart Association. This is incorrect. Mrs. Faith Sawyer is the President and Mr. Spicer, the Secretary. Mr. Spicer also holds the titles of Secretary General of the Caribbean Darts Organization and President of the World Dart Federation, America's Region and in that capacity is the organizer of the Americas' Cup.

## Youth in Action's basketball camp at Camp Abaco

By Mirella Santillo

On the weekend of March 23-24 Youth in Action held a basketball camp at Camp Abaco. Approximately 40 boys aged 10 to 16 from all over the island participated. They came from Treasure Cay, Cooper's Town, Murphy Town, Dundas Town and Crossing Rocks.

Coach Godfrey Rolle accompanied his group from Treasure Cay; Mr. "Stretch" Morley and Mr. Chris Smith also acted as coaches and chaperons to the children. The camp was aimed at improving basketball skills and developing a spirit of camaraderie between the various communities. The boys were divided into mixed teams, playing with boys from other settlements. The teams played against each others during several games starting Friday evening and continuing all day Saturday. Because it was too cold, the

boys were not allowed to swim but they were treated to a movie and took part in a church service held by Youth Pastor Rudy McKenzie from Full Gospel Assembly of God.

A package deal comprising accommodation and food had been provided for \$50 per person by Camp Abaco's Director, Rev. Stafford Symonette.

## Little League Starts

By Julian Lockhart

The Abaco Little League Association got off to a swinging start on April 14 as they started with 22 children of varying ages with their first clinic at the Murphy Town playing fields. Little League baseball is played throughout The Bahamas with teams on various Family Islands and finally Abaco has an association. In time leagues will be started in different age groups, competing against each other. The association is looking for coaches and is hoping that other communities will add their own teams once play starts. Once the league is fully started in Abaco, it can then start competing against the other islands.

Association president Leslie Rolle said, "It is nice to finally get started. We are just starting and the turnout is great already. It shows that the kids are interested and parents are interested. Hopefully, the league will grow, but there will be some growing pains in the beginning of any league. Our plan is to first conduct clinics and have as many kids come out as possible. Then later divide them

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# More Sports News

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into teams and various leagues depending on age groups. Actually a member of our association, the vice-president (Jonathan Sweeting) is from Marsh Harbour and he has ties in Man-O-War Cay and Hope Town. One of his responsibilities is to get teams in the league from those places," he added.

There will be three divisions with t-ball (5-8 years), minor league (9-12 year olds) and major league (13-16 year olds, and girls are allowed to play in t-ball.

Mr. Rolle is hoping to find a number of diamonds-in-the-rough players who can look to gain scholarships to American universities; and if everything breaks right, a chance to play professional baseball. Mr. Rolle said, "That is why we have taken this step to help kids get scholarships. We know what the benefits are. Besides having the kids engaged in wholesome sporting activities there is a future for them and that comes in the form of finances and scholarships."

For now the association is holding its clinics on the Murphy Town softball field but has targeted a piece of land where the carnival held to build its little league field. Mr. Rolle is still looking for sponsors not only for equipment but eventually for individual teams once the league starts.

For now they are using equipment borrowed from S.C. Bootle High School, balls, gloves and bats donated by an anonymous donor from Marsh Harbour and some equipment bought by the executives of the association.

Mr. Rolle said, "I have been soliciting funds for some time now. We have gotten some positive responses and a major company has agreed to buy some baseball equipment for us. But that has been a long time coming. So we have taken the initiative and went into our pockets to buy some equipment ourselves. We welcome anybody who wants to help us," he concluded.

# Scotland Cay supports Guana Fire and Rescue



Ric Symmes, President of the Scotland Cay Property Owners Association, presented a \$500 donation to Guana Fire and Rescue represented by Troy Albury, left. "This brings to more than \$1,500 dollars in donations from Scotland Cay so far this year," said Symmes. "Guana Fire and Rescue is a volunteer organization that provides an emergency service to the community and first aid and rescue.

