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FNM Wins National Election

FNM Leader Hubert Ingraham will form next government

The two victorious candidates for Abaco were Mr. Edison Key, who will represent South Abaco, and the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham, who will represent North Abaco, both Free National Movement members. Since the leader of the FNM is Mr. Ingraham, he will be the country's next Prime Minister. He was sworn in on May 4 by the Governor General, Mr. Arthur Hanna. The Bahamas has a Parliamentary form of government and under the Bahamian Constitution the normal term of office is five years, although the Prime Minister can call an election early if he chooses to.

By Julian Lockhart

Hundreds of Free National Movement supporters gathered at the Treasure Cay Airport and joined hundreds more at the Ingraham Park in Cooper's Town to greet their newly sworn in Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham on May 4. Mr. Ingraham became Prime Minister for his third term after his party defeated the Progressive Liberal Party 23-18 during the general election on May 2 and a series of recounts on May 3 and 4 to see if the PLP was going to stay in power for another term.

Mr. Ingraham thanked the people of the Bahamas who "summoned me back to service once again" for the victory and said Bahamians should be proud that the 2007 elections were free, fair and peaceful. Abaco definitely did its part in ensuring the FNM would get back in power as the people went out in masses to vote and Mr. Ingraham in the north and Edison Key in the south easily won their seats. Because Mr. Ingraham was elected from North Abaco and because he has such willing support, this was the first place he wanted to celebrate his new term in office, with his people in Abaco. Mr. Ingraham earlier served two terms from 1992-2002.

Mr. Ingraham said, "The campaign is over, victory is ours. We are together again and this is my third term. We were up against a compromised government who was determined to be in office. They abused their authority and sought to hold on to power and mismanaged the entire process. The voice of the people of the Bahamas has been heard. This morning I took the oath of office of the Prime Minister of the Bahamas for the third time. This was an achievement made possible only because of you. I came early to

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Abaco Pathfinders announces new recipients for 2007

By Leazona Richard

Abaco Pathfinders Scholarship Foundation has been providing scholarship funds to students of Abaco since 2001. Recipients are attending colleges and universities in The Bahamas, Caribbean, U.S. and Canada. Ten additional students were selected this spring from a large number of applicants. They will begin their college work in the fall. The decision was a difficult one, with many outstanding applicants.

The following students were selected for awards:

Devonnya Russell, who is currently attending S.C. Bootle High School, will be attending the College of the Bahamas. She will pursue an education in medicine. She is the daughter of Grovernor and Yvonne Russell of Fox Town.

Kettlyne Durosca is a graduate of S.C. Bootle High School who is currently attending Antillean Adventist University in Puerto Rico where she is studying medicine. Her parents are Toni and Rose Durosca of Fire Road.

Naason Sands is a student at Abaco Cen-

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Women Learn Straw Techniques

These ladies are proud of the hats they made during a course they took to learn straw work. The course was offered in Central Abaco by the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation and was taught by Eldena Miller. Shown here are, front row, Judith Nesbitt, Sheila Simms, Gelattea Archer, Lula Campbell and Justina Winder. In the back row are Olivia Nesbitt, Tiffany Turnquest, Instructor Miller, Marjorie Roberts and Lorraine Edgecombe.

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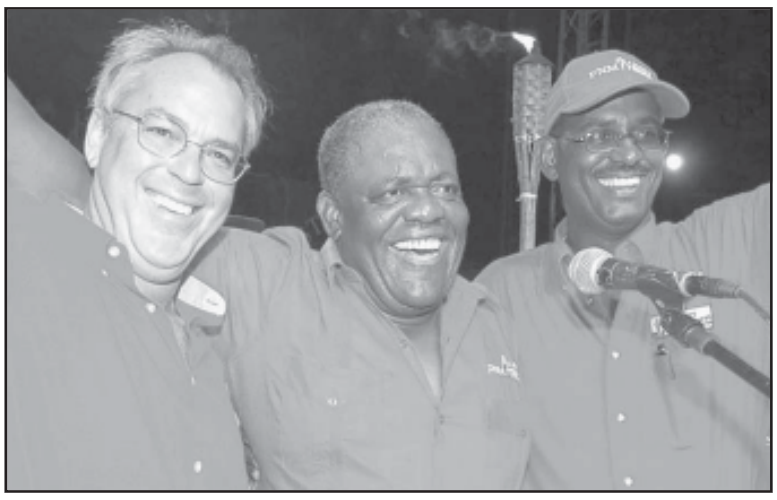
Election Fever Was Hot on May 2

By Samantha Evans

On Election Day, May 2nd, as I moved from polling division to polling division to see if Abaconians had election fever, it became clear as I visited Central Abaco Primary School in particular where polling divisions nine and ten were located, that Election Fever was in the air. Well, at least for the Free National Movement. All I could see was red shirts with the touch on them that made it clear that this party was preparing to win this 2007 general election. I talked with several site workers and one of the ladies who worked with the FNM stated that she realizes that shirts do not vote but from what she is seeing, the red shirts were speaking loud and clear. She was very pleased with the flow of persons coming into vote and stated that after one in the afternoon, they were looking for the crowd to swarm in.

Several Presiding Officers were on site to ensure that everything ran smoothly. Mr. Jimmy Williams, a team captain/coordinator for the Progressive Liberal Party (Division 7 and 8) stated that everything was running smoothly. He was concerned that the 100 yard boundary was being enforced and that no one was allowed to come on the premises with any type of paraphernalia or to campaign. For additional re-enforcement, at least half a dozen police officers were stationed at this site in particular and two at the Anglican Parish Hall. Mr. Williams was pleased that the voters were very enthusiastic as they knew exactly who they wanted to vote for. Everything was pleasant and the people were very mannerly. At the Anglican Parish Hall there was a minor upset earlier but the Presiding Officer for that site quickly asked the gathering crowd to disperse.



The leaders of the Free National Movement are jubilant in their victory at the polls on May 2. The Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham, center, is the country's Prime Minister, sworn in on May 4. On the left is Brent Symonette, the new Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, and on the right is Tommy Turnquest, new Minister of National Security and Immigration.

During the afternoon, the pace did pick up and persons started to position themselves outside various Polling Divisions as 6 p.m. drew near. Officers assigned to polling divisions #6, #9 and #10 stated that they had no incidents. Everyone abided by the rules and regulations set by the Parliamentary Commission Office. Each candidate was properly represented inside and outside by party workers to ensure that everything ran well. And the Presiding Officers were in full control of their divisions.

Around 3:30 p.m. Mr. Bootle, PLP candidate for North Abaco, arrived at Central Abaco Primary School accompanied by Attorney Wayne Munroe from Nassau. He came to see how things were looking for his party and to ensure that there were no incidents. Mr. Munroe stated that he was asked to accompany Mr. Bootle by the PLP to ensure that all election laws were being carried out according the Voting Act which he had with him. This Act ensures that persons do not campaign on premises; they do not stand or gather near the polling divisions and the like. He stated that he only had to deal with one incident earlier in the day.

At the close of the voting process, an initial count of the ballots was done by the Presiding Officer with representatives from each party and the Royal Bahamas Police Force present. The ballot boxes were then returned to the appropriate Police station where they were held until the officiate vote count the next morning.

Voting Results for Abaco

North Abaco Registered voters 3765

	F Bootle	H Ingraham	N Claridge	C Mills
#1 Grand Cay	65	180	2	6
#2 Fox Town	137	202	0	0
#3 Cedar Harbour	27	73	0	5
#4 Cooper's Town	122	295	0	4
#5 Cooper's Town	149	77	0	1
#6 Treasure Cay	62	256	2	0
#7 Green Turtle Cay	117	197	0	4
#8 Murphy Town	287	104	1	56
#9 Dundas Town	120	221	1	92
#10 Dundas Town	133	153	0	62
#11 Murphy Town	168	97	0	41
Total	1387	1855	6	276

South Abaco

Registered voters 2813

	E Key	G Sawyer
#1 Guana Cay	71	15
#2 Man-O-War	129	60
#3 Hope Town	151	64
#4 Marsh Harbour	252	43
#5 Marsh Harbour	159	50
#6 Marsh Harbour	266	154
#7 Spring City	60	67
#8 Cherokee Sound	127	30
#9 Casuarina Point	67	27
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#11 Sandy Point	135	178
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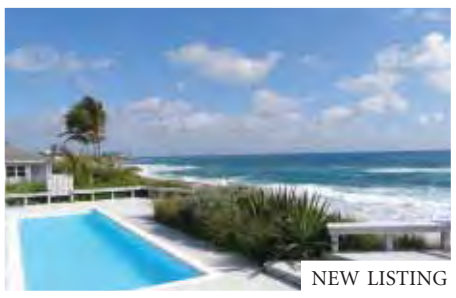

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FNM victory comments by Edison Key

By Julian Lockhart

Hundreds of Free National Movement supporters screamed in delight when it was announced that their candidate, Edison Key, was going to be the next Member of Parliament for South Abaco. Mr. Key won the seat in his first campaign as a member of the Free National Movement during the general election on May 2, defeating his opponent Gary Sawyer.

After 30 years as candidate for the Progressive Liberal Party, Mr. Key came over to the FNM where he received the support of those who have opposed him for so long in earning the right to represent South Abaco for the third time. Mr. Key ran against retired FNM candidate Robert Sweeting in the last two elections, in which he lost to him.

It wasn't close as Mr. Key won by 471 votes, winning eight of the 12 polling divisions, finishing with 1552 votes to Mr. Sawyer's 1083.

Mr. Key said, "It is just a beautiful feeling. Maybe I should have been here a long time ago. Now I realize the people here appreciate me. All my life I have swam against the tide and took the rough side of the mountain. Tonight I realized that the FNM's have put their arms around me with so much love. I am just overwhelmed by the amount of people who came out and worked so hard for me. In the Mud and Pigeon Pea where we had 200 Haitian Bahamians looks like we got about 90 percent of their votes. This PLP is a very corrupt PLP and I have worked for the PLP since 1972 and I have never seen anything like this. I am pleased to represent the people of Abaco for the third time and I feel great things are about to happen here in Abaco," he added.

Mr. Key said that after working so hard for Moore's Island for so long over the years, he was disappointed that he only received 60 of the 366 votes cast on the island. However, he added that they are still his people, he is their representative and he will always do well for them.

Now that Mr. Key and the FNM are in power time will tell if they accomplish everything they promised for Abaco during their campaigns. Mr. Key said, "We will definitely do everything we promise. World conditions can change things but once everything goes as we planned, we should be able to accomplish everything we promised," he concluded.

Crowds turned out in Cooper's Town, Mr. Hubert Ingraham's home town, to welcome back their leader who had just been voted in as their representative for the seventh time. The victory party was held at Ingraham Park on May 4 after Mr. Ingraham had been sworn in as the country's new Prime Minister that morning. He thanked them for their support through the years, when he was a PLP candidate, then as an Independent candidate and finally as a FNM candidate.

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say thank you, thank you, thank you. I came also to tell you I will continue to pursue your interest, to make life better for you, your children and your children's children. I owe you a huge debt of gratitude and I am very anxious to repay this debt," he added. Mr. Ingraham said he will continue to represent North Abaco with all his energy and he owes them much. He also promised that BahamasAir will return to Treasure Cay with daily flights to and from New Providence.

Mr. Ingraham said, "By your vote for me and the FNM you confirmed that the Bahamian people were tired of the PLP. You confirmed you wanted to return to government in the sunshine, accountable and responsible. You want a principled government and in short you want a government you can trust. The people of the Bahamas determined at the polls that they can trust the FNM. I have a first class team made of intelligent, accountable and focused men and women, all committed and dedicated to making the Bahamas better. We are on the job and we are working for you," he concluded.

In a press release from the former prime minister and now leader of the opposition, Perry Christie congratulated Mr. Ingraham and assured him of his co-operation for "the continued progress of our beloved Bahamas." He thanked Bahamians for allowing him to serve as prime minister for the past five years and thanked the people of the Farm Road and Centreville constituency for electing him to represent them in the House of Assembly once again.

This was the first time in Bahamian history that an administration only served one term and the first time a government lost an election in the midst of a growing economy.

The people of Abaco were treated to a party with free food and drinks all night long at Ingraham Park, where the supporters of the FNM and those who just joined forces celebrated the victory.

Making the trip with the Prime Minister were two newly appointed ministers, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Brent Symonette; Minister of National Security and Immigration, Mr. Tommy Turnquest. Also accompanying him were Mr. Sydney Collie; Mr. Neko Grant; Mr. Ken Russell; and Mr. Dion Foulkes.

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Gary Sawyer comments on the PLP loss

By Julian Lockhart

Going into the 2007 general elections Progressive Liberal Party candidate for South Abaco, Gary Sawyer, felt he had more than a strong chance to secure the seat for the PLP for the first time in 15 years.

However, the people of South Abaco spoke through their votes and instead gave the Free National Movement's candidate Edison Key the majority to become as the new Member of Parliament for South Abaco on May 2.

It wasn't close as Mr. Key won by 471 votes, winning eight out of the 12 polling divisions finishing with 1551 votes to Mr. Sawyer's 1080. Mr. Sawyer said, "I am disappointed in some of the areas but that is just the way in the political world. You win some, you lose some. If I was to do it all over in far as running the campaign, I would do it the same way I did it. I know without a doubt we ran an above board, clean campaign. There was no mud slinging. If it takes me stooping to certain levels to be successful, Gary Sawyer will never be successful in politics or business. That is just the way I operate my life and I have no regrets. I thought it would have been a lot closer but as I said before I have principals and I have lived by those principals. If the people of South Abaco and the Bahamas as a whole feels that is what they want, the people have spoken," he added.

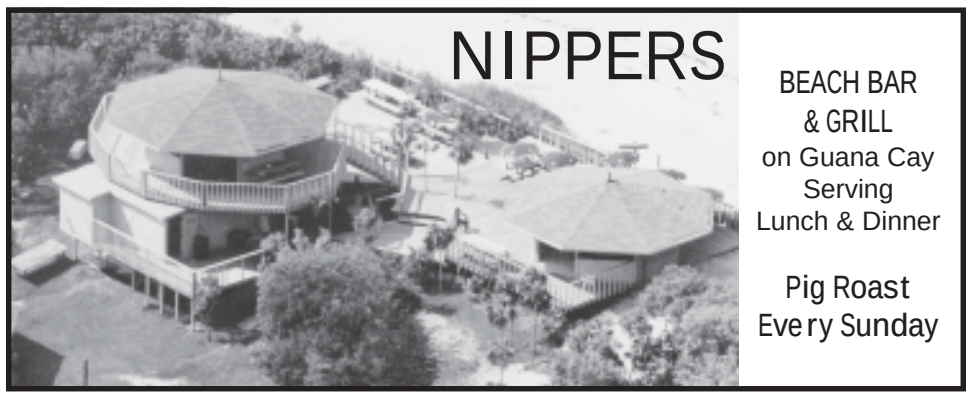
Mr. Sawyer only won four of the 12 polling divisions in South Abaco. Eligible voters in the South did come out in full force as 2631 of the 2812 who were registered went to the polling stations and cast their ballots.

The mood was very somber at the South Abaco PLP headquarters late on May 2, but Mr. Sawyer said he has no regrets and is happy with the way he ran his campaign.

Mr. Sawyer did dominate Moore's Island where he won 306 of the 366 votes and he said Moore's Island has always been a PLP stronghold and no one will convince him that will change.

Mr. Sawyer said, "I will always be involved. Now if I will offer myself as a candidate again, that remains to be seen. Five years is a long time. To do it all over again I would still do it. I have no regrets with me offering myself. This was a difficult decision for me because I am very involved with my businesses. I wish Mr. Key all the best and success because it should be about South Abaco and its people," he concluded.

At a rally prior to the national election on May 2, the two Progressive Liberal Party candidates for Abaco brought their leader, the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, center, then Prime Minister, to speak to the Abaco people. Mr. Gary Sawyer, left, ran in South Abaco and Mr. Fritz Bootle ran in North Abaco. Mr. Christie kept his seat in Parliament but both PLP Abaco candidates lost their bid to represent Abaco.



Prime Minister Delivers Victory Speech

These are the notes from which Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, delivered at the governing party's victory celebration in Nassau on May 5.

Good Evening, Bahamas. The people have spoken! They are out, we are in and they are going to stay out! They did their best to keep us out and to stop us from winning the election.

And after we won they found all kinds of excuses. The PLP doesn't know how to lose you know. When we won in 1992 they called us an "interim government."

Now they say they are checking with lawyers - let them keep checking.

They failed to ensure that we had the maximum number of people to vote, they gerrymandered the boundaries, they caused the Constituencies Boundaries Report to be late.

By their own account and admission, they

• padded the public payroll

• signed countless contracts, many of which will have to be re-visited by us

I had a look at some of the decisions they made the week before the election, and that cookie jar was a joke compared to what they were attempting to do in The Bahamas.

• They paid monies directly to constituents. The lines outside a former Minister's constituency office in West End and Bimini where the police had to be called were very long.

So confident were they that they had bought the election that some Cabinet Ministers failed to vacate their government offices on time.

I don't know what Allyson Maynard thought because she kept counting and counting and counting and the numbers would not change. Pinewood said no to that lady and yes to our man Byran Woodside.

The "late for everything government" couldn't even leave office on time!

Perry Christie knew by 8 p.m. on Wednesday night that the PLP had lost the government. He didn't concede until after 10:30 p.m. And after he conceded, the PLP still told its supporters that they had won the election. All day Thursday they permitted their lackeys to gather all over the country to stir up trouble among the people and to tell their supporters they had won the election. They [also] had a radio talk show host, who I assume you heard for the last time last week. I assume that she and Steve

The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham

McKinney will find their own ZNS.

Now Perry Christie tells his supporters that he has some reports of election irregularities that his legal team will investigate.

We heard the reports too; plenty reports. Cars burned down in Kennedy, able-bodied persons having people to vote for them.

I am ashamed that on Perry Christie's watch there was more political interference in the electoral process than at any time, even under Pindling. Let history record that Perry Christie is no democrat - he is out, he must stay out. I want Perry Christie and all of them to know that their legal team can do whatever they like in this land. The legal authorities in The Bahamas will do their jobs without direction from the political directorate (as has been the custom in recent times).

And I want Perry Christie and his legal team to know that if the appropriate and legal authorities are satisfied that the reports they have received of illegal activities by the former governing party in buying votes; intimidating voters or interfering with individual's rights to exercise their free will in choosing their parliamentary representatives on Election Day - whether in Bimini and West End, in Fort Charlotte, in Exuma, in MICAL, in Fox Hill or elsewhere around our country - the chips will fall where they may.

Too many members in the former government have no respect for the law; they disrespected our democratic institutions and believed they had a divine right to govern. They are consumed by an insatiable greed for power and self-aggrandizement. Too many of them believe they are entitled to govern this land and only the PLP is entitled to do so.

But as the song says, "this land was made for you and me." In our book that means everybody including the FNM.

Let me say this as clearly and as slowly as I can: the FNM won the election. Period. We will defend our victory against any and all. If the need arises, we will return to you for a bigger majority.

You know when children discover a cheater in their midst they often chastise by saying to the offender "God don't like ugly." Well, there has been a lot of "ugly behaviour" in the ranks of the former governing party. For those who like to say that "the voice of the people is the voice of God," I say, the people have spoken; the FNM is victorious and we are now the government of The Bahamas.

I understand even more clearly now why they didn't want us to win. While we were out here campaigning, they were busy at Cabinet agreeing to sell BTC secretly. During the campaign they were telling the employees of BTC that Ingraham will sell BTC, and they would lose their jobs. Well, they agreed to sell BTC last week.

Don't be concerned. We will review every line of the deal. And there is no circumstance under which BTC can be sold on credit - no deal about installment payments. All monies up front. And what you will do after you get it must be clearly stated. And you must demonstrate that you have the money, the means and the technology to do it - otherwise no deal. I say this for the benefit of all those who now believe they have a deal done.

We are also going to put a stop to some of these outrageous contracts they have given because it isn't fair to the Bahamas. In fact, I cry shame on Perry Christie for being the head honcho in the attempted rape of The Bahamas.

Nothing is that important in politics. If the people want you, they will vote for you. If they don't want you, go home!

FNMs, Fellow Bahamians, I want us to do what is right, but I also want us to be generous in our victory.

Let us together expand opportunities for all, promote social justice and increase prosperity for all.

We will begin early next week to implement our trust agenda for the Bahamian people.

We will strengthen our defences against crime, we'll deal with illegal immigration, we'll cause access to land for Bahamians to be available, we will promote a strong, stable economy with increased Bahamian ownership, we will respect our environment and protect our resources, we will raise standards in education and thereby ensure a better future for our youth, we will provide improved access to health care for all, we will ensure that all Bahamians have access to health insurance, and we will preserve and promote our heritage.

Together let's take our country on the road to responsible, honest and accountable government in the sunshine. Let's achieve unity in our land with a government dedicated to serving all Bahamians, black and white, middle class, rich and poor, young and old, able and disabled.

By Monday [May 7] we will have a full Cabinet in place.

All persons elected by us cannot be ministers. Whenever you make a choice you please one and displease the other. Be assured I do the best I can, but there are too many government ministries and I am going to reduce the number of ministries in the government. Which means I have too many permanent secretaries. I have too many this and that, so I have to do what I have to do.

Let's move, ladies and gentlemen towards a government dedicated to serving all Bahamians. Let us work together in:

• feeding the hungry;
• giving drink to the thirsty;
• clothing the naked;
• caring for the sick;
• including the excluded;
• inspiring our youth;
• honouring our elders;
• showing tolerance for others;
• healing and unifying this nation; and
• taking care of those who have been victimized, those who got a bad deal with those government houses, those who have been unfairly treated, those who have been wronged.

Come unto us. We have the opportunity now to participate in a great ritual of national renewal. Let us begin from this point forward.

Team Collects Data on Abaco for GIS

By Julian Lockhart

Abaco was chosen as the test island as the Bahamas National Geographic Information Systems Centre (BNGIS) conducted the Centre's first national field data collection exercise. The exercise will facilitate part of the Centre's mandate under the Land Use Policy and Administration Project (LUPAP) to build the country's digital information resources and is expected to lead to the better collection, management and sharing of information on the country's resources. It is further expected to lead to improved land use planning and administration within the Bahamas.

All information on roads, electrical components, water availability, homes, marshes, crown land, census, schools, ecologically sensitive areas, government offices and any geographical information will be available to the majority of the public through a website. People will be able to go on line and specifically ask how many school age children live within 500 feet of a particular school and get the data once it is inputted.

Mrs. Valrie Grant-Harry, the International Development Bank consultant and Geographic Profile Coordinator for the LUPAPA project said, "Three islands were presented to me in this project and Abaco was decided as the island to move forward. This is a big step and is supposed to serve as the model to replicate for all the islands of the Bahamas and you can appreciate down to where all the ATMs are in the Bahamas. This can help with disaster management. It will put the Bahamas in a forward light and make sure the data is there to make good decisions and value added products. I have worked all over the Caribbean and this has been a unique experience. I thought I was coming to Abaco but I realized this is mainland Abaco and there are all the different cays. When we think of special data we normally limit it to land related data but we have to carry it to the marine resources," she added. Mrs. Harry said they were able to collect data on many aspects of the island and some of the surrounding cays

The LUPAP field surveying and spatial data collection activities encompass a wide spectrum of surveying and facilities mapping, using advanced digital surveying technologies and computer software systems such as GIS and GPS. This will be the first time that a multi-agency GIS data capturing exercise will take place in the Bahamas and is what is needed to achieve a successful National Spatial Data Infrastructure. The group had a target date for the end of July and it has been pushed back a little. Mrs. Harry said they are expected to have all data, including imagery, by the end of the year and have a profile for Abaco.

