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## Island Roots Festival draws hundreds A pirate theme brought interest in cay's past



The Fourth Annual Island Roots Festival brought together Abaconians from all communities as well as many visitors from Florida and elsewhere. The festival provided two days of entertainment, games, informative talks, demonstrations of bygone skills and skits about pirates. Shown here are the students of the Tiny Turtles Pre-school who sang several songs and are accompanied here by some of the pirates who came from Florida. The school is under the direction of Mrs. Annabelle Cross, a contributor to The Abaconian.

By Mirella Santillo

Green Turtle Cay's Island Roots Heritage Festival was officially opened on May 4th by Commissioner Lopez from Key West, who stated "without Green Turtle Cay, there would not be a Key West as we know it now." The festival was created in 1977 to celebrate the first year anniversary of the sisterhood between Key West and New Plymouth. It was not held for 27 years but the festival has gained growing popularity since its return in 2004. It is a cultural and entertaining event aimed at reminding people of the island's history and of their roots. It also is intended to keep alive the ties between New Plymouth and Key West, which share a common Loyalist heritage.

This year's theme was *Pirates* and it is only normal that the pirate ship of the Conch Republic, (Key West) the schooner *Wolf*, heralded the festivities with a cannonade followed by a statement from the Admiral and First Sea Lord, Captain Finbar Gittleman, "We come not to plunder, merely to enjoy." The *Wolf's* first mate Julie "Blossom" McEnroe and the crew of the schooner, were joined by the *Pirates of the Coast*,

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## Work on airport runway continues

By Jennifer Hudson

In a ceremony at the Marsh Harbour International Airport on March 13, 2006, the Hon. Bradley Roberts, Minister for Works, and the Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, Minister for Aviation, signed a contract with Bahamas Hot Mix for the repaving of the airport runway which for some time had been in a deplorable and dangerous condition. Work did not begin immediately since there was much dissension about the closing of

the airport while the runway was being constructed and the Ministry of Aviation took some time to decide on which way they wanted to go about it.

It was finally decided to construct a new parallel runway south of the existing runway. The old runway will be repaired and resurfaced as a taxiway. This way will not

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## \$25,000 grant will go toward Education Center



Wayne Mitchell, Treasurer for NAUI Worldwide, presents Friends of the Environment with \$25,000 toward the creation of an Education Center in Marsh Harbour to provide a site for students, residents and visitors to learn more about Abaco's unique and beautiful environment. Receiving the gift for Friends is d'Shan Maycock, Education Officer. Olivia Patterson and Lindsey McCoy, both with Friends, were also present. See story on page 7..

## Bahamian darts team has two Abaconians



The National Masters Dart Tournament was held on Abaco on May 4 and 5. The team was named that will represent The Bahamas at the World Cup Championship to be held in the Netherlands in October. The winners of the tournament are shown above. They are Shane Sawyer, Tony Moree, Angela Russell, Trudy Johnson, Harry Brown, Barry Payne, Pepper Russell. On the far right is Malcolm Spicer, President of the Bahamas Darts Association. Mr. Sawyer and Ms. Russell are the two Abaconians who will be going to the Netherlands. See story on page 25...

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# Many were interested in their geneology

By Mirella Santillo

The genealogy booth, manned by Mr. Alton Lowe and Mrs. Joy Lowe-Jossi, a resident of Oregon who grew up in Nassau but who can trace her ancestors to the first settlers on Green Turtle Cay, was a hub of constant activity during the Green Turtle Cay Roots Heritage Festival.

People came to see a display of old photographs not only of distant relatives but also of themselves as children. Then they invariably found themselves at the table which was littered with books and research data compiled by Mrs. Lowe-Jossi with the hope of finding more about

the Currys, Roberts, Pinders, Malones, Adams or Alburys, whichever their family name was.

A descendent of the first marriage on Abaco between a Curry and a Lowe, Mrs. Lowe-Jossi, as well as her distant cousin Mr. Alton Lowe, was always interested in finding her roots. "I have had that interest since childhood and so had Alton," she said. Information passed by older family members was soon supplemented by data contained in the book *Kinfolks* written by William Curry Harlee and first published in 1934. Mrs. Lowe-Jossi recalls that as a young girl, she used to go to her uncle's house to consult the book.

"It has been a major source of research," she explained.

While in Nassau, she spent time at the archives, gathering a lot of information in *The genealogy of Wyannie Malone*. However, a recent source of data regarding Bahamian names, *The Bahamas DNA Project* through which people can find their ancestors through a match of DNA, allowed her to fill a gap concerning one of her great-grandmothers. Mrs. Lowe-Jossi, a Lowe from Green Turtle Cay, discovered that one of her great-grandmothers that she only knew by her first name, Frances Jane, was a Pinder from Cherokee Sound, an exciting discovery for the researcher.

"Being a Lowe," she explained, "that name has been my main interest, but marriage has brought everybody else. By

marriage all the people intertwine. I am trying to follow each surname because we have grown to be such a large number. We have very close ties to people who went to Key West, but we also find relatives all over the United States. The best source is from one's family and listening to other families," she stated.

Genealogy is a hobby for Mrs. Lowe-Jossi, a very time consuming one, but also a very exciting one. She mentioned *Kinfolks* again which was reprinted in 1998. "It carries a lot of information and history," she said, "but I would like to see it carried further," she added, toying with the idea that she might be the one to carry the torch adding information to the book by using each surname.



The geneology booth was very popular as Bahamians discovered information about their ancestors. Green Turtle Cay descendants Joy Lowe Jossi, now living in Oregon, and Alton Lowe brought together their research efforts to share with festival-goers. Also displayed were many interesting old photographs. Shown here are, left to right, Mr. Michael Lightbourne, an American who is a descendant of the Lowe family, Mrs. Jossi being interviewed by Ms. Shelley Austin and Mr. Reg Patterson.



A tug-of-war competition was a popular activity at the Island Roots Festival. Children participated in sack races, stilts and took swings at a pinata.

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# Festival-goers saw many activities and exhibits

By Julian Lockhart

They came from near and far as hundreds of people from Abaco, The Bahamas and the United States flocked to the shores of Green Turtle Cay on May 4-6 for the 4th Annual Green Turtle Cay Heritage Festival. The festival is a major fund raiser as well as an opportunity for visitors to get a feel for what Abaco has to offer from its historic New Plymouth settlement to Abaco's quant villages, beautiful beaches, natural harbours and delightful dishes.

Visitors were greeted to a pirates theme with a pirate ship, shirts, souvenirs and pirate fights throughout the day to entertain the crowds. There were vendors selling art

and jewelry, some selling food and Bahamian delicacies and others selling alcohol to quench the thirsty. Entertainment during the day was a mix of the world famous Royal Bahamas Police Force Marching Band, Jessie Pearl, pirate fights put on by the visiting pirates from Florida and local artists performing.

On Saturday night the adults were treated to the voice of Avvy and his famous Ghost Move and On My Bread performing into the night and bringing those who stayed late to their feet dancing to the soca music.

Nadia Campbell, who came from New Providence to sell her handmade gallery jewelry, said "I enjoyed the festival. We didn't sell as much as we wanted but met all the nice people. It was just nice being out there and enjoying the weekend. Everyone around here is so friendly and you seem to make friends right away," she added. Ms. Campbell's comments were echoed by a number of visitors to Green Turtle Cay for the first time, who all said they were made to feel welcome right away and it was like the island opened itself up for everyone.

The Abaco Ministry of Tourism is a partner with the Green Turtle Cay Heritage Festival committee and Director Don Cornish said he felt the festival is growing every year. For it to continue to grow they have to step up



With a pirate theme, one of the attractions was a stock. One of the visiting pirates showed how it worked.

and ensure they improve each year. However, he said this year's festival was a lot of fun. Though it seemed less people were out on Friday, Saturday definitely drew the crowd as in years past.

Despite the considerable heat and lack of breeze throughout the weekend and the non escapable dust flying all around, pa-

trons were consistently remarking on how much fun they were having and they would definitely be back next year.

Ms. Campbell said, "Even if I don't come back next year to sell jewelry, I will try and get my friends to come just for the festival and the experience of being in Green Turtle Cay," she concluded.



A group of pirates from the East Coast of Florida enacted skits and had mock sword fights to entertain the crowds. Everyone enjoyed their antics.

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# Many enjoyed informative talks

By Mirella Santillo

One of the highlights of this year's Island Roots Festival were the informative talks that were offered.

## Sandra Riley

Well known author Sandra Riley, who wrote *Homeward Bound - a History of The Bahamas to 1850*, is knowledgeable about Abaco since that book



Sandra Riley

refers to its settling by the Loyalists. Once more she attended the Green Turtle Cay Roots Heritage Festival. This year, dressed as a pirate, the theme of the festival, she talked about Anne Bonney and Mary Read, two famous women pirates associated with Calico Jack Rackam, who frequented Green Turtle Cay during their adventurous life on the seas. These two ladies, infamous ladies as they are labeled, are also the subjects of two other books by Ms. Sandra Riley: *Sisters of the Sea* and *Sometimes Towards Eden*

Ms. Riley, who has done research on Bahamian history for the last 35 years, talked about their lives, outlining all that is historically known about the two women and some of their men companions. The Treaty of Utrecht in 1713, she explained, flooded The Bahamas with pirates. "They traded, fished, and wrecked for supplies, making their way as best as they could." Many inhabitants traded with the pirates, she informed the group.

As part of her presentation, a cast dressed as pirates impersonating Mary Read, Anne Bonney, Calico Jack and Black Bart, read excerpts of a play that Ms. Riley had adapted

for the occasion. Matt Lowe, another local pirate after whom one of the cays is named, was also represented in a monologue. Although she recognized that many pirates committed atrocities, Ms. Riley endowed them of more human personalities than the ones that usually accompany them and found excuses for their deeds: times were difficult and it was a way to survive.

## Brian Lapointe

Mr. Lapointe spoke on the conservation of our coral reefs from pirates to present.



Brian Lapointe

Another topic of interest broached during the festival was the destruction of the Florida reefs by pollution, human waste and run-off from the Everglades. That situation, predicted Brian Lapointe, is very close to happening to Abaco.

During a disturbing presentation, Mr. Lapointe, a marine biologist researcher based in Fort Pierce with the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, outlined the results from close to 20 years of research around the Florida Keys and The Bahamas and more specifically around Abaco. A visitor to Green Turtle Cay since 1990, Mr. Lapointe started his presentation by saying, "I have always been interested in presenting the delicate ecology of the reefs and waking up the locals' interest in preserving the reefs."

He continued to explain that a typical impact on the reef is caused by what people do such as walking on the reefs, over-fishing, bleaching, but land pollution and pollution falling from the skies have the most

destructive effects, he said. Nutrient run-off in the fresh water system can cause harmful algae blooms, such as red tide that are washed out into the ocean. Phosphorus and nitrogen are the main culprits, feeding algae responsible for causing mass mortalities among wild and farmed fish and shellfish and consequently human illness and death from contaminated fish.

As early as 1954 it was assumed that farm run-offs were causing the death of marine mammals. More recent studies have proven that nutrients coming from millions of acres of sugar cane in Florida are bleeding into the ocean through the mangroves, killing coral masses formed thousands of years ago. Green algae, fed by nitrogen is spreading rapidly, smothering the reefs.

He recalled how the coral reefs of the Florida Keys, especially Looe Key, used to be the number one destination for diving; now, he said, there is only one organism found around that area and the government

is making artificial diving spots out of shipwrecks. The number of grunts, groupers and snappers has decreased by 75 percent while the number of parrot fish which feed on algae has increased by 100 percent. Swimmers have recently died from being exposed to a deadly skin eating-bacteria on the West Coast of Florida. There is no remedy so far for that ailment, except staying out of the ocean.

Alarmed by the situation in Florida, Mr. Lapointe initiated a study project closer to The Bahamas and starting seeing the same problems developing. Studies before 2004 demonstrated that the causes for Black Band disease that kills sea fans and algae growth, were run-offs from injection wells and treated sewerage. The algae was removed by Hurricane Frances but recent observation showed that the algae is growing again.

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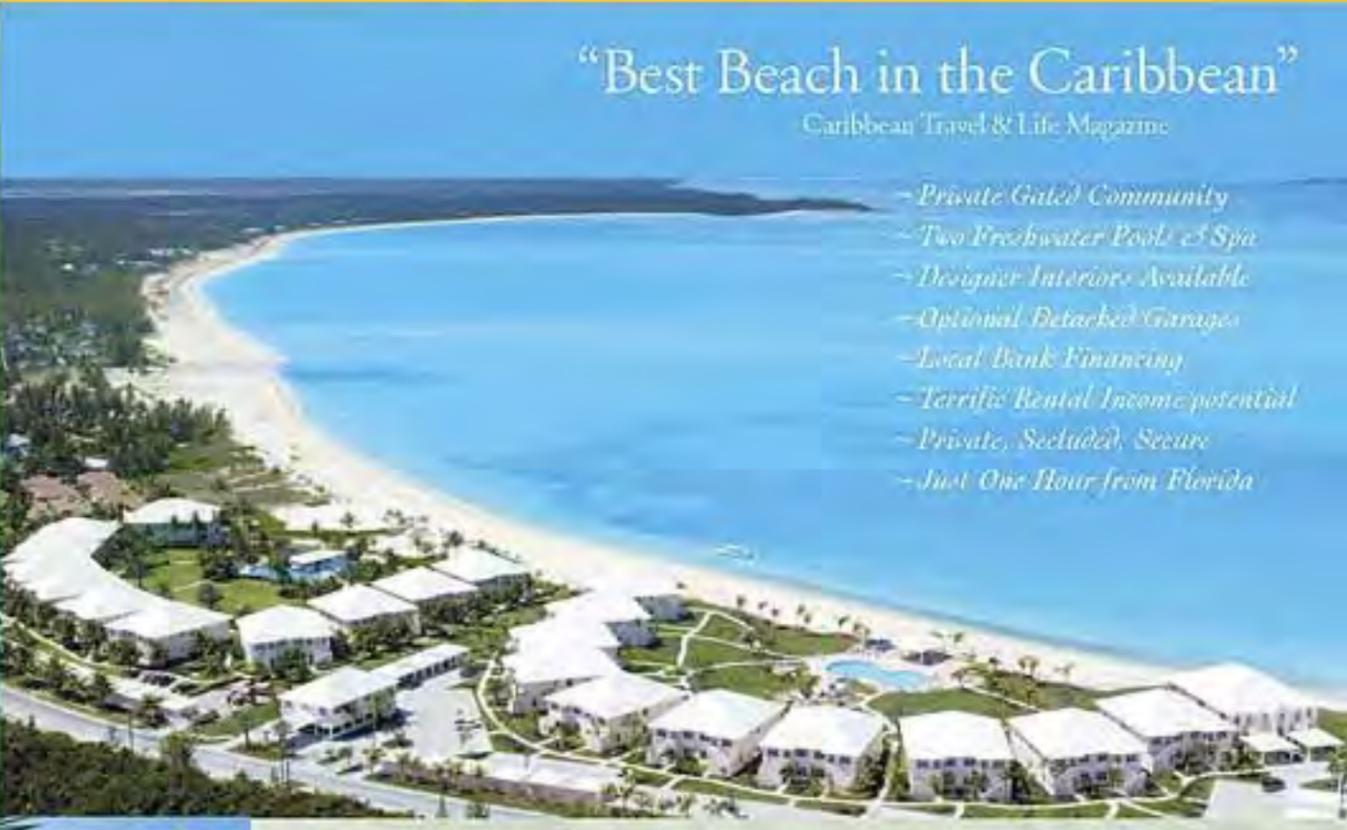
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# Reef preservation and archeology were discussed

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Red drift algae (sea weed) caused by excess nitrogen is present around Green Turtle Cay. Around the Black Sound area the scientists found an invasive algae, *Caulerpa Ollivieri*, never seen in the Caribbean or The Bahamas before, driven by land sewerage. Around No Name Cay, the presence of bacterial algae has been detected and Black Band disease observed in sea fans around an underground spring near Manjack.

Has anyone thought what could be the impact of reef destruction on The Bahamas? While the sea is the main tourist attraction, it is also one of the main food sources for the country. Reef destruction would mean a huge decrease in the edible fish population. This decrease has already been noted by local environmentalists.

"The water quality in The Bahamas has worsened on shore, but it can still support coral growth on offshore reefs," stated Mr. Lapointe. However, we must take measures to protect the Caribbean reefs. One of these would be to limit the use of commercial fertilizers and find alternative ways to fertilize crops. Another way, as painful as it may be for the economy, would be to monitor high density developments and therefore rapid population growth.

## Bob Carr

Bob Carr, well known archeologist spoke on his recent discoveries at Preacher's Cave on Eleuthera

Floridian Robert Carr has been another frequent visitor and researcher in The Bahamas. An archeologist by trade, he was instrumental in identifying objects found at Carleton as being of Loyalist's provenance.

Pieces of English ceramic and military buttons of that period were the key to the answer.

That site was important, he explained. It was where close to 1000 people from New York, Savannah and Charleston settled with the hope of developing agriculture. He added that in 1789, a hurricane destroyed most of the settlement covering everything.

Only a superficial exploration was conducted at Carleton, and Mr. Carr is planning to resume digging in that area convinced that more things will be found. He is working with government towards a project of restoring Carleton as a Loyalist village on the same line as Jamestown in Virginia.

The presentation he shared with the audience, however, was on another archeological dig he just concluded on Eleuthera at a site called Preacher's Cave. Mr. Carr said that, at first, he was not too optimistic about finding anything of importance because it was such an obvious place for artifacts, that it had been searched many times before. However, after identifying areas which had not been previously dug, he was overwhelmed by his trove. Evidence of the cave having been occupied by three different groups of people emerged. The first were Indians, the second settlers from the Eleutheran Adventures and the third an African settlement.

The graves of seven Lucayan Indians were found, revealing ailments that had not been seen before. Mr. Carr thinks that the



Bob Carr

cave was an Indian burial site and that at one point hundreds of bodies might have been there. The Lucayans were buried in groups of two or three, placed like a T. In some the heads were missing. Another was found face down with his hands tied in the back. Was he killed as a sacrifice or by an enemy? The answer will never be known. Two women had wraps around their heads and shoulders and a medicine pouch containing shells, a tattooing pen and ochre die was found close to them. A triton shell found on the site was carbon dated as 680 AD.

The *William*, which left Bermuda in 1648 to go to Eleuthera, hit a reef about one mile from that island. Records mention that the ship was lost and one person was killed. Within two miles, the survivors found the cave with evidence that people had lived there. It is assumed that they threw bones and artifacts away and took shelter in the cave, named after an old man in his eighties who was their spiritual leader, a

preacher. Mr. Carr is of the opinion that the first months must have brought a tremendous amount of suffering to the settlers. The bodies of two women were found in coffins. So unsuccessful was their adventure that they constructed a ship and sailed to Virginia. Bones of horses, pigs and rats (which they must have brought with them) were also unearthed.

The third cultural element is the presence of three black people who must have come with the Eleutheran Adventurers. A copper coin minted in Spain in 1621 to 26 could have belonged to a black person. More trace element analysis are being done. Mr. Carr has the intention to go back to Eleuthera to look at other parts of the cave.

In the meantime he plans to be on Abaco soon to make preparations for the Carleton project due to start before the end of the year.



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## Grant will go to Education Center

On April 17th Friends of the Environment was awarded a \$25,000 grant by the National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI) Worldwide toward the creation of a Friends' Education Center. The Center will be located in Marsh Harbour's old water bottling plant and will house a classroom and educational facilities for environmental courses and projects coordinated by Friends to benefit Abaco school children.

The grant was presented by Wayne Mitchell, Finance Director of the NAUI Board of Directors, to Lindsey McCoy, Executive Director of Friends, Olivia Patterson, Program Coordinator, and d'Shan Maycock, Education Officer.

The Center will be used to focus on teaching Abaco's children about the marine environment, how the various life forms contribute to the total health of the coral reef and how to monitor and gauge growth and/or decline of those various life forms.

The NAUI's motto is *Safety thru Education*, and Friends' main method of achieving their mission is education, so the two fit together naturally. Friends has bought artificial reef ball molds and guided Abaco students, who built and installed 22 reef balls at Mermaid Reef. The balls are made with a PH neutral concrete that is conducive to coral,

sponge and algae growth. Abaco students are now being trained to measure growth, count fish populations and identify various coral diseases in order to track the life forms these reef balls may attract.

Friends' Board Member Tim Higgs, owner of Abaco Dive Adventures and a NAUI Instructor, will instruct and certify d'Shan and Olivia as NAUI Skin Diver Instructors. They, in turn, will train and certify the students of Abaco to snorkel so they can monitor reefs. Wayne Mitchell will assist Tim and the education officers.

Goals of the NAUI Board include contributions to Marine Ecology projects worldwide and increasing NAUI's name exposure to the public. NAUI's contribution to Friends' Education Center will go a long way toward furthering NAUI's goals because Friends' education program has the potential to be replicated and spread throughout The Bahamas.

The new Education Center will enable Friends to bring the Bahamas National Trust's successful Discovery Club program to Abaco, open a native plant nursery and create and expand other programs to benefit the community. The total budget for the Education Center is \$100,000. The NAUI grant puts Friends well on its way to completing the Center's funding.

## Festival

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a group of performing pirates from Central Florida and by Brandy Eheridge from Islamorada, Florida, impersonating Anne Bonney.