This can make the difference between life and death" said Symmes. "Scotland Cay is part of that community and wants to support those volunteers through our Association and through private donations. In the past month a person returning to Scotland Cay received serious head wounds when his boat went aground in the dark between Guana and Scotland Cay." said Symmes. "Guana Fire and Rescue came out in the middle of the night to assist P.O. Mertz from Scotland Cay, stop the loss of blood and evacuate the injured man to the Marsh Harbour clinic. There have been other examples of response from Guana Fire and Rescue in past years, and we are very grateful. The Scotland Cay Property Owners Association represents approximately 70 second homes and 30 property owners from the United States, Canada, Europe and the Bahamas.

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# People in the News

## National Insurance Office has a new Director

By Mirella Santillo

Since January 4th of this year, the local office of the National Insurance Board has a new Regional Manager, Mr. Gordon Musgrove, who moved here from Nassau.

"I have less employees, but more responsibilities," stated Mr. Musgrove, as we discussed the challenges associated with his job, but the main challenge upon moving to Abaco was housing. He moved here with his 11-year-old son Dylan, but the rest of his family, his wife Ingrid, daughter Amanda and baby girl Madison stayed behind until this month. "I missed my family, but the adjustment was not hard in term of culture," he added. "Abaco is great for family life and children.



Gordon Musgrove

"Wherever I was, I have always continued positives routines," he explained. Playing basketball on Saturday morning became one of these routines as soon as he moved here. He enrolled his son in Youth in Action and became a coach, helping his old acquaintance and basketball rival, Mr. "Stretch" Morley, to train the children. A supporter of programs stimulating development in children, Mr. Musgrove would like to see the formation of a primary school age basketball league and more children related activities such as camping.

Mr. Musgrove, an 18-year employee of the National Insurance Board, outlined the responsibilities that went with his new position. "Here I am responsible for the entire operation, from revenue collection to claim processing to registration of persons and more with the help of only 15 people," he stated.

He officially announced the expected pension Increases that will be retroactive to March 1st, 2007, explaining that all benefits have been increased.

The maximum retirement benefit awarded at age 65 is now \$270, an increase of \$40. The maximum increase is \$45 applied to the retirement benefits awarded at age 60-63. That pension is now \$250. The full details of the increase are contained in a form available at the National Insurance Office or online at info@nib-bahamas.com.

Mr. Musgrove reminisced how Abaco was one of his first choices when he applied for a position relating to his tour of duty and how happy he is to be here. "I am

going to be here for a while. This is my domicile now. It'll be hard to make me move."

## Royal Bank Welcomes New Manager

By Samantha vans

The Royal Bank of the Canada welcomed a new Manager to the Marsh Harbour branch in January. Mr. Antonio T. Eyma was transferred here from the Harbour Island Branch. He started his career in banking in 1989 and learned it from the ground



Antonio T. Eyma

up which allowed him to see all facets of banking. When he began, a lot of things had to be done manually, but today the banks have computers which make things much easier.

Mr. Eyma is happy to be on Abaco and looks forward to being here for at least five years. He is very friendly to clients conducting confidential business. He would also love to hire more employees so that they can better execute service. He stated that Service Is Key!

He explained that a new branch will soon be built for the bank which will be located next door in the vacant lot. The ground breaking is scheduled for June 2007. Once this location is built, it will be more client friendly he stated. It will be about one year until the new building will be completed and when it is, it will be more community-

tial business. He would also love to hire more employees so that they can better execute service. He stated that Service Is Key!

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# PROPERTIES FOR SALE

## LISTED PROPERTIES - RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

# FAMILY ISLAND

### HAWKSBILL SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 124

PROPERTY SIZE: Single Storey Residence (5,400 sq. ft.)

LOCATION: Abaco Drive

APPRAISED VALUE: \$70,000

### EIGHT MILE ROCK

PROPERTY SIZE: Incomplete Single Family Duplex (5,000 sq. ft.)

LOCATION: Main Settlement of Eight Mile Rock

APPRAISED VALUE: \$145,000

### YEOMAN WOOD SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 7 Block 1 Unit 1

PROPERTY SIZE: Single Storey Residence (13,660 sq. ft.)

LOCATION: On a Cul-de-sac off Albatross Circle

APPRAISED VALUE: \$96,000

### MALIBOO REEF ESTATES SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 104

PROPERTY SIZE: Duplex Building (11,866 sq. ft.)