The program will be using commercial satellites which are based in the United States and they won't be using any aerial photography because it can become more expensive and the satellite imagery will be sufficient. Developers will now be able to have their experts take the information already gathered by using the data layers and running the analysis.

The parcel information system will be used to help to manage Crown Land and to be able to put it to better use. The project will help to establish where the best farm-

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The GIS team on Abaco lead by Mrs. Valrie Grant-Harry, on the left, reviews the instructions on the use of the handheld global positioning satellite receivers and data recorders. The teams are going into the Abaco communities, woodlands and other areas to record buildings, geographical features, utilities, highways, roads and other features. This infomation will be overlaid on maps, allowing detailed specific information to be retrieved on request. Some of this information will eventually be available to the public.

The Editor Says . . . Anticipating Changes

Government changed hands at the close of May 2 with the FNM taking a majority of the 41 seats in Parliament, 23 - 18. There are suggestions that a couple of outcomes may be contested in court.

The Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham was sworn in on May 4. He appointed three cabinet members that same day with a promise that the balance will be made public on May 7, only three days after taking the oath of office. Having the Prime Minister's job earlier for two terms has given him a head start on the governing process.

One of the administration's early jobs will be to review budget preparations left by the disposed PLP government as figures must be in place for the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2007. We will have some idea of where the country is headed when those figures are released.

Many promises were made during the short campaign with promises recorded in the FNM Manifesto, a booklet outlining the FNM vision for their five-year term. We must remember that these campaign promises have a five-year period in which to surface.

We must also concede that in five years circumstances and priorities can change. During Mr. Ingraham's first few days in his first term, several islands were hit hard by Hurricane Andrew. This required diverting funds from other projects to assist the storm-ravaged areas.

During Mr. Ingraham's second five-year term as Prime Minister, Abaco were hit hard with Hurricane Floyd which also caused expensive repairs to several islands, the straw market burned to the ground in Nassau causing large labour disruptions, and the 9/11 terrorism attack in the United States caused a drop in tourism and a corresponding drop in revenues.

The effects of Hurricane Floyd and several other hurricanes have largely been restored, and tourism has generally rebounded. The straw market still remains a Nassau political and social problem to be resolved.

Abaco has a myriad of issues to be resolved or reviewed.

Illegal immigration is a national issue to be reviewed and brought under control. Secondary to the national aspects of the issue is the matter of resolving Abaco's three established ghetto settlements and putting more effort on holding the line on a fourth expanding settlement.

Enough studies and reports have been made over the years with well thought-out ways of addressing the problem. These reports should be dusted off and consolidated. The easier recommendations should be implemented with realistic effort toward the more complex solutions. We must all remember that it is the expanding Abaco economy that supports those living in these communities.

The local government system must be strengthened and assisted to be more functional. It must be funded realistically to cover the costs of the responsibilities that they are mandated to do.

An example of inadequate funding is the situation in Central Pines Estates with houses springing up like bracken fern after a fire. Yet for all of government's insistence on providing utilities before houses could be built, several years later phones are just now becoming commonplace. Residents do not have cable connections and no provision has been made for funding household garbage collection.

In order to attract qualified candidates to serve in local government, the system must be given more authority or at least support the little authority they have. Examples abound in this vein. Permits are obtained for construction, then owners can go off on a tangent and shrug their shoulders at efforts to bring them into line as nothing of consequence happens when they deviate from their plans.

Other projects that might be controversial within a neighborhood bypass the local oversight process altogether and get their permits in Nassau. Even for controversial projects that come before local committees, there is often not enough backbone to deny the request or at least ask that the project be revised to conform to community standards.

Parking at some new buildings is so minimal that with each occupant having only one space for an employee, only one or two spaces remain for customers or clients.

Other issues arise which should be resolved locally. Perhaps there should be more help from Nassau in helping local government fulfill its mandate. Every three years elections put in a new group of amateurs who must learn the system because very few persons willing to serve a consecutive term.

Administrators are to guide the process, but they often have their own agenda. Those new to the process must assume that the all powerful administrator knows best and that they must go along for the ride - not so.

In the case of Central Abaco, the system is ripe for a professional city manager. This would not diminish the role of the council or the chief councillor. They would still decide on the community issues with the manager implementing these decisions.

A person in this position would add some continuity to the present upheaval every three years. A qualified person would also reduce the time demands which chief councillors are now burdened with.

Immigrant ghettos and local government, two major areas in need of help.

The airport is the third major item to be tackled but it may be headed in the right direction. A contract was issued at the end of February to begin a 6100-foot parallel runway to the existing runway. On completion, the present runway will become a taxiway. Without any hard evidence, there has been mention of a new terminal building and control tower. We expect to hear more publicly on this in the near future.

We are not suggesting that there are only three major issues affecting Abaco but these are three that readily come to mind.

Both parties alluded to reviewing the fishing rules which were hastily put in place and which are not clearly understood. Perhaps these rules will be revised and simplified.

In thanking the North Abaco people for re-electing him to a seventh term and his subsequent role as Prime Minister, Mr. Ingraham announced the resumption of Bahamasair service between Treasure Cay and Nassau. For the millions that Bahamasair loses each year, serving the Treasure Cay airport should not make much difference.

We are sure that there will be many more announcements to look forward to. Mr. Ingraham is a man who has goals and works toward accomplishing them. Abaco will definitely be in a position to benefit in many areas.

Viewpoint . . . FNM Takes Back Government

By Julian Lockhart

The people have spoken!

The 2007 general election saw the most registered voters ever take to the polls on May 2 to voice their opinion as to which party they wanted running their country for the next five years. In one of the closest and highly contested elections in Bahamian history, the voice of the people was heard as the Free National Movement defeated the Progressive Liberal Party 23-18 to regain the government after a five year hiatus. Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham was sworn into office on May 4 and was given the key to the Bahamas for at least five years to correct the wrongs that the FNM said the PLP did to the image of the country whilst they were in power.

This is Mr. Ingraham's third term as Prime Minister after serving in that position from 1992-2002. He is the Member of Parliament for North Abaco who voted him in for the seventh consecutive term, beginning in 1977.

That was the easy part. Now this FNM government has to live up to all the promises that they made during their campaign to the Bahamian people. One thing the last two elections have proved is the young people of the Bahamas do not hold loyalties to any particular party and will vote a government in and then vote them right back out. This was the first time in Bahamian history that an administration only served one term and the first time a government lost an election in the midst of a growing economy.

Unlike their fathers and grandfathers, the young people of The Bahamas hold no emotional ties to the PLP or the FNM. They don't vote for party but are voting for the best leader to run their country for the future. The Bahamian voter is now educated, more traveled and have seen the wrongs of past governments to judge what they need for the present government to do. Gone are the days when a politician can make empty promises, where the government in power can pave some roads, put up some lights, buy votes for $500, slap some paint on their dirt and put band-aids on gaping wounds to try and sell a bill of goods to the country. Bahamians demand more and will fight for what they deserve and the best way to do it is at the polls where their voices can be heard loud and clear.

If this FNM government does not fulfill their promises and complete the outline of its manifesto, then they, too, will be voted out in five years.

Abaco is on the cusp of a financial boom because of the new developments that are already in place and those that have promised to start in the very near future. The first thing this FNM government will have to do is to continue the renovations at the Marsh Harbour airport so Abaco can continue to reap the financial windfall of the economic stability that now besets Abaco.

The people of Abaco, just like that of the rest of the Bahamas, cannot allow the government to forget they work for them and as easily as they hired them, they can fire them. Governments have to be held accountable for their actions, for what they spend, what infrastructure is added, how the youth are educated and how the economy continues to grow steadily and with a solid foundation. There is no more time for gimmicks, but time for action and solidarity from the top that can then trickle to each Bahamian for their individual growth.

Mr. Ingraham said that he has a first class team made up of intelligent, accountable and focused men and women, all committed and dedicated to making the Bahamas better. He added that they are on the job and are working for the people of the Bahamas.

The first couple of months will show a lot and this current FNM government has been given five years to prove they can walk their talk. If not, like the PLP government that was just voted out, they will find themselves struggling to get the people of the Bahamas to back them once again.

A trend has been set, and it is time for Bahamians to continue pushing and proving to their representatives that they have the power and will wield this power when it counts if they do not fulfill their jobs to the best of their abilities.

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Letters to the Editor

New fishing regulations will hurt Abaco

Dear Editor:

As a follow up to my January editorial letter, have the locals been upset or done anything about the new fishing regulations? The Florida Sportsman May issue page 186 has recommended to go somewhere else and avoid the Bahamas because of the limit change. What a shame.

After returning to the States after six months on Abaco, a lot of us regulars are planning to stay at another location next year. We spent between $25,000 and $60,000 per boat and one nice wedding this year on your island. We know in the realm of things this a drop in the bucket to your government. Hopefully, new visitors will not see or experience deterioration of your friendly family islands as we have seen transpire.

Good luck with your crusade. We hope you can convince the people that change in the wrong direction sometimes creates a dead end for what was originally so respected and admired for the sake of greed.

Thanks for your efforts through your newspaper,

Carl Swanson

[*Editor's note:A national election on May 2 changed the governing party. Perhaps the new team will see things differenly.*]

Vacation homeowners bring big benefits

Dear Sir:

This letter has been in the planning stages for quite some time. With election rhetoric in full throttle, this seems to be the right moment to talk about the huge and important contribution made by the ex-patriots who purchase property in The Bahamas.

Contrary to popular myth, The Bahamas is not being "bought out by foreigners." Last year the Bahamas Real Estate Association ordered statistics be compiled showing the proportion of real estate transactions involving Bahamians or legal residents. In the case of our company, that percentage was 45 percent of all transactions. I suggest that this is overall average.

The vacation homeowner is one of the most significant contributors to our prosperous way of life here on Abaco. These homeowners pay enormous amounts of stamp tax, legal fees and real estate commissions. They employ Bahamian building contractors, dock builders, landscapers, house painters, housekeepers and gardeners. They buy decorations from our gift shops, jewelry from our craftspeople, and paintings and resort clothes from many other purveyors. They patronize hairdressers, gas stations, liquor stores, grocery stores, florists and computer stores. They eat in all classes of restaurants. They rent boats. They take taxis. They open BEC, BTC, Cable Bahamas and bank accounts.

Most importantly, they donate lavishly to scholarship funds, animal rescue, BASRA, lighthouse preservation, community arts and heritage festivals, Toys for Tots, historic restoration, museums, settlement beautification and more. The individual homeowner does not get deferred Real Property Tax or Hotel Encouragement Act duty exemptions. They put a lot of money into our economy and it trickles down into every, hopefully grateful, pocket in our community.

Thank you for your attention.

Sandra Evans, Broker

Second homeowners contribute heavily

Dear Editor

Ex Minister, and ex MP Leslie Miller, came to Abaco before the recent election and proclaimed that "second homeowners contribute nothing to the Bahamian economy." Is it really surprising that he, along with his government, lost their positions in the recent elections? We must credit the electorate with having enough sense to realize that when people in positions of ministerial responsibility make such indescribably irresponsible and inaccurate statements they deserve to be thrown out on their ear. Perhaps Samuel D. Albury can enlighten us as to the reason for his ex minister's choice of language which was, and remains, offensive to so many?

Yours,

Enlightened Voter

Concerned about our woods fires

Dear Editor:

It was a shame to watch about a mile of pine forest burn on South Abaco the last weekend in April. Very late Saturday night, sometimes a bright orange glow could be seen as flames roared up again in a new place. I understand that this was in a place very difficult for firefighters to reach and hopefully no one was affected as well. This shows that firefighting can be very difficult in the islands.

Perhaps a solution could be found in techniques used for fighting forest fires in remote areas in America's Northwest. Large tanker airplanes can drop water on fires from the air. Because of an airplane's speed and range, one aircraft could reach and protect a large part of the entire Bahamaian nation. Kept full of fresh water, the tanker aircraft can drop an enormous amount of water directly onto a large fire. The aircraft can fill up again either by skimming above the water and pumping up water from a hose or returning to the nearest airport. This saves firefighters from having to work in impossible and dangerous areas like forests far from any water supply. Obviously, dropping fresh water will be better. For a building fire threatening other buildings, water can be dropped so as to make more of a rain-like mist.

No doubt there is no money in the budget. Perhaps private donations could be raised either by applying for grants or as campaign for private donations. Many fire engines are purchased that way in the U.S. Sixty years ago, my grandmother organized an effort in Boston to raise money from private donations buy a Liberty Ship for the war effort. Or perhaps a cooperative arrangement might be found with Florida that also needs such a plane for fighting fires in the Everglades.

Of course, this also shows how important it is not to throw empty bottles in the wrong place where they can start fires from the sun.

Jon Moseley

Thanks to the Fire Department

Chief John Hall

Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department

Dear Chief Hall,

I am writing this letter to express a heartfelt "Thank You" from all the residents of Leisure Lee for your quick response to the bush fires in our neighborhood this week. Two houses and a garage were definitely saved because of the actions of volunteers. Brother Bob, Beverly, Ernest, Steven, Randy and others that I can't name (please forgive my short memory) were tremendous, hard working dedicated folk and very much appreciated.

The Leisure Lee Property Owners Association is enclosing a check for $1,000 to help with your operation. Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Leisure Lee Property

Owners Association

Ted King, President

Environment includes all flora and fauna

Dear Sir:

Your editorial of April 15 *Minimizing Environmental Changes* was enjoyable and thought provoking! But surely our concept of the environment should go far beyond garbage and garbage collecting, and on physical conditions of the islands.

I seem to remember that sometime ago I gave you a copy of an article of mine entitled *The Primeval Forest — Revisited*. It was an attempt to answer some objections to an earlier article raised by a professor of ornithology on my original article about the forests which were seen in The Bahamas by the early visitors. But still I feel that the earlier article was sound, and indeed more enjoyable to read. So I would like to give you a copy of the one of 1977 (with apologies for the print being technically poor.)

It was interesting that all those first visitors to these islands seemed oblivious to the beaches. It was the wildlife and the trees which fascinated them. They wrote of mahogany (madeira to us), brasilleto, mastic and gum-elemi and others which I cannot recognise off-hand. They wrote of turtles, iguanas and monk seals. They wrote that the soils of the Bahamas were thin and poor, easily exhausted.

You write "it is the beaches and clear water that draw visitors to the Bahamas and the other Bahamian islands. But through the first two-thirds of the twentieth century, little value was placed on the beaches." I tend to question this, and suspect that it may have been true on Abaco. But certainly in Nassau where I grew up, beaches were appreciated by both locals and visitors alike — families visited beaches and swam and picnicked there when I was a boy (in the 1930's I must confess.) Pictures and postcards showed tourists on Paradise Beach as long ago as 1900. Here on Abaco I suspect men spent much of their lives working on and around the sea — so when the weekend came they already had had enough of it!

I suspect rather, too, that it was the physical development of Nassau, the traffic and crowding of the 60s and 70s which drove visitors to Abaco to look for less hectic and crowded vacation areas. Not only tourists, but also people born in Nassau, like myself and my friend the late Jack Patterson (author of *Native Trees of the Bahamas*) also wanted to get away from "development" and enjoy living in a more natural world where there were pine trees and parrots. fresh air and all sorts of other native trees and birds.

In the 1930s one could see small groupers, grunts, barracudas, rays and occasionally crawfish in Nassau harbour and in Montague Bay. Neither fish nor sensible people can be found swimming in Nassau harbour now!

Progress, "development" if we should call it that, took all these things away from us. I do not wish to dwell on the subject, but rather to point out that living things, too, are important parts of the environment. Let us not forget them!

Scarcity of open waterfront may have have a bearing on the picture, too. Aldo Leopold, when professor at the University Wisconsin, wrote in 1948, "One of the fastest-shrinking categories of wilderness is coastlines. Cottages and tourist roads have all but annihilated wild coasts on both oceans, and Lake Superior is now losing the last remnant of shoreline on the Great Lakes." On reading this I found it hard to believe, but a visit with my son in Wisconsin last year gave me the chance to listen to a friend of his now working for a state land planning agency. He said that in Wisconsin, which with its coast on Lake Superior and all its many small interior lakes (together having perhaps as much waterfront as The Bahamas) so much lake shore property is taken up by second homes that it is becoming a political issue in the state.

Sincerely,

Michael Lightbourn

Response to the forum letter

To: The Editor,

Re: Beware of Web Site, Abaconian, April 15 issue

As a member of the forum referred to in the abovementioned letter, I was surprised and puzzled by Be Informed's comments. When I learned that local business owners are being bullied into withdrawing advertising from the website, I decided it was time to speak up.

First, let me clarify that although I'm a member of the forum, I am in no way affiliated with the site or its owners or administrators.

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BEC Celebrates Fifty Years

By Samantha Evans

Early on the Saturday morning, April 28th, the energetic staff of Bahamas Electricity Corporation held its Walk-a-thon. Beginning at the office on Don MacKay Boulevard employees walked to the Marsh Harbour Airport Roundabout and back. They were all tired, sweaty and hungry at the end of the walk. Members of the Emergency Medical Team (EMT) also joined them on this walk. The first employee to complete the brisk walk was Mr. George Martin, an employee of the Distribution Unit, who completed the walk in 35 minutes. He stated that he walked three quarters of the way and ran the rest of it. This was a great exercise for all. At the end of the walk, the staff gathered back at the office where they enjoyed stew conch and various souse dishes.

This walk-a-thon is the third activity held by BEC to celebrate 50 years of quality service. The second event was a health seminar held a few days earlier. The seminar was held at the Anglican Parish Hall and the speakers were Nurse Daniel Ekpa and Nurse Tishura Mills of the March Harbour Government Clinic. The focus of the seminar was to encourage the staff to be more aware of their health and to make healthier choices which will increase their life span. They were able to get their blood pressure and sugar levels tested during the seminar.

While BEC celebrates a milestone in quality service, they want the general public to know that they are more committed to them than ever. They held a customer appreciation lunch to show customers that they are important to them. This was the first event on their list of celebrations which was held earlier in the year. Mr. George Martin spoke on behalf of the corporation since he has been with the company for 20 years and can attest to the excellent service BEC provides. He stated that they do their best to restore service as quickly as possible. He encourages customers to conserve energy as much as possible to reduce the increase in their electrical bill.

He stated that BEC has plans to upgrade a lot of distribution networks very soon including improving the voltage supply lines in many areas. Other expansions are in the works and will be brought to the public's attention once they are approved. He stated that customers can conserve power by considering the following: not leaving lights on, checking water heaters and getting them serviced regularly. Water heaters, in particular, do not have to be left on all day. If customers turn them off when they are not in use, they will see a reduction in their electric bill. Leaving air condition units on and lack of proper maintenance also increases the electric bill as well as. The latter causes the unit to work harder to cool the room. A good reading for thermostats is about 78° when families are home and 85° during the day when the house is empty.

Basically, customers need to adhere to the instructions on the appliances when they purchased. If they do this, they will begin to see bills go down. He suggests that persons who are building ensure that rooms are properly insulated and that they use florescent bulbs as opposed to regular bulbs. These will decrease light consumption. BEC plans to have additional activities throughout the remainder of this year to celebrate 50 years of excellent service to the people of the Bahamas.

Employees of Bahamas Electricity Corporation and their families held a Walk-a-thon on April 28 as one of their activities to commemorate the company's 50 years of service. The event took place in Marsh Harbour and was followed by souse and stew conch.

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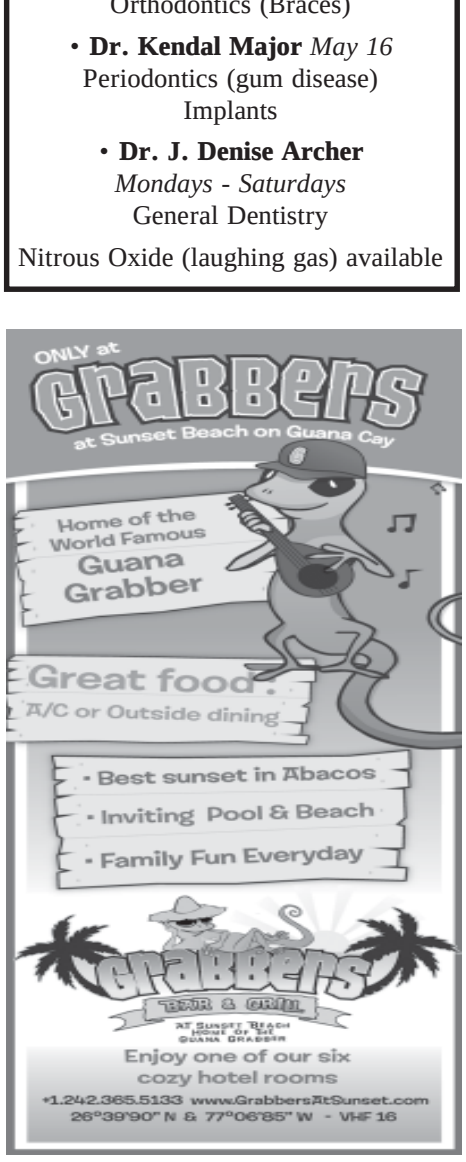

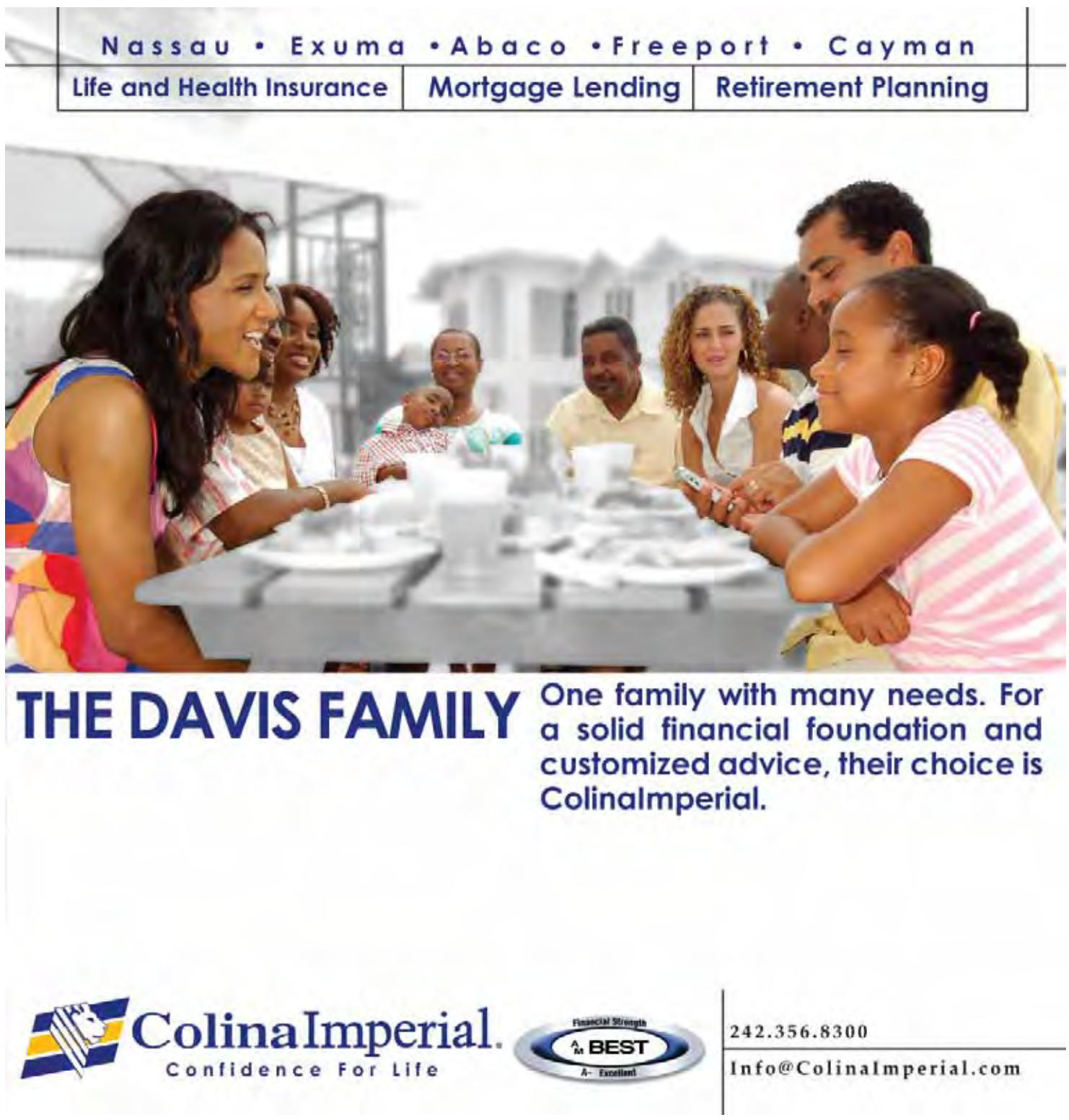

Parenting Workshop Was for Haitians

By Mirella Santillo

A parenting workshop took place on April 23rd and received a great response within the Haitian community. It was organized by Mrs. Salomie Gibson, head of Social Services on Abaco. It was standing room only in the meeting room of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Marsh Harbour, where approximately 60 people attended the meeting which dealt with general parenting. Safety and health issues were explained and demonstrated by Nurse Fernander and moral and legal concerns approached by Mrs. Sandra Edwards, Dr. Sue Fairclough and Pastor Stephen Knowles.