Together they interacted with the children, mingled with the crowd, organizing games for the younger ones and keeping the adults interested with several shows of skilled sword fights and play-acting. Tug of war, sack races, three-legged race, playing the hoopla and looking for hidden treasures were some of the events which kept the children occupied while parents browsed through the many arts and crafts displays, partook of food and drinks or attended the various informative talks that were given in the cool environment of the Administrator's office.

There was music galore with performances by Matt Lowe & Friends, Island Spice's Kevin McIntosh, the Royal Bahamas Police Force Pop Band, Gary McDonald and Avery Thompson. The Amy

Roberts Primary School students and the Tiny Turtles from the pre-school demonstrated their musical talents by singing a few songs. The comic this year was Ms. Jessie Pearl, who entertained the audience with her Bahamian humor. There was the usual Maypole dance, and the Royal Police Force Marching Band put on its famous show. Good old-fashioned entertainment included a conch cracking contest, a dinghy race and a sculling demonstration.

The festival ended with dancing with the Gully Roosters on Saturday night and a church service on Sunday morning.

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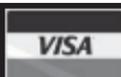
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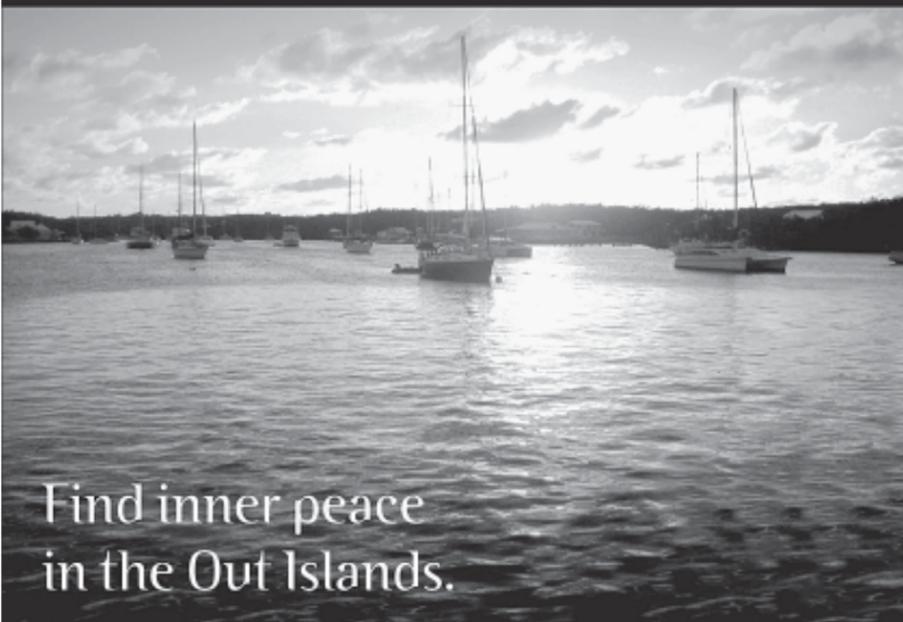


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# The Editor Says . . . Local govt. could be more effective



Local government was established in the Family Islands in 1996 and is now into the fourth three-year term. The intention was to bring government closer to the people, to let local people make the decisions affecting their communities. The present councils and town committees demit office at the end of June 2008 with newly elected persons taking office in July.

In July of this year the three councils on the Abaco mainland will either perpetuate the statutory boards or appoint new chairmen and board members as two years is their term limit. These three Second Schedule District Councils are the North Abaco, Central Abaco and South Abaco Councils. The three boards with the most activity are Town Planning, Licensing and Port Authority.

Our four Schedule III Councils, Hope Town, Green Turtle Cay, Grand Cay and Moore's Island, have one more year to serve. These four councils are all inclusive and incorporate the authority of statutory boards.

Our observations suggest the program has yielded reasonable results when judged by the following:

- mowing the grass in school yards, parks and public areas
- mowing and cleaning roadside verges
- picking up residential trash
- minor maintenance to schools and public buildings
- issuing of shop licenses (Not the annual business licenses)
- issuing of building permits

The local government process has not been particularly successful when measured by the ability to

- maintain or impose town or neighborhood values
- refuse or limit undesirable businesses
- attempt planning for future growth
- seek methods to improve traffic congestion
- request help or just get Nassau's attention
- successfully lobby for adequate funding
- allow residents to see how local budgets are spent
- attract sincere elected or appointed can-

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- interact successfully with governmental agencies
- have government agencies seek and value local opinions
- hold the mandated public meeting prior to making budget recommendations

At the national level, government has not been attentive to the successes, failures or shortcomings of local government. The process is somewhat akin to giving a child his allowance to keep him quiet and sending him off.

Over the past five or more years, government has alluded to revisions to the Local Government Act. The general tone of these announcements was that Local Government would be given more power and authority. Recently, legislation was said to be under consideration to improve the system but no details were released other than to say administrators were to be classed as grade 1, 2, 3 or 4. That was not particularly informative. The changes were not introduced in Parliament and any revisions must now come from the newly elected government.

District councils are assigned geographical territories which is a logical choice given the Bahamas archipelagic nature. However, in the case of Central Abaco it would make more sense to consider area economics when defining boundaries instead of arbitrary lines between communities.

Many of our central Abaco towns are intrinsically linked by tourism, high school education, medical facilities, shipping and freight handling, workers commuting to and from towns, garbage disposal and airport activity.

Our local government elected and appointed officials have offered their time to manage and solve local problems. The fact that they are now sitting on a council, committee or statutory board does not make them an expert on the topics they are presented with. Neither does their official position suggest that they no longer need to consult

with their communities. They still must delve into current and future issues at the local level and seek appropriate solutions.

Conversely, elected officials and civil servants in Nassau are not intimately privy to all of our problems and acceptable options to resolve them. There needs to be much more interplay and consultation between governmental agencies, both local and central, and affected residents.

We may not always have the best solution but neither is government's solution always good. When serious differences arise and unpopular decisions must be made, reasons should be forthcoming. The greater good to the community-at-large often overrides local objections. An example was government's purchase of private land several years ago to facilitate Marsh Harbour's port expansion.

Several years ago, Green Turtle Cay was separated from the North Abaco Council and given singular status as a Schedule Three Council. Its economy is similar to that of Hope Town, Man-O-War or Guana Cay. This seems to be working well and this model should be extended to most of the towns in Central Abaco.

Even greater goals could be accomplished if the central Abaco economies could be combined with the Hope Town Council merging with Central Abaco Council. This would give continuity to the governing process and recognize the economic engine of Central Abaco.

The individual towns should then begin control of their own town's decisions for town planning, licensing and port authority. This would streamline the appeal process by giving a local but higher authority, the Council, to hear appeals. Further appeals would then go to Nassau.

The other major change needed is to recognize the dynamic growth and the economic impact of Central Abaco and give local government a town manager who would take orders from the Council. This

qualified person would give continuity and order to the process. A million dollar budget could use some professional management help. Savings from effective management would probably offset the person's salary. The position of town manager would also provide excellent training for future administrators or other government positions.

Whether you agree or disagree with the style of the four chief Councillors who have served to date in Central Abaco, they all concede that the demands on a person's time are severe, particularly when considering they all had full time jobs.

The first local government secretary in Central Abaco was a college graduate in governmental studies and performed at a managerial level even though the job description did not indicate this. We are referring to the council's working secretary, not the administrator's position as an executive secretary to the council.

The person in this managerial position could lend assistance and guidance to the other chief councillors and the councils' secretaries. Administrators must now teach new councillors and committee members their chores and obligations as well as the limitations imposed on local government. In this district, a city manager would relieve the administrator of some of his managerial burdens.

To those who complain that local government is not effective, we can only ask if they would prefer to relinquish what little power is held locally to let a bureaucrat in Nassau make these decisions?

It was the Ingraham government that originally instituted local government. Perhaps during this new five-year term, again headed by him, Mr. Ingraham will encourage and implement further changes to the system. We hope that the Prime Minister and the Minister responsible for Local Government will consult with those close to the system.

## Letters to the Editor

### Election Day Done Gone

Dear Editor,

Another Election Day has come and gone without any major problems. As a Party Observer I found the experience very enlightening, something each voter should experience at least once in their lifetime. It might give us a better perspective of how government works (something we have all complained about from time to time, but something very few of us really know anything about).

It seemed that all of the officials were well informed and well schooled in the procedures and rules of the day, both from the Government Officials to the

Party Observers. Actually there were no undue occurrences at our polling station, and as a result everything moved along smoothly and without incidence thanks to the professional attitude of those volunteering there that day.

It appeared at times that some of the voters were actually shy and embarrassed about doing their constitutional duty. Voting is definitely a privilege of our democracy and should be a proud occasion not to be taken lightly or without reverence. If the time comes that we are no longer given the right to vote as we please, that will be the time for concern. But in the meantime, take note that we have passed another milestone, and it is now time to get back to being neighbours and friends while we work together to make a better Bahamas.

Lee Pinder

### Traffic Light Works

Dear Editor,

Stop the press - it has happened. After months of malfunction the traffic light has

been returned to its proper function a few days after the election.

I received my National Geographic for May on May 4. Pretty good for second class mail. The real news is that early this week I received the March and April issues.

Do you suppose the message is getting out.- You people are on a government payroll because there is work to do. "Get on with the job or look elsewhere for employment."

Go to it, Hubert, route out the rot and corruption at all levels of government. That cookie jar you mentioned belongs to us taxpayers. Watch out for the sticky fingers, crack them on the knuckles.. After five years there are a whole bunch of them out there who have become much too comfortable with this life style.

Al Cooper

*Ed. note: It was coincidental that the specialized cable and relay arrived and the necessary equipment for installing these became available about to the time of the election.*

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# Viewpoint . . . Planning for development

By John Hedden

As Abaco grows and develops ever more rapidly we need to take pause for a few moments.

Reflect.

Economic growth is essential for development, and we all know that. It provides for improved living standards, better welfare systems, improved infrastructure, construction growth, and in a tourist economy, more and more resort project initiations. Employment rates increase, people spend more, and communities tend to feel fatter and happier.

Expanding economies require more and more physical space, and land values elevate as property demand becomes more competitive. Remote areas of the landscape become more attractive for both speculative investments as well as for social infrastructural development. As pressure increases on remote areas, so does the pressure on endemic and indigenous ecosystems, habitats, species and land forms.

We must all remember that the attractiveness of our country relies on and is a product of our natural resources and ecosystems. Our beautiful beaches and shallow seas are a synergy with our living coral reef habitats, which maintain a protective barrier against the extreme ravages of winter storms and hurricanes.

Our swamp lands, creeks, and marls generate unique forests full of unusual birds, insects, crustaceans, fish, reptiles, and now mammals.

These same tidal creek systems provide nursery areas for our commercially exploited marine species, including lobsters, scale fish, and the highly desired land crab.

These same tidal low lands provide a buffer zone between the pinelands and the raw exposure of the oceans and deep seas. They also provide a gradient along which the fresh water run off from the aquifers of the pine yards can flow seawards, and so help support our unique mangrove habitats.

The pine forest areas are essential for the generation of the high levels of rainfall experienced in all the northern islands of the Bahamas. Fresh potable water is the result, and presently we have an ample supply. These pine areas have also been periodically developed for large scale agricultural production systems of many thousands of acres.

The drier coppice and hilly greenlands are again unique in species and habitats, providing large amounts of forage for native bird species and reptiles, butterflies and moths. These areas occur mainly along the coast behind the beautiful beaches and have become high value real estate ripe for the foreign capital we so urgently require.

I could go on and on quoting examples of natural systems and commercial values so important for the Bahamian economy.

However, as earlier mentioned, we rely totally on our natural systems for our very high standard of living. We also want and need to keep it this way.

As development takes place and the pressure on natural systems increases, so does the potential for destructive practices. We as a people have already seen the need for habitat and species protection. The Inagua National Park [flamingos], the Exuma Marine Park [marine ecosystems] and the Abaco National Park [parrots] are examples where species conservation dictates habitat protection to support those species. This is why protected areas tend to be so large.

Environmentalists would be much happier if all the sensitive areas were protected and conserved with severe limitations on development. However, we all realise that to maintain our well being and provide for future generations physical expansion and development go hand in hand with improved standards of living.

This why we need to take pause.

Reflect.

In our headlong rush for development we must all accept that to protect our way of life we also need to protect and nurture our natural environment. To this end we must take on the onus of acting responsibly. We need to learn to plan for development, and we need lots of information to be able to plan. So we need access to the knowledge of

- Localised information
- Resource assessment and environmental considerations
- Existing institutions, structures and operations in the area
- Future area growth, demands, and consequences
- Regulations and legal aspects
- Taxation and exemptions
- Consequences of irresponsible actions

The above represent just a few examples of information we need in order to plan effectively for development. It also clearly demonstrates the need for consultation.

Local councils, local communities, local governmental agencies all have a wealth of information available for planning. However, they all become impotent when local input is bypassed, and central government is utilised to more rapidly approve a development project.

There are instances where approval may never be sought because local monitoring is ineffective because of arrogance and because of lack of knowledge and thought. All three present a potential for permanent environmental damage.

Here on Abaco we presently have three examples of recent infringement on natural systems with the potential for future severe consequences. Two involve the Government of The Bahamas [arrogance], and the third

a lack of thought and consultation by a local equipment operator.

The central government, in its quest to provide an improvement in the waste handling facilities of The Bahamas, has seen fit to forge ahead with the construction of a waste landfill site and two satellite transfer stations with no real local consultation, no apparent seeking of permits and approvals, and no consideration for the Abaco environment. The result has been the ongoing construction of two waste [reception and] transfer sites situate in environmentally and socially sensitive areas where permanent irreversible damage to local potable water sources, agricultural, and ecotouristic institutions are not only possible, but likely.

The third involves the use of heavy equipment to begin land clearing and road preparation in the protected area of the Abaco National Park. This presents a distinct and probable threat to the contiguity of the area and its eventual fragmentation. Once this happens, then irreversible damage to the ecology of the park becomes apparent.

The above examples all expose a lack of consideration and concern for the local Abaco landscape, and a total disregard for local institutions and welfare. In the case of the Bahamian government this is both frivolous and irresponsible and reflects a level of incompetence only exceeded by its arrogance in its refusal to take a reparative

course of action. All the above cases present a real and potentially devastating effect on our natural heritage and ecosystems. The implications for the future are immense.

The only way to prevent future instances and occurrences such as these is for the Abaco community to prepare a comprehensive Plan for Development which must take into consideration all the facets implicit in a growth strategy for the island. These must include social, economic and infrastructural considerations, land and marine systems, ownership, access, resource exploitation and other environmental considerations. Other physical factors such as climate, sea levels, weather changes, coastline resilience, habitat alterations and effects on resource health and conservation need to be considered. This is especially so for potable water, commercially exploited species, nursery areas, historical and ecologically sensitive sites such as blue holes and virgin lands.

It is important to consider that with a rapidly developing economy and a huge area of unexploited resources, including prime land for real estate development, Abaco holds the potential to become the seat of the economy for future growth in the Bahamas. It is terrifying to think of the consequences of this without a proper and implemented plan for development.

The choice is ours.

Take pause for a moment.

Reflect.



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# North Abaco News

## Cedar Harbour holds Community Celebration

By Vernique Russell

Descendants and current residents of the quiet settlement of Cedar Harbour located in Little Abaco joined together as one big happy family to give God thanks for the blessings He bestowed upon them and to celebrate their heritage and history. This year's Community Celebration marked the seventh year since the committee hosted the first one and the growth from then to now has changed the entire structure of the festive celebrations.

When the event was first launched, it was a day of celebration around the time of the Easter weekend. It has now bloomed into a weekend of fun, food, cultural display and thanksgiving. Residents old and young display their talents through skits and dance. This year the festivities were no different. On Friday and Saturday night, the crowd was entertained through culture and music, allowing those in attendance to socialize and fellowship. On Sunday night the agenda took another route when its focus was directed toward giving God thanks. The New Direction of Treasure Cay performed among other local talents. The 7th Annual Cedar Harbour Community Celebration was dubbed a success by organizers and the committee is looking forward to next year's event. Hats off to the organizers for a job well done!

## Keep North Abaco Clean

By Vernique Russell

As you drive along the streets in some areas of North Abaco you will notice the side roads are filled with garbage. North Abaconians, please, let's take pride in our communities, our streets and let's keep North Abaco clean. This is where we live and our children live. Our children and youth are affected by what we do and what they see us do. Children learn with their eyes whatever they see you do is what they will do. Parents, promote cleanliness, teach your children to respect their surroundings and environment, teach them not to litter. Our surrounding reflects on us so let's come together and work together to keep North Abaco clean, green and pristine. After all, this is where we live.

## Beach Party

By Vernique Russell

The North Abaco Summer Festival and Power Boat Race will host another beach party on May 28th at the public beach in Treasure Cay. This event will serve as a fund raiser to defray expenses for the upcoming 2nd Annual Summer Festival &

Power Boat Race in July. The public is invited to come out and support the committee in this venture. Bring your kids and your friends and don't forget anyone for there is fun for everyone. There will be lots of food, music and fun, fun and more fun.

## Crash Rescue is coming to Treasure Cay

By Vernique Russell

The Crash Rescue team is coming to Treasure Cay. They are now recruiting volunteers to work along with them. Presently, there is no ambulance or any emergency services in Treasure Cay and the time has come when we can have these services available right here in Treasure Cay. Anyone who is interested in becoming a team player with this service can do so by calling 559-9911 for further information as soon as possible.

## News of the Youth Success Kids Academy's First Graduation

By Vernique Russell

On September 4th Success Kids Academy opened its door for the first time. After almost one completed academic year, Principal Regena Moxey and the graduating class of 2007 will celebrate their first commencement exercise under the theme *Rise up and grasp the future*. Eight tiny toddlers will complete the preschool chapter of their life and start a new one that will bring new challenges and new opportunities. With this in mind, the staff and students of Success Kids Academy cordially invite the general public to be a part of their grand celebration on June 8th. The venue for this event is Revival Time Pentecostal

Church in Cooper's Town beginning at 7:30 p.m. Parents and friends are encouraged to come out to this history-making event.

## Basketball Camp Cook-Out

By Vernique Russell

The Treasure Cay Youth in Action Sports Club will hold a cook-out on May 19th at the Treasure Cay Park. This cook-out is in aid of the youth club travelling to Grand Bahama to participate in Hoytes Basketball Classic Tournament on May 31st-June 3rd. The committee is calling on the wider community to support our boys and girls as they strive for excellence and gain exposure through athletic performance experiences with other youths. The Treasure Cay Branch of the Youth In Action is headed by Mr. Godfrey Rolle Jr.

## Church News

### Friendship Mission's 2nd Annual Women's Conference

By Vernique Russell

Friendship Mission in Cooper's Town under the leadership of Rev. Ronald and Ruthie McIntosh hosted its second annual Women of Purpose Conference. The Conference convened on May 10 and climaxed on May 12th with a prayer breakfast at the Community Hall in Fire Road. Guest speakers for the conference were Min. Brenda Archer of Latter Rain Ministry in Dundas Town and Min. Leonara Sands of Bethel Restoration and Deliverance Center in Nassau. Congratulations to the committee for a job well done.

### Women's Conference

By Vernique Russell

Revival Time Pentecostal Ministries in Crown Haven will host its 10th Annual

Women's Conference on May 21st - 27th. The theme for this conference is *Moving to a higher grounds*. Services will take place from Monday- Friday beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly. On Saturday there will be a grand concert and on Sunday the Women's Conference will climax at 3 p.m. The public is invited to come.

## Life Gate Ministries

By Vernique Russell

Life Gate Christian Ministries International will host its first annual Building a Kingdom Generation Conference on May 24th and 25th at the church grounds in Cooper's Town. The guest speaker is national and international speaker Dr. Jennifer Deavaux of Nassau. A special invitation is extended to everyone to come.

## Cities of Refuge Events

By Vernique Russell

### Revival services were held

Cities of Refuge Ministries in Treasure Cay held revival services May 14 thru 16th at the church. Guest speaker for this event was Min. Sanya Flemings of Houston, Texas, and Music Min. De-angela Flemings-Johnson of Symnara, Georgia. Under the theme *Can you stand to be blessed?* God spoke lives were changed. Hope was freely given. The Pastoral and Executive Board of Cities of Refuge extends thanks to all who came out to fellowship with them.

### Fun day and car wash

Cities of Refuge Ministries will host a Fun Day and Car Wash on May 26th at the Treasure Cay Park. There will be lots of

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# Family Guardian's 2008 calendar photo contest

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

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

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games, food and fun. The public is invited to come out and make this event a great success. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### Family BBQ & Grill-Out

In an effort to give the youths of the assembly a memorable summer the leaders of Youth Invasion will host a Family BBQ and Grill-Out on June 9th. This event is to raise funds in order to defray the cost of travelling expense for their first Youth Summer Get-Away Vacation in August. On sale will be ribs and chicken served with your choice of baked potatoes, macaroni and cheese, corn, green salad and dinner rolls for a donation of \$10. There will also be cakes, pies, guava duff, conch fritters and conch salad on sale. We are anticipating seeing you there to support our young people in this worthy cost. Come and lend your support to the young people of Youth Invasion. The BBQ and Grill-Out will begin at 11 a.m. - until. This is an event you can't afford to miss.