LOCATION: Galleon Avenue & Outrigger CT

APPRAISED VALUE: \$360,000

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LOT NO. 27 Section 21 Block "D"

PROPERTY SIZE: Single Storey Residence (10,446 sq. ft.)

LOCATION: Linday Drive

APPRAISED VALUE: \$59,000

### ARDENT FOREST SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 25 Block 2 Unit 1

PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Incomplete Residence (0.34 acres)

LOCATION: 250 Yards West of Midshipman Road

APPRAISED VALUE: \$62,842

### ROYAL BAHAMIAN ESTATES

LOT NO. 225 Section 28

PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Residence - 3 Beds / 2 Baths (21,250 sq. ft.)

LOCATION: Inagua Avenue

APPRAISED VALUE: \$204,000

## LISTED PROPERTIES - VACANT LOTS

### LINCOLN GREEN SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 52 Block 5 Unit 1

PROPERTY SIZE: Multi Family (0.28 acres)

LOCATION: Western Side of Ludford Road

APPRAISED VALUE: \$30,000

### ARDENT FOREST SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 11 Block 22 Unit 2

PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family (0.35 acres)

LOCATION: South Side of Orlando Drive & Arden Forest Road

APPRAISED VALUE: \$30,000

### SEA HORSE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 3 Block 11

PROPERTY SIZE: Multi/Single Family (0.27 acres)

LOCATION: Eastern Side of Bonito Street

APPRAISED VALUE: \$30,000

### ROYAL BAHAMIAN ESTATES SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 16 block 23

PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family (0.44 acres)

LOCATION: South Side of Dominica Avenue

APPRAISED VALUE: \$25,000

### BAHAMIA SOUTH SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 10 Block 32 Section 2

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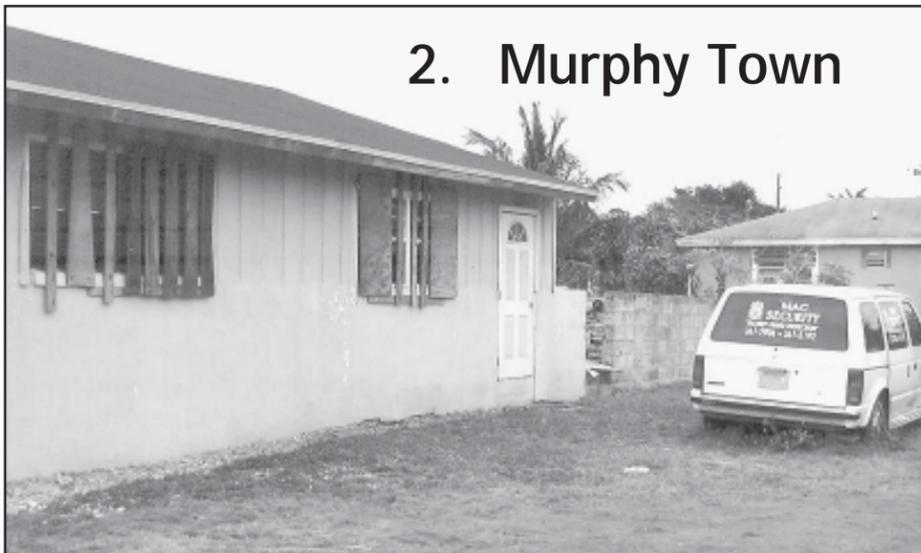
# Investment Opportunity (Abaco) - Must Sell



1. Dundas Town

One two bedrooms, 1 bathroom, triplex. Approximately 9,000 sq. ft. lot no. 18B with an area for a small shop. Age-12 years the land is a portion of one of the Dundas Town Crown Allotment parcels stretching from Forest Drive to Front Street, being just under a quarter acre in size and on the lowside. A concrete block structure, with asphalt shingle roof and L-shape in design with a total length of 70 x 26 ft. Plus 50 x 22 ft. 2,920 sq. Ft. the interior walls are concrete blocks; ceiling is sheet rock and the floors of vinyl tiles.