Nurse Fernander talked about the importance of immunization and of keeping harmful chemicals out of reach of children, (a recent case was cited of kerosene's ingestion by a small child). She gave a live demonstration with a baby from the audience on how to save a child from choking, Mrs. Edwards took the stand and asked the parents questions to help them realize that they must take an interest in their children and must know where they are. She talked about parental responsibility towards children. "Parents," she affirmed, "it is your responsibility to be involved in your child's life, to know where they are at all time. Parents need to make sure they follow a healthy diet and ensure their safety from people out there that may want to hurt them. "Be there for them. Do your best to help them. Ask social services, ask a pastor, ask a nurse, an educator, someone you trust, for help."

Next, Officer Botin, who was recently assigned to the Mud and the Peas, addressed the congregation in Creole to share with them his background and remind them that they were not alone in their present situation, that even the police could identify what they were going through relating to accommodations and family situations.

Dr. Sue Fairclough covered in detail all the negative impacts of cigarette smoking, alcohol consumption and marijuana smoking. "Smoking a cigarette might make you look cool," she said, "but it destroys your lungs and nowadays, smokers are not allowed in public places." She pointed out that the use of marijuana is illegal. Since the smell is very strong, it is easy for the police to detect it. Users may be arrested and sent to prison. She went over the negative health effect of smoking "the herb" which can lead to too much eating, paranoia, anxiety and laziness.

Pastor Knowles of Strong Tower Christian Church was the last speaker. "Don't let the police, Social Services or anybody tell you what to do with your children," he stated, addressing a prior quote that beating a child could lead to problems with the law. "They are yours only and your responsibility." He strongly advocated that the parents take their parenting job very seriously. "The Bible says that every child is a gift of God." He reminded them that Jesus loved little children, quoting Him, "Let the children come to me." So, being a parent is important, it is a serious job, he continued. Little 12-year-old girls and 14-year-old boys should not be parents. He reminded them that God wanted to send a child to a home with a mother and a father, explaining how decisive for discipline the role of a father in a family is. "Too many children have only one parent because the other parent does not want the responsibility." But, he pointed out, "if you find yourself as a single mother, don't be discouraged; look for help from a family member, from your friends or from public services."

Mrs. Gibson ended the seminar by saying, "I agree with a lot of things Pastor Knowles said, but the purpose of this workshop is to learn how to discipline the children without hurting them. Here in The Bahamas child abuse is a crime. We are hoping that you have learnt ways to nurture your children and ways to help them," she ended. Pastor Knowles explained that by saying "be strong and take charge of your children," he did not mean to beat them if they did wrong, but "be firm and determined and mean what you say."

The workshop was extremely well received by the Haitian people who asked that there be more of these seminars on a regular basis and in a larger place so more could attend. The translation from English to Creole was done by Ms. Luzena Dumercy and Ms. Marie Peubien. Everyone present was invited to stay, socialize and partake in the refreshments that had been prepared.

The Seventh Day Adventist Church in Marsh Harbour was filled when Social Services organized a parenting workshop for the Haitian community. Safety and health issues were discussed by a variety of experts, both private and public.

News of the Cays

Hope Town

School News

By Candace Key

Art Education Made Fun!

Mrs. Eleanor Epler, docent at the Yale University Museum of Art in New Haven, Connecticut, recently paid her yearly visit to students at our school to share her love of art with the children. She brings posters and pictures of interesting and famous types of art and opens their eyes to the masters and various art forms. The students always look forward to her visit and are made all the more worldly by her shared information.

Sports Day

Our students enjoyed an afternoon of track and field events at the School Sports Day. Volunteer coaches Patrick Stewart and Sgt. Johnson have been working with the students on several events in preparation for the Abaco School Track Meet. Fathers, mothers and other community volunteers acted as time keepers and measurement judges for the fast paced afternoon. Our school sincerely appreciates the time given to us by our dedicated community volunteers. There is always plenty of fun to go around!

National Coastal Awareness Competition

Grades 5 and 6 with teacher, Mr. Justin Higgs, have been doing many environmental projects over this school year in continuation of the school's involvement in the UNESCO Sandwatch Project and other environmental concerns. Other projects evolved from work on this project. One side project was the removal of a huge net that had settled on the school's test site patch reef. Students also worked on the choked Cross Harbour mangrove removal, fish tagging, reef ball making and snorkeled on the reef to observe the success of that project.

Recently, they conducted studies on the growth and density of the sea oats they helped plant on the re-built dunes after the last hurricanes and spoke to public officials and a foreign homeowner about their displeasure with the homeowner who gained extra land by removing a heritage tree and pushing sand out over sea oats planted by the students.

The school's entry into the National Coastal Awareness Competition was titled *Children Constructively Caring* and centered around the need for stronger regulations to protect our coastal regions. The project covered research in three coastal regions: Mangroves and Wetlands, Coastal Reefs, and Beaches and Dunes. Their project won First Place in the Primary Division nationwide! Judges were treated to a thorough explanation of the students' many on-going projects, an underwater video shot by Mr. Matt Mc Coy as the students cut the net off the reef and conducted the sea oat and water testing studies, and a comic book written by Hope Town students showing how children CAN make a difference in their environment among the large projects. Lance Roberts, James Boyce, Shawn Loinee, Principal Mrs. Candace Key and mother Mrs. Cha Boyce all traveled to Nassau for the competition. They also enjoyed some free time visiting Ardastra Gardens, Fort Charlotte and the organic Goodfellow Farms while there.

Primary Schools' Track and Field Meet

While some students were in Nassau competing in the environmental arena, many more were vying for medals at the Abaco Primary Track Meet. Our school is very proud of Macneisha Alfred, Grade 3 student, for winning a Gold Medal in the softball throw! Macneisha will now join the other successful students from all over Abaco who will travel to Nassau later this month for the National Primary Track and Field Meet.

Earth Day

It appears this month is definitely the one for competitions! The day following upon their successful showing in Nassau, the entire Hope Town School traveled to Marsh Harbour to participate in Abaco Earth Day. The fun-day filled with exhibits, movies, speakers and a competition was sponsored

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Mrs. Eleanor Epler presents the children at the Hope Town School with exciting art and art history lessons on her annual visit from the Yale University Art Museum.

Mrs. Eleanor Phillips, Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy, left, and Mrs. Beverly Taylor of the Ministry of Tourism, right, congratulate Hope Town students Shawn Loinee, James Boyce and Lance Roberts on their first place win in the Primary Division of the National Coastal Awareness Competition held in Nassau. The boys were proud to each receive snorkeling gear as their prize. This will enable them to continue their environmenal projects on the reef in style.

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Photo by Tim Higgs Family Guardian's 2007 Calendar

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More News of the Cays

Cays *From Page 12*

by Friends of the Environment and the Ministry of Tourism. Once again our entry that had won in Nassau was victorious! Our Lower Primary entries won Second Place as well. Their entries consisted of reef dioramas, pictures created using trash, a trashed continents poster and even a Reef Trivial Pursuit game! Prizes of environmental books, tapes and educational gift cer-

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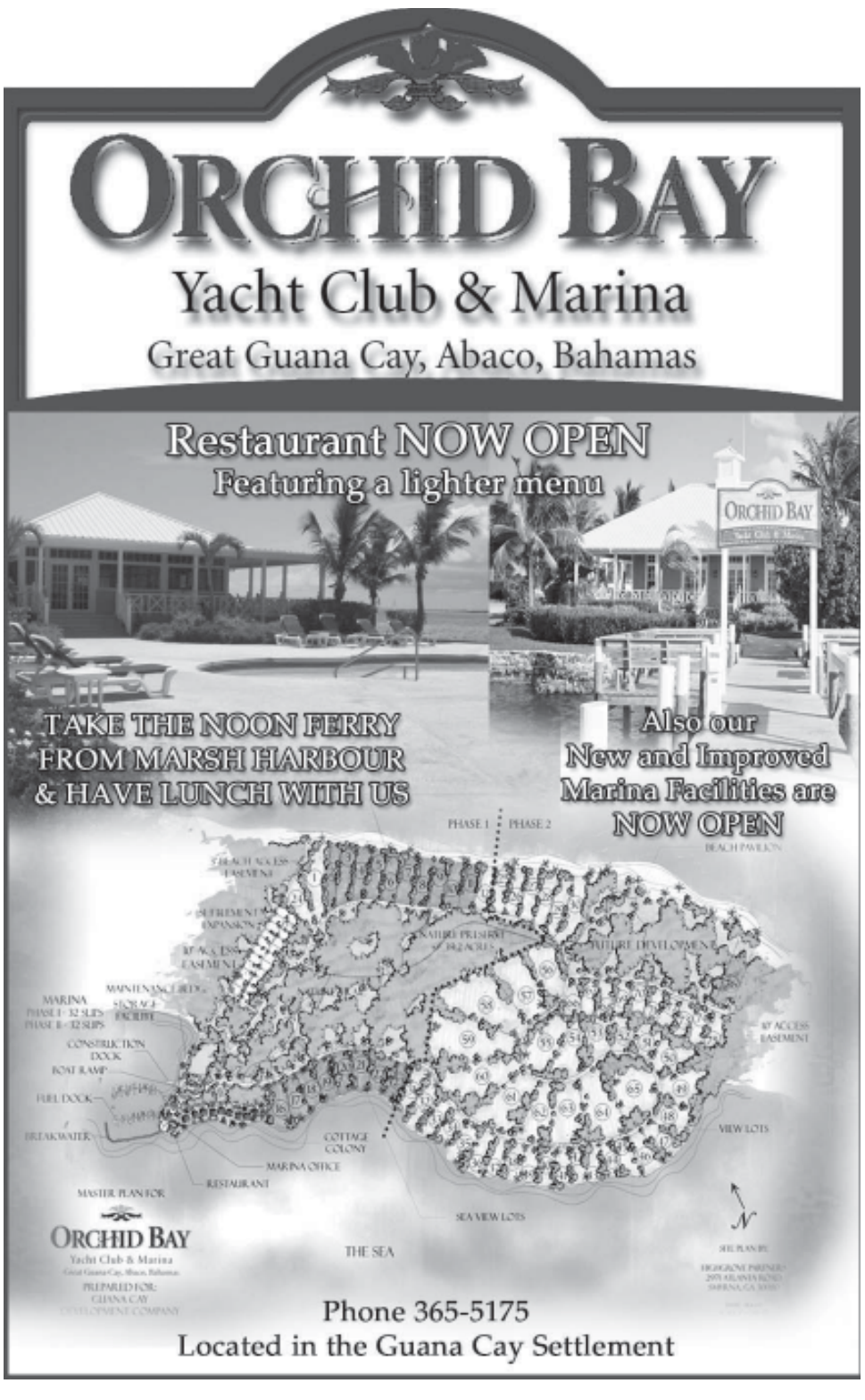
Hope Town School students removed a net from a coral head that would have eventually killed that part of the reef.

On your mark! Get set! Go! Hope Town School volunteer sports coach, Patrick Stewart sets runners on their way at the Sports Day Track and Field Meet. Another community volunteer, Adam Lawrence is seen raking the long jump pit.



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Three-Year Beaked Whale Study Begins

By Olivia Patterson

The Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organisation (formerly known as Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey) is a Bahamian non-profit organization dedicated to research and education with the goal of contributing to the conservation of marine mammals. The Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organisation (BMMRO) conducts vessel surveys to catalogue the populations of marine mammals in The Bahamas. Most of its research efforts have been concentrated on Abaco, as BMMRO has been stationed here since 1992. The main research technique employed by BMMRO is photo-identification - a process where photographs are taken of all whales and dolphins that the researchers encounter. Each animal has unique characteristics that can be used to tell them apart, much like humans having unique sets of fingerprints. To supplement the data collected by photo-identification, samples of sloughed skin and feces are collected for genetic analysis.

To date, BMMRO has documented 24 species of marine mammals in The Bahamas. While all species are interesting and vital components of the marine environment, perhaps the most alluring is the family of whales called beaked whales. There are currently 21 known species of beaked whales in the world. However, the natural behaviour of beaked whales makes them difficult to study. Some species of beaked whales are so elusive that they are known only from stranded specimens. Three species of beaked whale have been documented in The Bahamas: Blainville's beaked whale, Cuvier's beaked whale and Gervais' beaked whale. South Abaco is one of the leading study sites in the world for these deep diving whales, where they feed along the steep canyon walls of the Great Bahama Canyon just off Sandy Point, where BMMRO is located.

A mass stranding of beaked whales occurred in the Bahamas on March 15th, 2000, due to sound pollution from a Navy sonar exercise in NW Providence Channel. Fourteen beaked whales stranded, three of which were stranded on Sandy Point beach directly in front of BMMRO's research station. As a result, scientists worldwide recognized the importance of learning more about the biology and physiology of these elusive whales and because BMMRO has such an extensive set of baseline data, it was decided to focus these efforts in The Bahamas.

To fill this knowledge gap, BMMRO has launched the Bahamas Beaked Whale Ecology Study with the support of a grant from the U.S. Office of Naval Research. The three-year project includes three months of dedicated survey effort of the deep water canyons and basins of the northern and central Bahamas aboard the R/V *Odyssey*, a 95-foot sailboat owned by the Ocean Alliance. The first 30-day survey is scheduled to begin on May 5th departing from Freeport. The scientific team will be led by BMMRO's Director, Diane Claridge, and includes Charlotte Dunn, Olivia Patterson and Edward Adderley (all Bahamians), as well as Leigh Hickmott and Kiya Gornik from the United Kingdom and United States, respectively. Dr. Jonathan Gordon of the Sea Mammal Research Unit (SMRU) based at the University of St. Andrew's in Scotland will also join the cruise to test a new underwater listening device that Navy vessels will be able to use to detect beaked whales acoustically and avoid conducting sonar tests in areas where beaked whales are found.

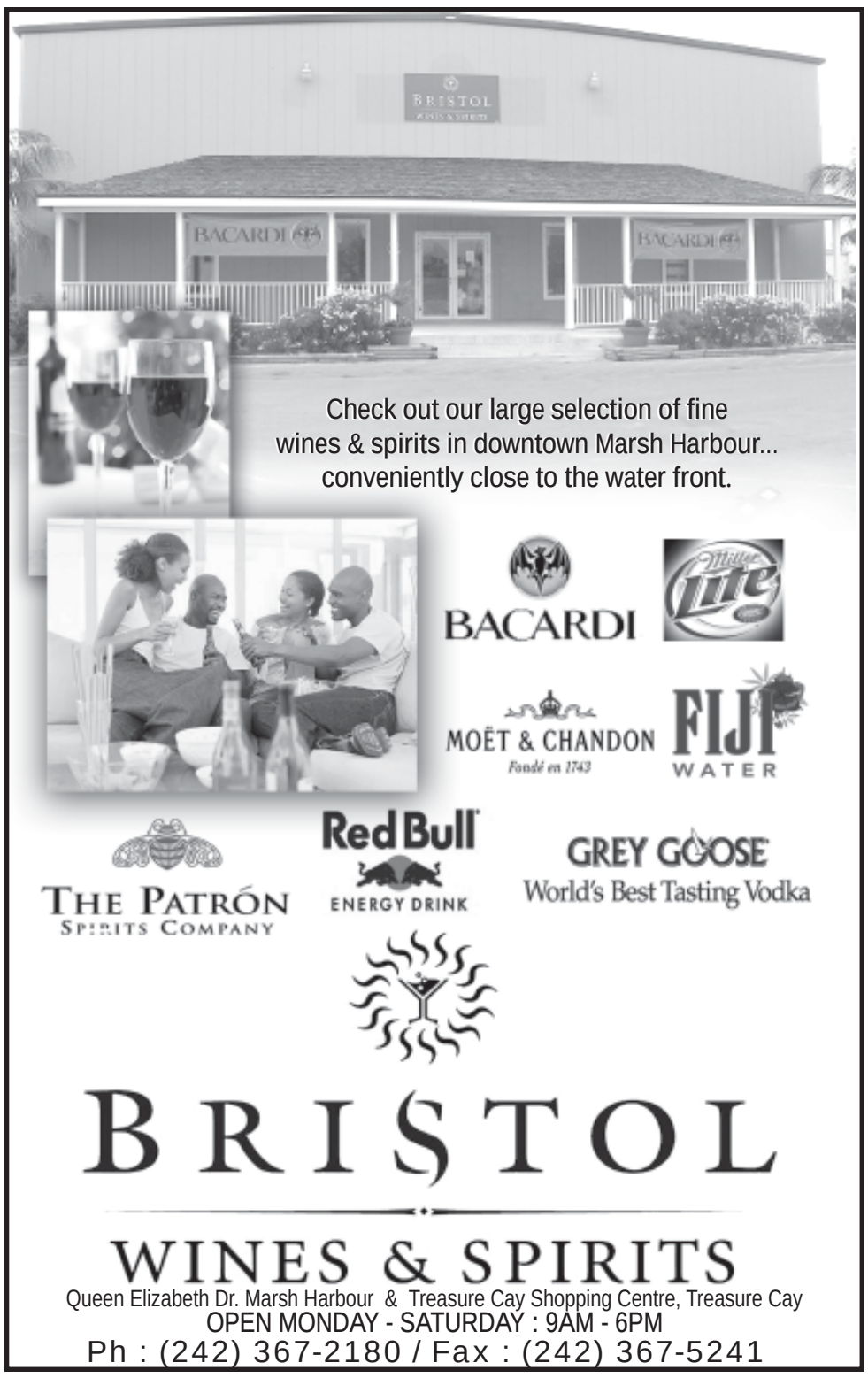
The main goals of the survey will be to learn how many beaked whales there are in the Great Bahama Canyon, where they are found and how they are related to beaked whales outside the canyon. To do this, the *Odyssey* will run zig-zag transect lines across Northeast and Northwest Providence Channels and Tongue of the Ocean while the scientists conduct visual searches for whales using high-powered binoculars called Big Eyes. When beaked whales are sighted, a team will be deployed in a skiff to obtain identification photographs and tissue samples of the whales. Six days of the cruise will be spent working in conjunction with the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) at the AUTEC base in Andros. BMMRO will be helping NUWC test the accuracy of their bottom-mounted hydrophone array in the detection and identification of cetacean species.

When asked about the project, Ms. Claridge said, "This study will have great implications for marine mammal conservation in The Bahamas and will help us to apply our findings around Abaco on a much broader scope. For example, we have given our data to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to develop a model to predict important habitats for cetaceans which has shown that Rocky Point just off Sandy Point is preferred habitat for some resident species." BMMRO will now be able to test how well the TNC model predicts important habitats elsewhere in the canyon. Information gained from this cruise will also contribute to the first comprehensive survey of marine mammals in the Tongue of the Ocean. This baseline data will help assess the impacts of naval operations at the AUTEC base on Andros and perhaps lead to more effective mitigation of their activities.

If the Odyssey encounters unfavorable weather for surveying, the research crew plans to go ashore in nearby towns to give informative presentations about Bahamian marine mammals.

For more information about BMMRO visit www.bahamaswhales.org and look for the *Odyssey* cruising near you!

Beaked whales are quite rare and elusive. The Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organization is beginning a three-year study of the three species of beaked whales that are found in Bahamian waters. The organization's headquarters is in Sandy Point. This is an adult male Blainville's beaked whale.



Fishing rules and the economy

By Julian Lockhart

Retailers, jewelry stores, food stores, restaurants, car and bike rental companies, hotels and guest houses look forward to the sportfishing season where they make the majority of their money during the spring when the fishing tournaments are held on Abaco.

The Bahamas Billfish Championship series is one of the largest tournaments on Abaco. The first leg was held at the Abaco Beach Club and Boat Harbour Marina in April with 76 yachts competing. The BBC and other tournaments bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars into the local communities creating many extra jobs at the same time.

Sales Manager at Boat Harbour, Kevie Thomas, said, "These tournaments are very important to our economy. All the restaurants rely on the tournaments because we actually bring the people in. Winding Bay and Baker's Bay don't really cater to the rest of the community. They bring their people in and that is where they stay. But with the marina we bring in 200 boats and 82 rooms and all of these people have to eat every night. So the restaurants, the food stores, the gift shops; everybody is getting something from these people when they come here. Everybody is looking forward to these tournaments. The wealth is spread all around. The repeat business here at the resort is almost 78 percent and they have been coming here for eight to 10 years," she added.

Each yacht at the tournament spends on average $10,000 per boat for the week on fuel and on average additional $5,000 for the week for housing, food and drinks and any other incidentals they may purchase whilst in Abaco. Boat Harbour has to hire extra staff during the boating season for all the fishing tournaments they host. Mrs. Thomas said this includes at least 15 boat washers every day at the marina.

Monica Higgs, one of the owners of Abaco Gold, a tournament sponsor, said the owners and crew of the yachts at the tournaments support all the local businesses by buying groceries, gifts, clothing and they are here for so long they have to supply their boats when they are on Abaco. She added that most of the money that the jewelry stores make is during the fishing season when most of the boaters are in dock.