The youth department of Cities of Refuge is calling all youths who do not have a church home to come be a part of our youth invasion. Youth Invasion will be held every Friday at Cities of Refuge. We are calling on you to come and be a part of an expressive and excited movement among the youths. We dare you to be different and come and join us, your seat awaits you.

### People in the News

#### Congratulations!

By Vernique Russell

Congratulations to Cpl. Ashley "Hammer" Hepburn, who was recently pro-

moted during the police promotion exercise. Cpl. Hepburn recently earned the status of sergeant. He has been very instrumental in the North Abaco district, especial among our young men. He has played a key role at the Sherlin Bootle High School working in conjunction with the principal and staff to ensure that law and order are strictly enforced at the school. Once again the communities congratulate him on a well deserved promotion. Continue to strive for excellence, knowing your labour is not in vain.

### Wedding Bells

By Vernique Russell

The two shall become one, one flesh, one spirit and one union. On April 28th at Unity Baptist Church in Treasure Cay Ms. Cherly Farrington and Mr. Zhivargo Cooper were joined together in holy matrimony at 3 p.m. Officiated by Rev. John McIntosh of New Hope Baptist Church, they exchanged vows and committed themselves to live together forever. The couple will reside in Treasure Cay. Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Zhivargo Cooper as they begin their lives together.



Mr. and Mrs. Cooper

## Viewpoint . . . The Power of Political Persuasion

By Vernique Russell

Often we human beings are blinded by the power of political persuasion. We see things based on our party preference and sometimes we miss the mark by a large margin. The other day I was approached by a group of persons who asked me to write an article concerning the conditions of the airport. While I am in total agreement that both airports on Abaco are in desperate need of being renovated and upgraded, I was saddened to see that these people had turned the issue into one of politics instead of genuine concerns.

While others may choose to point fingers and cast blame, I am convinced of one thing. We are not maturing as a people; we still only see things through the eyes of our political persuasion. For the past few years, both the airport at Marsh Harbour and the one at Treasure Cay have been operating in

deplorable states and there must be some renovations made extremely soon. However, in the mini report that was prepared by the ladies, they concluded by asking, "Where is the government in all of this?" a question that I thought was quite unfair and unreasonable. Whenever politics influences our judgement, clearly we act, think and speak on biased terms. According to the ladies, for the last three years the airport of Marsh Harbour has been operating with no air conditioning or insufficient seating and space for the travelling public and visitors alike among other things. While her object was to condemn the newly elected government for failure to correct those problems, I found it quite strange that they were comfortable with these same conditions during the reign of their political party. But now that they no longer hold the upper hand,

it's a problem.

Personally, my view is that no matter who is in the power seat, the airports need repairs! We have to reach the level where we as Bahamians can look beyond our point of views and persuasions and render fair and decisive judgements. Don't allow your views to be driven by spite and vengeance but instead give the newly elected government that has only been in power for barely three weeks an opportunity to deliver on their promises. No matter who you chose to vote for or who you prefer to run this country, it is all of our jobs to ensure that we correct what's wrong and we find a way to live together. Open your mouth and voice your opinion to see growth and a better life in our country. Do not bring down and discriminate our leaders. After all we are in this together.

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# Minister Discusses Immigration Problems

By Julian Lockhart

Member of Parliament Tommy Turnquest was named Minister of National Security and Immigration by newly elected Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, and now has a major task ahead of him in dealing with illegal immigration in The Bahamas.

Prime Minister Ingraham said the reason they attached both portfolios together was because of the connection between the two ministries. Instead of two ministries working together but apart, they can be together working towards one common goal.

Mr. Turnquest, like the rest of the Free National Movement members, has not taken office yet. But he has been Minister of Immigration previously and realizes the difficulty of the situation facing him and his government in an attempt to help manage the illegal immigration problems facing The Bahamas and Abaco.

Min. Turnquest said, "I served as Minister of Immigration before so I am fairly familiar with some of the issues and we will have a two pronged approach at immigration. One dealing with enforcement of our borders, enforcement of illegal immigrants making sure they are apprehended and repatriated in a timely manner. But there is another side of immigration and that is ensuring that we are careful in terms of who we allow in terms of our investments. We have to be sensitive in our investment policies and immigration and we have to balance that. We are not into gimmicks and telling people what we have signed. We want to make sure every Bahamian wants to work," he added.

Mr. Turnquest said one of the positives of having the portfolio of Immigration as part of the National Security Ministry is they can work a little bit more closely in one ministry. They have to do a better job of interception before the illegal immigrants get ashore.

Abaco has one of the largest illegal immigrant populations in The Bahamas and it has been a consistent strain on the social and education system on the island. However, the Haitian population on Abaco has helped the economy out by being productive members of the work force.

But Mr. Turnquest said anyone found hiring illegal immigrants without proper paper work will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Also the FNM Government plans to address the situation and the growing concerns over the Mud and Pigeon Pea as to how best deal with those communities and

resettling the individuals who are legal to remain in the Bahamas. Both communities pose health concerns with the outbreak of diseases, consistent worries about fires and crime.

Mr. Turnquest said, "We have to address it (Mud and Pigeon Pea) and it is not a problem that is going away if just left by itself. We will have to take proactive action against it. Our law is very clear in terms of what ought to happen. We have to make sure when a person reaches the age of 18, before their 19th birthday, if they apply, that we process their application in a timely fashion. What happens as it drags on, people become agitated, they feel a sense of frustration and that is the stage where the problem becomes acute. We have to deal with those persons who hire illegal immigrants. We have to recognize those persons who need work permits and we have to determine that if a number of work permits are needed, then we will deal with that. First,

we have to ensure that Bahamians are back to work so they are fully utilized," Mr. Turnquest added.

The government is not looking to just round up everyone in raids to deal with the illegal immigration problems and are looking into more humane ways to find out who is legal, who deserves status and who needs to be deported.

If an illegal immigrant woman has a child in The Bahamas, that child is not automatically a Bahamian. However, that child is not stateless but takes on the citizenship of the country where its parents are from. Thus, if a mother is in The Bahamas illegally and is deported, her child or children will be deported with her. This all takes a lot of manpower and equipment, which leads to the government spending a lot of money to manage and find a way to correct a growing illegal immigration problem.

Mr. Turnquest said the Defense Force, Police and Immigration all require substan-

tial resources and there is no question that they will have to find ways to fund these agencies and provide the resources they need. He added there is no doubt there will be a pull on their resources.

Mr. Turnquest said, "They will have to go with their parents, that child must go with their parents. There is absolutely no other way to do it. The whole immigration issue causes tremendous strain on our social services system, on our educational and health systems, so we have to deal with it. "It is just not good enough to say, 'Fine, I will be a cowboy and say I will round up people.' We have to look at it from a multi-faceted approach and deal with those issues. We cannot say these persons are stateless because they are not stateless. There really is not a problem for a person born in the Bahamas and our law is clear they are not Bahamians and are the nationality of their parents, so they are not stateless," Mr. Turnquest added.

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# Central Abaco News

## New freight service to Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

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The Betty K company has had boats plying between Miami and Nassau for 87 years

since it began serving the Bahamas in 1920 and, according to Abaco's General Manager, Kristal Malone, "Management decided that it was now time to try including Abaco." Ms. Malone described how much easier this will make things for people wanting to shop in Miami. "This is the only boat coming here out of Miami. Before this people had to drive to Palm Beach to have their freight shipped across. Many people shop in Miami since it is cheaper and now they can put their purchases onto the boat right in Miami. The warehouse is situated on the

Miami River near the Miami airport opposite dollar Rent-A-Car."

The Miami warehouse hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday. This means that whatever day of the week people are shopping they will be able to take their goods to the warehouse where it will be secured. The company provides fast, reliable and affordable shipping for palletized cargo, building materials, household goods/furniture, cars, trucks, boats, groceries and more.

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The *Betty K VI* is 204 feet in length and the *Betty K VII* is 240 feet. The vessels carry 20-foot and 40-foot hi cube containers of which they can accommodate 25 to 30. They also carry 20 foot refrigerated containers as well as a three tier rack for vehicles and a new feature called SecurBox.

Ms. Malone is excited about the SecurBox system as it eliminates pilferage, damage and breakage and is very convenient for the user. The SecurBoxes come in four sizes: 20 cubic feet, 43 cubic feet, 73 cubic feet and 78 cubic feet with prices ranging from \$145-\$290 from Miami to Abaco and from \$50-\$195 from Nassau to Abaco, according to size. The smallest SecurBox is mainly for auto parts and the rest are for shopping. "You pack the box yourself. If you are going to be shopping for several days, you can add to the box on successive days. Once full you watch them seal the box and you are given a seal num-

ber," stated Ms. Malone. "Once landed here the SecurBox clearance system is so much easier as you just go straight to customs and fill in the regular declaration form and no shipping agent is required as long as your items are personal. Businesses, however, must complete all paperwork and customs procedures."

Mr. Jack Sands is President of Betty K Agencies Ltd. and comes to Marsh Harbour every week from the company's main office in Nassau. Ms. Anita Pratt, Nassau's Head of Sales and Marketing, stated, "We offer affordable rates and believe in customer service above all other."

Abaco Manager, Krystal Malone said, "The company is now looking forward to serving the people of Abaco."

## Abaco Groceries doubled their warehouse space.

By Mirella Santillo

Abaco Groceries in Marsh Harbour will celebrate its third year in business in August. It has been so successful that its owners just finished the construction of a 6000-square-foot addition that doubles the store space. "Abaco is developing and we are keeping up with the demand," said Mr. Ian Roberts, one of the partners.

Abaco Groceries opened as a wholesaler catering not only to restaurants and other businesses but also to the general public. Mr. Ian Roberts mentioned that the freezer capacity is now doubled and with the increased space, more products will be available. "We are expanding our lines", he explained. To accommodate smaller families,

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The M/V *Betty K VI* is shown at the freight dock in Marsh Harbour. The boat began coming regularly to Abaco on May 6 and will be on a weekly schedule. In the foreground are the cement weights for channel markers coming into the Marsh Harbour port. The channel is narrow and most of the pilings that marked the channel when it was dredged are missing, causing a couple of the freight boats to go aground. The new markers will be lit so boats will have no difficulty coming in at any hour of the day or night. A local company has begun putting them in place.



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the grocery store is also offering smaller quantities.

There have not been any changes to the structure of the store except for the addition which blends perfectly with the lines of the building. The entrance will remain where it is; however sliding doors will be installed to facilitate entrance and exit with the large shopping carts.

Mrs. Melissa Roberts, also a partner, wished to remind the public that the store offers deliveries to Marsh Harbour businesses and to freight boats. A weekly delivery service to Sandy Point is now available

## Abaco Neem Weight Loss Challenge Ends

*By Jennifer Hudson*

Several very happy (and much slimmer) people gathered at the Abaco Neem office in Marsh Harbour on April 30 for the final afternoon of the Abaco Neem Weight Loss Challenge. The challenge began on February 1 and over the course of the following three months persons who were enrolled followed a regimen of healthy eating and exercise and were encouraged to take part in a group walk several times a week. The resulting average weight loss per person was 23 pounds. Daphne de Gregory, Manager of Abaco Neem and organiser of the event, was very pleased with the result stating, "Although there were two winners of the monetary prize, everyone was, in fact, a winner because everyone lost weight."

Winner of the grand prize was taxi driver, Sharon Hunt, who lost a total of 52 pounds during the three months. Sharon has had to



*Progress is being made on the solid waste landfill that is located on the road to Snake Cay. This landfill is planned to accept garbage from the entire island of Abaco including the cays. The landfill design has large level areas lined with a heavy plastic lining that will contain all substances. This black lining can be seen above. As an area fills up it will be covered with quarry. Two transfer areas are being constructed, one in Little Abaco and the other on the road to Cherokee. Garbage will be trucked from these two transfer areas to the landfill. We have been told that when this is operational, all local dumps will be closed.*

buy a new wardrobe for her svelte new figure as she has proudly gone from a size 33 to a size 12. "It wasn't easy but it was worth it," she admitted. "Determination was the number one factor in getting to be the winner. My mind was made up from the beginning to change my whole way of eating and exercising. I ate only healthy foods and exercised every morning and afternoon."

Bertram Mills, Junior, came in a very close second with a weight loss of 50 pounds. Since he also had made such a valiant effort, the organisers of the event gave him a runner-up prize. Mr Mills attributed his success to the vegan lifestyle he has adopted and a strong exercise programme. "Two factors really caused me to take control of my weight; my cholesterol was steadily climbing for a three-year period and I saw a friend suffering from colorectal cancer. In addition to this stimulus to change my lifestyle, I was tired of being fat. Being fat takes a lot of effort and energy and leads to inertia and boredom."

Mr. Mills was the only man taking part

in the challenge and he wanted to know, "Where are the other men? They are supposed to be role models for our children." Mr. Nick Maioulis, owner of Abaco Neem, added that it is, in fact, easier for men to lose weight than women. Another two mem-

bers of the Mills family also participated in the challenge as they wanted to do it as a family. Julia lost 37 pounds and Tishura lost

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17 pounds. Twenty-two persons enrolled in the challenge at the same time except for Felamease Sawyer, who joined the programme one month after everybody else. She did extremely well in losing 27 pounds in that short time. Ms. Sawyer is very eager for the programme to run for a second time and so plans are underway to organise a second challenge. "Some people dropped out because they did not value what they invested in," stated Ms. De Gregory. Janice Pinder, Jane Collins and Coral Johnson were named most dedicated walkers and a special thank you was extended

to Theresa and July for walking with and encouraging the group.

**Art Guild organizes**

*By Mirella Santillo*

In April the Abaco Art Guild elected a new board with Mrs. Anyes Adams as president and Mr. Michael Adams as vice president. The new secretary is Mrs. Cathy Dohn while Mrs. Jo-Ann Bradley remains the treasurer.

To start her tenure, Mrs. Adams organized a painting session with a model at her home on Guana Cay for interested artists and a monthly art show at Café La Florence. Each month new artists will have the possibility to exhibit their work at the popular café located next to the Fire Station.

That event was inaugurated on May 3rd with live music and hors d'oeuvres. The artists for the month of May are Brigitte Bowyer-Carey, showing water colors of still life and fauna, Michael Adams palette knife paintings in acrylics and water colors and Jo-Ann Bradley exhibiting marine scenes.

**Central Pines update**

*By Samantha V. Evans*

In an effort to maintain and improve the safety and quality of life for the residents of the Central Pines Sub-division, the Central Pines Association continues to work to fulfill this. Since the start, the residents have had to work hard but they are pleased to report that they have had some successes. The Crime Watch Mobile Unit patrols on a regular basis to safe guard the homes in the neighborhood. As a result of this, a "Peeping Tom" was discovered outside a neighbor's window and the police was called.

Crime signs have been put up around the sub-division. Thanks to the help of Mr. Paul Mills, two large dumpsters are in place and collected regularly from those locations. Residents can request door-to-door pick up for a small fee. All derelict vehicles have been removed. President Bernadette Hall was happy to state that many of the residents now have telephone service and many more are presently getting service. This is a great accomplishment for the Association.

There is still a big stray dog problem that is getting worse because persons who own dogs are not taking proper care of them. Residents are asked to secure their animals so that they don't roam the streets including female dogs with litters of puppies.

Another area where they are still having

problems is with the petition for cable service. After working with one of the local Cable Bahamas technicians for a long time and coming so close to getting cable service, the technician was transferred to another island. Now they have to start over! However, they plan to take their request to the highest authority or even boycott if they have too. They all agree that ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

The Central Pines Association invites residents to join them as they fight to keep their area safe and clean, and to demand the quality of service for all.

A recent Family Fun Day was held to raise funds for a Central Pines Community Center.

**Disaster management meeting**

*By Mirella Santillo*

Summer is approaching and with it the threat of hurricanes. Because of the destructive impact of the last few hurricanes on The Bahamas and the United States, preparedness has been on the minds of many people.

Government agencies (NEMA/ FEMA), international organizations (Red Cross, Echo) and volunteer committees (AVIT on Abaco) have undertaken to spread disaster awareness and disaster management through seminars and training sessions.

In an effort to address the subject, Mrs. Elaine Martinborough from Urban Renewal organized a meeting for local government representatives with Mrs. Beryl Armbrister, who came from the U.S. Embassy in Nas-

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The winners of the Abaco Neem Weight Loss Challenge were presented with their monetary prizes. Sharon Hunt, second from left, lost 52 pounds and now wears a size 12. Nick Maioulis is presenting the check to her. Runner up was Bertram Mills, Jr., who lost 50 pounds. Ms. Daphne de Gregory is presenting his check.

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sau to give a presentation on the United States' Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance. She represents the United States' organizations in The Bahamas and also in



Mrs. Beryl Armbrister from the U.S. Embassy in Nassau explained the assistance available from the United States after a disaster. There are specific qualification that are required before they will offer assistance. Shown here is Mrs. Armbrister, left, and Ms. Salomie Gibson of the Social Services offices on Abaco.

Belize, St. Kitts, Nevis and St. Lucia. Mrs. Armbrister outlined the objectives of that agency which is based in Washington, D.C. It provides humanitarian assistance in case of major disasters by saving lives, alleviating human suffering and reducing the economic impact of disasters.

The Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance works in partnership with the Pan American Health Organization.

There are mandatory prerequisites for receiving assistance from that organization:

- the disaster has to be beyond the ability of the affected country to respond
- it must be of sufficient magnitude to warrant the United States' intervention
- assistance has to be requested.

"Once these criteria

are met, the Chief of Mission, usually the United States' Ambassador, may declare that a disaster exists," she explained. Some of the aid available could be:

- aircraft at the disposition of the affected country for damage assessment
- relief commodities
- technical specialists
- regional advisors
- funding for proposals from national government agencies, international agencies or United Nations' agencies for relief and rehabilitation

Funding is paid directly to the service providers who have to be clearly identified

and not to a government agency of the country.

Mrs. Armbrister said that networking with non-government organizations such as the Rotary, if present, is encouraged. These organizations usually oversee the distribution of food and non-food supplies, primary and emergency health care, water and sanitation and shelter and housing, camp management and refugees' protection and logistics and warehousing.

The major scope of the Foreign Disaster

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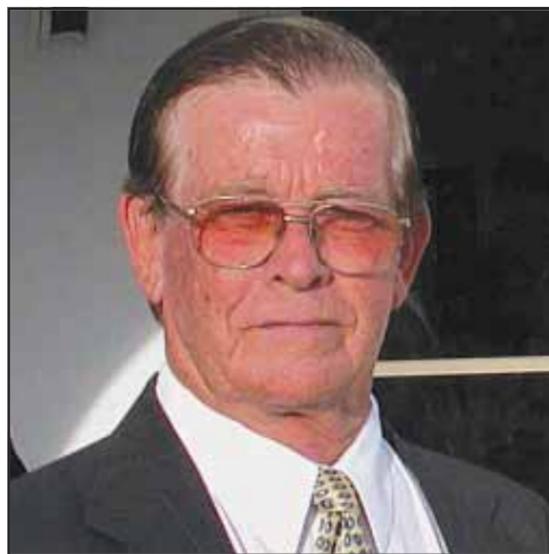
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# Marine preserves benefit reefs

By Eric Carey, Director  
Bahamas National Trust

Recent research in the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park shows that threatened coral reefs can be helped to recover by protecting fish species in marine reserves.

Scientists from the University of Exeter in Britain, the American Museum of Natural History's Center for Biodiversity Conservation and their collaborators have already demonstrated that reserves are an effective way of preventing the over-exploitation of valuable marine resources like grouper.

A further study published this week in the U.S. journal, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, shows for the first time how marine reserves can also help coral reefs re-establish and grow by promoting fish species that graze on harmful algae.

Both studies were done in the 171-square-mile Exuma park, a marine reserve administered by the Bahamas National Trust. The BNT is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation created by parliament in 1959 to manage the country's national park system.

"These results from the Exuma park show how vital it is to implement our goal of protecting 20 per cent of Bahamian reefs and other marine habitats, as well as to actively manage our reef fisheries," according to Eric Carey, BNT executive director.

The scientists involved in the Exuma study are part of the Bahamas Biocomplexity Project, a multi-agency programme focusing on coral marine ecosystems in The Bahamas. The Project is funded largely by the US National Science Foundation and is headed by Dr. Dan Brumbaugh of the American Museum of Natural History.

They are trying to understand, through observation and modeling, how an expanding network of ecologically connected marine reserves affect biodiversity, fisheries, and human welfare inside and outside the reserves.

In addition to containing tremendous biodiversity, coral reefs throughout the Caribbean support local fisheries and important tourist industries. Researchers are building statistical and theoretical models of the natural and human processes that can influence the conservation and economic functions of a network of reserves and protected areas.

Marine reserves are areas of the sea that are protected against potentially damaging human activity such as fishing and prospecting. Currently, only 1.4% of the world's coral reefs are located within marine reserves.

Researchers found that the number of young corals doubled in areas where parrotfish and other native fish were protected by a fishing ban. They concluded that the reserve enabled young corals to survive well because algae and seaweed, which often prevent coral from taking hold and growing on rocks and existing reefs, were controlled by grazing parrotfish.

"We know that if you stop killing fish you'll end up with more fish, but what hasn't been clear is what the ecological effects are of having more fish in a reef system," said Dr. Brumbaugh. "Some have worried that protecting too many predators would result in a decline in herbivores, which would subsequently cause an increase in algal cover."