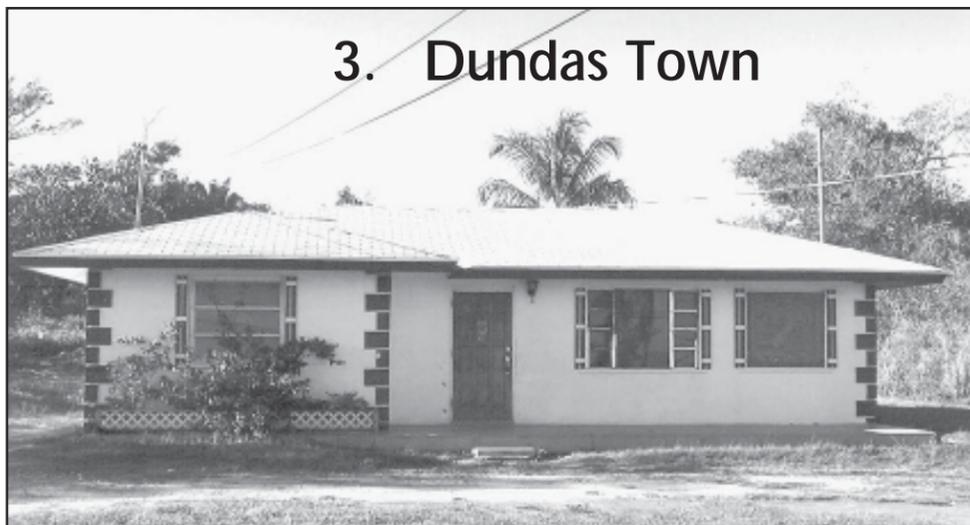
Appraised value \$268,225.00



2. Murphy Town

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.

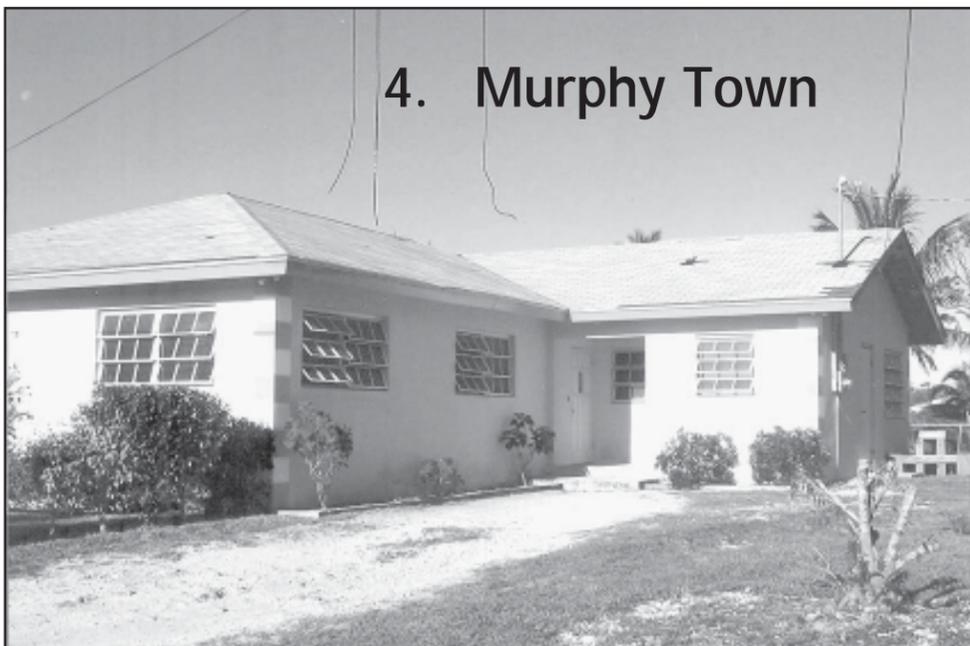
Appraised value \$75,660.00



3. Dundas Town

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



4. Murphy Town

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

For more information - Contact

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Nassau, NP, Bahamas

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# More School News

## School

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spoke to them on *Why Children Should Go to Church*. He began by telling them that God commands us all to go to church. At church they will learn the fundamental ways to behave, learn songs about Jesus, learn Bible verses and how to worship. He told the children to honor their parents because God will bless them with long life.

The final stop was at Soul Saving Ministries, the church that recently adopted the school. Pastor Lawrence Arnett told them his church is located in the Central Pines Subdivision. They have the opportunity to share the word of God with the residents. He encouraged them to go to church because here is where they will learn about the love of God.