Mrs. Thomas is afraid that negative comments made by former Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources, the Hon. Leslie Miller towards foreign boaters and fishermen may affect their bottom line in years to come. She said if these owners, who are millionaires, are continuously offended or feel they are not welcome, they will find elsewhere to go and businesses throughout Abaco will feel the immediate impact financially. She said, "Some of our guests did take offense to it and I feel he (Mr. Miller) should apologize because it wasn't said well and you can't stereotype everybody for a few that do the wrong thing. Most of our guests do not break the laws. Also the laws are not clear at all and people aren't sure what they are supposed to do and not do. This way there is no room for error. If they carry their business anywhere else, it will impact Marsh Harbour greatly. Our guests use the taxis and a staff of 100 right here will be without work. The restaurants will be impacted. When Boat Harbour is empty, so are the restaurants in town; and when we are full, so are the restaurants in town," she concluded.

GIS

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ing land is on Abaco and GIS can help enhance agriculture to enhance more streamlined farming. Once all the data is gathered and the soil scientist have collected all the information, a person doesn't have to be a scientist to understand the information because everything will be color coded and on the site for use.

Director Carol Albury said the updating procedures are something they need to work on and they have not determined yet how often the data will be updated and who is responsible for what data. This new program will be similar to Google Earth but more specific to the Bahamas with more specialized information.

Mrs. Albury said, "We are having a specialist mobilized to put in place mechanism for systematic data exchange of information. When we talk about building GIS data sets, you are not only talking about going out there and collecting information, we have to be concerned about security and updating procedures. Private citizens will be able to access this information unless it is restricted for specific reasons. For example, the department has by law restricted one from seeing household data.

"We will begin building the country's information resources in order to address the lack of digital data required for mapping, managing and monitoring economic development and to expand GIS to the Family Islands, which in turn will allow Local Government officials on these islands to assess to modern tools which will assist them in better managing the country's natural resources," she concluded.

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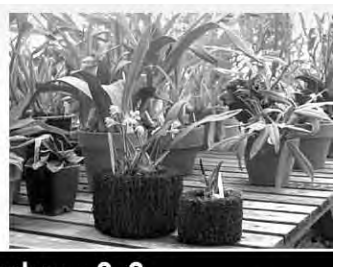

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South Abaco News

Sandy Point

Coastal Awareness Month is brought to Sandy Point

By Tonia Ferguson

Representatives from the Ministry of Tourism and Friends of the Environment travelled to the fishing community of Sandy Point on April 12 to hold a town meeting at the Assembly of God Church to introduce the 3rd Annual National Coastal Awareness Month's activities. The theme was *Litter*. Presenter and Education Officer of Friends of the Environment, D'Shan Maycock, discussed general environmental concerns regarding litter and its threats to the environment. These concerns included the use of chemicals by some fishermen and dumping garbage into the sea - their threat: killing of marine life, in particular coral reefs.

Bernadette Hall from the Ministry of Tourism presented the small audience with proposed solutions of how they can become involved with keeping Abaco beautiful. At this time she outlined the focus of the campaign - cleaning up beaches, waterfront areas, roadsides, and implementing the KAB (Keep Abaco Beautiful) Program. The program would allow for an educational process that will change the behaviours and improve communities through a focus on litter prevention, beautification and community improvement, and waste reduction.

The activities which were planned for the month of April were intended to have areas adopted and maintained by businesses, schools, churches and civic groups. Residents were encouraged to participate as they would be joining islands such as Grand Bahama, New Providence, Exuma, and Eleuthera.

While Ms. Hall commended Ms. Della Kelly, president of the Sandy Point Development Committee, and the residents for their ongoing clean-up campaign in the community, the mood was changed by a non-resident and once clean-up volunteer. His comments suggested that the residents of Sandy Point were lazy and nasty. Residents were quite offended by the remarks and expressed their desire that the gentleman never return.

Assistant Administrator, Neil Campbell who acted as a referee thanked the volunteer for his past efforts. He took this time to enlighten the audience - the gentleman in particular of accomplishments made in an effort to beautify the settlement. Some of these accomplishments included the installation of street lights, repairs to the government dock, the clearing of the perimeter of the airport, clearing of verges, removal of derelict vehicles and abandoned buildings and the instituting of over a dozen garbage bins around the community.

On this note, the meeting came to a close.

Rocky Point developers respond to Opposition Letter

By Tonia Ferguson

In a letter addressed to former Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, dated March 29, Diane Claridge, Director at the Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organisation based in Sandy Point, outlined concerns of the proposed Rocky Point development. (See website www.bahamaswhales.org) The Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organisation documents the occurrence, distribution and abundance of marine mammals in the Bahamas to contribute towards the conservation of these species both locally and globally.

According to Ms. Claridge the development will include a 147-room mixed-use hotel and approximately 100 two-storey condos and homes. It will also include a 120-slip marina. The proposed development where the developer has purchased 50 acres of land and plans to acquire an additional 300 acres of Crown Land including the duck pond is within a half mile of an area used by the organisation for the past ten years to study the population of Blainville's beaked whales.

Ms. Claridge's letter outlines concerns of the development's effects to the populations of the beaked whales and Atlantic bottlenose dolphins. The letter also addresses socio-economic and ecological concerns. Some ecological concerns are that the purchased 50 acres is predominantly fresh and salt-water wetlands. The land is a

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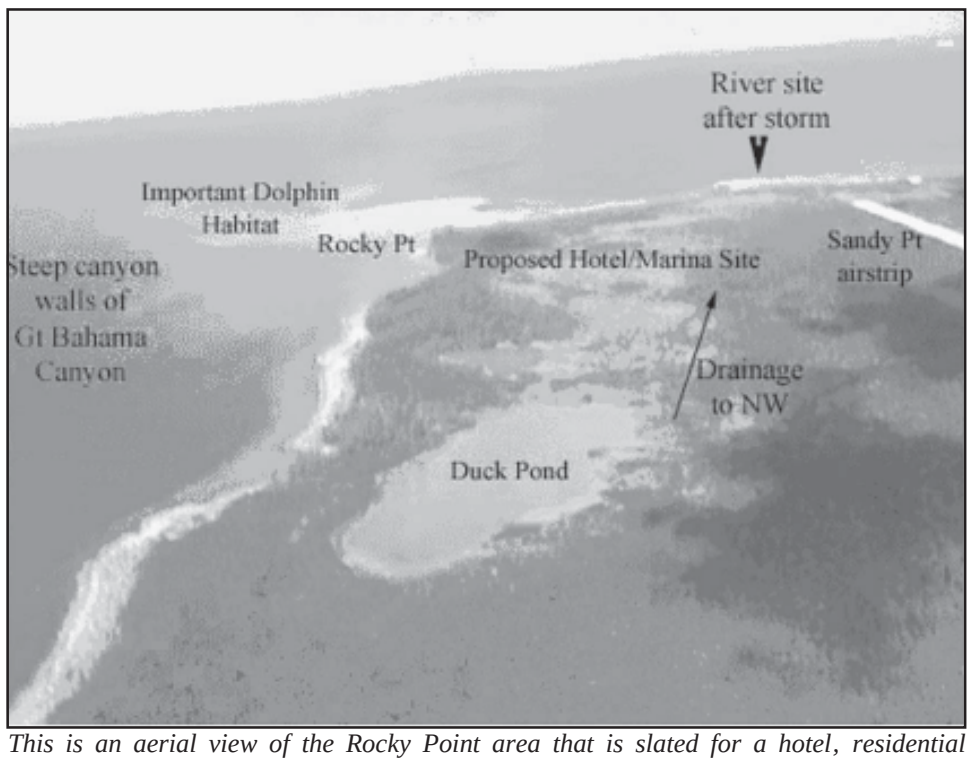

This is an aerial view of the Rocky Point area that is slated for a hotel, residential development and marina. The area is south of the Sandy Point airport and would encompassing about 350 acres of wetlands, coppice and pine forest. Fifty acres were purchased privately while the rest will be Crown Land.

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North Abaco News

Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament is scheduled

Treasure Cay Hotel Resort will hold its 24th Annual Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament on June 10-15. The tournament is a qualifier for the Rolex/IGFA Offshore Championship and is a modified release tournament offering four days of fishing, social parties, dinners and fun competitions. Multiple awards are given for billfish, with additional awards for tuna, dolphin and wahoo. Release point standings must be verified by participant's digital and/or video camera. The cameras have to have the ability to verify the time and date the photo was taken.

The tournament is known for its great food and camaraderie with social events families can enjoy. An average of 275 anglers and guests attend each tournament from many states in the U.S. as well as other countries.

Other 2007 tournaments at Treasure Cay Hotel Resort include the third leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championship scheduled for May 20-25 and the fourth leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championship scheduled for June 3-8. Visit www.treasurecay.com or www.treasurecayfishing.com for details on these events.

Hubert is Back!

By Vernique Russell

On May 2nd the constituents of North Abaco made history and re-elected the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham as their representative to the House of Assembly for the seventh consecutive time. Though this in itself is significant, this time the constituents also voted for a Prime Minister. Mr. Ingraham through a democratic process within his party (the Free National Movement) was elected once again to serve the party in the capacity of leader.

After stepping down from the post leading into the May 2002 election, he was called back to national duty from his retirement by the people of North Abaco and the Bahamas at large, thus allowing him to be elected for a seventh time as Member of Parliament and a third time as Prime Minister.

On Wednesday tens of thousand of Bahamians entered their polling divisions throughout the country to make the X for the candidate of their choice. At the end of the day, the Free National Movement was declared the unofficial winners for the Election 2007. On Friday morning at 5 a.m. or little after they were declared the official winners. Though many rumors spread, the FNM party was still successfully named the governing party for the next five years, winning in 23 constituencies and the Progressive Liberal Party became the official opposition with 18 seats. This win for Mr. Ingraham was also a historic addition for our national record as he became the first leader to lead his party to victory that didn't allow the prior government to serve two consecutive terms.

North Abaco congratulates the Mr. Ingraham and encourages him to do his best and continue to lead this country with integrity, accountability and transparency as he and his party once again deliver good governance to the people. Indeed, you are, "Simply the Best!"

Happy Mother's Day

By Vernique Russell

Happy Mother's Day is extended to all the wonderful mothers of North Abaco. Mother's Day is on May 13th and children are reminded to do something special for your mom on that day for all the sacrifices and dedication that she had invested into you. We wish every mother in North Abaco a happy and pleasant Mother's Day and it is our prayers that you enjoy your day to the fullest.

School News

Congratulations

By Vernique Russell

Special congratulations are extended to the Mighty Dolphins of Sherlin Bootle High

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School who won the Inter-School Track and Field Meet for seventh consecutive year. Once again the Dolphins prove that they are the kings and queens of the sea. The outstanding performances and efforts by students have paid off, giving members of the track team bragging rights until the next meet is held in 2008. Once again the championship trophy has made the north its home and it appears as it not going anywhere any time soon. Congratulations to all of the students who worked extremely hard to ensure success and to Coach Martin for a job well done.

Girls and Boys Seminar

By Vernique Russell

The annual girls' and boys' seminars that are held at the Sherlin Bootle High School addressed many social ills that are present in our society and provided students with positive solutions to deal with these issues.

The girls and boys are separated during the presentations which are conducted in sessions giving both counterparts the opportunity to voice their opinions and ask questions freely among their peers and members of their sex. Ms. Keira Cox of School Physiological Services in Grand Bahama addressed the girls. Her topic was conflict resolution and self esteem. Through her motivational speech she encouraged the girls to reach for more and believe in themselves. She gave the young ladies positive methods for dealing with conflicts without resorting to violence. On the boys' side Supt. Wayne Miller emphasized to the boys the importance of refraining from criminal activities. He encouraged the boys to be fruitful and

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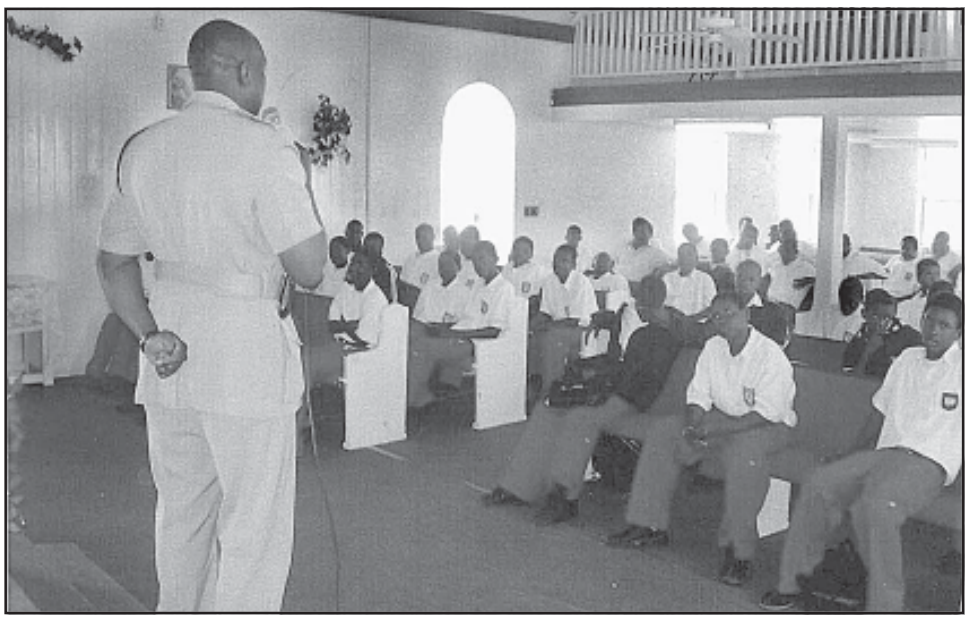
Ms. Keira Cox of School Psychological Services in Freeport addressed the All Girls' Seminar" at S.C. Bootle High School. Her topic was conflict resolution and self esteem. Note that the seminar is taking place under the tent that students worked hard to raise money for. It is used for assemblies, for lunch and break periods and for meetings such as this.



Supt. Wayne Miller conducts a one-on-one session at the All Boys' Seminar at S.C. Bootle High School. His topic was Avoiding Criminal Activity.

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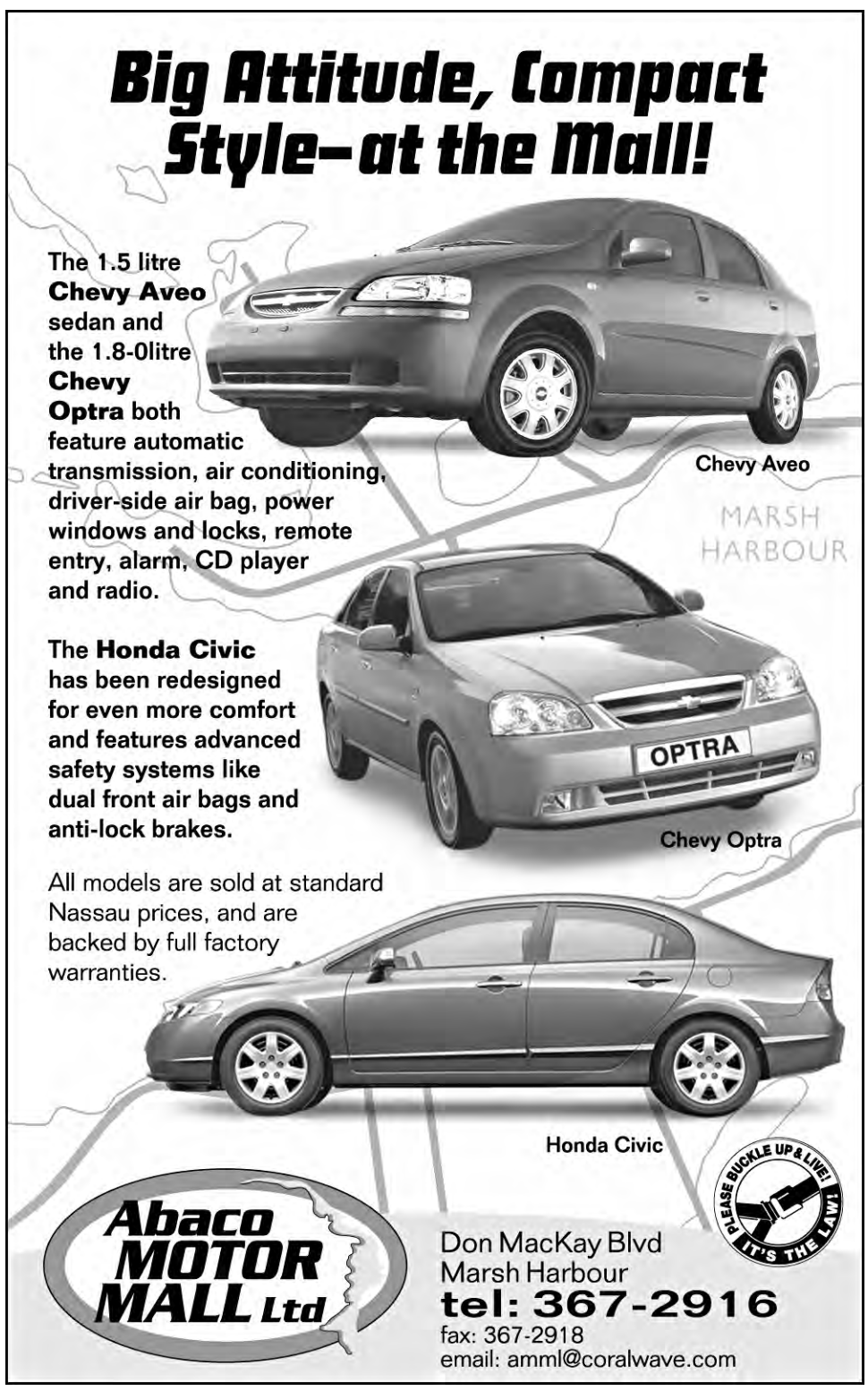

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honest citizens and advised them to not be caught up in the negativity that surrounds them but to make a difference.

Recent Events at Sherlin Bootle High School

By Vernique Russell

Principal Huel Moss, teachers and students have been busy during the completion of this school year 2006-2007. Students have been busy academically, athletically and socially.

Mrs. Demeritte has spent a lot of time preparing her students for life outside high school, allowing them to experience the hardship that life can sometime bring their way when least expected. Students in her class have had hands-on experience on caring for babies as a teenager. Demonstrating the responsibilities of caring for a young baby and still trying to complete high school was the object for the project and students had to dedicate themselves to dolls as if they were real babies. In contrast to life Mrs. Demeritte has invited her students to experience the sting of death that life often brings. Through dramatization students acted out a funeral and graveyard scene.

The students of grade 12 in preparation for departure from high school and into the "real world" were treated to a session on the importance of saving hosted by a representative from Teachers and Salaried Worker Credit Union. Students also took part in the Adopt a Beach program and worked tirelessly to clean the public beach area in North Abaco that is just a few miles south of Blackwood.

Students are now preparing for national examinations and graduation. This has been an exciting school year thus far, and students are still anticipating more events before some of them close the chapter of life in school permanently.

Stay Focused

By Vernique Russell

With less than two months remaining in this school, the young people of North Abaco are encouraged to stay focused and work hard for success. Examinations are just around the corner and students are encouraged to create time to study and revise their work before entering the examination arena. Only what you put in can come out; therefore study hard and reach your goals. Remember, education unlocks the door to

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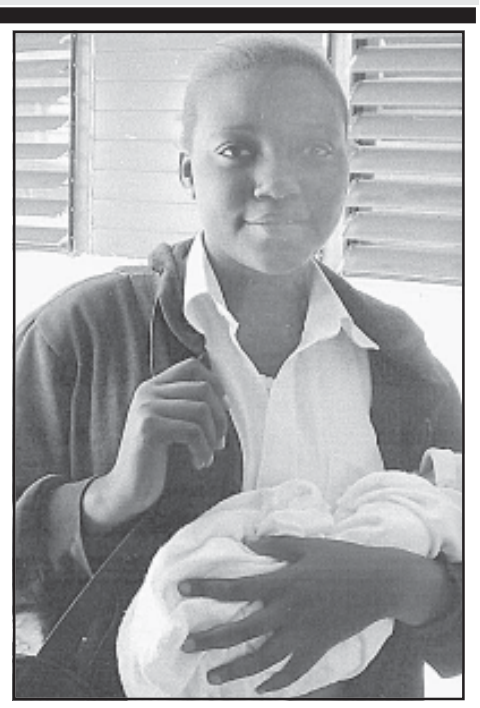
As part of the Religious Studies program, Ms. Demeritte's students at S.C. Bootle High School dramatize a funeral and graveside scene.



Students in Ms. Demeritte's Religious Studies Class learn the rigors and responsibitities of caring for a baby while they are still in school. A doll is being used as a resource tool.

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Letters

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I've found the forum to be one of the best online, interactive sources of information about Abaco, and if the ever-increasing membership numbers are any indication, I'm not alone. The forum is a fun, friendly community of locals, visitors, second homeowners and others, all of whom love and enjoy discussing Abaco.

For the most part, discussions revolve around the usual tourism-related topics: weather, what to pack, where to stay, how to get there, etc. Like *Abaconian* readers, forum members are free to express their opinions on any topic related to Abaco, provided the discussion is respectful. Naturally, as in any community, the discussion can occasionally become heated, but at the end of the day, we're all friends and we all love Abaco.

Incorrect or out-of-date information is always a risk when visiting online information sources. However, I can tell you that over the course of planning a Green Turtle Cay wedding from some distance away, I've received lots of helpful, timely and, most important, accurate information from forum members.

In the meantime, I remain perplexed as to why this individual could be so threatened by a website that supports the free exchange of ideas and information about Abaco.

Sincerely yours,
A. Diedrick

[*Editor's note: The website added the text about the intimidation of the advertiser. We have been assured that it did not come from the individual on Abaco.*]

Supports the forum

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a relative newcomer as far as being a visitor to the beautiful islands of Abaco. It has made such an immediate impact with us that this May 2007 will be our third consecutive trip. This time we have decided to stay on Great Guana Cay.

I have utilized the forum website as a tool to plan our trip and as a resource regarding the region and its weather and commerce. It also has a definite entertainment value. I have passed this wonderful resource on to friends and people who express an interest in Abaco after hearing of our trips.

During our past trips, as well as the upcoming one, we have used the services of Vintage Props and Jets, Dodge Cruising Guide, Nippers and have passed on the information of Medjet Assist to my 77-year-old mother who accompanied us last year. We also use their link to find cottages and places to stay.

I find it deeply disturbing that someone has taken it upon themselves to voice such a caustic and mean-spirited rant with the intent of bullying advertisers. It is totally misleading and without merit, and in my opinion, seems to have an air of unstableness about it.

We do take notice of the comings and goings on the forum and it is with great concern that someone has caused such an adverse reaction.

The forum is much more open-minded and allows certain freedoms of expression that are not found on the other Abaco board. I think its membership will continue to grow and flourish, despite the paranoid ramblings of a select few narrow-minded individuals.

Patricia A. Puzo

[*Editor's Note: We know and have contacted the person who was "intimidated" to remove their ad. No such statement was made but the "intimidation" was added by someone at the website.*]

Wants to be informed

Dear Editor:

Thank you for printing my letter.

I am writing in response to the letter to the editor in the April 15, 2007, *Abaconian* from "Be Informed."

I found the forum by accident (after reading a derogatory comment about the forum on another message board).