"We've seen that you actually get less algae because there are enough herbivorous species like parrotfish to keep it in check

despite the presence of more predators. This shows that not only is a marine reserve good for fishes, it's also good for corals."

According to Peter Mumby, a professor at the University of Exeter who is lead author of the research paper, this is the first evidence scientists have found that marine reserves benefit coral.

"Reefs are unique ecosystems that have supported thousands of fish and other marine species for millions of years," Dr Mumby said. "We estimate that humans have already destroyed around 30 per cent of the world's reefs, and climate change is now causing further damage. These findings illustrate the need to maintain high lev-

els of parrotfish on reefs in order to give corals a fighting chance of recovering."

In addition to foreign funding agencies, the study was supported by the Bahamas Department of Marine Resources and the Bahamas National Trust. In 2000, the government declared its intention to protect 20 per cent of the Bahamian marine environment within a network of marine reserves, and is currently working to implement five reserves.

The Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park was created in 1958 and became a marine fishery reserve in 1986 - one of the first such protected areas in the wider Caribbean.



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# Recycling program is expanding

By Julian Lockhart

After years of trying to put together a proper recycling plan for Abaco, Friends of the Environment in conjunction with the Abaco Tourist Office has finally seen its hard work pay off. With the Mills Brothers Fabricating company joining forces with these two, the plan came to fruition with Friends of the Environment and Tourism setting up all the depots throughout Abaco, educating the public on the importance of recycling and Paul Mills' company doing the work of picking up the goods to be recycled, setting up a base of operation and shipping them off the island.

Mills Brothers Fabricating is in partnership with Caribbean Recycling of New Providence and their base of operation is just north of the BEC power plant on the S.C. Bootle Highway. Mr. Mills was originally from Murphy Town but has been living in the United States for over 20 years. He decided to move back to Abaco to expand his business as he builds compactors and garbage containers.

He said, "I am in the garbage business and I have been working with waste management in Ft Lauderdale. I decided to come home. Friends of the Environment,

Tourism and Environmental Health contacted me and it sounded like a good idea because we all wanted to clean up our island because this island is a tourist destination. They started it but they turned it over to me because I had the garbage truck, the facility to handle it and the enthusiasm to do it. People will recycle. I just had two phone calls from the cays that they are shipping batteries, old aluminum parts, old cars and cans to me. I guarantee it will work. The way we are housing garbage over here is totally wrong because the containers should be closed in and with no smell," Mr. Mills added.

The Mills Brothers Fabrication will recycle all aluminum goods such as cans and wheels, batteries, radiators, catalytic convertors, air conditioners, fridges, stripped or non-stripped copper, outboard motors including props, old heavy equipment and steel. Mr. Mills will pick up all recycling goods from the depots set up by Friends of the Environment throughout Abaco.

He will also pay for scrap aluminum, copper and other metal or steel recyclable items if the person takes them to the depot. However, if Mr. Mills has to pick them up,

then he cannot pay for the goods.

Friends of the Environment board member Bernadette Hall said they are currently touching almost every point of Abaco and in every settlement. They are hoping to have every school, church, business and home recycling.

Ms. Hall said anyone is interested in bottle recycling should contact her at the Ministry of Tourism office or call Lindsey McCoy at Friends of the Environment.

Ms. Hall said, "This is fabulous, it is great and we are excited about it because this will help the landfill. This will also help with the education process because, as you

know, global warming is becoming an issue. We will be using this as education in the schools and also hopefully the adults. Pollution is a serious issue with batteries, so we are really pleased that we will be able to get the batteries out of the landfill. We have articles from other countries where batteries have been going into landfills and the medical challenges they have caused with young children being born with serious defects. This will absolutely help the environment and not only with the debris but also health-wise and our tourism industry. Hopefully, this will help keep everything clean, green and pristine," she concluded.



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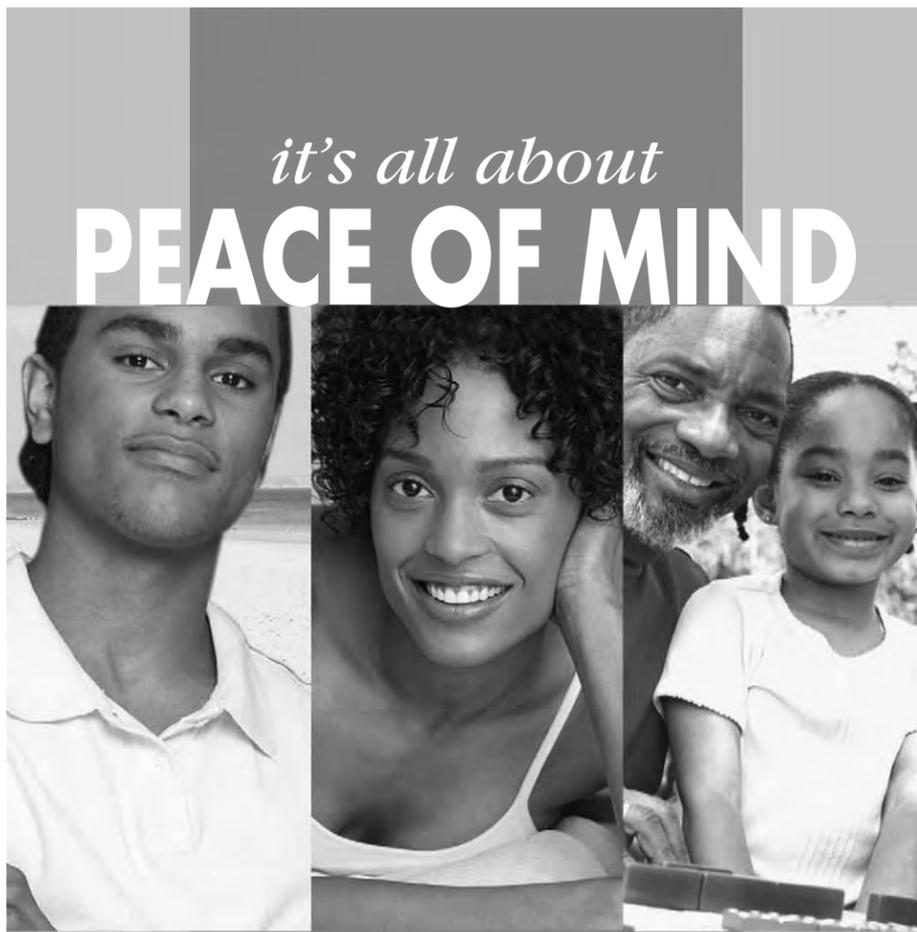
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# It is the season for fishing tournaments

## Treasure Cay hosts White Marlin Tournament

By Julian Lockhart

The *Juel Marie* proved that "patience is virtue" and the race isn't over until the "fat lady has sung" as it came from behind during the final 35 minutes of the Bahamas White Marlin Open to win the three-day tournament in Treasure Cay. Leading the White Marlin Open was *Dixie Devil* with 750 points which led its closest competitor, *Bodacious*, by 150 points. But that was when *Juel Marie* hooked two white marlins to put them in position for the win.

With a white marlin release on day two, *Juel Marie* already had 300 points. With the quick release of the first white marlin, it brought them even with *Bodacious*. Then they released their second white marlin with only minutes remaining to move ahead of *Dixie Devil*.

The three-day light tackle tournament was sponsored by Hatteras Yachts and MarineMax Yachts and Brokerage and had a fleet of 24 boats competing.

*Dixie Devil's* captain, Patrick Borgan, said, "We weren't disappointed at all. That is just how it goes in this game. The guys who won are very good friends of mine so I figured if it couldn't be me, I am just happy it was them for sure. You have to go all the time and hard work pays off," he added.

*Dixie Devil* released three blue marlin, three sailfish and one white marlin to take second place and *Bodacious* couldn't capitalize on two solid days of fishing by adding any points on the final day.

This tournament is open to any Bahamian boat that wants to enter. The entrance fee is \$1,200.

In the Fun Fish categories, the largest

dolphin trophy was taken by *Mistress* which brought a 61-pound fish to the weigh scale. For the second year in a row, Fisherman Joe-Kel won the tuna category weighing in a 38-pound yellowfin tuna.

## Boat Harbour hosts BBC's first leg

By Julian Lockhart

The *Dixie Devil* went into the last day of fishing with a slim lead. But after finally hooking their first two blue marlins of the week, they were able to easily win the first leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championship held at the Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour Marina. This is the 34th year for the BBC and the first leg was held from April 22-27. It was a fast start for a number of boats, but they couldn't compete with the *Dixie Devil*. It was also the top release boat of the week. The *Dixie Devil* finished with 2,600 points after reeling in 12 sailfish, one white marlin and on the last day two blue marlins.

The BBC is a catch and release tournament. Each boat has to pull in the fish and take a digital image of it with a date and time that can be clearly seen before releasing it.

Capt. Borgan of the *Dixie Devil* said, "It is definitely a nice way to start things off. We have been working very hard. My mate, Kyle Francis, is the one who does all the work. He makes me look good. I have the easy job, all I do is drive. We have been seeing a lot of fish and we had a good week up in Treasure Cay last week with that tournament (Bahamas White Marlin Open). We saw five blue marlins that week and I kept waiting to see a blue marlin this week and it finally happened today (Friday)."

There are five legs of the BBC with the

Harbour Island leg next at the Valentine's Marina and Harbour Island Yacht Club. The competition then returns to Abaco for the Central Abaco Championships and Treasure Cay Championships, which are both in Treasure Cay. The close out tournament is the Boat Harbour Championships.

Boats earn points in three different ways with each boat receiving points for just participating, fish points and then bonus points for finishing first, second or third. It helped *Dixie Devil* a lot because of the number of points that separated them from second place and also grabbing the early points for winning the first leg. Mr. Borgan said that all they have to do now is continue their hard work and hopefully the luck of the last couple of weeks stay with them as they continue fishing throughout the summer.

Anyone can enter the BBC and it is open to Bahamians if they want to enter. The entry fee is \$1,800, which includes all social functions for up to four people. The boat is responsible for its own dockage, fuel and other expenses. There was one Bahamian captain, Scott Eldon, captaining a yacht from New York.

Finishing second was *Captain Jack* with 1,641 points and *Shameless* finished third with 1,300 points.

Mr. Borgan said, "It does take pressure off and makes it easier going into the other legs. We will keep working real hard and doing what we have been doing. It is definitely a nice way to start. I can't begin to tell you the hard work this team has done over the last couple of months to put ourselves in the right position to get lucky," he concluded.

## Abaco Anglers Fishing Tournament Results

By Karen Huff-Lowe

This year the Abaco Anglers Fishing Tournament celebrated its 37th year of anglers fishing our Abaco waters on April 19th - 26th. Although the weather hindered many from participating, those that did had a good time landing some nice fish. The anglers also enjoyed socializing at the awards banquet and partaking of the delicious food provided by Cracker P's on Lubbers Quarters on April 27th.

The conflict of the dates with school and the tournament kept some junior anglers from participating as well, but those who were able to fish had some wonderful accomplishments. As a matter of fact, the only billfish landed this year was by a junior angler. Thus, we continue to encourage junior anglers to get out there and fish. Once again, the tournament was honoured to award the winners beautiful handmade trophies from our local Little Harbour artist, Mr. Pete Johnston.

Persons receiving awards this year are as follows:

**Junior/Junior Class** (12 and under)  
Boys: 1st place: Jacob Komaniak, 50 lb. shark

2nd place: Jacob Komaniak, 21-inch bonfish

**Junior Class** (13 to 16 years)

Boys: 1st place: Stony Lowe, Sailfish

2nd place: Stony Lowe, 16 # dolphin

**Men's Division:**

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## Tournaments

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Syd Roberts received awards for his 13.5-pound dolphin on 8# test line and a 21-pound dolphin on a fly rod. Bob Sheffield was awarded for his 23-pound, 18-pound and 24-pound dolphin entries in the 12#, 80# test and wire line classes, respectively. Shane Carroll caught a 22-pound dolphin on 16# test and a 20-pound dolphin on a hand line to win awards. Brett Osbourne won with his 28-pound and 32-pound dolphin entries on 20# and 130# test lines. Ross Thompson landed the largest dolphin in the tournament weighing in at 32 pounds on a 30# test line. Rafael Roca won a trophy with a nice 25-pound dolphin in the 50# test line category. Ron Anno won an award in the bonefish category for a 21-inch bonefish landed.

### Women's Division:

Jane Thompson received an award for a 14-pound barracuda on a 12# test line. Lisa Hardiman took home a trophy for her 20-pound dolphin on 50# test line. Peggy Magee received awards for her 19-pound and 26-pound dolphins caught on 80# and 130# test lines, respectively. Karen Huff-

Lowe was awarded for her entry of a 12-pound dolphin landed on a hand line.

### Special Awards:

The Kelly Vernis Memorial Trophy for the largest fish weighed in by a lady angler was awarded to Peggy Magee. Mr. Sydney Roberts, owner of *Nokomis* received the award for the overall Best Boat Trophy.

We encourage anyone who is interested in participating next year to make plans to visit our islands in the spring and sign up for the tournament that will be held April 17-25th, 2008. All are welcome! We hope to see more junior anglers out there fishing and bringing along their friends to participate as well in the tournament next year.

## Hatteras wins the Shootout

By Julian Lockhart

*Fish Tales* went into day three of the 28th Annual Bertram Hatteras Shootout with only 200 points and not looking as if they had any chance of winning the four-day tournament held from May 9-12. However, *Fish Tales* definitely ended up with a tale to tell as they ended up with three blue marlin releases on day three to storm into first place

and to school the rest of the field in winning with a total of 1,700 points at Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour Marina.

Going into day three, the tournament which features Bertram and Hatteras yachts competing for first place and the bragging rights for one more year as to which company is better, it was a close fight but no one expected *Fish Tales* to be the one to win it all.

Hatteras ended up with the overall title as they finished with a total of 9,700 points over the three days, easily holding off Bertram with a total of 7,000 points. Both companies had five top 10 finishes but Hatteras, led by *Fish Tales*, finished first and second and had three of the top four overall finishes.

*Hatterascal* that ended up finishing second with 1,400 points got off to a fast start on day one with a total of 1,000 points with two blue marlin releases. However, they couldn't continue the momentum with only two white marlin releases the final two days.

Finishing third was Bertram's *Matrix* with two blue and one white release for a total of 1,200 points and fourth place went to *Sweetums* with one blue, two white and

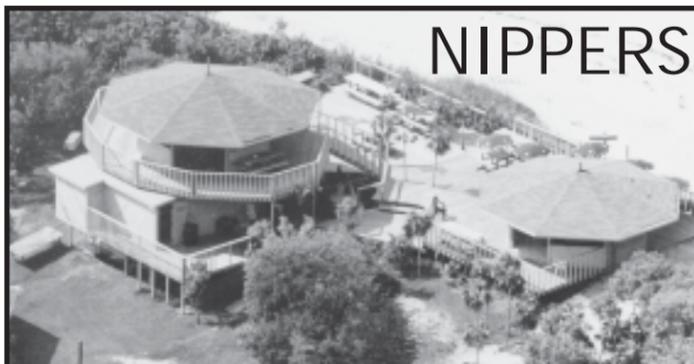
two sailfish for a total of 1,100 points.

Bertram took the lead on day one but couldn't maintain its momentum as Hatteras stormed back in day two and then blew them away in day three for the overall win. Hatteras had a total of 14 blue marlin, 12 white and three sailfish while Bertram finished with 11 blue, seven white and one sailfish.

In the Bertram/Hatteras newsletter they said they would like to thank the two title sponsors for their support and participation. It added that the tournament is still top five in the world and it is still THE SHOOTOUT.

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# Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral service for **Everett Arthur Weatherford**, 67, of Freeport and formerly of Man-O-War Cay, who died at the Rand Memorial Hospital on May 10, was held on May 16 in Freeport. Interment was in The Grand Bahama Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife Rachael; son Adam; daughters Bridgette and Danielle; sons-in-law Todd and Billy; daughter-in-law Sonya; grandchildren Eric and Lynsi, sisters Nellie, Ella and Mollie; brothers Scott, Willis and Ray; brothers-in-law Sidney, Warren, Brian, Earl, Marty, Ronald, Lowell and Billy; sisters-in-law Kay, Gloria, Debbie, Pam, Bonnie, Paulette, Evelyn, Sherrie, Gina, Vickie, Jackie and Sue; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Hiram Davis**, 82, originally of Bluff Point, recently of Murphy Town, was held on May 20 at the Marsh Harbour Seventh Day Adventist Church. Officiating was Pastor Ricardo V. Bain, Pastor Leonardo D.K. Rahming and Pastor Michael A Smith. Interment was in the Murphy Town Public Cemetery.

His is survived by his wife Verleta Davis; sons Prince, Cardinal, Hank, Terrance, Fritz and Harrison; daughters Gwendolyn, Wently, Ruth and Norma; sister Edith Clarke; sons-in-law Eustace, Henry, Aaron, and Howard Sr; daughters-in-law Melvease, Barbara, Anita, Leigh, Audrey and Gerry; grandchildren Edley, Fredericka, Ricardo, Rex, Steve, Timothy, Quincy, Angela, Rhonda, Tamika, Jerome, Clinton, Marco, Quinshikka, Kareem, Olympia, Sheriska, Henrietta, Ashney, Ashton, Ashron, Eronique, Howard Milton Jr, Taja, Leotha, Talia, Terrance Jr, Fritz Jr, Adwardo, Marva, Wendy, Mario, Anwar, Ahmard, Beion, Marcia, Renarldo, Juliette, Anishka and Wesley; granddaughters-in-law Joy

Swain and Jackie Bootle; grandsons-in-law Terrance McDonald, Brent Lowe, and Carl Archer; great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Flora Lowe, Gertrude and Willamae Dawkins, Cleola and Lana Sawyer and Eulamae Pinder; brothers-in-law Estin and Abraham Sawyer, Leonard and Clifford Knowles, Benjamin Dawkins and Brennen and Davis; nieces Marjorie, Nora, Ellouise, Mahalia Lisa, Crystal, Roxaleta, Cecile, Sandra, Joy, Helen, Florence, Deidre, Cindy, Sharon, Lisa, Donna, Misty, Patricia and Carla; nephews Henley, Vandyke Benjamin, Joseph, Roswell, George, Basil, Johnny, Charles, Vaughn, Tony, Bernard, Leslie, Zander, Mark, Marvin, Ernest and Timothy; godchildren Barbara, Thurston, Michael, Dawkins, Rudolph Smith and Rodney Bootle and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Julienne Soutien**, 64, of Marsh Harbour was held on May 12 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Marsh Harbour. Father Roger Madrazo officiated and interment followed in the public cemetery in Marsh Harbour.

She is survived by her husband Exantus Murf Pierre; brothers Edwa and Wilfred Soutien; sisters Juslaine and Endre Soutien; brothers and sisters-in-law Vergela Laws, Celita, Vernel, Wilvaunson and John Charment and Milane Louis; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service for **Laverne Theresa Maynard**, 47, of Dundas Town was held on May 19 at the Church of Christ in Marsh Harbour. Officiating was Pastor Jason Quashie, assisted by Min. Leslie Rolle. Interment was in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her sons Edward, Terran, Valton and David; daughters Inez,

Merylyn, Noella and Brittany; grandchildren Omar and Meldeka; daughter-in-law Peaches; brothers Ruel Smith, Sultan Sands, Anthony and Stephen Douglas and Nehemiah Saunders; sisters Evelyn Henfield, Olive Forbes and Kariss Gray; brothers-in-law Bishop Clifford Henfield and Pastor Cecil Forbes; sisters-in-law Vemie Smith, Almata Sands, Debramae and Jacqueline Douglas and Venetta Saunders; uncles Arnold Hepburn and Samuel Davis; aunts Ileen Mackey, Rebecca Simms, Dendelia and Modena Hepburn; nieces and nephews including Min. Darren Henfield, Clifford Jr., Carlos, David, Sydney, Toyan, Trevan, Ryan, Alonzo, Michael, Rudy, Sultan Jr. Neil, Justin, Jamaal, Darroon, Jerrod, Mark, Zhivargo, Treyvaughn, Stacy, Sabrina, Genova, Ann, Jacqueline, Triad, Julia, Daneisha, Lynn, Cecilia, Jennifer, Tiffany, Amanda, Natasha, Nekhira, Nemara, Nerissa, Mispah, Priscilla, Lakeisha and Lateisha, Jada and Sanfa; nieces-in-law Diedre, Judith and Etila Henfield, Lakeisha Douglas and Beryl McIntosh; nephews-in-law Shawn Robins, Ramon Adderley, George Wilmore, Javares McIntosh, Johnny Saunders and Lavar

Emile, grandnieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral services for **Alva Sinclair Knowles**, 51, of Dundas Town was held in Nassau. Interment was also in Nassau.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen; children Kenva, Gino, Jimmy, Nicky and Tracey; mother Sheila Knowles; sisters Belinda, Barbara, Lynn and Portia Knowles, Thelma Saunders and Janet Sargeant; brothers Alexander, Derek, Vance and Wilfred Knowles; aunt Ivy Gibson; uncles Davie Gibson and Endell Adderley; nieces Shamon, Alexandria, Delcara, Shanell, Ashley, Samantha, Devonia, Toya and Melissa; nephews Alexander Jr., Demerick, Shawn, Delinson, Leonardo, Ronald, Derek Jr., Keith, David, Aruthur. Narada, Philip, Vernon Jr., Melvin Jr., Mychal, Stephon, Joetiko and Vanhuesen; mother-in-law E.V. Sands; father-in-law George Sands; sister-in-laws Maxine Knowles, Sandra, Mary, Bibi, Brenda, Regina, Melanie, Tanzania and Betty Sands, and Albertha Edgcombe; brothers-in-laws Arthur Saunders, Vernon Sargeant, Sam Huyler, Henry, Bruce, Perry and Gary Sands; grandnieces; grandnephews; and many other relatives and friends.