*Members of the International Day Committee at Abaco Central High School raised funds to purchase new overhead projectors for the school. All of the money was raised from goods sold on International Day held recently at the school. Accepting the gifts was principal of the school, Mr. Kenris Hield, who stated that he felt that this was a gesture worth mentioning. He feels great that the teachers took the initiative to make such expensive purchases for the school. Committee members are Lori Thompson, M. Hall, Denise Gadsby, Martha Smith, Eva Adderley, Ruth Edgcombe, Glenda Johnson, Shantell Miller, Sindy Charles and Enrique Brown.*



*Pastor Silbert Mills of Friendship Tabernacle urged the second grade students to live by good Christian principles. He told them how much he enjoyed his work as pastor.*



*Pator David Cartwright of the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel very effectively spoke to the second grade students of Central Abaco Primary School with the help of his puppet friend, Elias.*

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minded as well as service-oriented. Mr. Emya will continue to encourage employees to improve their skills by visiting the company's website. Any course they take will be reimbursed by the bank. The company also offers professional development training courses that they are advised to take. Training is also offered from Nassau Regional Office and trainers will visit the island as needed. Mr. Emya is married to Barbara Emya and they have one daughter Shavaz Emya.

## Sandra Evans was elected to National Board

By Jennifer Hudson

Local Real Estate Agent, Sandra Evans, was recently elected to the National Board.

Ms. Evans is the only Abaco agent ever to be nominated. The Bahamas Real Estate Association was established to the govern real estate business practices of its 550 members and to encourage greater professionalism through education. Ms. Evans already serves on the International Committee. A significant presence of the Bahamas Association of Realtors Expo at the Florida Association of Realtors in Orlando this coming August is already in the planning stages.



Sandra Evans

Ms. Evans is in her 10th year as a real estate agent and is one of the more visible agents on Abaco.

## 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

### RULES

- 1 Family Guardian's Annual Calendar Photo Contest is open to **all photographers**. The title for the company's 2008 calendar will be "A CELEBRATION OF NATURE." Photographs may be of any subject (animate or inanimate) or a scene which is a striking example of nature as found in The Bahama Islands. All photographs must be taken in The Bahamas.
- 2 **DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS MAY 31, 2007.**
- 3 **All entries are to be delivered to Family Guardian's Corporate Centre, Village and Eastern Road Roundabout, Nassau, between 9:00am and 5:00pm weekdays only.** Envelopes should be marked "Calendar Contest."
- 4 All entries must be accompanied by an **official entry form**, available at any Family Guardian office or when published in the newspapers.
- 5 Only colour images in horizontal format will be considered. Images must be provided as 35mm film or digital images on CD. **35mm film can be positive (slides) or colour negatives. Digital images must be of high quality (2700 x 2100 pixels or larger). Digital images showing any signs of photo manipulation, resolution enhancement or compression will be rejected.** To ensure the best colour reproduction, digital images should be supplied in RAW, TIFF or high quality JPEG and in the original colour format the camera uses (LAB or RGB). **All entries must be supplied with prints which will be used in the judging process. (Note: prints submitted without 35mm slides or negatives or CD's will not be eligible).** The photographer's name and photo subject should be written on the reverse of the print.
- 6 Judging of entries will be based on beauty, interest, composition, colour, originality and quality of photograph. Preference will be given to fauna photographed in its natural state, rather than in captivity. The photographs selected will appear in Family Guardian's 2008 calendar. The decision of the judges will be final.
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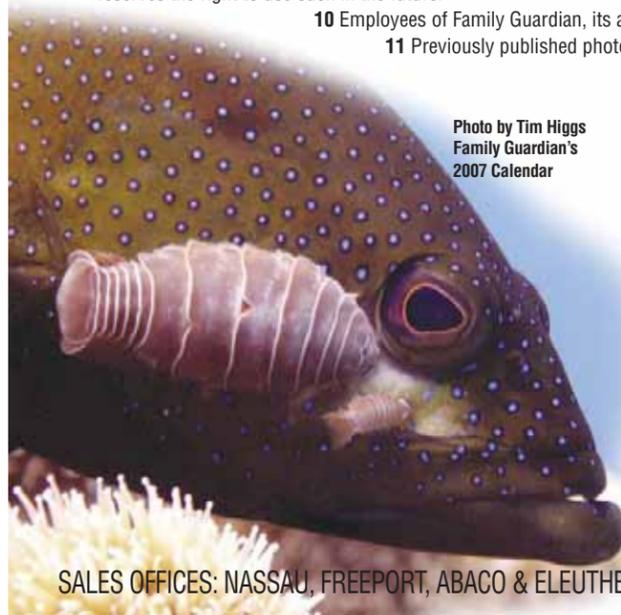