I have enjoyed reading the Abaco Message Board since Hurricane Floyd. I think both message boards are a place for people to say hello, talk about their vacations and seek advice. They provide fast and inexpensive communication. It is up to the reader to "Be Informed" and decide if the information given is to be disregarded or merits further investigation. The forum has a more liberal attitude that allows for a discussion of a wider range of topics. It segregates the topics and it clearly advises the reader of such content. I think it is important to know all sides of any issue of discussion so I can "Be Informed" and decide what I want.

I read various other news sources (including this paper) about the Bahamas so I consider myself to "Be Informed."

One drawback to the various sources of information provided by "Be Informed" is that they would involve long distance calls, unreturned calls and/or unanswered e-mails and you are still relying on someone else's opinion.

Tim Abbott

Supports free speech

Dear Editor,

In regards to Be Informed's letter in last week's paper, we take issue with the misinformation they are spreading about the forum.

The forum is a place where members can freely discuss their love of Abaco on varied topics. Everyone has an opinion. While we do not always agree on all things, discussions are open, thoughtful and passionate. Isn't this what free speech is all about?

Sincerely,
Rick and Tina Ferguson

Supports bulletin board

Dear Sir,

I was saddened to see the anonymous letter to your editor you recently printed re one of the Internet-based bulletin boards. The writer was ill advised at best. This bulletin board, like others about Abaco, provides important, current info for tourists especially, but also second homeowners and Bahamians about Abaco. It also allows for the free democratic exchange of ideas about Abaco and the Bahamas, just as been happening in the Bahamas in the recent runup to the May 2 election. While I disagree in many regards with the writer, he or she should have the right to send letter to your

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More Letters to the Editor

Letters

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good paper which I am a subscriber to. She or her should, as should be your editorial policy, identify themselves. As a good mentor once told me, "If you think it is important enough to put down on paper, you should be happy and proud to put your name on it."

A healthy exchange of different ideas is good for the websites, good for newspapers like *The Abaconian*, good for the Bahamas and good for democracy. Sunlight in business and politics is important. Anonymous letters defeat that sunlight.

I hope with my name "happily and proudly" affixed below, you will print it.

Skip Hudgins

[*Editor's Note: While we also prefer signed letters, we will withhold names on request. We have concluded that more is gained by allowing unsigned letters than by restricting them, However, we will not print letters that we do not know the writer or that there is a real person behind the name. In small communities such as ours, it is too easy for neighbors and others to be offended and ostracize those expressing their opinions.*]

Appreciates forum

To the Editor,

My wife and I have been visiting Abaco since 1995. It is almost our exclusive vacation destination. We rarely go anywhere else. At present, we both give and receive valuable information from the forum. This site is operated by Americans who also visit Abaco often. We give info to mostly Americans from an American's point of view. Obviously, we love Abaco and encourage all we meet to visit. In addition, this site allows political questions to be answered and allows any warts to show that may exist. As a result of this rounded and uncensored information being allowed, new visitors are assured that they are getting "the real info" and not some sugar-coated version. Because of this openness, this forum has been growing by leaps and bounds. Simply put, people trust it. Any advertiser who participates on this forum is obviously a good business operator with nothing to fear but getting too busy.

My wife and I have no financial ties to the forum whatsoever. We simply appreciate this type of operation and will come to its defense when it is attacked by someone with a hidden agenda. The more successful this forum becomes, then the more visitors there will be in Abaco. We hope the Abaconians think this is a good thing.

Sincerely,

Ken Parrott

[*Editor's Note: The advertiser who was allegedly "intimidated" withdrew advertising when shown negative aspects by two other local business persons. That person reviewed the site and drew their own conclusion. There was no local intimidation. That person was irate that the webmaster (1) published the letter on the web without permission and (2) changed the tone of the letter inferring that the person had been intimidated to withdraw their advertising.*]

It Pays to Advertise

Pathfinders

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tral High School and hopes to attend the College of the Bahamas where he will study culinary arts. He is the son of Donna Burrows and Robert Sands.

Tajah Deveaux attends Abaco Central High School. She will be studying accounting at the College of the Bahamas. She is the daughter of Adamae Deveaux of Murphy Town.

Andre Singh currently attends Abaco Central High School. He hopes to pursue an architectural degree at City College in New York. His parents are Partap and Gualty Singh of Marsh Harbour.

Latonia King is a student at Abaco Central High School who will pursue a degree in banking and finance at the College of the Bahamas. Her parents are Patrice Neely and Anthony King.

Nickesia Jones is a graduate of Abaco Central High School. She is studying biology at York College in New York. Nickesia is the daughter of Ingrid Gray of Marsh Harbour.

Cheynea Turnquest currently attends Forest Heights Academy and wants to pursue a degree in accounting and photography at the College of the Bahamas. She is the daughter of Camille Lowe of Casuarina Point.

Ashley Knowles attends Forest Heights Academy and will be pursuing a degree in business management at Florida Southern University. Her parents are Craig and Linda Knowles of Hope Town.

Christine Fleurimond currently attends Forest Heights Academy. She plans to attend the College of the Bahamas where she will study nursing. Her parents are Lacieuse and Roalin Timothee of Treasure Cay.

A reception for these new scholarship recipients and their families will be held on June 3 at Abaco Beach Resort. The students' dreams are being realized because of the generosity of individuals and businesses of the Abaco community – thank you. Congratulations, new recipients – make us proud!

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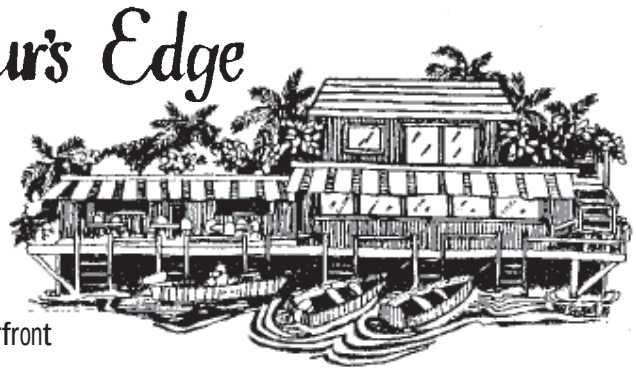

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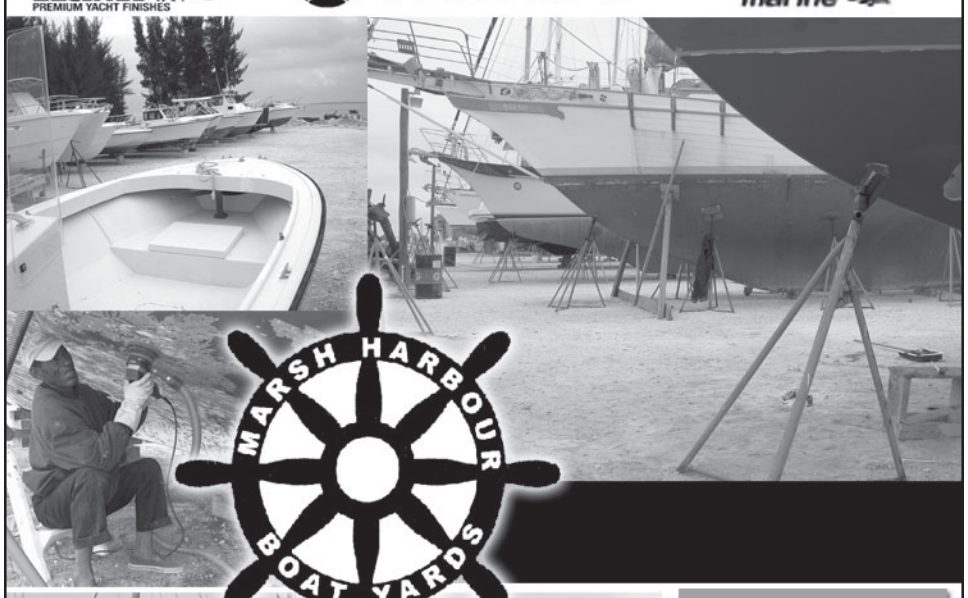

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Church News

Revival services

By Vernique Russell

Cities of Refuge Non-Denomination and Restoration Ministries will host a Fun in the Park Day on May 5th. This event will take place at the Treasure Cay Park and will begin at 11 am. The menu will include delicious fry fish and pancake, chicken and macaroni, conch fritter, sweet treats and more. You are invited to come out and be a part of this fun venture.

Cities of Refuge invites you to attend three nights of revival featuring Mrs. Sonia Flemings of Houston, Texas. The theme for this revival is *Can you stand to be blessed?* This revival will also host a praise and worship session under the theme *True Worship* by an anointed music minister also from Texas and a Psalmist from Georgia. Nightly services will begin at 7:30 p.m. on May 14th- May 16th. The public is invited to be a part of these life-changing services. Cities of Refuge is located in Treasure Cay at the Brent Lowe Plaza off the Sherlin Bootle Highway, one block south of the airport.

The youth department of Cities of Refuge is calling all youths who do not have a church home to be a part of their Youth Invasion. Youth Invasion will be held every Tuesday at the church. You can come and be a part of an expressive and excited movement among the youth. We ask you to join them. Introducing youth invasion at Cities of Refuge, you don't want to miss this.

Women's Conference

By Vernique Russell

Friendship Mission in Cooper's Town will host a Women Conference on May 10th and 11th at the church in Cooper's Town. The guest speaker for this conference is Min. Brenda Archer of Latter Rain Ministries in Dundas Town and Min. Leonara Sands of Bethel Restoration in New Providence. Registration forms are available at the church and the fee is $25. Calling all women throughout the island of Abaco to come and be a part of these powerful two nights of services.

Prayer for Our Nation

By Vernique Russell

End Time Harvest in Crown Haven hosted a prayer services for our nation on May 1st at the church. Church members from all the North end of the island came together to pray for our nation and ask God to have His way. Prayers were also lifted up for the election exercise and our leaders, our youths and against violence during our democratic process. The pastor of End Time Harvest is Pastor Tyrone Mills.

Revival

By Vernique Russell

Open Door Ministries in Fox Town held three nights of revival services with guest speaker, Min. Thelma Gibson, from Grand Bahama. The service offered those who attended a time to move their hands in worship and praise. Open Door Ministries thanks those who worshiped with them making the revival a grand success. Rev. George Russell is the senior pastor of Open Door Ministries.

A representative from the Teachers and Salaried Credit Union spoke to grade 12 students of S.C. Bootle High School about the improtance of saving.

As part of the National Coastal Awareness Month program, the students of S.C. Bootle cleaned along a road leading to the North Abaco Public Beach. They cleaned out the garbage that had been thrown into a blue hole in the vicinity and cleaned the beach area. The students did this as part of their "Adopt a Beach" program organized by the Ministry of Tourism and Friends of the Environment.

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MP Christie commented on fishing rules

By Julian Lockhart

Former Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources, the Hon. Leslie Miller, made a number of comments in January that more than offended the sports fishermen who frequent Abaco from the United States for pleasure and the numerous tournaments throughout the year. He said the contribution to the Bahamian economy by the sports fisherman is so negligible that it is not even worth considering when it came to the impact of the new fishing regulations on tourism. Mr. Miller added there are a few other places these avid boaters can go, but they won't go there because there is no place else like The Bahamas in this hemisphere.

These comments and others have brought an uproar from the boating community and the local fishing guides as they feel it will hurt tourism on Abaco. A number of individuals at the first leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championships at the Boat Harbour Marina voiced their displeasure.

Bahamian boat captain Scott Eldon, who was competing in the BBC, said, "The article said that there is no where else for Floridians to go, there are no fish in Florida and people aren't happy about what was said. These guys have millions of dollars and they come over and spend money in the hotels, they spend money at the docks, they spend money at the bars and restaurants. They are insulted more than anything else. No one was bothered about the rules, but by what was said. Most people will abide by the rules. The guys who come here and go fishing for the tournaments catching dolphin and wahoo really slow them down.

"At the Palm Beach Boat Show people were telling me they didn't care about the rules it was just what was said about them. They don't have to come here and the average boat that comes here is 60 feet and you have to be very careful what you say because people with money get insulted real easy," Mr. Eldon added.

The new fishing regulations were put in place to monitor the amount of fish and marine resources that foreigners could readily remove from Bahamian waters on a daily basis. It restricts the amount of fish that can be removed, no spear fishing unless with a special license and no conch at all on board a foreign-owned vessel or one where foreigners are fishing from. Mr. Eldon and others said they have no problem with the new regulations, though some said they are a bit severe and need to be clarified more.

If foreign sports fishermen decide to go elsewhere because of comments like those of Mr. Miller or the fishing regulations being too severe, then a number of businesses on Abaco will lose a major part of their yearly intake. Mr. Eldon said there are few people who would take advantage of the fishing in the Bahamas and most are only going to take what they are supposed to. He added the majority of the abuse is done by boats which come over from Florida and run over to Bimini or Memory Rock to fish and then go back without clearing in or out.

Former Prime Minister Perry Christie said, "I don't expect ministers to cause people to take offense to their statements. When it comes down to the laws of The Bahamas, we have to make decisions that are best for the country. The best interest of the country may sometimes strike a balance between ensuring that the country is protected and the fishing grounds are protected. But at the same time not to the point where we cut off our nose to spite our face. We have to recognize that tourism has played a major role in the growth of our country and the quality of life to people. Leslie [Miller] has tried to consult the actual fisherman in the decisions he has made and we have to consult the people who this will impact," he concluded.

South

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drainage area in storms and prevents flooding of Sandy Point. The area provides a feeding habitat for the endangered Bahama Parrot, and the development may cause damage to soft and hard corals.

Ms. Claridge noted that her concerns mirror those of the Inter-American Development Bank, that the Bahamas needs an Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan. She suggested that until implementation of such a plan, large-scale coastal developments should cease. It was these concerns that prompted her to request a public meeting in Sandy Point.

Responding to the letter, the developers held a town meeting in Sandy Point on April 12. The gathering of approximately 100 people listened attentively as the developers made their address. They detailed the plans of the development and informed the audience of their intent to make employment available to everyone who wants a job. A concern outlined by Ms. Claridge was addressed - the creation of a beach. Referring to a map of Rocky Point, the developer showed the previous existence of a beach. While Ms. Claridge had other concerns, the developer at the time was unable to provide her with responses. The last question of the evening posed by an eager young resident was, "When will the development begin?" In reply, the developer stated that they expected to begin within months. This excited the crowd who seemed to welcome the proposed development.

Cays

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tificate, presented in the reusable Green Bags were much appreciated .What a great day to see what students who care can do to save our most important feature -the Environment. Remember - we do not own the environment, we are only borrowing it from future generations!

Grade 2 Spelling Bee

While Earth Day was going on, across town another hotly contested Spelling Bee was taking place. Children and parents work harder on these bees each year with dedicated students setting their sights on a trophy, typically working up to six months on word lists. This was the case of our amazing Anna Albury and her coach mother Teresa and aide Lindsey Brown. Anna is blind but is our shining example of what ANY child can do with determination. Spelling loud and proud, Anna once again won Second Place and proudly brought home her second trophy in Spelling Bees! Watch out, swimming competitors - she also flies in the pool! We are very proud of you, Anna, for your never ending cheery disposition and the way you take on life with a laugh. You are an inspiration to us all!

Save Abaco's Marine Environment!

Save Abaco's Marine Environment is not just a plea - it is also one of Friends of the Environment's newest conservation efforts. The idea of Save Abaco's Marine Environment (SAME) came from Stafford Patterson, owner and manager of Sea Horse Boat Rentals in Marsh Harbour. Friends has supported marine conservation in the past by community education and by installing moorings at local reefs. However, these moorings are under constant need of repair. Not only that, but our marine environment is so important to the economy and culture of The Bahamas that a lot more needs to be done to protect it.

The SAME program is appealing to local businesses to help Friends in a donation collection program for a marine conservation fund. Participating businesses will soon be displaying a SAME poster, and a colourful donation container will be available for anyone wishing to support the program. The program has just begun, but Friends already has Sea Horse Boat Rentals and Island Marine on board. With the help of Tim Higgs, Friends Board member and owner of Abaco Dive Adventures, the program has been adapted for dive shops as well. Froggies Out Island Adventures, Abaco Dive Adventures, Dive Guana, Dive Abaco, Treasure Divers and Above & Below Abaco are all participating!

We are very lucky that The Bahamas can still boast a gorgeous marine environment, but we are still under the influence of many negative impacts. You may have heard the saying "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Let's step in before things get worse. Let's preserve our seas.

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- Good Elevation

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- Amazing Ocean Views

#AS10009 - $4,395,000

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- 174' of water frontage
- Overlooks entrance to Treasure Cay Marina
- Cleared and ready to build
- All utilities available

#AS10591 - $642,000

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

#RS10634 - $129,500

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

#AS10719 - $910,000

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

#RS10683 - $132,000.

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

#RS10698 - $2,100,000

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- 1.4 Acres
- 300' from mainland
- Excellent Elevation
- 8' water at western end
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- 9 Acres undeveloped
- Very secluded
- Deep water natural boat basin

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Marsh Harbour Hosts Sailing Regatta

Sunfish and Optimists Compete in Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta

A total of 45 Sunfish and Optimists competed in the harbour of Marsh Harbour on April 28. Sailors came from several Abaco towns and from Nassau, freeport and the States for the 17th annual Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta. Mr. Lowe's son, Jimmie Lowe, was the overall winner of the regatta. In first place in the Optimist class was Danny deCardenas, also from Nassau.

By Julian Lockhart

It couldn't be a more fitting ending for the 17th Annual Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta than for Mr. Lowe's son, Jimmie Lowe, to win the largest regatta they have held on Abaco, even though he was sailing in a borrowed Sunfish.

Mr. Lowe has won before but said with all of the boats that showed up this year, it made it even more special as he held off 25 other Sunfish to win. Finishing second in the Sunfish class was George Damianos from Nassau, and Jim Kaighin from Abaco finished third.

Forty-five boats in the Sunfish and Optimist classes took place in the one-day regatta on April 28th in the harbour of Marsh Harbour. The base for the regatta was Snappas Bar and Grill.

Mr. Lowe said, "I have won it quite a few times before, but it is great to win it again. We had 25 Sunfish out there, the largest Sunfish fleet we have had in Marsh Harbour and so it is good to be able to win it. The most pleasurable thing about this regatta is we have had as few as six or seven boats at this regatta and we had 43 today.

Please see **Sunfish** *Page 2*

Abaco Observes Earth Day

By Mirella Santillo

April 27th was observed as Earth Day on Abaco and to celebrate the occasion Friends of the Environment in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism organized a seminar for all the school children of Abaco. Earth Day is to be a global reminder of the importance of saving the environment and is observed worldwide.

The function, which took place at New Visions Ministries, was designed as a learning experience but also as a fun event. The students from Abaco Central Primary School, Hope Town Primary, Man-O-War Primary, Cyber Learning Center, St. Francis de Sales, Wesley College, S.C. Bootle High School and Forest Heights Academy were among the schools which attended and had prepared environment-related projects to be entered into a competition..

While judges were going around to examine the exhibits to grade them, Mrs. Lindsey McCoy of Friends asked the students to think of at least one thing they could do to save the earth. They were subsequently quizzed for their answers towards the end of the morning.

Most of the exhibits were very creative such as the one put together by Hope Town Upper Primary called *Cross Harbour Edition of Trivial Pursuit*. This brain storm of 4th grade teacher Nancy Burnett and parent Bonnie Hall, this game gathered a crowd of young players and rewarded Hope Town's Upper Primary School with the first prize for that age category. Cyber Learning Center produced a project related to *Parks and Protected Areas*, while Central Abaco Pri-

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Church Leaders Break Ground

Victory Tabernacle Church broke ground for its new building on April 29. The building is on the last cross road in Murphy Town. Pastor A.B. Lewis is shown in the center while his wife and other ministers look on. See story on page 23.

S.C. Bootle Performs for Judges

S.C. Bootle students demonstrated their talents for the adjudicators of the National Arts Festival when they visited the school. Students who are selected will go to Nassau to perform in a national competition. The adjudicators visited several government schools on Abaco. See story on page 8

SGCR Will Make UN Presentation

Save Guana Cay Reef Association has been invited to send delegates to the United Nations Commission that will be discussing Sustainable Development in third world countries at their New York City offices in early May.

The Guana Cay Association began their fight in early 2005 and are still fighting to save their tiny island from what they see as over development destruction. They are now widely recognized in The Bahamas as the grass roots non-governmental organization opposing the Baker's Bay Club Development on Great Guana Cay's pristine northeastern end. The Save Guana Cay Reef Association (SGCR) is now pushing for environmental protection laws for the entire Bahamas.

The attending members from Save Guana Cay Reef have been accredited and will join the historic meeting attended by other member nations from around the world, UN agencies, international funding agencies, the private sector and the press. Global mangrove protection will be a central issue, and Alfredo Quarto, the President of Mangrove Action Project will join SGCR to speak on behalf of mangrove protection in the Bahamas and the Caribbean. The Association will present videos, scientific documentation and photographic evidence of their concerns about unchecked development from islands

Please see **SGCR** *Page 22*

Sports News

Regatta

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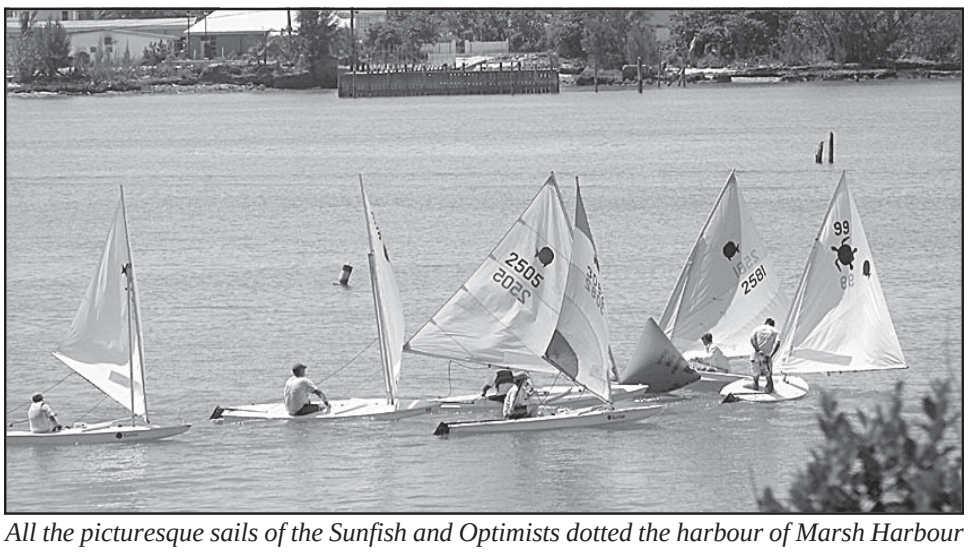
Also to have all the kids out here, we had 22 kids out there, which is great. It is even more special since it is honoring my father. I am pretty active with the kids program and anyone should come and see this regatta and see what the entire effort is about," he added.

Sailors from Abaco, New Providence, and Grand Bahama and as far away as Canada tacked in and out of buoys in the harbour to complete five races.

Mr. Lowe said with the number of boats continuously rising each year they are proving that more children are taking an interest in sailing. There were 26 Sunfish boats and 19 Optimists and more than half of the competitors were under 18.

There were supposed to be seven legs of the regatta; but because of time restraints, the intense heat and the lack of a consistently strong wind, the regatta was confined to five races instead. All of the competitors were noticeably burned and all admitted to being extremely exhausted after hours of consistent sailing.