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# Marsh Harbour hosts National Dart Tournament

By Mirella Santillo

There was nearly a religious atmosphere at the National Masters Tournament being held at Hummingbird Restaurant in Marsh Harbour during the evening of May 4th and the afternoon of May 5th as the qualifying trials for the selection of the Bahamas National Darts Team was on.

Eight people from the Nassau Darts Association, five from Grand Bahama Darts Association and 11 from the Abaco Darts Association competed for two days in a round-robin style tournament. They were focusing intensely on the darts board while spectators and players waiting their turns whispered. The event continued to the wee

hours of Friday morning, resuming on Saturday from noon till six p.m., after which the trophies were awarded.

Ms. Trudy Johnson from Nassau came first with 115.5 points with Ms. Angela Russell of Abaco coming second for the ladies with a total of 71.5 points. Mr. Harry Brown came in first with 202 points. Mr. Barry Payne was in second place while Mr. Tony Moree came in third position. All three men are from the Nassau Darts Association. Mr. Shane Sawyer from Abaco qualified with 141 points and a fourth place.

The six people who qualified will travel to the Netherlands in October to defend the Bahamas National Team in the World Darts Federation's World Cup Championships. "The World Cup is held every two years," explained Mr. Malcolm Spicer, President of the Bahamas Darts Federation, "and we have been contestants in many countries." However, the participation of Ms. Russell and Mr. Sawyer marks the first time in many years that members of Abaco club qualified to compete in the World Cup.

Mr. Malcom Spicer explained the way the players obtained their points. "It is though a system that awards points for games won, number of darts thrown and score above 95. The fewer darts thrown to complete a game, the more points would be awarded to the player. Each match in-

cluded three games of 501." This means that the men played a total of 45 games between them and the ladies 21 games.

"It was a grueling process," Mr. Spicer added, "and it was quite a display of the game of darts." He mentioned that one of the most impressive highlights was when Mr. Payne recorded a 12 dart game. He added that the team will continue to practice until the trip to the Netherlands in preparation for the tournament and is asking for the support of the Ministry of Sports, the corporate community and the general public.



The National Dart Tournament came to Abaco for its annual competition that was held at Hummingbird Restaurant. There are three associations in The Bahamas, Nassau, Grand Bahama and Abaco. The winning team will travel to the Netherlands in October for the World Cup Championship.





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# Orchestra performs special Commemoration Concert

Many music lovers on Abaco will remember the very popular concerts presented in Hope Town and Marsh Harbour a few years ago by the Bahamas Concert Orchestra on three occasions. The orchestra, consisting of approximately 25 members at the time, flew here by charter flight with its entourage, not only of musicians, but also instruments both large and small which then had to be transported by truck and ferry to the concert location at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge. This was no mean feat as the cargo consisted of not only a set of regular drums but also two large kettle drums and unwieldy double basses which, in their cases, looked more like oversized coffins. In addition to some splendid standing ovations, the orchestra also earned the unusual distinction at one of the performances at the Abaco Beach Hotel Pavilion of possibly being one of the only

orchestras in the world to have a streaker run through in front of the orchestra during the performance!

On May 5th in Nassau, this now 60-member symphony orchestra plus 50-member Bahamas Concert Orchestra Chorus presented a special performance of the very moving work by Karl Jenkins, *The Armed Man; A Mass For Peace* in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the death of Mr. E. Clement Bethel, well known Bahamian musician and composer.

Mrs. Jennifer Hudson, who writes for *The Abaconian* and is now Abaco's resident violinist, founded the orchestra in 1991 and returned to Nassau to play first violin in the concert. She was presented with a bouquet at the close of the concert in recognition of her founding of the orchestra. She hopes to be able to get the orchestra to Abaco again sometime in the near future.

## Central From Page 19

Assistance, however, is to provide resources to prepare key people in the countries at risk in the fields of shelter management, initial assessment, damage assessment and needs analysis and training for instructors. Some of these courses may be available on Abaco before the summer and the people attending the meeting agreed that Shelter Management and Initial Assessment were subjects they would like to learn. A tentative date of June 11-14 was set.

## Canker survey is underway

By Mirella Santillo

Three officers from the Ministry of Agriculture in Nassau came to Abaco during the last week of April to conduct an inspection of the citrus farms that had to be destroyed because of citrus canker. This initial inspection is to be continued by the local staff of the Department of Agriculture, commented Mr. David Knowles, the officer in charge on Abaco, until the whole island has been inspected. It is too early yet, he said, to determine if the deadly fungus has been completely eradicated from Abaco.

## Airport From Page 1

inconvenience any of the airline operations. Final drawings with the approval to go ahead were sent to Mr. Harlin Johnson, manager on Abaco for Bahamas Hot Mix, early this year.

Bahamas Hot Mix staked out the new runway about two months ago and has now started clearing for the 6,100 foot runway. "We are presently in the process of pushing up the soil so we can get to the lime rock," stated Mr. Johnson. Some of the clearing work has been sub-contracted out. "We have to excavate the marshy area to whatever depth we find solid rock. We will then put lime rock base back into the excavated areas up to six to eight inches in layers. These will be compacted until we reach ground level. Once all marsh areas

are approved, then we will start leveling the existing base," explained Mr. Johnson. "When this is complete, then we can start preparations for the base work of the entire runway. Density compaction will be tested throughout the process. Once done, the final decision will be made as to when to start paving. It may be in the latter part of this year."

While I was speaking with Mr. Johnson, he received a telephone call informing him that the new Hot Mix Asphalt Plant which has been purchased specially for this runway will soon be arriving on Abaco from the United States.

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# The Abaconian

## SECTION B



VOLUME 15, NUMBER 10, MAY 15th, 2007

### Eight Police promoted to Sargeant Local officers advanced instead of bringing in others

By Mirella Santillo

In March 2007 two veterans of the Royal Police Force posted in Marsh Harbour, ASP Wayne Miller and Chief Insp. Godfrey Ferguson, received confirmation that the promotion they had been awarded the previous year had become effective. ASP Wayne Miller is now Superintendent of Police while Chief Inspector Godfrey Ferguson is now Assistant Superintendent of Police. "I am still the officer in charge," explained Mr. Miller, "but Mr. Ferguson will be given more responsibilities."

That announcement was followed a few days later by the promotion of several policemen on Abaco. In a ceremony held on April 30th eight corporals were promoted to the rank of sergeant: Corporals Paul Johnson, Ashley Hepburn, Corrie Scott, Larry Rolle, Jennifer Rolle, Christopher Farquharson, Anton Knowles and Remy Minnis.

In another ceremony later that same day nine constables were promoted to corporals. They were Officers William Smith, Jerome Ferguson, Mark Lewis, Cassidy Smith, Vernique Miller, Dominico Boyd, Christopher Higgs, Valentino Smith and Erika Colebrook.

"It was the most promotions at one time on Abaco," commented Supt. Miller. "Con-



On April 30 several officers assigned to Abaco were promoted. Shown here is the group who were promoted to the rank of sergeant. Seated are Insp. Gregory Barr, ASP Godfrey Ferguson, Supt. Wayne Miller and Insp. Delancy. Standing, first row, are Sgt. Larry Rolle and W/Sgt Jennifer Rolle. Standing, back row, are Sgt. Remy Minnis, Sgt. Paul Johnson, D/Sgt. Christopher Farquharson, Sgt. Antoine Knowles, Sgt. Corrie Scott and Ashley Hepburn..

Please see **Police**

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### BNT investigates road work

A bulldozer began widening one of the track roads in the Abaco National Park, pushing down trees with its wide blade. When this was discovered, the Bahamas National Trust was notified as national parks come under their jurisdiction. Mr. Eric Carey, Director of the Bahamas National Trust came to Abaco to investigate.

Mr. Carey felt that is was a case of miscommunication between the heavy equipment operator and developers. Much of the

land along the shore line adjoining the park is privately owned. The owners have a right to access their land. One of the pieces of land is under consideration for a tourist facility. The prospective owners need to survey the land and hired a heavy equipment operator to grade an existing track road to allow surveyors to get to the property.

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### Dog training club held dog show



Several Abaco dogs won titles at the Dog Training Club Obedience Trial held in Marsh Harbour on May 12. The top three dogs in obedience training in The Bahamas are in Marsh Harbour. Mrs. Maureen Koepp owns two of them and Mrs. Amanda Darville owns the third one. Shown above is the judge for the show, Mr. John Mett from Savannah, Georgia, who is an AKC accredited judge. With him are Mrs. Kim Roberts with Trooper, Mrs. Koepp with Katie and Mrs. Darville with India.

By Julian Lockhart

Man's best friend got a chance on May 12 to make its handlers look good at the Second Annual Abaco Dog Training Club All Breed Obedience Trial, sanctioned by the Bahamas Kennel Club, in Marsh Harbour. A number of dogs from Abaco, all breeds and sizes, proved they are just as good and in a lot of cases better than their counterparts throughout The Baha-

mas. Maureen Koepp and her two dogs, Splash and Katie, and Amanda Darville with India have won more obedience titles than any other dogs in The Bahamas and this is without any professional trainers on Abaco.

There were 13 dogs in the competition with 10 from Abaco, two from New Provi-

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### Jewelry making class was popular



Two classes taught the skills necessary to make bead and wire jewelry. The women enjoyed learning and some are hoping to use their new skills to earn extra income by making jewelry.

By Mirella Santillo

In order to boost creativity among local residents and increase the production of Bahamian-made craft items, the Director of the local Tourism Office, Mr. Don

Cornish, organized two jewelry-making classes which were coordinated by Mrs.

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# Police News

## Police

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gratulations to all," he continued, "but to whom much is given, much is expected. More responsibilities will be expected of us all."

He reminded them that policing is not done in the police station but on the streets and stressed the role they have to play in training and guiding junior officers. "I trust you, I beg of you to make sure that what

you do in the line of duty shows integrity. The integrity of the force has been questioned at times; it is up to all of us to maintain this integrity and to gain the trust of the communities. You judge a man by what he does when nobody is looking," he ended.

Mr. Miller pointed out that instead of bringing outsiders here as supervising officers, the government has elected to promote officers in station, a show of respect towards the Police Force of Abaco.



In a ceremony on the afternoon of April 30 nine constables stationed on Abaco were promoted to corporals. Shown here are, seated, ASP Godfrey Ferguson, Supt. Wayne Miller and Insp. Gregory Barr. Standing are Cpl. Edison Mark Lewis, Cpl. Christopher Higgs, Cpl. Cassidy Smith, WPC Erika Colebrooke, D/Cpl. Ballentino Smith, W/Cpl. Vernique Miller, Cpl. Jerome Ferguson, D/Cpl. Dominico Boyd and Cpl. Wilshire Smith.

## Police receive communication equipment

By Mirella Santillo

The Abaco's police department has been equipped with a new state-of-the-art wireless communication system that will enable them to communicate from one end of the island to the other. "From Marsh Harbour I can now communicate to Walker's Cay or to Moore's Island," commented Supt. Wayne Miller, Abaco's police chief. "Once the system is fully set up, the police will be able to reach any island of The Bahamas."

## Creole Speaking Officer Botin

By Mirella Santillo

If you have gone to go to the Mud or Pigeon Peas recently, you might have noticed a police officer strolling through one of the settlements. Since March 9th Officer Nelson Botin has been assigned to the two Haitian settlements.

Officer Botin was born in Nassau of a Haitian mother who immigrated by herself to The Bahamas. The policeman who was sent from Nassau because of his Haitian background explained that at the beginning of his assignment, he received mixed emotions from the residents of the settlements who thought that perhaps he was there to report them to Immigration or to spy on

them. But because he speaks Creole, people started to relax and come to him with their complaints. "It is hard for them to go to the Police Station. There is a language problem and a fear of being reported to Immigration," he explained. "Anyhow, most of the grievance is from domestic problems," he added. "Their status problem and the state of their accommodations help sow the seeds of unhappy relationships. They get frustrated because they don't see any headway," he went on.

In spite of his background and his understanding of the problems linked to the two immigrants' settlements, Officer Botin has not encouraged any friendships among the residents. "I get involved with the kids sometimes, playing marbles or ball, but I am a Police Officer first and do not want to encourage anything that would interfere with my job. Anyway," he said, "most of them are law abiding people. There is only a little group of trouble makers."

Asked what solution he sees to what is generally recognized as "a problem," he thought for a while before answering "prayers first."

During a recent meeting organized by the

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# Church News

## Family Empowerment Seminar

By Samantha V. Evans

The family has been the topic of focus a lot recently as many church leaders and educators have been trying to discover the reasons for the decline in the performance of students in school, the increase of domestic violence in our country and the increase in the many social ills that have been plaguing our communities. To this end Pastor Nigel London, the Administrator of Soul Saving Ministries decided that a conference was a necessity.

The conference was held over April 18th-20th at the Church of God in Dundas Town under the theme *Family Resurrection and Empowerment Conference* which addressed the principles needed for believers to let Christ be their righteous example. Pastor London focused on the family, finances and leadership. He has been an ordained minister for a year but has been working in the ministry for over 15 years. He wants to see families reunited and dedicating their lives fully to the principles of the kingdom of God. He sees love as the core of every home. He wants children to realize the significance of having great regard for their parents. He would like to see fathers get more involved in the lives of their children, especially in the areas of mentoring and guidance.

All of the speakers were very firm on family as all of them play a pivotal role in their own families. Over the three nights numerous church groups came out so that their youth could be blessed by the messages. On the first night Pastor London

spoke on the topic premarital syndrome (PMS) and addressed what persons should do to get ready for marriage. Apostle Raymond Wells spoke on what to do when marriage has occurred and Apostle Farquharson spoke on the power of agreement in marriage.

## Adventists Promote Better Living

By Samantha V. Evans

Earlier this year Marsh Harbour Seventh Day Adventist Church held its Better Living Health Conference in the parking lot of the Loyalist Plaza. The focus of this event was on helping persons to manage their health, weight, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, and other chronic illnesses. Many doctors of natural medicine believe that diabetes can be cured using herbs, healthy eating and regular exercise.

One such doctor is Dr. Steve Preddie from Florida who spoke about diabetes and other diseases, explaining to them that these diseases can be kept under control by taking herbal products. He stated that the success of these natural products have been so good that no other form of medicine needs to be taken along with them. Other presenters were Drs. Leon and Alvira Higgs from the Better Living Center in Nassau who spoke about natural health laws such as sunshine, fresh air, exercise, healthy eating and drinking lots of water. They also prepared sample vegan meals and gave out free recipes.

Mr. Collie stated that those persons who are adopting a healthy life style should exercise at least five times each week, eat sparingly, especially at night, drink lots of wa-

ter, and not smoke or drink alcohol as they can neutralize the benefits of adapting a healthy life style.

Long Bay School teaches students the importance of eating healthy foods and taking care of themselves. They learn that there is an alternative way to eat. Many of the students stick with this healthier way even into adulthood. Once persons make the necessary changes to their life, they will begin to feel good about themselves and see benefits in their body structure and vitals such as blood pressure, cholesterol levels and the like. Mr. Collie acknowledges that life style changes are hard to make but the benefits are worth it.

## Praise and Worship Seminar

By Samantha V. Evans

*Praising to Worship* was the theme under which the first Praise and Worship Seminar was held on Abaco hosted by Grace Baptist Church in conjunction with Bahamas Faith Ministries International. This event was held over the weekend of April 20th-22nd at Grace Baptist in Dundas Town. Church worship leaders, ushers, musicians, dancers and those desiring to serve in church ministries gathered to learn from the visiting team.

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A group from the Bahamas Faith Ministries International in Nassau held a Praise and Worship seminar at Grace Baptist Church in Dundas Town. Representatives from many churches attended and realized that their Praise and Worship could be much more meaningful. Sandy Edwards from Abaco is second from the right.

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# More Church News



A Christian singing group from Grand Bahama, the Lion of Judah Sounds, entertained young people at New Vision Ministries on May 12. The event was a fund raiser for a group of girls to attend a conference in the United States. That church has a very active program for young people.

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This seminar was the brain child of the Asst. Pastor of Grace Baptist, Mr. Livingston Edwards, who was inspired by an event he attended in Freeport. Upon his return to Abaco, he presented the idea to senior pastor Bishop Clifford Henfield, who agreed and the planning began.

The opening night was a moving experience as 20 churches were represented. They were entertained by the team of visitors from Nassau including many well known performers.

After the team showcased some of what they came to teach the hundreds of church workers, Min. Mark Bethel, the Praise and Worship Leader from Nassau, took center stage. He stated that he was honored to expose the audience to samples of what praise and worship can become in Abaco churches. He stated that church goers need to take part in praise and worship. He and his team plan to teach church personnel how to make the church experience meaningful for all persons.

The directors from the dance and banner ministries were very encouraged and felt it necessary to comment on their experience. Ms. Scott stated that the reception was excellent and her expectations were far exceeded. She was able to benefit from their comments, questions, and concerns. Mrs. Maxine Evans, director of the Banner Ministry, stated that she was happy to impart what knowledge God gave to her to those in attendance. She wants to encourage them to have the right attitude because even though they may preach it, sing it, or teach it, people want to see them living all that they have said. The seminar ended with a church service on Sunday morning.

## New Vision extension is blessed

*By Julian Lockhart*

New Vision Ministries took another step forward in creating an atmosphere where their members could worship in comfort with the blessing of their new extension and official opening on April 15.

The church first opened its doors in 1994 in Abaco Shopping Center before moving to its current building on Jerusalem Drive in 2000 when Pastor Derek Benjamin stepped to the pulpit. Since then it has grown immensely and is doing its best to meet the demands of its parishioners.

The new extension to New Vision is 4,800 square feet with three nursery rooms, eight Sunday School rooms, a conference room and Pastor Benjamin's office.

Pastor Benjamin said, "It is another vision realized in the life of the church and for the purpose it is going to be used for. For God's glory in educating the children and making

them to become more like Christ. This allows us to have the facilities to do that. We were in cramped quarters previously, jammed up in the church, and now they have the separate classrooms where the lessons can be more effective," he said.

New Vision has one of the largest youth groups on Abaco. In order to maintain this strong following, the Sunday School classes are paramount in getting the younger children in touch with their Christian faith. Pastor Benjamin said it is important for the church to build relationships and to teach the children the relationship they can have with Jesus Christ.

New Vision Youth Pastor Chris Pinder said, "We are using it for classes for chil-

dren ministries and it will help with some after activities for us. It was not very difficult once we came up with the plan and everyone jumped on board. We knew what we needed to raise and we raised it.

The new construction cost \$475,000. From donations and pledges \$212,000 was raised from the church members.

## Concert with rythm

*By Julian Lockhart*

Almost 100 teenagers proved on May 12, that the church and Christian music still has its draw for the young people. The New

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# Dog Show featured well trained Abaco dogs

dence and one from Minnesota. The most impressive dog/handler combo was Brenda Sawyer and her 16-month golden retriever, Shadow, as they surprised everyone by passing three tests in the novice division to earn her Companion Dog title. A dog and handler must pass three tests with two different judges to earn each level in obedience training.

There are four divisions in obedience trial with beginners, novice (companion dog),

open (companion dog excellence) and the top utility (utility dog).

Mrs. Sawyer said, "I felt awesome. I did not expect to come out here this weekend and do this. I didn't think we were ready, but Maureen, Kim and Mandy thought we were ready so we tried. We did lots of training and lots of work. This is the first time I have done it. But when I got him, I wanted him to obey and not to run wild," she added.

Also receiving titles were Ms. Darville

with India, Mrs. Koepp with Katie, and Sarah Leonard with Sunday. All earned their titles. Ms. Leonard with Sunday also completed their utility title and Mrs. Koepp and Splash passed one test in the utility division. Sunday is Ms. Leonard's fifth dog to pass the utility title in The Bahamas, as she has been showing dogs in the Bahamas for the last 18 years.

As a professional judge, trainer and breeder, Ms. Leonard put on a short demonstration as to how best to start training a dog, not only for showing in the ring but to be a better pet at home.