Photo by Tim Higgs Family Guardian's 2007 Calendar

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# More School News

## Rotary's 7th annual Speech Competition

By Mirella Santillo

The Rotary Club of Abaco sponsors of an annual speech contest created within the guide lines of the Ministry of Education. The principals of all the schools in the Abaco School District were invited to select two students each to enter the competition. Eight school entered the contest in three divisions. Five Rotarians judged the competition. Ms. Felamese Sawyer of the Ministry of Education was the coordinator for the project which took place at the Resource Center on March 30th.

In the Primary Division Kayleisa

Marshall and Britney Mc Hardy from Central Abaco Primary School both chose the topic *If you were an animal, what would you like to be? Why?* Their interpretation of the subject and their performances won them respectively first and second place. The third place student, Aisha Jones from St. Francis de Sales, elaborated on the question *What makes for lasting friendship?*

The Juniors (grades 7 to 9) had a choice of topics. *Reading, is it as important as it once was?* was a topic that was well documented by Oliceia Simon from St. Francis de Sales for which she was rewarded by a first place. Sabrina Dielh from Forest Heights Academy and Anya Mills from S.C. Bootle who placed sec-

ond and third, both discussed *How can the problem of obesity in school children be addressed?*

The Seniors (grades 10-12) were presented with four choices of discussion: *Are wars ever necessary? The family structure is breaking down. Why? What will be the effects of global warming on Abaco in the next 50 years? Computers in school. Boon or distraction?* The topic of family structure breaking down was a popular subject chosen by three of the students, among them the winner, Brittany Archer. Runner up, Zoe McDaniel from Forest Heights demonstrated why wars are not necessary and Antonia Wright, also from Forest Heights, placed third.

All together 23 students participated, mostly girls. Only two boys made presentations, one from Cyber Learning Center and one from SC Bootle.

The students' presentations were well documented. It was obvious that they had researched their topics in depth. Their performance on the podium ranged from dramatic to subdued, from acted out to the mere reading of notes, but overall it was a very good display of knowledge and elocution.

The finalists were invited to participate in the Texaco 6th annual Safety Speech Contest which will take place in Nassau the end of April. The top three finishers are being offered \$ 10,000 \$6,000 and \$3,000 towards education at the college of their choice.



These are the winners of the speech contest sponsored the Rotary Club of Abaco. There were three winners in each of the age categories. On the right is Mr. Bryan Thompson, President of the Rotary Club.

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leave the pallet saying thanks for hours to come.

Jamaal Moss, cousin of Florence Sawyer of Treasure Cay, and his wife, Tara, daughter Mrs. Sawyer, decided to give Marsh Harbour a taste of what the folks up north were enjoying for years at Café La Florence.

Located downstairs of the Hull Building, Café La Florence is open from Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for anyone wishing to experience a taste of heaven.

## Aisle of Palm Realty Moves

By Julian Lockhart

After three years in an office on Pole Line Road, Aisle of Palm Realty has moved to a prime location and continue showcasing its top notch real estate services. Broker Brent Cartwright feels the four-year-old company can now better assist its clients with its new location in the Hull Building in Marsh Harbour. He and agent Maria Sylvester lend a personal touch and give them a feeling that they are the only one with their one-to-one service. Both can be contacted through their website or their listings of properties can be found at [www.aisleofpalmrealty.com](http://www.aisleofpalmrealty.com).

Aisle of Palm Realty has also opened a new office in Guana Cay next to Guana Harbour Grocery that is run by agent Rhiannon Thomas.