Winning the Optimist class was Danny deCardenas, who had to do some nifty sailing during the last race to hold off second place winner Shaquille Dean for the victory. Finishing third was Bianca Wagner-Illing, all from Nassau.



All the picturesque sails of the Sunfish and Optimists dotted the harbour of Marsh Harbour during the Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta. Five races on April 28 completed the regatta. Seven boats are rounding a mark.

Abaco hosts Karate tournament

By Julian Lockhart

Only days after 20 Karate students received their new belts, Sensei Churton Toote saw his dojo more than hold its own against those from New Providence and Grand Bahama at the Abaco Karate Academy Tournament on April 14. The Abaco tournament is one of six on the Bahamas circuit during the year and 14 competitors came from the karate clubs in New Providence and nine from the karate clubs on Grand Bahama. The tournament was held at the New Vision Ministries building and was sponsored by Price Right, Marsh Harbour Exporters/ Importers and Cuddles Gift Store.

Sensei Toote said, "I am quite pleased with the turnout from Freeport and Nassau. I am pleased with this competition because at our last tournament two months ago our students didn't do quite well at all. We are

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Sunfish sailors from Abaco

3rd	Jim Kaighin
5th	Andrew Wilhoyte
6th	Dwayne Wallas
8th	Matthew McCoy
18th	Christian Wilhoyte
19th	Jody Lowe
22nd	Joe Thompson

Optimist sailors from Abaco

7th	Dylan Thompson
9th	Noah Albury
10th	Tristan Albury
11th	Ben Patterson
12th	Shannon Thompson
14th	Stony Lowe
16th	Nicole Maltarp
19th	Candice Trembley

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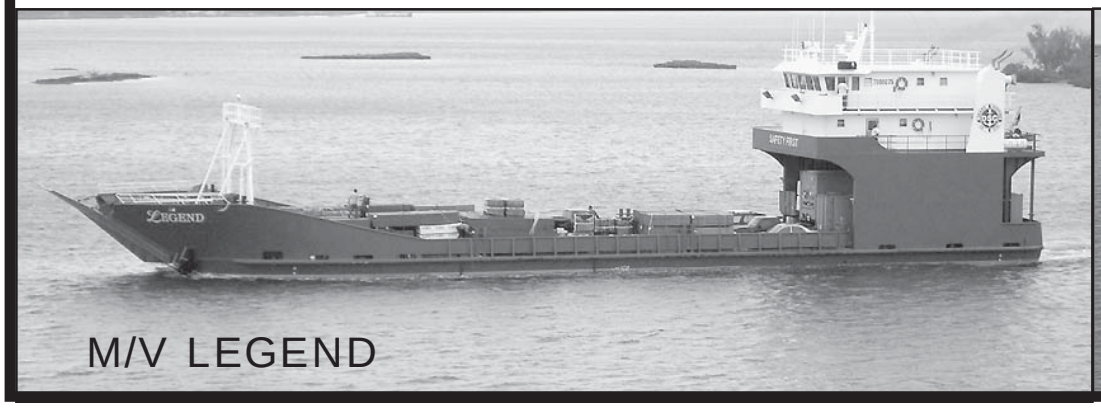

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School News

Abaco High School Track Meet

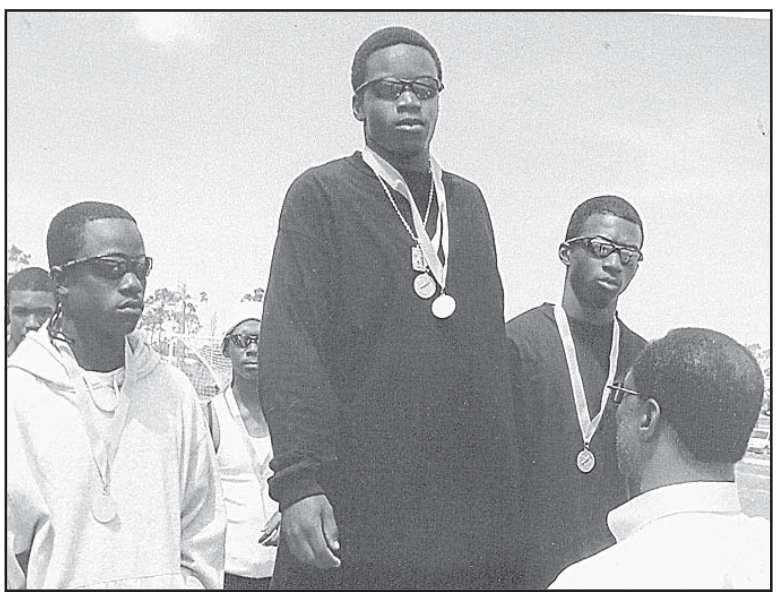
By Julian Lockhart

The S.C. Bootle High School Dolphins track and field team took the early lead on day one of the Abaco High School Track and Field Meet and never let up as they held off a hard charging Abaco Central High to win the two-day meet on March 15-16 at the Murphy Town Park.

The Dolphins dominated the girls divisions and that made the difference as they finished with 979 points, 70 points ahead of Abaco Central that finished second with 907 points. Finishing third was Moore's Island All-age School with 337 points and St. Francis de Sales ended up fourth with 253 points. Also competing was Agape Christian School, Forest Heights Academy and Long Bay School.

The student athletes competed in three different age groups - under-20, under-17 and under-15.

Dolphins' coach Donnavette Martin said, "I feel good that we won. We have done okay and I feel we still could have done better. My girls dominated and that is definitely what won it for us. Our girls are much stronger than the guys because we have more girls that are willing to put in the effort than the guys. Our females dominated in total and our under-20 males dominated," she added.



For the seventh consecutive year S.C. Bootle Dynamic Dolphins have dominated the Inter-school Track and Field Competition held in Murphy Town in March. All the high schools on Abaco participated including Moore's Island. S.C. Bootle student Julian Cornish is shown receiving one of the many medals won by the school.

Despite only traveling with 20 student athletes, Moore's Island proved to be quite formidable and annihilated the field in the girls under-15 division.

The problem for Moore's Island in competing with the other two government schools was their lack of numbers as the school goes up only to grade 10. The school did not have enough senior students to compete in the under-20 age group. The athletes from Moore's Island proved that they can compete with those from the big island on Abaco. They just need the opportunity, equipment and facilities for training. They garnered two of the trophies for top athletes in individual divisions. Prestina Knowles was top athlete in the under-15 girls division and the top performer in the under-20 boys division was Ashbon Culmer.

The Moore's Island All-age School principal, Ms. Ruthmae Rolle, said, "I was very, very proud of the girls because a number of them were sixth graders and you will see some of them again if we make it over to the primary school meet. The girl who won the 1,200 meters is in sixth grade. That was the strongest division that we had. This speaks much to the amount of talent here in this school. We knew we were going to get a couple of medals but I didn't expect them to perform that well. Another surprise was the under-20 kids in the field events and how well they did," she added.

Abaco Central felt it had the team to win the entire meet and principal Kendris Hield said S.C. Bootle just got away. It will be

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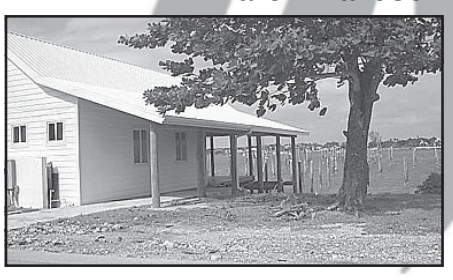

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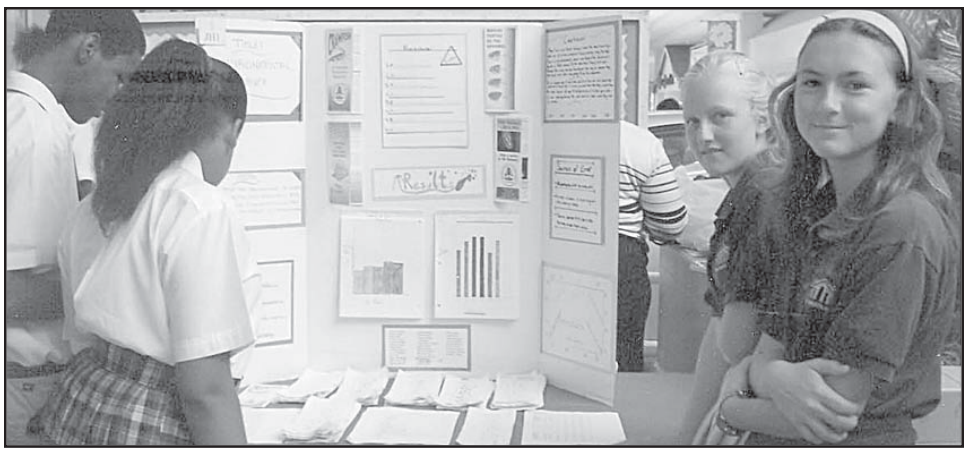
the last time so long as he is principal that the school lost. The downfall for Abaco Central was their female divisions, compiling such little points that they were not able to make up for the dominance in the male divisions. The school did win two to athlete division titles as Shane Jones captured the under-15 boys crown and Andrew McIntosh the under-17 boys division.



Forest Heights students Danielle Moss and Nicole Maltarp explain their environmental survey project to students at the National Coastal Awareness Competition held in Nassau. Entries in primary, junior high and senior high categories came in from eight different islands.

Mrs. Paula Young, teacher at S.C. Bootle High School, poses in front of the school's entry in the National Coastal Awareness Competition with two students. The competition was in Nassau to celebrate Coastal Awareness Month.

The under-17 girls division was won by Anquanique Huyler from S.C. Bootle and also from the Dolphins, Cyndea Parker won the under-20 girls division.

Mr. Hield said, "Everybody wants to be number one and I believe Abaco Central High School could have been number one, but we had some misfortunes. I commend S.C. Bootle on the work they have done and I commend also all the private schools for coming out as well as the government schools.

"S.C. Bootle, you have to look out because we were right on your tail. All we have to do is get up on our girls and get them going. I am sure that next year we are going to be number one. I congratulate S.C. Bootle for their hard work but understand that next year the crown is not their own," he concluded.

Abaco Primary Track Meet

By Julian Lockhart

Central Abaco Primary's track and field coach Geoffrey Victor said he came to take "no prisoners" and that is exactly what he did as his school dominated the Abaco Primary School Track and Field Meet held on April 25-26 at the Murphy Town Sports Facilities. Mr. Victor has the advantage of having the largest primary school in Abaco, but said size is only one factor. He still had to train his athletes and they went out and performed great. Central Abaco Primary won six of the eight most outstanding athletes during the two-day meet and just barely missed out on winning the other two.

Mr. Victor said, "I am disappointed we didn't win all eight, but other than that I feel good that we won six out of eight. In Central Pines there is a hill and we did a lot of training on that hill. I expected them to do well and they expected to do well. I am very proud of them. Being the largest school on the island I have a lot to pick from and I expect us to win meets like these," he added.

Winning the under-8 boys was Ricardo Fawkes who won the 400-metre and finished second in the 75m. Central Abaco Primary won both the under-10 girls and

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boys division as Kevantia Reckley was first in the 100m and 200m and finished second in the long jump and Kyle Smith was first in the 100m and 200m.

Shavesse Eyma captured the under-12 girls division by winning the 100m and finishing third in the 200m. In a second clean sweep, Central Abaco Primary won both the boys and girls division in the under-14 age group as Samantha Miller won the 400m and the long jump and finished second in the 100m. Delano Davis was first in the 100m, 400m and the long jump.

Winning the other two most outstanding athlete crowns were Maija Miller from Fox Town Primary in the under-8 division as she won the 75m and 400m and Rocky Louis in the under-12 boys division by winning the 1200 and 400m.

Frank Hepburn feels there is a bright future once again for Abaco track and field with the strong performances from a number of athletes during the two-day meet. This is where Olympic medalists Savatheda Fynes and Troy McIntosh got their start as they went on to represent the Bahamas at the highest levels. However, it starts with proper training, good coaching and solid diet from when they are in primary school so it carries on throughout their career.

Mr. Hepburn said, "I was very impressed. I have seen outstanding performances; and if not records, close to record breaking performances by some of the athletes. There is a future, and I see hope for many of these kids achieving a free education through track and field. It is the training, working with the kids, trying to educate parents and train them all in the right way now. As we progress, we have to get professional coaches," he added.

The only facilities to compete on in Abaco is the track at the Murphy Town Sports Facilities, and it is far from ideal for young athletes to be running and jumping on the hard concrete surface. Injuries are definite in a number of these young athletes future if they continue training and competing and substandard facilities.

Mr. Hepburn said the facilities have to get better, and there has been a promise to upgrade the facilities that are already in place. He said, "We are working with what we have but definitely on the drawing board there must be facilities."

Central Abaco Primary School dominated the Abaco Primary Track and Field Competition held in Murphy Town on April 25 and 26.

National Arts Festival Preliminaries

By Samantha V. Evans

The National Arts Festival is a prestigious performing arts festival that the Cultural Affairs Division of the Prime Minister's Office holds every year. The committee of five adjudicators traveled to Abaco over the week of April 22nd to view talents prepared by the local students and adults. They travel all over the Bahamas to see what talents the various islands have. All of the pieces performed whether they be songs, dances, skits, drama or poetry must be the original work of a Bahamian. It is a great way for talented Bahamians to be seen, heard and travel the world.

Eight fifth and sixth grade students made up the group that performed from Central Abaco Primary School. They performed two group pieces and several students performed individual pieces. At the end of their presentations, the students heard critiques from Ms. Cartwright, who critiqued them on spoken pieces and Mr. Adderley, who critiqued them on their singing. The students were given distinction and merit ratings.

The Committee members visited Abaco Central High School on this same day where more than ten students performed for them in areas including dance, song and instru-

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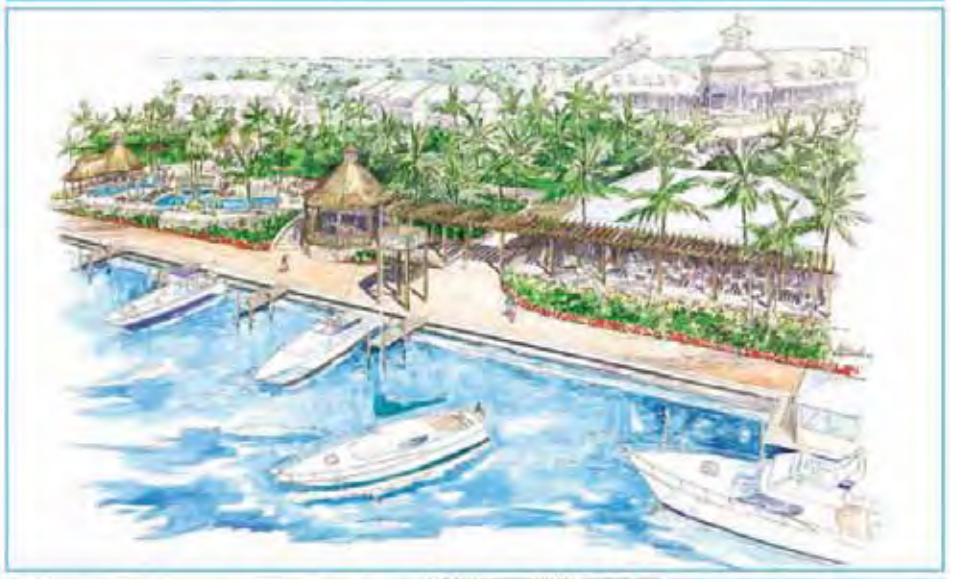

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mental pieces. Music teacher at the school Miss Pauline Brice stated that one of the students was named as being the best drummer in the Bahamas in his category and he is only in grade seven. Young Sontonyo Stuart is well on his way and may very well be invited to Nassau to showcase his talents on the Tom Tom drum. The Committee rated his style as unique and outstanding. They absolutely loved his arrangement and stated that they have never heard such an arrangement before. They admired his pulse and the crispness of his sound. He received a rating of high distinction. What an honor for such a young, talented Abaco student. Other persons to perform from this school included: Astin Roberts, Richard Bain, and Ramon Nottage on the trumpet, Albert Russell on the keyboard, Ramando Fawkes with a solo drum perfor-

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mance, Latesha Telci singing, Sonovia Bain and Tanika Russell dancing, and Troy Seymour playing the recorder. They came from grades seven, nine, and ten. Miss Brice stated that these students are very talented musicians and to showcase them even further, she is planning a recital for May 23rd on the school grounds so that their parents, teachers, peers and the general public can hear them in action. The theme for the recital is "The Colours of Spring: Showcasing a Collection of Recital Pieces."

Now that this preliminary rating is over, students and teachers alike have to wait with all fingers and toes crossed and pray that they are rated the best in their category and earn themselves a space at the National Arts Festival to be held in May on the island of Nassau.

General Knowledge Competition

By Samantha V. Evans

The Abaco District General Knowledge Competition was held at the Learning Resources Unit on April 20th when seven schools entered four students each to compete in the subjects of Mathematics, General Knowledge, Social Studies and Science. It was clear from the start that this competition would be a long, stiff one. Students had individual and group questions. They had to ask questions from each of the categories to ensure that they did not only pick topics that they considered to be easy.

At the end of the competition, the three best schools were awarded trophies. They are in first place Central Abaco Primary School, in second place Amy Roberts and in third place Man-O-War. The winning school will represent Abaco at the General Knowledge Competition scheduled for May 24th in Nassau. Central Abaco Primary School was declared the winner hands down but there was a four way tie for second and third place. Therefore, a tie breaker was held to declare the second and third place positions.

Winners of the General Knowledge Competition show their certificates and trophies. This is an island-wide competition for all primary schools and the top school will represent Abaco at the General Knowledge Competition in Nassau.

Ms. Vanessa James was named National Teacher of the Year for her teaching last year in Nassau. She is now the vice principal at Abaco Central High School. She is shown here with Mr. Cecil Thompson, Acting Director of Education.

Vice Principal is honoured

By Samantha V. Evans

Ms. Vanessa James, the vice principal at Abaco Central High School, was honored recently in Nassau for winning the National Teacher of the Year Award for the Northeastern District in Nassau. She served at Donald Davis Junior School when she received this honor. In fact, she is still the reigning Teacher of the Year there until 2008. She, along with four other winners, was presented with the latest computer system by the Minister of Education, Mr. Alfred Sears, two Scotia Bank Executives, and Acting Director Mr. Cecil Thompson. Scotia Bank donated the computers.

Ms. James was showered with other gifts for receiving such a prestigious honor and being named one of the top winners. Congratulations to Ms. James for achieving such a high level of excellence and raising the bar just a little higher for her students and colleagues alike.

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Octavia Places Seventh in Spelling Bee in Nassau

By Samantha V. Evans

Octavia Dean McIntosh placed seventh at the National Spelling Bee held in Nassau last month. She stated that she came out of the competition with dignity, confidence and pride but cried when she got off stage. Later, she was able to joke and laugh with the other students. Even though she didn't win, she was very happy for the winner.

Octavia Dean McIntosh

Placing seventh was a great accomplishment for her personally, for Abaco and for St. Francis de Sales School in particular where she is a student. Octavia was prepared for the competition and only wanted to do her best. She had a very rigorous training schedule with her coach, Ms. Miriam Fredericks. This included studying from 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Next year she plans to win the Bahamas National Spelling Bee. When she goes to Washington, if she doesn't win, she will settle for second place.

While in Nassau, she with the other contestants toured the Royal Caribbean Cruise liner which she described as huge. They visited Blue Lagoon Island and Government House where she took a picture with His Excellency A.D. Hanna. They visited Atlantis where orientation took place on the first night.

Students take field trip to Nassau

By Samantha Evans

On April 17th 40 students comprising of fourth and fifth graders from Central Abaco Primary School along with seven chaperons embarked on an exciting adventure to

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#13563 **Price: $4,700,000**

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

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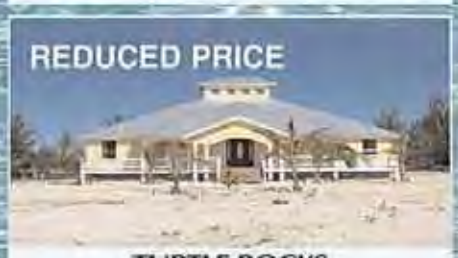

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#2818 **Price: $580,000**

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#13587 **Price: $1,600,000**

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Sand Bar Ocean view lots, fantastic potential for development. **$169,000**
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* **Casuarina Point** Canal front lot with ocean access. Water/electric/cable. **$80,000**
* **Cherokee Sound** Quiet and private area with half acre lots available. **$210,000**
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* **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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More School News

School

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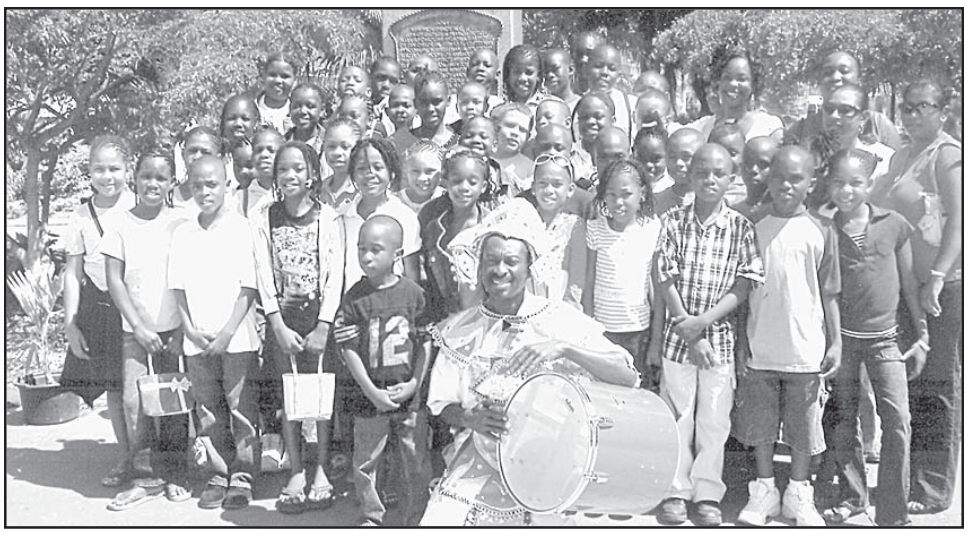
New Providence. They visited many historical sites such as Government House, Fort Fincastle, Fort Montagu, Fox Hill Prison, the Boys and Girls Industrial School, the sixty-six steps, the House of Assembly and the Royal Bahams Defense Force Base.

This trip, designed to be both fun-filled and educational, took the students on whirlwind adventures to Dolphin Encounters, Adventure Learning Center, Ardastra Gardens, Arawak Cay, Galleria Cinemas and the Mall of Marathon. The students were educated on various Bahamian historical facts and cultures through tours which included an exuberant bus safari tour organized by the Ministry of Tourism and Mr. Lamont Rahming. Students and their chaperones returned to Abaco on April 21st with a wealth of knowledge and memories that will last a lifetime. Four of the teachers from the primary school were on the trip as well.



Forty students of Central Abaco Primary School visited Nassau as an education adventure. They were kept very busy with tours and visits to many interesting locations there.