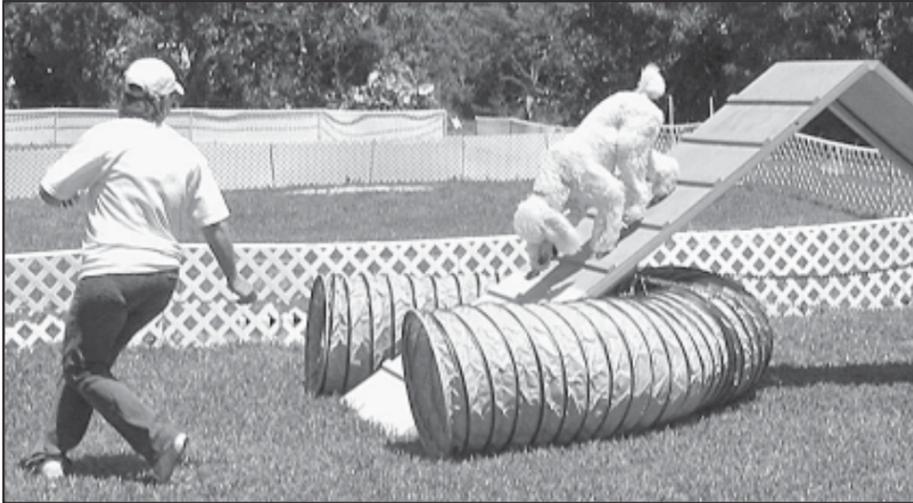
Mrs. Sawyer said she feels everyone on Abaco who has a dog should go through the basic obedience training because that way the dog will obey the owner and know who is master.

Kim Roberts with Trooper, Mrs. Sawyer with Shadow and Ms. Leonard with Sunday earned their rally novice titles. Austin Koepp with Katie, Dianne Fletcher with

her Sheltie, Tonya Gay with Foxy and Ms. Leonard with Sunday all completed their rally advanced titles.

Ms. Darville with India, Mrs. Koepp with Katie and Mrs. Roberts with Maya completed their rally excellent titles. Timmy Roberts and his dachshund started off slowly but by the end of the third test in the beginner's level was able to finish with the highest score of 180.

Ms. Leonard said, "Everybody should have his dog trained and I recommend that they should be trained about 18 weeks in a good obedience class so they can be a well mannered dog and a good house dog. This by far is the best training club I have seen in a long time. The instructors go to camps in the United States for training. The quality of the dogs is really good and it shows in the titles won this weekend. Every dog that comes from here is so good. I don't think people realize there is a dog school here."



The Abaco Dog Training Club has training classes all year long in the lot next to Bristol Wines and Spirits in Marsh Harbour. The club began about four years ago and two years ago became a chapter under the Bahamas Kennel Club. There are many levels of obedience if a person wants to enter a dog in a competition. However, all puppies and even grown dogs should receive some training just to make them a better pet. Mrs. Maureen Koepp is the organizer of the club.

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#1852 \$1,200,000  
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### White Sound



#1946 \$300,000  
Spectacular ocean views from this choice hilltop location. Ideal subdivision, on rapidly growing Elbow Cay, 15,190 sq. ft. of lush terrain, this immense acreage will give a great return on investment. A must see, as this location is in great demand.

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### Lubbers Quarters

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### Elbow Cay - White Sound

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# EXCLUSIVE LISTINGS

# Abaco Dog Handlers Return From Nassau Show

By Candace Key

The trip home is always more fun when you are laden down with trophies and new titles! That's just how it was for the excited group of 7 dog owners/handlers from Abaco as they returned from the annual Bahamas Kennel Club's International Dog Show and Obedience Trials. Some of these dogs have so many titles they should appear in the Dog Hall of Fame! It just goes to show that with patience, rewards of kindness and love and determination—any title can be reached. Dog showing is a wonderful family hobby and taking care of and training a dog properly can be a valuable family activity.

The award winning group is Mrs. Candace Key from Hope Town with her Bedlington Terrier, International Best in Show, American and Bahamian Champion

Breezy won the Terrier Group at the show. Breezy is also shown in the States as a champion and has many Best of Breeds there.

Mrs. Kim Roberts with her Golden Retriever, Maya, won three titles. Maya was the first dog on Abaco to earn the Rally Advanced title. Mrs. Mandy Darville is the newest addition to this traveling group of handlers and their dogs. She has done very well with her dog named India. India just earned the first "leg" (section or part) toward her CDE title.

Mrs. Maureen Koepf showed her Standard Poodle Splash. Splash just won the last leg on her CDE title and also finished the RE title. Splash won High in Trial at this show, meaning she outscored all dogs entered in the obedience section of the show. Quite an accomplishment! Maureen and her

son Austin both show their Shetland Sheepdog, Katie. Katie is now working on her RA title. Austin especially enjoys showing in Junior Handling Class. In those classes the judge watches how skillfully the young handler guides his dog around the ring. In this case the handler is judged, not the dog. Austin has proved his skill in this class, often winning Top Junior Handler with Splash or Katie.

Mrs. Janice Hocking and husband, Mr. David Brown, enjoy showing their black Standard Poodle Flash, who is Splash's sire. He just won the second Challenge Certificate needed for his Bahamian Conformation title. Flash and his people live on Scotland Cay and in Maine.

These dogs have earned quite a reputation at the Nassau shows. Mrs. Key has won more International Best in Shows and Best in Shows than any other person has. There are only four dogs in the Bahamas with the Rally Advanced Title. Three of them are from Abaco: Maya, Splash and India. There are only two dogs in the Bahamas with their Rally Excellent title and Splash is one of them. Splash has five obedience titles. This makes her the Most Obedience titled dog in

the Bahamas. India has three titles which just goes to show how smart a Potcake is! India is the most Obedience Titled Potcake in the Bahamas.

No matter how big or small, purebred or Potcake, dogs make wonderful companions. Treating a dog with love and respect enriches your life as well as theirs. It's a long proven medical fact that taking care of a dog or any pet calms a person resulting in lower blood pressure and pet owners are proven to live longer. So, put a leash on your dog and go for a walk. Enjoy the relationship you build with your Best Friend!



Ribbons and trophy pictures abounded surrounding the successful Abaco team who attended the Bahamas Kennel Club International Dog Show held in Nassau. Dogs and their owners from the Bahamas, U.S. and Canada compete for prizes in conformation and obedience events. Shown here are Mrs. Candace Key, Mrs. Kim Roberts, Mrs. Amanda Darville, Mrs. Maureen Koepf, Austin Koepf, Mrs. Janice Hocking and Mr. David Brown.

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**Galleon Bay Home**

(Ref # 745) 3 bedroom, 2 bath single storey, 1,550 sq. ft. canal front home, fully furnished, located on elevated landscaped lot, carport & garage, deep water dock with boat lift. Includes van & golf cart. \$1,148,000.

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

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

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**TREASURE CAY**

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(Ref # 688) Fully furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath ground level condominium with superb views of Treasure Cay harbour & marina. Located in Mariner's Cove complex. Good rental history \$345,000.

**Two Bedroom Mariner's Cove**

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

**Mariner's Cove Unit 1401**

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

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(Ref # 807) 1 bedroom, 1 bath, fully furnished ground level condo overlooking Treasure Cay Marina. Well maintained, includes pool, tennis courts, close to beach. \$222,000.

**One Bedroom Mariner's Cove**

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

**Beachfront Vacant Lot**

(Ref # 462) 1.82 acre cleared lot with 144' of prime beach frontage, located on prestigious Ocean Blvd. All utilities available. Limited beach lots available in this area \$1,695,000.

**Treasure Cay Beach Lot**

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

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(Ref # 602) Choice corner canal lot at junction of four canals, offering spacious 15,344 s/f with 197' of sea-walled, deep water canal frontage on two canals. Fully cleared, all utilities available, fantastic views. Close to pristine sandy beach. \$334,000.

**Canal Lot 206**

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

**Elevated Canal Lot**

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

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**Waterfront Property**

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**TURTLE ROCKS**

**"Turtle's Rock"**

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

**Joe's Creek Vicinity Lot 15**

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**Atlantic Oceanfront Parcel**

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

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# Diver is adding to Bahamas' knowledge of the past

By Jennifer Hudson

Brian Kakuk is a well known name in international dive circles as he has taken part in world-class expeditions in The Bahamas, United States and Mexico since the early 1990s. He currently has more than 2000 exploration dives to his credit. His name is now becoming more and more familiar to the people of Abaco since he began working here almost three years ago on the Sawmill Sink Project.

Mr. Kakuk is a veteran explorer with more than 17 years of underwater cave exploration in The Bahamas under his belt. He grew up in California, then entered the United States military as a navy diver. In

1988 he came to The Bahamas and worked for seven years at the Autec base on Andros. After that he moved on to Exuma as Diving Safety Officer for the Caribbean Research Centre and for the last three or four years has travelled over the entire Bahamas working with the film industry. He has worked as Dive Safety Officer for underwater filming and has also starred in and assisted in the production of the underwater scenes in such films as *Pirates of the Caribbean 2 and 3*, *Into the Blue* and *The Cave*. He has appeared in a feature for the Discovery Channel.

Mr. Kakuk settled in Marsh Harbour in May of 2006 to begin Bahamas Under-

ground, a cave and technical diving training and adventure facility which he owns in conjunction with Mr. Michael Albury. This is the only such facility in The Bahamas and provides training and guiding services in deep diving, mixed gas diving and rebreather diving in some of the best blue holes and underwater caves in the area. Mr. Kakuk can provide training in all levels of cave and technical diving including Megalodon CCR as well as provide guiding services for small groups of cave divers. The facility offers all equipment and experience to make Bahamian cavern and cave diving the best experience possible. "We may expand into dry cave tours and kayaking to fill a void in this area. There is fantastic kayaking and the opportunity for many different tours to explore geology and bats, for instance," enthused Mr. Kakuk.

Almost three years ago Mr Kakuk was hired to cave dive in The Bahamas and one day was looking around during decompression. It was at that point that the whole excitement of the Sawmill Sink Project began. The Sawmill Sink Project has revealed more than 35 freshwater crocodile skulls, nine tortoiseshells of a completely new spe-

cies never before known to science as well as remnants of extinct birds, snakes and bats. "I had been looking for the right place, people and caves for 10 years and this was it," stated Mr Kakuk. This has led to a joint project between the Bahamas Caves Research Foundation and the Florida National History Museum at the University of Florida in Gainesville. His environmental and conservation efforts have earned him a reputation with the Bahamas government and environmental NGO's as an expert in blue hole and underwater cave environments of the Bahamas. His work at Sawmill Sink is ongoing and is being funded by the Bahamas Government for two years. He is currently working on the largest informational data base on Bahamian Blue Holes ever created and has presented a conservation proposal to the Bahamas Government for the protection of over 100 blue holes nationwide.

"The blue holes are incredible ecosystems; they are time capsules of Bahamian history from times before we were here to since we have come. These provide our water supply but unfortunately garbage is

Please see **Diver**

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Brian Kakuk is discovering much about the history of The Bahamas centuries ago as he dives in blue holes, finding fossils that tell of past animals and plants. His diving techniques are highly skilled and quite dangerous. However, he is bringing up from the depths remnants from the past that are astonishing scientists. He is shown here in one of Abaco's caves. The stalagmites shown here were formed when the cave was dry as they do not form in water. Now the cave is completely submerged.

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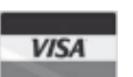


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 <b>GUANA CAY</b> #10181: 3bd/2bths : \$375,000 This super home is nestled in the heart of the settlement, surrounded by lush specimen foliage, a winter garden and well maintained lawns. Panoramic views are enjoyed from the widow's walk and porches.	 <b>GUANA CAY</b> #10350: 2bd/1bth : \$160,000 Situated in the heart of the settlement, this cottage presents a multitude of opportunities for the imaginative buyer. Could transition well into a vacation or rental cottage. Steps away from ferry dock.	 <b>LYNYARD CAY</b> #9297: Acreage : Serious Inquiries Bordering the Sea of Abaco with Atlantic to the east, this expansive parcel boasts 77 fabulous acres, includes high elevations, dense native coppice, numerous coconut palm trees and white sand beaches.	 <b>CROSSING ROCKS</b> #9510: Residential Lots: \$160,000 Greenland Bay. Gorgeous, unspoiled beach front, dazzling white sand, rolling grassland interior. Parcels encompass 100 to 200 ft on the beach. Only one parcel may be sold in each instance at above starting price.	 <b>BAKER'S HEIGHTS</b> #562105: Acreage : \$1,360,000 Prime development property located 11 miles north of Marsh Harbour on Queen's highway. Features wooded rolling terrain with hills of up to 30' in elevation. Great potential for development.	
 <b>CASUARINA POINT</b> #562299: 3bd/2bths : \$359,000 Bright and sunny, sturdy concrete family home, just steps from the beach. 1,472 s.f. of living space, tile floors, crown molding. Perfectly suited for family or retirement home.	 <b>GUANA CAY</b> #562031: Residential Lot : \$349,500 NEW! Gorgeous Atlantic Ocean front home site. Located adjacent to the Orchid Bay development with elevated rocky shore and beach. Densely vegetated with natural coppice and native trees.	 <b>BAHAMA PALM SHORES</b> #10202: Res. Lot: \$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.	 <b>TREASURE CAY</b> #562353: Residential Lot: \$85,000 Lovely, oversized multi-family residential lot in popular Anchorage Estates. Close to beaches and all amenities the resort and community offer. Invest in the future!	 <b>BAHAMA CORAL ISLAND</b> #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.	
 <b>SCOTLAND CAY</b> #562885: Residential Lot: \$575,900 Rare offering: Stunning 23,558 square foot home site on Scotland Cay. Sea of Abaco frontage of 150.22', nicely sheltered hard shore, well elevated.	 <b>PELICAN SHORES</b> #562332: 3bd/3bths : Executive Rental Spacious family home located on prestigious Pelican Shores. Long term lease only, references, first, last and security required. Lease pricing on request.	<b>OFFICES IN</b> Abaco Nassau Exuma Eleuthera Long Island Harbour Island		 <b>MARSH HARBOUR</b> #562133: 3bd/2bths: \$347,000 Fully furnished, with all new appliances and cabinets. Ideally located on quiet road, but close to Marsh Harbour. Excellent investment for rental or family home.	 <b>BUSTIC BIGHT</b> #562174: Acreage: \$1,500,000 Green Cay is a nature lover's paradise. Situated just 1/2 mile off the west coast of Great Abaco Island. Perfectly suited for private retreat, bon-fishing resort, etc.



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**GREEN TURTLE-** Located on a postcard pretty island, the Leeward Yacht Club is a community of 23 3-bedroom Colonial-style homes. The homes front scenic Black Sound, parks & common areas. Dockage is available. Leeward Yacht Club is modeled after Abaco's historic New Plymouth, a white picket-fence village of New England-style cottages, quaint restaurants & bars. Homes starting at \$1,050,000 – Call one of our agents today!



**Green Turtle - #6023-** Perched on a spectacular sea view lot, this 2,300 sq. ft. 3 bed/3 bath house is tastefully furnished & has a dock, swimming pool & large deck. Built in 2006, the front of the island-style home is graced with a veranda and framed in shade trees. It is equipped with high speed internet, an integrated sound system and a 1,000 gal per day water maker. The home is located near beaches & charming resorts. Offered at \$1,265,000 - Call Chris



**Yellowwood Creek**



**Lot 1- Hilltop** Lot with breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean, the world class Abaco Club Resort and the gorgeous three mile Winding Bay Beach. Comprises approx. 0.75 acres.- Offered at US\$195,000.00  
**Lot 3- Waterfront** Located on the rocky shoreline, this lot comprises just over an acre with approx. 175' of waterfront & has unobstructed views of the Atlantic Ocean. It adjoins lot 4, which is also available. Electricity is near both lots. Offered at US\$312,000.00  
**Lot 4- Waterfront** This lot is just over an acre & covers approx. 175' of rocky shoreline. Unobstructed views of the Atlantic Ocean. Offered at US\$300,000.00  
Call Mailin



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

**NEW LISTING**

GTC #6076- 3bed/2.5 bath house overlooking an ornamental pond. Near beaches, town & public docks. The house is offered unfurnished, ceramic tiles  
Throughout, ceiling fans, central AC.  
Offered at \$645,000.00 – Call Chris

**NEW LISTING**

GTC #6077 2bed/2.5 bath house in Harbour View Estates. Nearby docking is available at Little Harbour. Tastefully furnished, beautifully landscaped grounds. Excellent rental history  
Offered at \$490,000.00 Call Chris

This CBS 3 bed/ 2 bath home features 1,600 sq.ft of living space. It was built in 1999 and very well-kept. community boat ramp.  
Also features 1x6 v.joint cypress ceilings, ceramic tiles and utility room.  
Being sold furnished. Priced to sell! \$299,000 Call Mailin

**NEW PRICE**

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

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

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

**REDUCED**

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

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

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

**NEW LISTING**

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

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

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

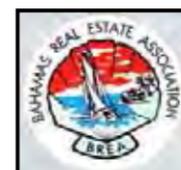
**Manjack Cay - 10 acres** sea to sea Beautiful beachfront at both sides. & protected anchorage. Great development property – Offered at \$2,000,000.00 –Call one of our agents today.

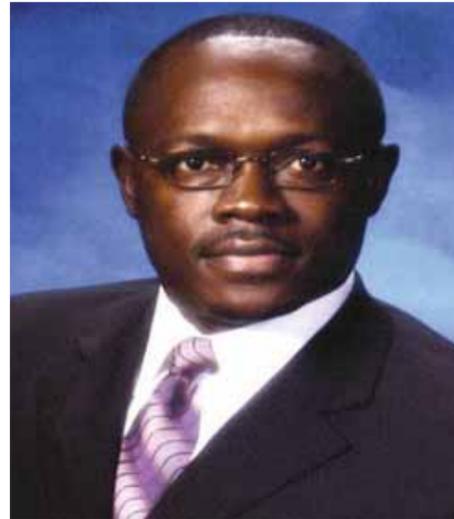
**Man-O-War Cay # 5509** – 3bed/3bath, two story home near Atlantic Ocean. Upstairs loft, 17.5 KW generator, outdoor patios, basement, manicured lawn \$750,000.00-Call Mailin

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

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

•**Green Turtle Cay, Coco Bay-** ¼ acre vacant lot, ocean views- \$150,000.00 (NEW LISTING)  
•**Green Turtle Cay, Coco Bay-** vacant lot, beach access, 9000 sq.ft. - \$89,000.00 (UNDER CONTRACT)  
•**Green Turtle Cay, Island Reach-** vacant lot, 16,390 sq.ft., 106' on Sea of Abaco, Beautiful views & sunsets. \$450,000.00 (NEW LISTING)  
\***Long Beach-** vacant lot, 1/4 acre in size, beach access, \$50,000.00 (REDUCED)  
\***Casuarina Point-** vacant lot in quiet community, 10,000 sq.ft and situated across from the canal. - \$80,000  
\***Sand Banks-** Canal property, small home, mature fruit trees. Very private. Lots also available –Call for details.  
\***Bahama Coral Island-** vacant property in Bahama Coral Island, financing available-Call for details.





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# Caves are revealing the past

**Diver** *From Page 10*

found in these blue holes. Please do not throw anything into the blue holes," urges Mr. Kakuk. Another very serious message he wishes to pass on to people is, "These places are not for undertaking open water diving activities. Training and equipment

are needed to be very specialised otherwise the chance of getting out is not very good! It involves very specialized dive teaching as some of the spaces are incredibly small. I get calls to bring bodies out of caves," warns diver Kakuk.

Mr. Kakuk is incredibly experienced and has participated in a National Geographic

project in North Florida where he was under water for 21 hours. He frequently performs saturation dives which involve staying underwater for 8 1/2 hours at a depth of 300 feet. This type of dive requires 16 hours of decompression which is done in a recompression chamber. Here in the Bahamas dives are mostly two to three hours in duration at depths of about 140 to 180 feet. The blue hole in Treasure Cay is 250 feet deep, Sawmill Sink is 170 feet deep and a

blue hole near Cherokee has a depth of 350 feet. The Sawmill Sink Blue Hole is the only one which is off-limits to cave divers. It will eventually be opened back up once all the data needed to complete the project has been procured. Sawmill Sink is presently being digitally mapped. It is illegal for anyone except a properly authorized archaeologi-

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- THE COTTAGES** Now the newest oceanfront development on Treasure Cay beach comprising individual luxury units Starting at \$750,000 + 14% closing

**4. BAHAMA BEACH CLUB**  
 Luxury condominium project on Treasure Cay Beach. 3 bed / 3 bath / Den / Lanai / on-site pool and many other features Starting at \$907,500 Plus 14% closing

**5. ROYAL POINCIANA TOWNHOUSES** with on-site pool and tennis, newly completed luxury townhouse units directly on Treasure Cay Beach totalling 3 bed/ 4 1/2 baths plus loft bedroom/ den Ground floor - garage, 2 bed/ 2 bath with ocean front patio First floor - open concept living / dining/ kitchen plus master bedroom suite, all ocean views with patio/ balcony Loft - bedroom/ den with ocean view \$1908,000 + 14% Closing

**MARINER'S COVE** Townhouse condos with on-site tennis and heated pool Marina view, 2 bed/ 1 1/2 bath, fully furnished, never rented, extra features. MUST SEE EXC \$351,000 + 7.5% closing

### TREASURE LANDING

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

### ROYAL PALM

Canal Front Condos with on-site Tennis and Pool 2 bed / 2 bath lower unit, 16' wide slip, includes golf cart and 22' boat EXC. \$553,500 FGS

### TREASURE HOUSE

Ocean front luxury octagonal units with lagoon/ pool/waterfall. Good rental potential. Unit #7 Two storey 2 bed/ 2 bath home. MLS \$636,000 + 7.5% closing Unit #9 Two storey 2 bed/ 2 bath home MLS \$575,000 + 7.5% closing

### BAHAMA BEACH CLUB

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

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

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

### ATLANTIS

Canal Front Condos with on-site Pool Bldg 1 Lower unit 2 bed / 2 bath, 15' wide boat slip, includes car. Newly decorated. MUST SEE EXC. \$500,000 FGS Bldg 4 Downstairs unit 2 bed / 2 bath, totally red slip EXC. \$435,600 FGS



### SAND DOLLAR

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

### ROYAL POINCIANA

Ocean Front Condos with on-site pool and tennis 2 bed / 2 bath end unit with wrap-around deck. Never rented. Fully and tastefully furnished. Special must see unit. EXC. \$665,500 FGS 3 bed / 3 bath upper unit \$897,900



### OCEAN VILLA SUBDIVISION

Special garden location, car pool, 2 bed / 2 bath. Great view. Many repeat guests EXC. \$369,000 FGS Second row beach with direct ocean access. Great view. 2 bed / 2 bath, many special features. MUST SEE EXC. \$553,500 FGS



### SANDPIPER BEACH

"Lacey Daze" Spectacular 4 bed/ 3 1/2 bath CBS home with panoramic ocean views and direct beach access from every room but one via decks and patios. The main house has living/ dining/ kitchen/ master bedroom suite, two guest bedrooms with bath, powder room, double garage and utility/ workshop area. Included with its own entrance is a private 1 bedroom/ 1 bath apartment with an open living/ dining/ kitchen with its own deck. Many features. MUST SEE. EXC. \$2,220,000 FGS

### GALLEON BAY DRIVE

"Gramling House" newly built, 2 storey home located on Galleon Bay canal with a 45' dock. Upper level has 4 bed/ 2 bath. Open living/ dining/ kitchen. Lower level has 2 bed/ 1 bath, laundry room plus covered open boat/ car storage EXC \$859,900 FGS

Treasure Cay has one of the world's best Beaches, Golf Course, Tennis, full service Marina, just naming a few amenities.