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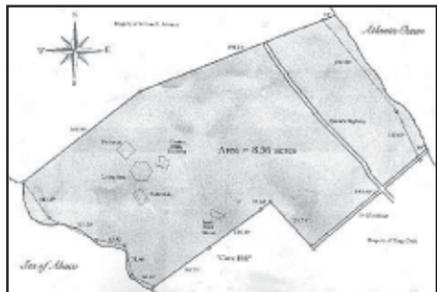
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# Viewpoint . . . Community Networking

By Vernique Russell

The TCPOA (Treasure Cay Property Owners Association) is designed to encourage community residents in Treasure Cay to partnership and work together to improve the quality of life for its members. With the "ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country" mentality, the organization works together correct minor needs without the government such as road paving and security issues

among others. For a small fee yearly, members can have their roads paved with waiting on the government. The security booth at the gate in Treasure Cay is an example of what community networking can accomplish. However, more residents can play an active role in assisting the efforts of the association.

The association so far has shown great strides in planning and accomplishing their goals but with more members that they can

accomplish much more. Therefore, I am encouraging you Bahamians to join the TCPOA, and together let's work together for a Treasure Cay that will benefit all of us.

At the recent annual meeting I was saddened by the fact that there were little to no Bahamians present or even members of the association. It is time that we as a people realized that we don't have to sit back and wait on government to do anything. Reality

is that if it hasn't been done yet, chances are it will not be done any time soon. For too long we as a people have depended on government to provide for our needs that we cannot meet ourselves. I am calling on you Bahamians to go and join the association. Community networking accomplishes more for together we stand and divided we will surely fall. The time has come for us to come together and make things better for us as one people with one goal. Let's partner together for a better Treasure Cay.

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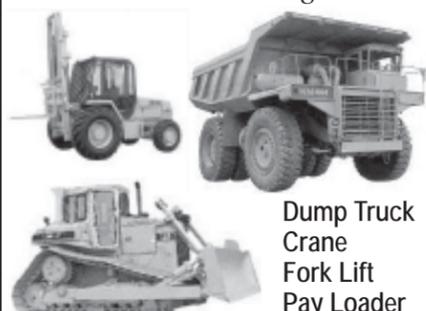
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# Green Bags Will Help the Environment

By Jennifer Hudson

Friends of the Environment is committed to establishing a cleaner, safer environment for the people of Abaco and is seeking the help of the community. Its newest venture is the Green Bag project in which they are trying to encourage people to utilize a reusable, recyclable shopping bag, the Green Bag, to cut down on the number of plastic bags which are presently used every day. Eight million Thank You bags are used on Abaco in one year by the main stores alone. This number does not include all the take-aways and small convenience stores. The plastic bags are detrimental to the environment in many ways. They blow out of vehicles and garbage cans, draping themselves along the sides of the road

causing a real litter problem. Even more seriously they present a danger to birds and sea creatures which can easily become entangled in them. These plastic bags take a long time to break down and decompose.

Friends of the Environment is trying to reduce the number of Thank You bags used by providing an environmentally friendly alternative. The Green Bag is light weight and attractive but at the same time very sturdy. It is on sale for \$2 at each of the sponsoring stores: Maxwell's, Sapodilly's, Standard Hardware, Bahamas Family Market, Price Right, Abaco Hardware, Tupp's, Abaco Groceries in Marsh Harbour, Golden Harvest Supermarket in Treasure Cay and Harbour View Grocery and Salty Skies in Hope

Town. Friends ordered 6,500 bags and the sponsoring stores pre-ordered 5,500.

The Green Bag is made from non-woven polypropylene, contains no toxic materials and will not cause allergy to human skin. It is water repellent, machine washable and the dyes used are both harmless and colorfast. Abaco is the first island to introduce the Green Bag in The Bahamas though recyclable bags are in use all over the world. Persons are encouraged to purchase these bags and remember to take them each time they go to the store in order to reduce the number of Thank you bags in use. The Green Bags should last at least a couple of years and will assist our environment each time they are used.

## Notice

A photo of a horse appeared in an advertisement in the April 1 issue of The Abaconian. The horse in the picture is one of the wild horses on Abaco. We regret that we used that specific picture as there is no connection between the Abaco horse and the advertisement.

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