Grade two Spelling Bee

By Samantha Evans

This has been a very long season for the Spelling Bee competitions and on April 27th 25 grade two students from 13 schools on Abaco gathered at the Learning Resource Center to compete for the trophy given out to the best spellers. The competition was a little lenient for these young ones, allowing them a second chance to spell a word corrected if they missed it the first time. In the end the top three spellers were announced. In first place was Shanti Duncanson from J.A. Pinder School, second place winner was Anna Albury from Hope Town School and third place winner was Felicia Roberts of Man-O-War School. The trophies for this event were donated by L.V. Construction.

These are the winners of the grade two Spelling Bee. There were 25 competitors. Winners were Shanti Duncanson in first, right; Anna Albury in second, left; and Felicia Roberts in third, center. Anna did very well despite being totally blind.

Students Learn Social Studies on the Road

By Samantha Evans

The grade two rockets of Central Abaco

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ON GREEN TURTLE CAY:

• **New listing!**1/3 acre oceanfront lot with 120' on sandy beach on north end of Munjack Cay. Use of private shared dock on Sea of Abaco. $295,000 plus 7% to close.

• **New listing!** New construction project. Model cottage on site already sold! Two bedrooms, two full baths. 30'x42' cottage with attached 9'x12' garage/ shed. Just steps to Coco Bay Beach. Central A/C. Reverse osmosis system. Ceiling fans throughout. Stove & side by side refrigerator included. $495,000 plus 7% to close.

• **New listing!** 12,000 sq.ft. lot with 75' on Bluff Harbour waterfront. High elevation with outstanding water views. Use of private shared dock. $650,000 plus 7% to close.

• **New Listing!** 4 acre sea-to-sea Bahamian estate with approximately 420' on the Atlantic Ocean and 300' on Black Sound, with private dock. Furnished main house has three bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, swimming pool, observation tower, gazebo and A/C in bedrooms. Attached furnished owner unit has one bedroom and one bath. Spectacular ocean views. 3 small boats, 2 all-terrain vehicles. Good elevation. Owner financing available. $4.75 million plus 7% to close.

• **22,000 sq. ft. inland lot** within walking distance of Lagoon Beach Cove on the north end of Munjack Cay. Access roads to private shared dock on the Sea of Abaco and the beach road to the Atlantic Ocean Beach. $85,000.00 plus 7%

• **Two story furnished home** with outstanding views of Black Sound and Gillam Bay. 1.67 acres. Total three bedrooms; three baths; two kitchens/living/dining areas. Central A/C. Guest house with one bedroom and one bath. Two vehicles. 120' dock on hurricane sheltered Black Sound. Large porch and surrounding deck. $1.99 million, includes all closing fees.

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• 15,870 sq. ft. lot with views of and access to Atlantic Ocean. $250,000 inclusive of all closing costs.

• **85' of beach front** on Bight O Bay. One acre. Can build four homes with outlying buildings. $840,000 with all closing costs in.

• **New listing!** Mainland Abaco. Two deep water waterfront lots on Sea of Abaco. Approximately 18,000 sq. ft. each. Utilities available. $150,000 and $185,000 each with all closing costs in.

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Earth Day emphasized protecting the environment

Earth Day *From Page 1*

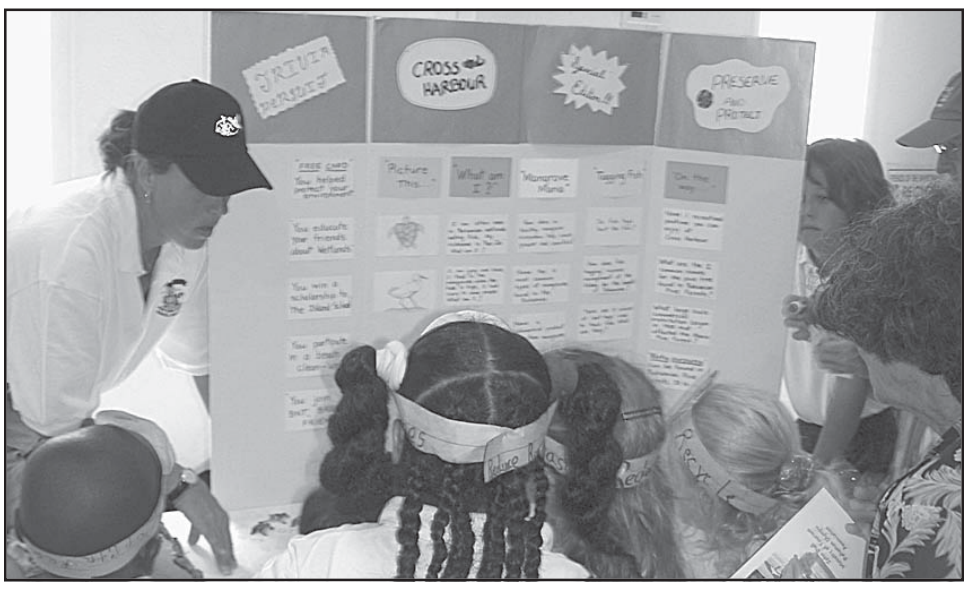
mary presented a research project on the mangroves with information obtained from field trips to Cross Harbour and Camp Abaco. Under the supervision of Senior Mistress, Ms. Patricia Campbell, the students had put together a collage of what is found in a mangrove creeks and live samples of the various types of mangroves and button woods.

Forest Heights Academy, which came first in the Lower Secondary category, conducted an environmental survey among residents of various communities from South Abaco to Cooper's Town. The project was to establish the general knowledge of Abaconians relating to the environment. Twenty-five questions such as Where do conch breed? What is the national bird of The Bahamas? When are you able to hunt parrots? What is the weight of an adult turtle? were asked of various age groups of the population.

Ms. Casuarina McKinney with BREEF, an environmental organization in Nassau, made a presentation. She emphasized the importance of the local marine resources, identifying the different habitats and explaining why they were so important. She outlined the various threats to these habitats and what should be done to preserve them.

As their science project, S.C. Bootle High School brought a video showing the school's involvement in the North Abaco Public Beach cleaning project that was started as part of the Keep Abaco Beautiful campaign. Supported by the Ministry of Tourism and supervised by teachers, Ms. Simone Baptiste and Mr. Enzil Cooper, the project was aimed at restoring the public beach to its pristine condition by removing the trash that had accumulated, by adding sand that had been removed for construction and landscaping the access to the beach. The inauguration of that project took place on April 28.

The event ended with lunch after the distribution of the awards that were handed out by Ms. Mc Kinney and Ms. Veronica Gomez with the Department of Environmental Health. Each prize consisted of one of the green bags filled with documentation items.



Mrs. Bonnie Hall of Hope Town is explaining how to play the Cross Harbour Edition of Trivial Pursuit, a game that the Hope Town School students created as their entry for the Earth Day competition. They won first place with the game.

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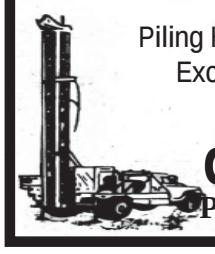

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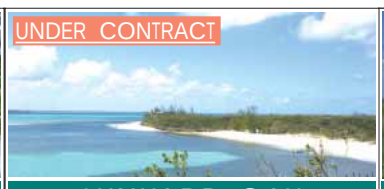
Situated in the heart of the settlement, this cottage presents a multitude of opportunities for the imaginative buyer. Could transition well into a vacation or rental cottage. Steps away from ferry dock.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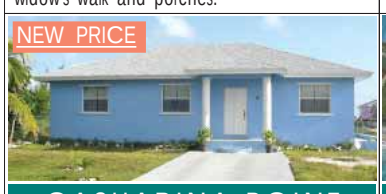
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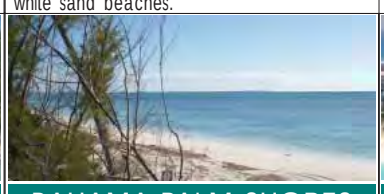
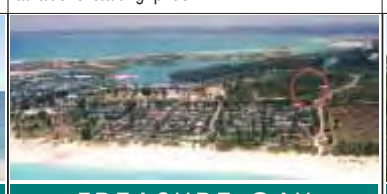

BAHAMA PALM SHORES
#10202: Acreage : $350,000
Gorgeous, generously-sized home site on Eight Mile Bay beach. Approx. .85 acres of nicely elevated land thickly treed with native hardwoods and coconut palms. Wonderful views, wide sugar sand beaches.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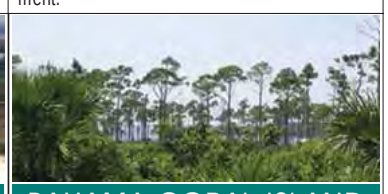
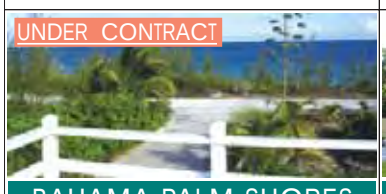

BAHAMA CORAL ISLAND
#9935: Residential Lot: $24,000
Lovely, homesite of approx. 10,000 sq.ft. with high elevation and views of the sea on the west of Abaco and the South side. Conveniently located just 3 miles north of Marsh Harbour.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BAHAMA PALM SHORES
#8928: 4bd/2bths : $422,000
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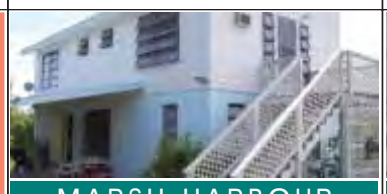
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Police Crime Report

Drug possession - While behind a white Ford in the vacinity of Bustic Bight on February 21, police observed the driver throwing items out the window. The driver abandoned the car and escaped but was identified by the police. Two bags of a compressed substance were recovered and are being processed for identification.

Threats of harm - Near noon on February 21 a young man from Sandy Point was about a block from the police station where he was threatened to be "chapped up," putting him in fear of his life.

Drowning - A 16-foot outboard boat left Scotland Cay about 2 p.m. on March 3 with five men on board. While off Dundas Town the engine stopped. The boat took on water and eventually sank. Four of the men were rescued by a passing sailboat. The fifth man could not swim and was last seen alive hanging on to a cooler. Guana Cay Crash and Rescue later recovered his body. Two of those rescued were flown to Nassau for further treatment.

Vandalism - On returning from Freeport on March 4, a Murphy Town resident found his apartments had been vandalized with damage to the water meters and a gas line and white paint was spread on his front-door glass.

Possession of dangerous drugs - A Hope Town resident was arrested on March 11 about 5 p.m. while at Nippers on Guana Cay when found in possession of 11 packages of marijuana.

Shotgun found - A resident alerted police to a shotgun in the bushes in Spring City. The 12 gauge Benelli shotgun was recovered by police in mid-afternoon on March 13

Throwing missiles - A car belonging to a Spring City woman was damaged by rocks thrown by her exboyfriend of the Mud. This happened near the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Marsh Harbour at 11 p.m. on March 13.

Causing harm - A resident of Pigeon Peas was slapped three times by a woman living in the Mud, causing injuries and which broke his $950 gold chain. This occurred about 10:40 p.m. on March 13 by a woman he identified.

Boat accident - An American visitor in a boat accident was treated at the government clinic for head lacerations about 5 a.m. on March 14. Apparently his boat hit a rock earlier that morning between Guana Cay and Scotland Cay due to his apparent intoxication.

Attempted stealing - Two 225 HP Mercury outboard engines were discovered removed and lying on the ground behind a 30-foot boat on a trailer in the yard of an American's second home in Fire Road. This was reported to the police about 8 a.m. on March 15.

Sudden death - About 6 p.m. on March 16, Derick Sands was found lifeless at his Sand Banks residence by his brother. He had a medical history and foul play was not suspected.

Possession of dangerous drugs - A Freeport resident was arrested on Grand Cay about 5 p.m. on March 17 when found with four bags of cocaine.

Causing harm - Near midnight while at a Haitian dance in the Mud on March 18, a Marsh Harbour man was hit in the head with a bottle while dancing with a young lady. Apparently the assailant wanted the company of the lady.

Causing harm - An attack by a North Abaco man in a night club near the Marsh Harbour airport at 3:30 a.m. on March 18 resulted in injuries to an off-duty policeman hired to keep peace and injuries to two others. One injured person was flown to Nassau with a stab wound to the abdomen.

Stealing from a car - About 9 p.m. on March 17, a Cooper's Town man loaned his car to a relative who went to a night club on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour. A fight later took place causing the man to leave, but he left his friend's car there. On returning the next day, he found that the CD player, speakers and a 2000 watt amplifier were missing with a total value exceeding $800.

Assault threats - About 6:30 p.m. on March 18, a Murphy Town man was threatened with being assaulted and subsequently hit with an ice cube by a man he identified who lives in the Mud.

Drugs found - A car was searched on the government dock in Marsh Harbour about 9:30 p.m. on March 21. Drugs were found and a Murphy Town man was arrested.

House fire - A 2:30 a.m. call on March 21 to the police reported a house on fire in the Mud area of Marsh Harbour. Volunteer firemen were called but an estimated 20 houses were destroyed before the fire was brought under control. There were no reported injuries or deaths.

Shop breaking - The Jimmy D's Restaurant on Forest Drive in Dundas Town was broken into sometime between 1 and 8 a.m. on March 21.

Unlawfully carrying arms - Two men of Cooper's Town were arrested shortly after midnight on March 21 when discovered in the Abaco Shopping Centre area of Marsh Harbour, each with 5-inch blade knives.

Causing harm - A Cooper's Town man was attacked by a group of young men while at a night club on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour. This happened about mid-afternoon on March 21.

Structural fire - Viola's Laundromat in Dundas Town was discovered on fire shortly before daybreak on March 22. The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department responded. The laundromat was totally destroyed but a nearby residence was spared.

House breaking - The caretaker of a Fox Town foreign-owned second home reported a break-in sometime prior to March 25. Stolen were a battery powered drill and construction hardware valued at $385. Subsequently the items were returned with efforts by the culprit to suppress charges.

Assault with a deadly weapon - Before noon on March 25, a previous renter put a Murphy Town man in fear for his life by confronting him with a cutlas and stating that "he was going to deal with him." He further stated that if he could not deal with him, he would get someone who could deal with him.

Stealing - A woman living on Forest Drive in Murphy Town was visited by a friend about 9:30 p.m. on March 30. During the visit, the resident left the house for a few minutes. On returning, her daughter told her that her wallet with money was missing.

Causing harm - A father living on Forest Drive in Dundas Town reported that his

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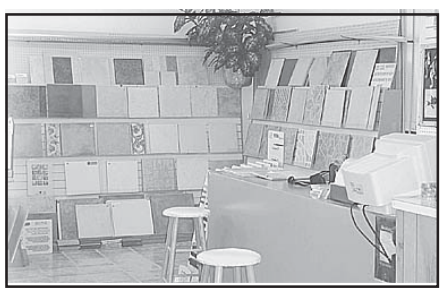

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Police Crime Report

Police

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son was hit on the head with a bottle shortly after mid-night on April 1by an unknown assailant while at a party in Marsh Harbour.

Fraudulent water connection - Water and Sewer personnel were advised of an illegal water connection in the vicinity of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Marsh Harbour. A resident of the Mud was notified on April 1 of intended prosecution.

Assault - Just before 5 a.m. on April 1, a woman suffered pain when punched in the chest by her boyfriend while at a friend's house in Spring City. The boyfriend was arrested soon after the incident.

Stealing - Just before noon on April 1, a Murphy Town woman discovered that a $240 CD player had been stolen from her car while parked at her residence.

Possession of dangerous drugs - At midday on April 2, a Murphy Town man and his girlfriend were arrested when a search warrant was executed on their home and drugs were found.

Drugs found - Police found a 1 ounce bag of marijuana in mid-afternoon on April 4 on a track road behind a house in Murphy Town.

Possession of dangerous drugs - The execution of a search warrant on a residence in Fox Town disclosed three plastic wraps of cocaine and two plastic wraps of marijuana. The owner of the house and his girlfriend were arrested.

Stealing - While playing soccer in Murphy Town late in the afternoon of March 30, a young woman had her $300 cell phone stolen.

Stealing - An American guest staying in a unlocked house on Guana Cay had two Ipods, a charger, speaker system and cash stolen sometime between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on April 3.

House breaking - A house in Crown Haven was broken into sometime between March 29 and April 5 although nothing appeared to have been stolen.

House breaking - The second-home of an American in Fire Road was broken into sometime between January 30 and March 8. Stolen were electrical tools, DVD player, cell phone and satellite receiver.

Shop breaking - About 2 p.m. on April 6 someone broke into Matildac Snack Shop on West Bay Street, Marsh Harbour, and stole a small quantity of silver coins.

Threats of Death & Assault - An hour before midnight on April 6 a woman living in the Mud was awakened by her boyfriend. He choked her, hit her with a piece of plywood, punched both of her breasts and threatened to kill her. About 30 minutes later the boyfriend was arrested.

Unlawful Sexual Intercourse - While visiting in Nassau on March 7, a resident of Central Pines Subdivision was made aware that his 14-year-old sister-in-law was having sex with a known adult male. Investigation is underway.

Damage - About 2:30 a.m. on April 9, while at Tardie's Night Club, a Spring City woman had the rear window on her car smashed by her boyfriend.

Causing Harm Case - About 8:30 p.m. on April 10 a woman entered her house in Fire Road and was struck from behind on both of her arms sustaining injuries. She did not see her assailant.

Threats of Death - About an hour past mid-night on March 31, a woman was assaulted by her ex-husband at Tardie's Night club when he threw a drink on her, grabbed her by the throat and threatened to kill her or have someone else kill her.

Unlawful sexual intercourse - About 1 p.m. on April 11 a Dundas Town mother took her 15-year-old daughter to the government clinic on suspicions of sexual activity. An exam confirmed this and the girl subsequently identified a 15-year-old boy who she had sex with.

Uncontrollable child - A nine-year-old boy living with his sister in the Mud was surrendered to the police as an uncontrollable child on April 11. He would often remain away from home for weeks at a time, then return at 1 a.m. He once stole a cell phone and traded it for a game. Even though his school guidance counselor had taken him to the police station several times, he is still considered an uncontrollable child and he was placed in the custody of Social Services.

House breaking - A woman living on South Side Road in Murphy Town had her house broken into between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon on April 12. A DVD player and assorted DVD movies were stolen.

Threats of harm - A young man was at Ingraham's Park in Cooper's Town about 10 p.m. on April 12 when, for no apparent reason, another young man he knew threatened to shoot him.

Stolen vehicle - A Murphy Town resident had his car stolen either during the day or the night of April 13. It was later found in Murphy Town with minor damages.

House breaking - A Murphy Town woman had her house broken into during the night of April 13 with money being stolen out of her wallet.

House breaking - During the afternoon or early evening of April 15, a house in the Mud was broken into and a purse containing three Bahamian passports and one Haitian passport was stolen.

House breaking - A residence in Sandy Point was broken into between 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on April 15 and a small safe containing cash belonging to a seafood company was stolen along with a bag containing 20 cigars marked S.

Damage - Two tires were punctured during the night of April 15 on a car and on a truck while parked in the yard of a Cooper's

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Police

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Town resident. A suspect was named.

Threats of death - At mid-day on April 16 a Cooper's Town man was put in fear of his life when a man he knew made threatening remarks, saying "I going to kill you, I going to break your neck, stay right there tell I come back."

Assault - A Cooper's Town man suffered pain when slapped in the face while in the vicinity of the FNM headquarters. His T-shirt was also damaged in the assault about sundown on April 16.

House breaking - A Spring City caretaker reported an apartment under his care had been broken into during the night of April 15. He was unsure if anything was missing.

Shop breaking - The AID store in Marsh Harbour was broken into during the night of April 16 by a window being smashed. A sum of money was taken.

House breaking - A house in Bahama Coral Island was broken into during the night of April 16 with nothing apparently being taken.

Causing harm - A man was beaten on April 17 while near his residence in the Mud area of Marsh Harbour.

Cultivation of marijuana - On executing a search warrant April 17 in Spring City, three persons were arrested when young marijuana plants were discovered in pots behind their house.

Sports

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competing with the kids from Freeport and Nassau and the only problem is these kids need more exposure. They need to travel to international tournaments," he added.

Finishing with gold medals for the Abaco Karate Academy were Dave Odeus, Talia Davis, Malik Fenelus, Dominico Boyd and Agatha Curry. Grabbing silver medals were Johnathan Johnson with two, Kristi Wong, Andrea Risberg, D'Andre Vilmar with two, Dave Odeus, Leotha Davis, Agatha Curry, Joshua Wong and Malik Fenelus. Bronze medals were won by Anthony Roberts, Talia Davis, Travar Blanc, Susan Albury, Cameron Fox and Joshua Wong. The junior grand champion was Michelle Foulkes from Nassau, her third straight grand champion at a tournament.

Receiving yellow belts were Gabriel Wong, Cameron and Christian Fox, Joshua Moss, Talia and Leotha Davis, Charles Pinder Jr., Trevor Blanc and Dave Odeus.

Green belts were earned by Dominico Boyd, Seanna Albury, Angelo Escartmant, Deandre Vilmar and Sara Higgs. Receiving the green stripe belt, which is between green and purple, were Jamie Sweeting and D'Andra Johnson. Lashelle Lightbourne got the only purple belt and Joshua Wong and Charles Pinder, Sr. moved up to brown belt.

Chalks now serves Abaco Jet service begins May 24

By Mirella Santillo

Chalk's Airline began daily flight service between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay to Fort Lauderdale on April 4th. Mr. Albert Vidale, a manager from Florida, explained that additional daily flights between Fort Lauderdale and Abaco are being added.

On May 24th the company will inaugurate a jet service to Palm Beach. This will be the first scheduled jet service on Abaco. The promotional fare for either destination is $ 208.20 round trip, including all taxes. Mr. Vitale said that the prices will go up in June to $149 round trip plus taxes. "The highest it will be," he promised, "is $350 round trip." However, Bahamians are offered an Island Pack, a book of eight fully flexible tickets for $1250. These tickets can be used at will, either one way at the time, round trips to the same destination or to different routes and there is no penalty for changing the date. The flights between Abaco and Florida will be with 30 and 50-passenger planes.

In Marsh Harbour Chalk's Airline's counter is located just inside the door of the terminal and is manned by Randy King and Shaniqua Smith as supervisors and Yvette Simmons as the ticket agent. Mr. Michael Albury is the island manager. The local telephone number: 367-1111 or one can book on line at www.FlyChalks.com.

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School

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Primary School blasted off again with another exciting field trip February 20th They along with their teachers were ecstatic as they ventured out on their Social Studies field trip under the theme *People Who Help Us in Our Community*. They toured the Customs Department, the Immigration Department, Abaco Air, Radio Abaco,and Auskell Medical Clinic.