### LEEWARD BEACH ESTATE

"Trident"/"Turquoise Seas" You cannot be more "on the beach" than in this special home. Offering 3 bed / 3 1/2 bath in the main house with detached garage / bed / bath / attic plus storage. Vast deck oceanside with widow's walk. WOW! MLS \$2,500,000 + 7.5% closing

"Cross Winds" Split level CBS home extra large lot across from 2 beach greenways. Private. Master bed/ bath suite upstairs. Lower level 2 bed / 2 bath, cozy living room/ kitchen/ dining/ utility. Apartment annex 1bed/ 1 bed, living kitchen, enclosed patio. Plus! Plus! Plus! MLS \$820,000 + 7.5% closing

### WINDWARD BEACH ESTATES

"Dream Point" Special CBS split level home located on a corner lot near "The Point" with two choices of direct beach access. Upper level has master bedroom with ensuite bath plus two guest bedrooms and bath. On the split level there is the main entry into a large open living/dining area, modern well-equipped kitchen. All rooms open onto a wrap-around partially covered deck overlooking the garden. Ground level has an extra large garage/ workshop with lots of storage. EXC. \$996,300 FGS

### ROCK POINT

"Pilot House" special unique location with a commanding, enviable view of the Sea of Abaco. Water front home, 2 storey, CBS/ frame. Upstairs master and guest bed, 2 baths, large living/ dining/ open kitchen; lower level 1bed / 1 bath, 2 car garage plus 1 car/boat garage. MLS \$1,160,000 + 7.5% closing Apartment four-plex, 2 storey CBS building, each level has 2 full apartments with 2 bed, 1 bath, living/dining/kitchen. Great rental investment. MUST SEE! EXC. \$400,000 FGS

### VACANT LOTS AVAILABLE

- Ocean front properties Casuarina Beach/Ocean Blvd. Sand Piper Beach Sunrise Point Beginning at \$1,250,000 FGS
- Canal Front Beginning at \$290,950 FGS
- Rock Point Waterfront, bulkheaded Beginning at \$293,225 FGS
- Golf Course / Interior Beginning at \$60,000 FGS

### ABBREVIATION CODE

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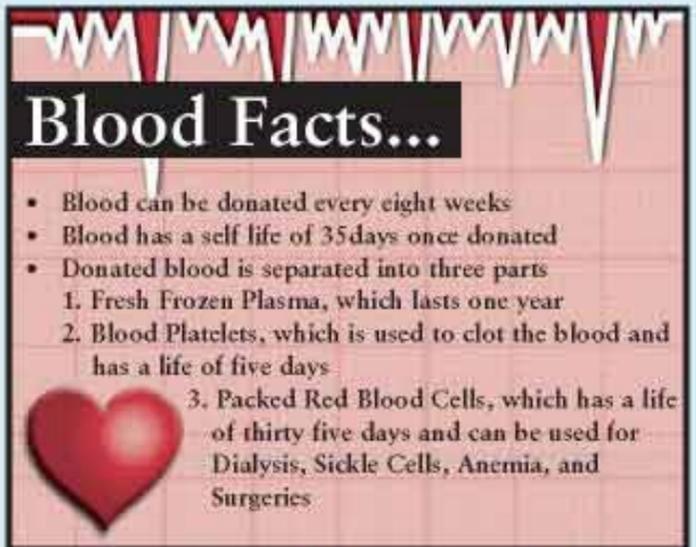
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## BTC encourages the public to Give The Gift That Keeps On Giving

On Saturday May 12, 2007, the Mall at Marathon Centre Court was inundated by an anxious crowd who were more than willing to give a gift that keeps on giving. Members of the public stood in line and waited patiently to donate blood to the Blood Bank of PMH. To show appreciation for those braving the needle, BTC offered opportunities for blood donors to win prizes from the BTC grab bags. BTC's grab bags were filled with airtime vouchers, phones in the box, Gold Razrs and cellular phone accessories. According to Carolyn Azikiwe, Supervisor PMH Blood Bank, this was the best initiative ever by a business organization, as the response was overwhelming. Although, the blood drive only lasted seven hours One Hundred and Sixteen units of blood was collected. This amount was only a few units shy of the amount collected during the two-day blood drive for the Sea Hauler tragedy. Mrs. Azikiwe further stated that the blood bank at PMH had been at its lowest levels for the past few weeks and had been completely depleted due to an emergency two

days prior. After testing it was confirmed that out of the One Hundred and Sixteen units collected Sixty Eight units were O positive. This means that these units can be used to assist patients of all blood types. In addition to the blood drive staff members from PMH also performed comple-

mentary blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol testing. On behalf of the Board of Director, Executive Management and staff of BTC the staff and patients of PMH we thank the public for their support and their awareness of the importance of giving blood.



### Blood Facts...

- Blood can be donated every eight weeks
- Blood has a self life of 35 days once donated
- Donated blood is separated into three parts
  1. Fresh Frozen Plasma, which lasts one year
  2. Blood Platelets, which is used to clot the blood and has a life of five days
  3. Packed Red Blood Cells, which has a life of thirty five days and can be used for Dialysis, Sickle Cells, Anemia, and Surgeries



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## LITTLE HARBOUR

Fabulous 2.46 acre estate with private beach. Located at the entrance to beautiful Little Harbour, this property features unparalleled views including the Sea of Abaco and Atlantic Ocean. Three pods connected with verandahs, comprise over 3,500 square feet of living space. Vaulted ceilings with copulas. Six bedrooms, 4 baths, laundry room, storage, garage, R/O system, generators. Landscaped beautifully with tropical hibiscus, bougainvillea, silver buttonwood, coconut palms among others. Included are two Cherokee Jeeps, flats boat and Yamaha four wheeler. Located in secluded gated community. One of a kind!

#13563

Price: \$4,700,000



## LITTLE HARBOUR

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

#13495

Price: \$1,450,000



## LITTLE HARBOUR

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

#13494



## LITTLE HARBOUR

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

#13515

Price: \$4,250,000



## WATCHING BAY

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

#13482

Price: \$2,185,000



## BAHAMA PALM SHORES

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

#2837

Price: \$350,000



## BAHAMA PALM SHORES

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

#13180

Price: \$580,000



## BAHAMA PALM SHORES

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

#13552

Price: \$699,000



## NEW LISTING

## BAHAMA PALM SHORES

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

#13544

Starting at: \$295,000



## MURPHY TOWN

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

#13475

Price: \$305,000



## REDUCED PRICE

## TURTLE ROCKS

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

#13561

Price: \$950,000



## NEW LISTING

## COOPERS TOWN

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

#13558

Price: \$490,000

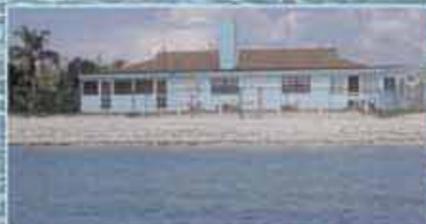


## GREEN TURTLE CAY

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

#2809

Price: \$820,000



## CASUARINA POINT

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

#2818

Price: \$580,000



## CASUARINA POINT

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

#13312

\$590,000



## SAND BAR AT CHEROKEE

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

#13088

Price: \$2,455,000



## HOPE TOWN

Newly constructed 3 bed, 2 bath villa. Elevated on a high cliff, only 20 feet from the sea with 150' dock and private boat slip. Secluded luxurious hideaway.

#13587

Price: \$1,600,000

Casuarina Point & Bahama Palm Shores Long term RENTAL available.  
Sand Bar Ocean view lots, fantastic potential for development. \$169,000  
Cherokee Sound Great for commercial endeavor. Cherokee Creek \$140,000  
Sweetings Tract Located in a nice area. Access to water, small beach. \$55,000  
Bustick Bight Two half acre lots. 100' each of seafront. \$115,000  
Sand Banks Two waterfront properties, located in Sand Banks. \$185,000

\* Bahama Palm Shores Interior lots available with electric/phones starting at \$25,000  
\* Casuarina Point Canal front lot with ocean access. Water/electric/cable. \$80,000  
\* Cherokee Sound Quiet and private area with half acre lots available. \$210,000  
\* Treasure Cay Elevated lot offering, golfing, deep-sea fishing, boating. \$90,000  
\* Sand Banks Five half acre lots available, located in Sand Banks. \$73,000 each  
\* Bahama Coral Island Many lots available in growing community. \$18,500

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**Diver** *From Page 13*

cal specialist to take anything out of any blue hole in the Bahamas.

Information gathered from the Sawmill Sink project will provide another level of insight into the history and ecology of Abaco. An educational budget has been submitted for funds to create a curriculum for all of the school grade levels from primary up to the College of the Bahamas. Students will be educated about how blue holes are nothing to be afraid of, and they will be instructed about the marine life of blue holes, their importance for fresh water, how it can become polluted and the importance of blue holes for tourism. The curriculum will be designed to be taught by teachers but divers, archaeologists and paleontologists will add "show and tell" so that the students can examine the actual artifacts.

Mr. Kakuk started Bahamas Underworld in July 2006 and states, "It is my first attempt to own my own business. I am extremely interested in the conservation of Blue Holes in the Bahamas and I feel that this type of business has the potential to show a significant source of tourism dollars. It is my desire to get the government on board. Bahamas Underground presents no competition to other dive operations on Abaco," states Mr. Kakuk. "Divers must already be advanced divers who are looking for some type of adventure. It is a very intensive eight-day course involving 16 dives. Divers learn how to be very independent and able to survive in closed overhead environments (caves). Three locals are presently taking the class. I receive business from all over the world."

As a contrast to his extremely busy and dangerous life as a cave diver and explorer and his interesting forays into the world of movie making, Mr. Kakuk also writes for

diving magazines. His next exciting venture is to oversee underwater safety for a world record diving attempt which will be made by a free diver in a blue hole on Long Island. This blue hole was chosen as it has a depth of 663 feet and is the deepest in the world. The diver will wear no fins and the dive is expected to take between three and four minutes.

We are very fortunate to have someone of Mr. Kakuk's calibre here on Abaco to not only train advanced divers and add a further dimension to the field of tourism but for the wealth of information he is garnering about past and present ecosystems on Abaco and where this knowledge can lead us in the future.

**National Park** *From Page 1*

The developers and the BNT had previous discussions which the BNT appreciated. The BNT feels that it can work things out amiably before there are misunderstandings and problems. It can ward off negative problems afterwards.

The developers wanted to cut survey lines so they would know the boundaries and size of the property. They need more information than what they have now to be able to draw up plans to be presented to government. They will have an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) done to present to government. The Abaco National Park with the parrots will weigh heavily on any decision about the development.

The heavy equipment operator worked with a large tractor with a wide blade instead of using a small tractor that would have just improved the existing road. He mistakenly began working on Road 49 but then moved to Road 50. The resulting damage was not from trying to improve the road

but rather the blade was wider than the existing road. The major damage was pushing the bush off into the pine forest in some place up to 20 to 30 feet damaging the forest understory. Concerns were raised as it was believed that parrot nests are quite close to the edge of that road. Mr. Carey wants to determine the impact on the actual nests of these endangered parrots.

The developers will fund a full assessment of the damage by Caroline Stahala. She did previous studies on the parrots in that area and will assess the situation. A report will be compiled on studies by her and other international naturalists.

Another heavy equipment operator advised that when he was approached by the developers, they wanted the work done quickly, specifically wanting only to access the property.

The tractor was removed from the area. Any future work will be done by hand.

No work will be done during nesting season.

**Jewelry** *From Page 1*

Millie Dawkins and Mrs. Darnell Swain. They invited two skilled trainers from Nassau to impart their knowledge to a group of nearly 30 women, who met for four evenings at the Zion Baptist Church in Murphy Town.

The first seminar which started on May 7th consisted of learning how to make jewelry items findings and beads made with sand and glue. The products can then be used to create earrings, necklaces and whatever else a whimsical per-

son could think of. The class was taught by Ms. Monique Whyms, who said that the procedure came to her in a "revelation." The first evening the class learned techniques and was given a list of materials. On Tuesday night all the participants were busy mixing the ingredients together to make beads. The participants proudly exhibited their creations at the end of the course; earrings and necklaces were the most popular.

The next two days were dedicated to learning the technique of wiring jewelry. The class was taught by Mrs. Yvette Ginton, an expert in wiring and jewelry wrapping. This work was more complex than the previous one and required more tools and material. Much of the material needed for the projects was handed out in a kit and some of the tools and beads were offered for sale. Most of Wednesday night was spent practicing how to make a perfectly round loop. It is a technique that can be the base of many creative projects and a must to know for the amateur jeweler.

Many participants used the beads they had made in the first seminar to create their projects. Mrs. Ginton said she was ready to come back to Abaco to teach more advanced techniques when people wanted her to.

Most of the participants were very excited about their newly acquired knowledge. Many of them had also participated in other craft classes offered by BAIC such as coconut and conch jewelry making and straw plaiting.

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# Viewpoint . . . Stray dog problem is increasing

By Julian Lockhart

Abaco, like the rest of the Bahamas, is facing a major stray dog issue that could easily turn into an epidemic if something isn't done soon to correct the problem. Everyone can easily see the problem as stray dogs are consistently wandering the streets and neighbourhoods of Abaco. A lot of these so called stray dogs are actually not, because they are owned by someone. However, if a dog is not licensed, is wandering the streets or is on a run, then they are considered stray dogs.

It usually starts out with a cute, little fluffy puppy that either an adult or a child falls in love with. But all of a sudden it grows up to be a not so cute dog and all of a sudden the love isn't there anymore. This is when the problems start.

First, dogs are pack animals; stray dogs will form packs. If someone is not consistently feeding these dogs, they start to hunt as a pack. There have been numerous cases in New Providence where packs of stray dogs have attacked children while walking home from school or outside playing and have even attacked adults.

How long will it take for this to happen

on Abaco? An island that depends on tourism where tourists walk the street and need to feel safe, where kids walk from school and a place where pack dogs are running loose, it can start a lot of problems.

These are all problems that can happen and very soon if something is not done about the stray dog and the number of puppies being born every year.

The Abaco Ministry of Tourism is putting together an Abaco Humane Society to deal with some of the problems. Friends of the Environment also understands the negative affects of stray dogs and cats and has made several recommendations as to how to deal with the problem before it gets worse. There are a number of other small privately-run humane societies here on Abaco, but it seems as if they all can't get together because of personal politics. This is the time to put aside those differences to do what is best for the animals in question and the community at large.

First, pet owners need to be more responsible. If your yard is not fenced in or big enough for a proper run, then don't get a puppy unless you plan to keep it in the house. Also it is law that every dog should

be licensed. This can be done so at the Department of Agriculture.

Secondly, unless you plan on breeding a dog and you have proper housing for the dogs and the puppies and you know the people who will get the puppies, then spay or neuter your dog.

Thirdly, train your dog. It doesn't have to be trained to be a guard dog or to put in a show, but just to be a better pet and to protect the rest of the community from a wild and uncontrollable dog. The Abaco Dog Training Club runs obedience clinics all year long for puppies to full grown dogs, and they do a great job of making both owner and pet more disciplined.

For all the stray dogs out there, something has to be done. Many people are against putting them down. If you don't agree with euthanasia, then board a number of these stray dogs in your own yard and feed them.

How can one say stray dogs that can eventually lead to major community prob-

lems should not be put down peacefully if homes cannot be found, if you aren't willing to take in some of these dogs and be financially responsible for them. Most of these dogs are starving, have diseases and are not happy. So the humane thing would be to put them out of their misery so the population can be lessened.

And yes, I know what your argument will be. Should we put humans to sleep who are sick, starving or may have diseases? You know it is not the same. I love animals and have raised dogs all my life.

We do need more responsible owners. But until that happens, something else has to be put in place to ensure the safety of our children and visitors who decide they want to walk instead of drive in a vehicle.

There is no quick fix solution. Everyone who wants to have a say should get together and come up with a solution that works best for the community and the animals.

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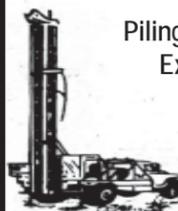
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# People in the News

## A Man with a Mission

By Jennifer Hudson

There are many people who would not recognize the name George Wilmore; but if you say "The Conch Man" or "Showbo," they know exactly who you mean. George has been chopping up conch salad for locals and visitors alike for the past 20 years and can be found on most days at his little conch salad stand perched at the water's edge between Harbour View Marina and Mangos Restaurant in Marsh Harbour. He has been in that spot for eight years, before which he was at the government dock and prior to that he started out on the back of a pickup truck. Originally, George was a lobster fisherman but lamented the fact that when people started laying lobster traps, the whole circumstances surrounding lobster fishing changed. "People's attitudes changed and the situation became very serious. It became too much of a pirate life on the sea, and so I decided to get out and do something different," stated George, whose father taught him the sea life and always encouraged him to work for himself.

Since working out of his own conch stand, George has talked with people from all over the world. "This has taken me to a new level, opened my mind and taught me to think outside the box. People love my conch salad and have taken me to such places as Buffalo and Upstate New York to do parties for them," says George. His experiences with the tourists have taught him, "Visitors do not want to come to be Americanized but want to 'get down with the Bahamian people' and interact. When they feel good and are having a good time, they will spend more money," George commented.

This thinking set George on a mission to do something about getting our Bahamian culture full force back to how it used to be with fully Bahamian entertainment, music, cooking and island crafts. "In fact, I would like to see every island in the Bahamas with its population interested in seeing that tourism is the number one industry and each island striving to be the best in the country. Cultural experiences are needed for every island to target international markets. Locals need to set up for the visitors with such Bahamian essentials as carving, straw and craft work, ring play and entertainment. In order to bring more visitors here we must present our culture to them."

George would also like to see better service in food stores, hardware stores, gas stations and other places of service. Abaco is growing bumper-to-bumper and people



George Wilmore, better known as The Conch Man, keeps visitors and locals supplied with conch salad that he makes at his conch stand in Marsh Harbour.

must understand that service is important. Good attitudes are imperative; people should not take their problems to the job. Employers should also learn how to treat their workers."

George would like to see a Community Village here on Abaco selling all local goods from fruit and vegetables to crafts and offering hair braiding, carving, straw work, Junkanoo work and true Bahamian music instead of reggae and rap to encourage people to be entrepreneurs. He would like to see a state-of-the-art centre estab-

lished especially for young people to be taught these indigent Bahamian skills so that when they come out of school, they will have a trade and therefore not be idle. "They could be let out of school for a couple of lessons a week in order to learn these skills," feels George.

Last November a seed began to take root in George's mind which grew until he felt that he had to take his idea to Don Cornish, Director of Tourism for Abaco. After laying it all on the table, he was thrilled to find that not only did Mr. Cornish listen but felt that, indeed, it was a wonderful idea and well worth acting upon.

This meeting has led to the formation of a large contingent of persons who traveled to Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Florida, to stage a week of Bahamian culture and to

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educate locals there to the exciting ethnicity the Bahamas has to offer.

A colourful picture of George working at his famous conch stand was painted by local well known artist, Marjolein Scott. It was originally intended that the painting would be auctioned during the event in Florida with half the funds going to assist George with his expenses. But when Mr. Ron Hucke, one of the persons from Florida involved in the organization of this event, came to Abaco recently and saw the painting at George's conch stand, he immediately bought it.

"I have a passion about what I am trying to do but am seeking no glory; let God get the glory. I just want to set the pace to benefit the people of the Bahamas," states

George, who will be a wonderful ambassador on the trip and is ready to work hard to see Bahamian culture really promoted here on Abaco for our tourists.