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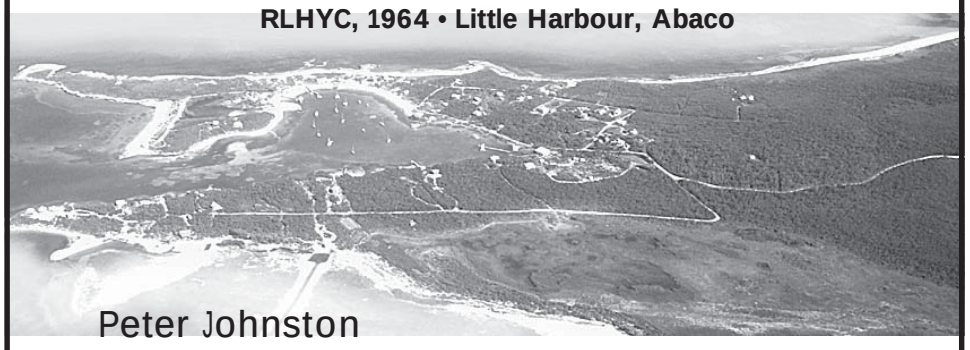

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By Samantha Evans

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Over the weekend of April 26th-30th participants were introduced to this system over the first two days and exposed to the five simple techniques over the last two days of the training. These five techniques are: Cortices, Switching, Hydration, Body Chemistry and Reciprocals. The first two nights were free open instruction sessions that were held at the Moorings and the last two sessions were full-day sessions that were held at Forest Height Academy. The participants were exposed to Fast Aid Techniques which combines a number of the above mentioned techniques. It is designed to work on its own to resolve simple issues but in serious conditions it is designed to be used safely until specialized health care arrives.

The presenter for this training, Robyn Whatley-Kahn, is an international presenter with BodyTalk and has been in the health care profession for 25 years. She has been an instructor with this program for the past five years and stated that she loves it more than her healthcare profession. Robyn stated that BodyTalk aims to find out what is not communicating in your body any longer and to get the body in balance. She stated that everything that is done is safe and it works. The program was created by Dr. John Veltheim over 10 years ago.

Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral for **Louise Evelyn "Lady" Whyms,** 67, formerly of Crown Haven was held on May 5 in Nassau Interment was in Nassau.

She is survived by her daughter Sandra Whyms-Grant; sons John, Samuel Jr. and Neil Whyms; brothers Arthur, Rubin, Freddie and Elijah Curry; daughters-in-law Beulah, Lisa, Cassandra and Ismae Whyms; son-in-law Warren Grant; step-sons Ambrose, Raymond and Shannon Whyms, Terrance Miller; step-daughters Mae Ferguson and Judymae Whyms; sisters-in-law Mildred Butler, Roselda Sawyer, Theresa Burrows, Judy Patrice and Rena Wemyss, Maria Smith, Arementha and Myrtle Curry, Lorraine Curry; brothers-in-law Henry, Raphael and Joseph Whyms, Andrew Burrows, Tyrone Sawyer; grandchildren Jamaal, Melissa, Diandra, Jonique, Samaris, Samone and Khadaff, Secoya, Asa, Shaneal, Larenz and Neil Jr, Whyms; D'eann, D'eandra, Jamaine and Jasmine Grant; great-grandchild Crestello Whyms; nieces; nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

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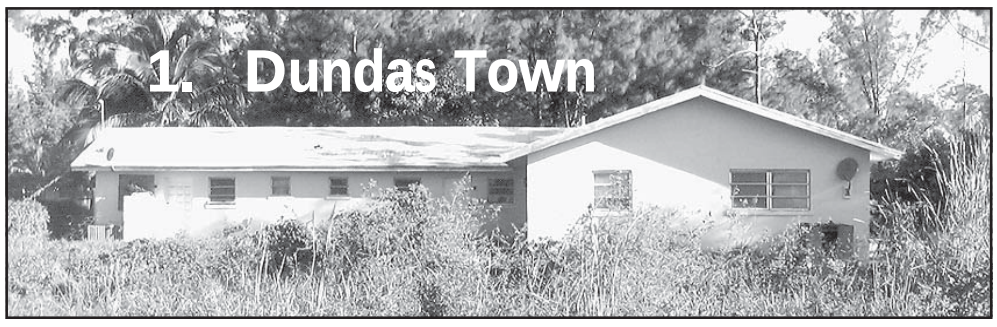
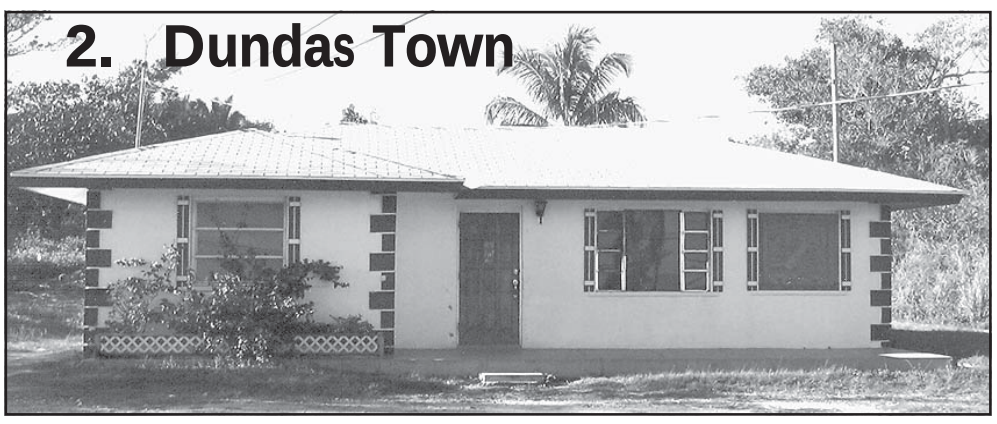
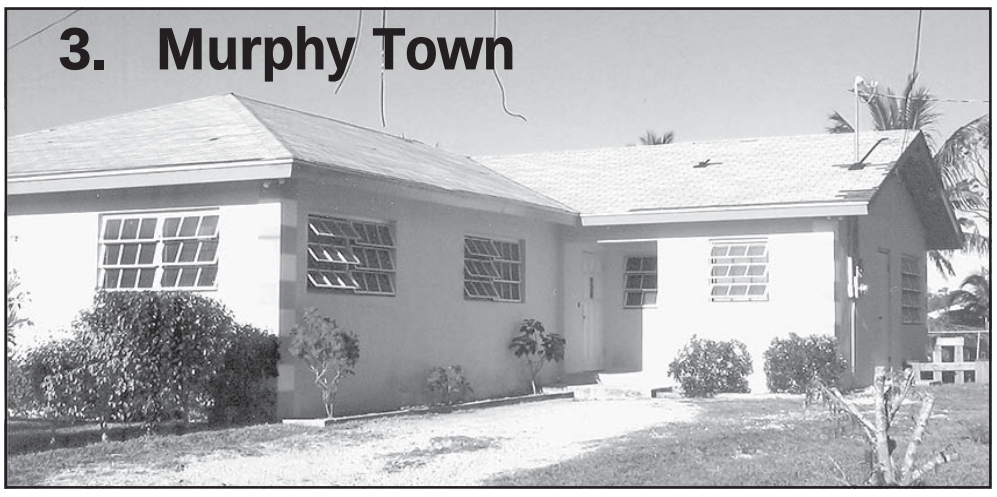


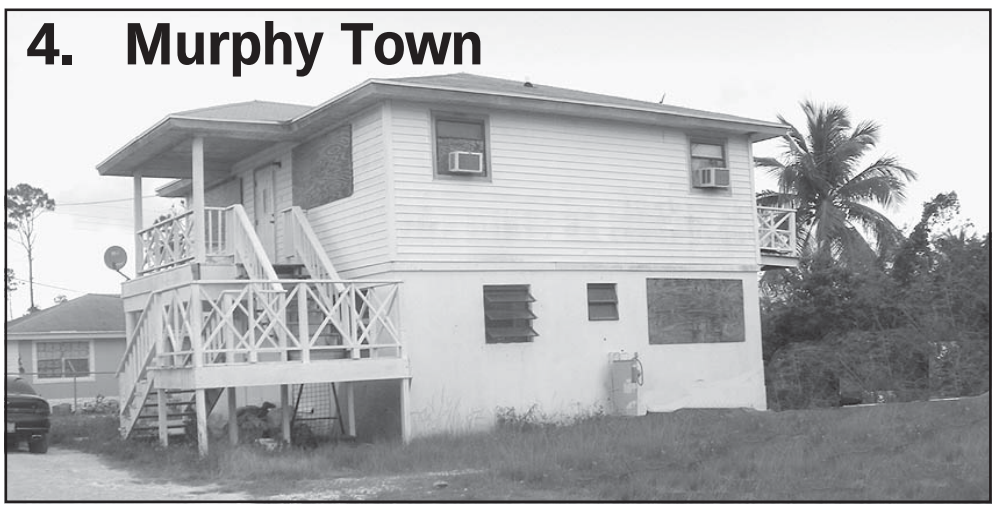
1 - One two bedrooms, 1 bathroom, triplex. Approximately 9,000 sq. ft. lot no. 18B with an area for a small shop. Age-12 years the land is a portion of one of the Dundas Town Crown Allotment parcels stretching from Forest Drive to Front Street, being just under a quarter acre in size and on the lowside. 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



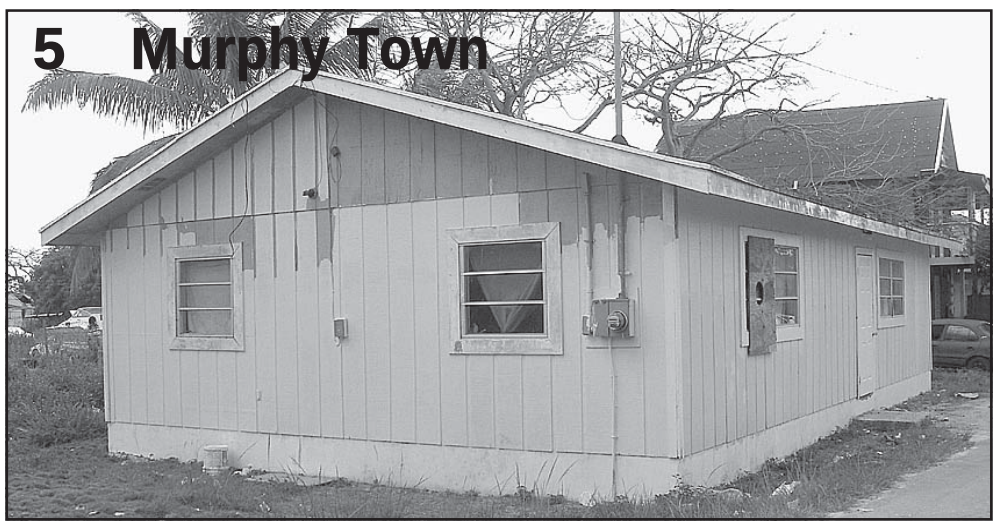
2 - All that parcel of land having an area of 14,400 sq ft, being a portion of the Dundas Town Crown Allotment. This land is rectangular in shape with dimensions of 80 ft by 180. Located on the above mentioned lot is a concrete block structure with dimensions of 27 x 40. This house is an approximate 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



3 - 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 bounderies 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



4 - Lot no. 120 Murphy Town - All that lot of land and improvements having an area of 5,040 sq. ft. being portion of lot # 120 of the original Murphy Town Crown Allotments. This property is comprised of a two storey concrete and wood structure still under construction consisting of approximately 1,728 sq. ft. of enclosed living space. The said building is utilized as a triplex apartment complex, with a 2-bedroom dwelling on the upper storey. The lower portion of the building houses two units, each with 1-bedroom, 1-bathroom, living/dining and kitchen spaces. The building is in average condition and appears to be structurally sound. The building also demonstrates a need for scheduled maintenance. The property is partially landscaped with boundaries clearly delineated. All major private and public utilities are situate within one hundred feet of the property site. Appraisal: $154, 476.00. This property is situated off the Front Street in Murphy Town, Abaco.



5 - All that parcel of land having an approximate area of 9,000 sq. ft., Located on the above mentioned lot is a single family wooden structure, 25 ft by 40 Ft with asphalt shingled roof. This house is approximately 15 years old and comprising of 3-bedrooms, 2-bathrooms, living/dining area and kitchen. This house is in need of some serious repairs. The future life of this house depends on the repairs that will be carried out. Without repairs it is not more than about 5 years. If upgrading and maintenance is carried out it could be longer. The land rises above road level, to a height in excess of approximately 15 ft above sea level, with no likelihood of flooding in a Hurricane. Appraisal: $30,000.00. This house is located off the main Murphy Town road about 150 ft to the northeast of the corner and is painted light green trimmed white.

6. Blackwood, Abaco - All that lot of land having an area of approximately 258,064 sq. Ft. This property is yet to reach its highest and best use. It is ideally suited to single or multi-family development as is the nature of surrounding properties within the community. The site may also serve well as a commercial site as the area remains un-zoned. The property remains largely in its original state. It is covered with low brush and broad leaf coppice vegetation interspersed with broad strands of mature yellow pine indigenous to the area. The property is well drained and represents no immediate flooding danger under normal conditions. Appraisal: $219,354.40. The subject property is vacant and is situated at the southeastern entrance of the community of Blackwood, Abaco. The property is undivided and comprises approximately 6 acres of a larger tract of land of approximately 26 acres.

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BAIC offered a straw plaiting class

By Mirella Santillo

Bank employees, shop owners and housewives were among the those who registered for the straw plaiting class organized by the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation. It started on April 23rd and so many women wanted to attend that the group had to be divided in two and the hours extended to fit everybody.

The students were first shown the basic of plaiting and taken on a field trip to learn the type of palm most suitable for the work and where to find it. They learnt that the silver top is the most durable with a life expectancy of five years. They were also taught the techniques for drying and processing it into the right material for plaiting. They were shown how to use the stripes made with plaiting the strands of straw to make various items from handbags to hats, portfolios, place mats and more.

To graduate from the course, the participants were expected to make two handbags, one of their own design, one hat, one portfolio, one wallet and four place mats. They had to show that they could plait four different types of plaits.

The trainer was a lady from Atkins, Mrs. Eldena Miller, who was selected to conduct the training program because of her many years of experience and her willingness to impart her knowledge in the straw craft industry. She is self- employed in that field, specializing in bag making. Over the years, she has participated in many local and international shows and seminars.

The course continued for eight days, with classes, officially ending on April 30. However, both classes met on May 1 to enjoy a social evening and partake in refreshments graciously prepared by Mrs. Merissa Allen in gratitude to the teacher who went out of her way to accommodate the participants. Many also gave her small presents of things they had learnt to do in other craft's classes. During that evening, many displayed their work, some of them modeling the hats they had created while some were still finishing the items they had started.

Some ladies had taken the class to learn a new hobby, such as Mrs. Lorraine Edgecombe. Others, such as Mrs. Chrystal Swain, hope to use their knowledge to create an "on line" business. Mrs. Colette Bootle and Mrs. Tiffany Turnquest would like to use straw plaiting as a commercial endeavor.

There will be a graduation ceremony at some future date. Participants will then bring the items they have made during the course.

The straw plaiting seminar was the third of a series of on going classes organized by BAIC. The next class will teach shell jewelry making and will be followed by coconut craft and again straw plaiting. Mrs. Patrice Cox is the local coordinator for these projects.

First Caribbean Celebrates Five Years

By Samantha V. Evans

First Caribbean Banks all over the Caribbean are celebrating five years operating under their new name. The celebrations will be spread out over ten months from January to October. The Abaco branch began its celebrations when they went to church at Changed Ministries International on March 25th. The new manager, Ms. Iris Henchell, and some of the staff attended service. On April 21st the employees took part in a walk-a-thon when they ran from the branch on Don MacKay Boulevard to the airport round-about and back again. Wow, what a run!

At the end of the run, trophies were given out in four categories: kids, over 40, over 30 and over 20. The winners are as follows: kids - Aliyah Adderley first place; Tyneil Adderley second place; Lakeia Archer third place; and 40 + Misty Davis first place; Iris Henchell second place; and Zoe Hepburn third place; 30 + Steve Davis winner; Rhonda Eldon second place; Nanette Adderley third place; and 20 + Quinn Davis winner; Kim Roberts second place; Javon Black third place. Only employees of the bank could win trophies. The employees enjoyed lots of food and drink at the end of the presentations.

The chairperson of the committee, Juanyette Curry, stated that they have an activity planned for each month. During the month of May they will hold the preliminaries for the First Caribbean Idol which promises to be priceless. The person winning the local event will attend the finale in Nassau during the month of June. All First Caribbean banks in The Bahamas and the Caribbean hold the same events on the same dates.

Employees of the First Caribbean Bank are celebrating five years since the merger of CIBC and Barclays. One of their activities was a walk-a thon on April 21.

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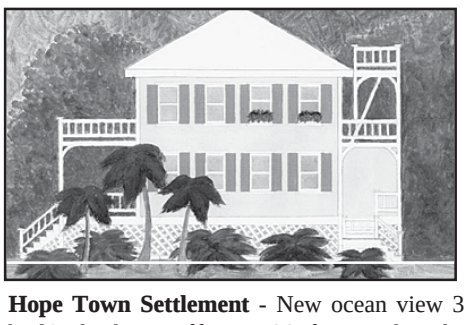

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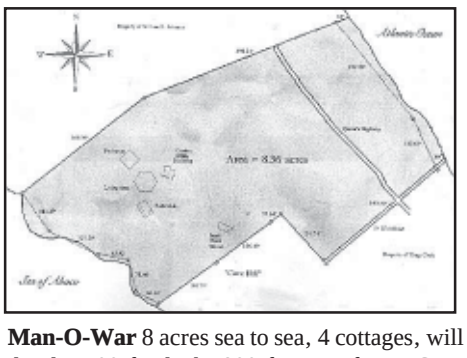

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Loss of mangroves, threats to coral reefs and fish habitat will be their primary focus. The group will be joining other organizations in presenting the issue on the floor of the UN on May 7th at which time they hope to capture the attention of the world as they work to save The Bahamas' reefs, beaches and oceans. "This will be a wonderful opportunity to share our collection of research with other island nations facing similar concerns," said Sidney Weatherford, Guana Cay resident and association member.

"We are absolutely not opposed to development," says SGCR President Troy Albury. "We just want the developments to be better planned, the impacts monitored and most importantly environmentally safe for the surrounding reefs."

This visit is a historical one for the association and the Bahamians who started the campaign. It is the first time a Bahamian delegation has attended the UN on environmental issues and the SGCR members are thrilled to be representing their country and to know that their concerns will be heard internationally.

Save Guana Cay Reef continues to battle the proposed Baker's Bay Club on the grounds that the development's footprint is much too large and destructive for this small island whose economy relies on small-scale tourism and fishing.

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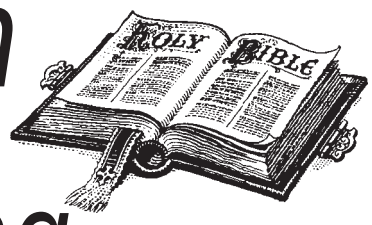

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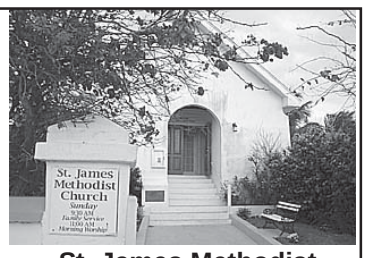

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Victory Tabernacle Breaks Ground

By Samantha Evans

Victory Tabernacle held its ground breaking ceremony on April 29th at the new church grounds in Murphy Town. This is a very great achievement for Pastor Alonzo Bernard Lewis and his wife, Evangelist Lewis, along with their church family, who was able to make such a bold leap of faith after only five years as a ministry. This ministry began on October 5th, 2003, and was designed to reach people from all walks of life. Sister Beryl Gibbs, the church secretary, stated that they are a ministry of integrity led by a humble man of God, Pastor Lewis.

The service was well attended by various ministers from all across Abaco. The message was delivered by Bishop V.G. Clarke, Senior Pastor of Calvary Deliverance Church on Nassau who chose as his topic: *Teamwork - the Key to Advancing the Vision of This Church*. He told Pastor Lewis that he will need strong, committed people to help him to make this vision a reality. The bishop stated that he is very pleased that this pastor is doing what he has been ordained to do.

Bishop Clarke is looking forward to this church being a pillar of strength in the community and the members will be a blessing to the entire community. Bishop Clarke told him to not expect for everyone to understand his vision for this new house of God because God gave him the vision and no one else.

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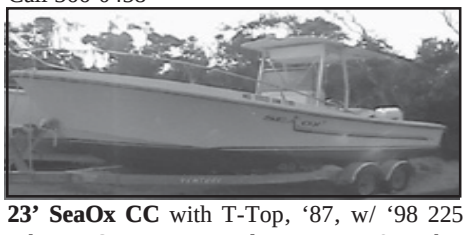

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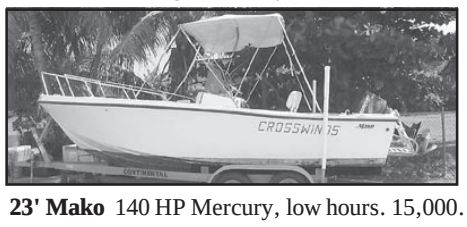

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A press conference was held on April 4th to announce the commissioning of GSM service on the islands of Ragged Island and Rum Cay. The rollercoaster of events began on April 20th, as Executive Management and Support Staff traveled from island to island unveiling GSM and BlackBerry services and the opening of Cyber Worlds to support these new services. BTC landed on Berry Island and rolled out the red carpet for residents. Attendees at the launch of GSM, BlackBerry and Cyber World ribbon cutting ceremony were entertained by students from RN Gomez All Age School. According to Mr. Vincent Peet, Member of Parliament for Berry Island launching these services was "a critical step in the further development of the Berry Islands".

April 25th, BTC landed on Long Island and with more pageantry and flair announced the arrival of GSM and BlackBerry services. On hand were BTC Executives, Member of Parliament for the island Mr. Larry Cartwright, and Former Ministry of Utilities & Environment Sen. Dr. Marcus Bethel. April 27th, BTC arrived in Inagua to complete what had begun with the commissioning of the BDSNi Cable (Bahamas Domestic Submarine Network International) in December 2006. On this day April 27th the choices for the residents and visitors of Inagua were expanded, as new opportunities in communications services became available. Inagua has benefited two fold, as the BDSNi cable runs through the island offering superior land line and internet service and is also capable of providing internet television service. With the introduction of GSM and BlackBerry added to the complement BTC's products cellular service has entered a new realm.

The Annual Exuma Regatta lured thousands to the island, the arrival of GSM, BlackBerry and Cyberworld on April 29th, was the highlight of the weekend, as many were able to experience of the newest and most innovative technology in the communications industry to date first hand.

In winding down BTC's island hopping adventure, the final stop was the island of Andros. With Andros being the largest island in the archipelago and poised to be a contender in the agricultural and tourism industries, it was only fitting the BTC bring the newest communication technologies to the island. Andros' increased popularity, having been explored by famous marine driver Jacque Costeau, also being the back drop of the reality show The Bachelor and the home AUTEC (Atlantic Underwater Testing and Evaluation Centre) testing facility. The implementation of these services is instrumental in the continued development of the island and the Bahamas as a whole.

As BTC landed on each island it also touched the residents of each. BTC took its well known Neighbourhood Connect Program to the islands of Andros, Long Island and Berry Island. BTC also adopted a shelter at the airport while in the Berry Islands and adopted the George Town Community Park.

Presently, BTC's network handles more than 2.1million calls per day, over 181,000 text messages and allows 10,000 or more visitors per day access to the network. BTC has poured $114 million into the development of these services specifically for the Family Islands. This is just a portion of the total $353 million that has been allotted for the development and implementation of cutting edge technology within the next five years.

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