### Real estate agent completes course

By Jennifer Hudson

Bill Thorndycraft of Abaco Waterfront



Bill Thorndycraft

Properties has just returned from Fort Lauderdale where he completed a specialized course in today's technology that was conducted by the Council of Residential Specialists of the National

Association of Realtors. This course is one in a series of professional education sequences required to qualify for the coveted Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation and is the final requisite for Bill to acquire his Bahamian real estate broker's license.

To gain greater efficiency, segments of the course highlighted acquiring skills in technology, including PDAs, digital cameras and contact managers as well as a basic understanding of how to market via agent web sites and e-mail. In affiliation with National Association of Realtors and as part of its on-going program of promoting the

professionalism of the residential sales associate, the Council of Residential Specialists courses are presented throughout the US and in The Bahamas.

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# Police youth band is progressing well

By Julian Lockhart

The Royal Bahamas Police Force Band has received numerous accolades from around the world and is touted as of the best marching bands in the world. The Abaco Police Community Youth Marching Band is hoping to at least be good enough to follow in their footsteps.

What started as a pet project of Supt. Wayne Miller when he first came to Abaco in 2005 has grown into a strong contingent of 50-60 performers, who are all proving to be masterful and the band is preparing to take Abaco by storm. The marching band plays brass and wind instruments and, of course, has a strong drum line. Despite being called a youth marching band, there are a number of older members. The age group is from eight to however old someone wants to join.

Supt. Miller said, "When I came to Abaco what was glaring to me was the fact that there weren't many extra curricular activities for the kids after school. I, myself, was a product of the youth band. I grew up in the Boys Brigade Band. I joined Boys Brigade from the tender age of five and it had a profound impact on my life. I was a member of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band for sometime and I know the effect it has and the discipline that one needs to be a good musician.

Young people are attracted to music. It gives them something to do. Gives them a sense of identity and allows them to grow up feeling accomplished in one way or the other. They can always transform the kind of discipline they get from music and transfer it into the rest of their lives. I thought the band was a good way to do that, and so far it has been a success," he added.

W/Cpl. Miller is directing the band and is fully dedicated to the youth. Insp. Dennis Sturup of the police band assists with the Moore's Island youth band.

Chief Supt. Sylvester George, who is the director of the police band, continues to lend the youth band his support and whenever there is a need for officers to assist with the training he does so.

Supt. Miller is now organizing a work shop that will take place in June when all band members on Abaco and those who wish to join the band can take part. Sgt. James Hutchinson and Supt. Miller were the ones who started the band and did the initial training with the brass and wind instruments as both are accomplished musicians. They are looking to put on a concert later in the year as the band improves. It will be available to play at functions on Abaco.

The majority of universities in the United States offer full scholarships to band members and the youth bands offer participants the opportunity to gain a full ride to gain a college education.

Supt. Miller believes the band can be a feeder system for the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band and there are members from the band currently working with the youth band. He said, Getting scholarships is our ultimate goal. We want this band to be seen as a stepping stone or feeder system for the police band as well as for these kids to have a viable opportunity to go to university and get a musical scholarship. That is our ultimate goal and hopefully other parents will see that the band as a viable opportunity for their kids to receive a higher education and that is what we are striving for," Supt. Miller concluded.

## Police

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Department of Social Services, Mr. Botin addressed the audience in Creole, explaining his background and the struggles he went through when he was growing up. "I can relate to them," he explained. "Since I came here, I've learnt to appreciate the small things in life."

## Police Road Traffic Department have new office

By Mirella Santillo

At the end of February the Police moved its Road Traffic section to part of the old Sawyer's Supermarket off Don MacKay Boulevard. The new premises are spacious with a reception area and several offices. A staff of two, Sgt. Henfield and Reserve Officer Janice Jones, presently handle the daily load of accident reports and traffic violations. "Later on we will try to get sufficient staff to run two shifts effectively," explained Sgt. Henfield, "but it is doubtful that it will happen before the summer."

The office deals with problems occurring on land not only in Central Abaco but as far as Treasure Cay and handles traffic offenses such as parking tickets, lack of insurance or inspection, lost or stolen vehicles, documents or car plates and accidents reports.

"If something happens in Treasure Cay," explained Sgt. Henfield, "the report would be sent here to Marsh Harbour's main traffic office to be recorded. It will then be sent back to Cooper's Town to be tried there."

An average of 15 new cars are licensed every month on the island, increasing the traffic to dangerous proportions. Sgt. Henfield would like to remind everyone to drive safely and respect the speed limit. Road Traffic is presently working closely with the Ministry of Works regarding speed signs and school signs, he said. He assured that once the signs are in place, the speed

will be strictly enforced by laser guns.

The two officers are enjoying the bright and spacious premises that have been recently refurbished and painted. They are waiting for new furniture that will complete the decoration of this new department.

## Cook out furnishes new office

By Mirella Santillo

As a fund raising event to help furnish and decorate the recently opened office of Police Road Traffic, the local Police Department organized a cook-out on April 21st. The event took place in the parking lot of the old Sawyer's Market where the new office is located.

The function was organized by Sgt. Henfield with the help of Cpl. Knowles and Reserve Officer Janice Jones. Manning the barbeque was Mr. Richard Gibbs, who was in charge of cooking steaks and chicken which were served by Mr. Martin. Beer, wine and soft drinks were available.

A constant stream of people came and for dinners, mentioned Reserve Officer Deborah Deveaux. There was a line at lunch time, she said, but most people took their food away. "We could not get a tent, there was none available," commented Sgt. Henfield, who thought that the lack of shade might have been one of the reason for people not staying. However, he said that the event was very successful. Enough money was raised to buy nice furniture for the waiting area of the office.

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**Church**

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Vision Youth Group, led by Pastor Chris Pinder, has done a great job of finding ways to attract young people to church on weekends for youth groups and events by reaching out to them with what interests them. This time it was a Christian group from Grand Bahama, *Lion of Judah Sounds*, with four performers and a disc jockey entertaining the crowd with secular beats but lyrics about God, salvation and avoiding the dangers and pitfalls that are set to capture the impressionable minds of the young people.

Mr. Pinder said, "It is really good to see all of these young people out here praising God. This is a way to reach anyone, it bridges the gap and it can get everyone on the same page and have some fun. We have to relate to people on a true sense on a true relating level. I think with them coming here and having fun leads to their thinking about praising God and changing what they think about it," he added.

Pastor Chris has proven that it is not hard to reach the young people as long as you are willing to reach out to them, gain their trust and relate to them on what they are dealing with on a daily basis.

This is the mandate of *Lion of Judah Sounds*, as they travel through The Bahamas performing and preaching the word of God at the same time. They sing Christian rap, reggae and dance hall and this was only a small fraction of their group.

It took a while to get the youth to their feet. But once they started feeling the beat, they too joined in the dancing, singing and seemed to be enjoying themselves with the dancing of their peers on stage with the visiting performers.

The concert was a fund raiser for Revolve, which is a group of young girls at New Vision who travel to a conference every year in the United States.

**Wedding Bells Rang**



*The wedding of Robert Alexander Nixon II to Sophillia Amanda Dixon took place on March 24, 2007, in Weston, Florida. The reception followed in Boca Raton. Mr. Nixon is the son of Robbie and Joan Nixon and Mrs. Dixon is the daughter of Gary and Daphne Dixon. Mrs. Dixon is in her final year at Florida International University studying business management. Mr. Nixon is opening a business, JRR Importers and Exporters, to serve the island of Abaco. The couple will be residing in Weston, Florida.*

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**Fidelity Will Open Money Centre**

On May 8th representatives from Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) Ltd. held a Community Meeting at New Mission Baptist Church in Marsh Harbour to discuss the arrival of Western Union to Marsh Harbour. For too long Haitians working here on Abaco have had to risk sending money to their loved ones by way of acquaintances/friends/relatives or other personal courier services. This was neither timely nor safe.

However, Fidelity is opening its Money Centre in the Abaco Shopping Centre in June, and any qualified person will be able to send or receive money all over the world quickly and safely on Abaco. Fidelity represents Western Union in The Bahamas, Turks & Caicos and the Cayman Islands. Their office, called the Money Centre by Fidelity, will offer Western Union money transfer service, prepaid visa cards, bill paying and other

retail banking services. The main focus for the opening will be Western Union money transfer services.

In order to send money, initial approval is needed from Central Bank which Fidelity will assist with. The staff of Fidelity's Money Centre held a "Sign Up and Send" promotion on May 17th - 19th at the premises in the Abaco Shopping Centre. Many people stopped in to express their enthusiasm and returned with their paperwork. Fidelity's Money Centre will be holding another Western Union "Sign up and Send" promotion at their offices on June 7th, 8th and 9th.

The approval process takes between two to three weeks. When approval is sent back to Money Centre, funds can be transferred immediately.

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# Reef balls are in place

By Julian Lockhart

The first project Friends of the Environment started under their new education initiative was teaching the students of Abaco the importance of coral reefs by building artificial reefs to be placed along Mermaid Reef off Pelican Shores.

After months of building the reef balls, youth from the New Vision Ministries Youth Group, teachers from Agape Christian Academy and members of Friends launched the final 15 artificial reef balls last month.

With the placement of these reef balls, Friends has now added 22 artificial reefs to alleviate the pressure on the natural reef, which is the most snorkelled area in Marsh Harbour. The reef balls were trucked to beach on the north side of Pelican Shores and then floated out to Mermaid Reef.

Friends project coordinator Olivia Patterson said, "This was definitely a big step because it takes a lot of manpower to put them in the water. The guys managed to do it pretty quickly. So we were very thankful. It was a combination of students and the youth group from New Vision Ministries that saved the day. It definitely did make the job easier and it cut down on our work by a couple of days," she added.

Friends vice-president Jim Richards said it was great that the youth group showed up during their holiday to help because they were able to get all 15 reef balls on the reef in an hour and a half time and it was very successful. He added that a lot of these same youth helped make the reef balls, so it was good to have them place them on the reefs. They will be able to come back and watch the fish move in and the coral grow.

Students from the different schools in

Abaco helped build the reef balls by mixing and pouring cement into fiber glass moulds, then letting them set overnight before removing the moulds. An average artificial reef ball that was poured weighs around 300 pounds. They had to be floated out to their designated area, then dropped into the water by deflating the floating device in them.

Ms. Patterson does not know if they will add more artificial reefs to the Mermaid Reef because they want to monitor them to see how they affect the area. However, they do want to keep the school children involved in the reef ball program. She feels that this first program was definitely a success. She sees students in town all the time and they are asking her when they will get to swim out to the reef balls and are really excited.

Ms. Patterson said, "What we are trying to do with the artificial reefs is expand the area at Mermaid Reef so that there is a larger surface to snorkel and provide more habitat for fish and other marine life. The secondary benefit of the artificial reefs is they will protect the natural reefs from debris in the current. It will hit the artificial reef first before it hits the coral. I would like to leave them there for a while, then monitor them. The school kids are going to help us with that and then see how it goes. Initially, we had planned for more, but it is a small area," she concluded.

This is just one of the many education projects that Friends is currently running. Anyone who wants to get involved with the programs can contact the office just above Doug's Place.

# Summer camps will highlight the environment

By Lindsey McCoy

This summer Friends of the Environment will be offering summer camps in southern, central and northern Abaco communities, as well a traveling camp that visits the cays.

The camps will be based on the successful Sandy Point Environmental Camp (SPEC) that was started in 2003 by the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey - now known as the Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organization (BMMRO).

SPEC was created to provide constructive and interactive summer activities for Sandy Point children with the aim of increasing environmental awareness in The Bahamas. Some of you may have been following the progress of SPEC over the years.

The children of Sandy Point have learned to kayak, snorkel, in some cases swim, pitch a tent, identify constellations, identify native and invasive plants, and join researchers in collecting data on local Bottlenose Dolphins.

As part of Friends' burgeoning education program, they have partnered with Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organization to expand the Sandy Point Environmental Camp model throughout

Abaco.

All camp activities will be designed to highlight the local environment and to teach new outdoor skills. They will all be day camps. Sessions will run from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and will be open to youth living on Abaco who have pre-registered for the camp.

**In Marsh Harbour** the schedule will be: Senior Camp (ages 10-13) June 25-July 13

Junior Camp (ages 7-9) July 16-August 3

**In Cooper's Town** the schedule will be: Senior Camp (ages 10-15) June 25-July 13

Junior Camp (ages 7-9) July 16-August 3

**In Sandy Point** the schedule will be: Junior Camp (ages 7-9) June 25th -July 13th

Senior Camp (ages 10-13) July 16-August 3

Applications can be obtained online, from the Friends of the Environment office in Marsh Harbour or on this page. They are located in the D&S Plaza above Doug's Place. Applications are due by June 20. For more information call 367-2721 or visit [www.friendsoftheenvironment.org](http://www.friendsoftheenvironment.org).

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If you would like your child to attend the Friends of the Environment Environmental Summer Camp, please complete this form and take it to the Friends office in Marsh Harbour or send it to:

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Location: **Marsh Harbour**

Please Circle one: Senior Camp (ages 10-13) June 25th - July 13th  
Junior Camp (ages 7-9) July 16th - August 3rd

Location: **Cooper's Town**

Please Circle one: Senior Camp (ages 10-15) June 25th - July 13th  
Junior Camp (ages 7-9) July 16th - August 3rd

Location: **Sandy Point**

Please Circle one: Junior Camp (ages 7-9) June 25th - July 13th  
Senior Camp (ages 10-13) July 16th - August 3rd

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for applications is June 20th 2007.**

Complete this application and return to FRIENDS. The office is located in the D&S Plaza above Doug's Place. If you need further assistance FRIENDS, 367-2721.



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## MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTIES



### DUNDAS TOWN Crown Allotment

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.

**APPRAISAL \$268,225.00**



### MURPHY TOWN Crown Allotment No. 77

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

**APPRAISAL \$167,580.00**



### MURPHY TOWN Lot No. 120

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. This property is situated off the Front Street in Murphy Town, Abaco.

**APPRAISAL \$154,476.00.**



### MURPHY TOWN Lot

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. 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.

**APPRAISAL \$30,000.00.**

## Vacant Properties

### BLACKWOOD

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.

### DUNDAS TOWN

Lot No. 21, Crown Allotment, this is vacant land approximately 10,810 sq. ft. situated off S.C. Bootle Drive.

**Appraisal \$15,890.00**

# Viewpoint Calling for Peace

By Vernique Russell

Where has the peace gone in our streets? Where is the respect for one another gone in our streets? Where has the love gone in our street? The answers for these questions as disturbing as they may seem all have one thing in common and that is that the love, peace and respect for one another in our streets is dying everyday. We have lost our brotherly love towards our fellow bother and sisters. We have allowed pride, greed and selfishness to prevent us from living the life we ought to with each other. The only question left to answer is "why?"

Many people choose to blame the young ladies who are becoming mothers at a much earlier age and are left to raise these kids by themselves, stating that they can't raise these children up in the right direction. My observation finds this accusation to be very biased. Then there are those who blame the massive abuse of drugs and alcohol and others would say that the churches have failed to teach our people how to show love.

Whatever the reason you may think, the result is a lack of peace, respect, love and unity on our street. One thing is for sure. It is the duty of all of us bring them back to our homes, schools and streets. We can't allow our young people to continue on the track they are on now. How long will we sit back and be prisoners in our streets?

Fellow Bahamians, we rely on the government for everything. We want them to fix the roads, build schools, clinics, etc. While these are their duties, there are some things that we can start doing ourselves. It is time we stop asking what can the government do for us and start doing what we can for ourselves.

We are responsible for the young people in our communities. Whether they come from homes with just a mother or both parents, it is our jobs to reach out and help these young people. We must work hand-in-hand and partnership with the church and the schools to train our children in the right way. Our young men have lost their respect for each other's lives and their fear of God has disappeared. But in spite of all this, we must be willing to stand in the gap and be that mother or father that a child needs, or that listening ear, or that prayer warrior interceding on their behalf. We have become too greedy and selfish. We have forgotten the ways of the yesteryears and have cling to our selfish gain.

My fellow Bahamians, it is our duty to win our streets back. There have been 25 murders that were recorded for 2007 already in the country in the first few months. The government can assist, but they can't do it alone. We are responsible even more than they are for safeguarding our streets. Stop allowing religious barriers to tear us apart; it is time for us to unite and fight the issue of crime and bring peace back to our streets.

## Civic Organizations

### Pilot Club of Abaco

Third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Central Abaco Primary, Dundas Town, 367-3457

### Pilot Club of South Abaco

Last Thursday, monthly, J.A. Pinder School, Sandy Point, 366-4001

### Rotary Club of Abaco

Tuesdays, 6 p.m., weekly at Back Street Cafe, Abaco Beach Resort

# Beth Albury Volunteers at Every Child Counts

By Jennifer Hudson

Seventeen-year-old Beth Albury is a young lady with a dedicated and generous spirit and a meaningful goal in mind. Beth graduated from Agape Christian School in May 2006 and will enter Pensacola Christian College in September 2007 where she will study Elementary Education and then, upon graduation, transfer to another college to specialise in Special Education for a further two years. Originally, Beth was interested in a career in the field of space with the goal of eventually working with the NASA Space Agency but her plans

changed when she felt called into the vocation of Special Education.

Instead of going straight off to college after graduation from high school, Beth wanted to gain some experience in the field of special education so she approached Mrs. Major, Principal of the Every Child Counts School, to ask if she could be a teacher's aide. Mrs. Major was delighted, saying that she always loves to have volunteers to help in the school. Beth accepted no pay for her job so has worked the whole year voluntarily with just having her ferry fare paid to and from Man-O-War Cay where she lives with her parents Donna and Bernard Albury.

Beth plans to continue helping throughout her summer vacation

Beth has worked as the teacher's aide mainly with Ms. Ellen Hardy and her eight-to 13-year-old class but has also helped other teachers as the need arose. "I really, really like it," enthused Beth. "I enjoy the interaction with the children and sometimes just talking with them. It is difficult to tell just by seeing some of the children that they have problems but they all need special consideration like speaking a little slower so that they can understand. I help individuals with

Please see **Beth**

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problems, hear them read and give a lot of help with maths." Beth also assists with cleaning and watching over the children during their lunch break and after school.

This young lady is very wise for her age and has a message she would like to get out to other young people: "If anyone feels in their heart that they would like to volunteer, it is a good learning experience not only for your college resume but to grow as a person."

Beth felt a particular calling to work with specially challenged children since one of her first cousins was born blind, she has a friend with Downs Syndrome and another friend with dyslexia. "I would like to help children with problems so that they can adjust better as they grow up. I feel upset when I see people being treated badly," she says.

Mrs. Major is very impressed with Beth's volunteerism. "It is admirable that somebody of Beth's age figures out what she wants to do and donates a whole year of her time to our kids. She will make a great Special Education teacher."



Beth Albury took a year after high school to volunteer as a teacher's aide at the Every Child Counts School in Marsh Harbour. She plans to study Special Education when she attends college in September.

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## Auction Winner Receives Rolex



Two new fire trucks have recently been acquired for Abaco thanks to the effort and generosity of Mr. Tim Carrere, who helped get the trucks from the Carolinas to Florida and then ultimately across to Abaco. One was delivered to the Hope Town Volunteer Fire and Rescue and one to Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue. This past February a Rolex watch was auctioned

off by the Hope Town Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and Mr. Carrere was the lucky winner. He and his family visited Hope Town this past month and a dinner was held in his honour at which time he was presented with his watch. Several Elbow Cay businesses contributed to the success of the event and the Hope Town Volunteer Fire and Rescue would like to thank all who helped in any way. Shown here are Fire Chief Bonnie Hall; Betty Schoonmaker, organizer and chef, Mr. Carrere.



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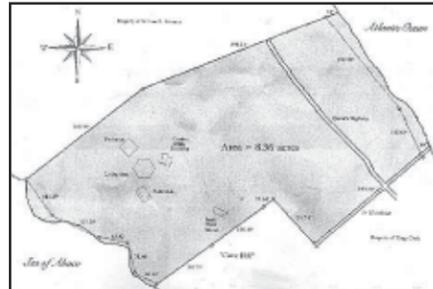
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Six-year-old Justiss McEwan was one of the competitors who competed in the Abaco Karate Academy Tournament held on April 14. He has been studying karate since October 2006 and was promoted to a yellow belt on April 12. He won the fourth place medal for his individual kata.

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## Students Attend Leadership Training



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## Red Hat Ladies Create Mermaids



On one beautiful morning in Hope Town, a group of Red Hat Ladies gathered on the beach for some fun in the sun. You are never too old to enjoy the beach. They held a competition to see who could create the loveliest mermaid. This lovely mermaid was the decided winner with all her jewels and hair. Her artists were Joette McCully and Kathy Fairman both of Hope Town. The Red Hat Ladies, some local but mostly winter residents of Hope Town meet weekly at Captain Jack's Restaurant and play cards during happy hour. Other times during the winter months they meet for lunch, crafts and volunteer work. When the snow birds return to their state homes they stay in touch with e-mail and phone calls...to meet again the following winter. Photo by Cindy Merrill

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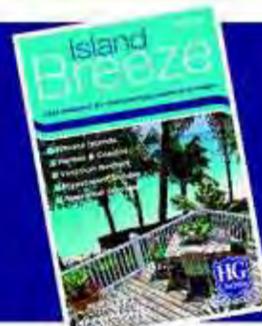


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