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Sojer Day celebrates Man-O-War's boatbuilding legacy



Above and left to right: Troy Albury, Willard Albury, Sally Eldon, Arthur Eldon, Robert Sweeting, Jeremy Sweeting, Senator Gary Sawyer, Min. of Tourism the Hon. Obie Wilchcombe and Abaco Senior Island Administrator Preston Cunningham standing in front of Man-O-War's Wall of Heroes. This year Maurice Albury was honoured with a plaque on the Wall.

By Jennifer Hudson

The people of Man O War Cay celebrated their third biennial Sojer Day on April 13. This day is set apart every two years to celebrate the Cay and its heritage and this year Man O War Cay's boatbuilding legacy was its particular focus. A great deal of time and effort was put in by the committee organizing a day full of very interesting events highlighting its past.

The day began with an opening ceremony at 10 am on the volleyball court. The special guest was the Honourable Obie Wilchcombe, Minister of Tourism. During his keynote address he thanked the people of Man O War Cay on behalf of the people of The Bahamas for what this community is doing and drew attention to Man O War's great reputation for boat building.

"The boating industry has been an important source of our growth and development long before the advent of the airplane," he stated and he was presented with a half model of a boat which had been crafted by Andy Albury.

He praised the honouree of the day, Scott Weatherford, for building a legacy; "He did what he did and believed in it, it was his passion. He has given his heart and

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Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta set sail in Marsh Harbour



Sailors enjoyed two days of perfect weather for the 23rd Annual Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta in Marsh Harbour's harbour. This year Andrew Wilhoyte took his second straight trophy in the Sunfish Class and Branden Sands took first in the Opti Class. For the full story see page 2.

Sandy Point Community Meeting details South Abaco issues



Above and left to right: Michael Lightbourn, Administrator Joshua Smith, Stanley White, Greg Kelly, Wynsome Darville, David Knowles.

By Jennifer Hudson

A community meeting was held in the J.A. Pinder Primary School at Sandy Point on March 26 for all of the communities of South Abaco. Presenters were David Knowles, Bahamas National Trust; Wynsome Ferguson, Ministry of Tourism; Greg Kelly, Schooner Bay; Michael Lightbourn of Lightbourn Family Farms and Administrator for South Abaco, Joshua Smith. Moderating the meeting was Stanley White, Chief Councilor for South Abaco.

Following an opening prayer by John Hudson, Local Government Chairman for the Township of Cherokee Sound, Casuarina Point and Bahama Palm Shores, David Knowles presented a brief overview of

what is happening in South Abaco.

His first topic was national parks. He stated that of the 27 national parks managed by the Bahamas National Trust, six of these are in Abaco with two more proposals and one proposed conservation area.

"The Abaco National Park, which is situated close to Sandy Point, is a priority for the BNT," stated Mr. Knowles. "We will be implementing trails, identifying places of interest and trying to get the community interested and involved in the National Park. We want to promote the parks as an ecotourism industry which will include nature tour guides, kayaking, a business centre and the opportunity for people

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Good attendance brings tough competition to Homer Lowe Regatta

By Timothy Roberts

The Twenty-third consecutive Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta saw ideal weather and wind and good participation as Hope Town's Andrew Wilhoyte took his second straight trophy in the Sunfish Class and Branden Sands took first in the Opti Class during the two day competition at Marsh Harbour on April 6 and 7.

After the skipper's meeting at Snappas the sailors wasted no time in getting right into the racing. In the Sunfish Class Dwayne Wallas took the first win of the day but Andrew Wilhoyte took races two through four on Saturday placing him at

a comfortable advantage. During the second day of racing Dwayne Wallas took the first race putting him ahead of Jim Kaighin overall and Andrew Wilhoyte put the exclamation point on the regatta winning the final race of the day.

Andrew was grateful for his second consecutive win of the regatta and took the opportunity to encourage the junior sailors. "This is the twelfth year I have sailed in the regatta; since I was a junior. I want to encourage all of you [juniors] to keep at it; keep sailing. You guys sailed a great race."

In the Opti Class Joey Gale, last year's winner, won the first race and Branden Sands, from Cherokee, won the second race before the lunch break at Snappas. Joey and Branden traded firsts in races three and four and the points were



Andrew Wilhoyte, left, and Branden Sands, right winners of the Sunfish Class and Opti Class, respectively.



Above: competitors in the Opti Class division.

tight in the Opti Class.

On day two twelve year-old Branden Sands won the last two races sewing-up the regatta in the Opti Class. Joey Gale came second and William Cash finished 3rd, just 2 points ahead of 4th place Opti sailor Chloe Sweeting.

Branden said that it was a really great experience and "we did a lot of stuff in this one that we didn't do in the last one. I feel I did really good - I did my best."

The large group of moored boats in the harbour really enjoyed watching the races up close. Racers would sometimes be just inches from the spectator fleet, so they got real familiar with the sailors and

were cheering the competitors on while taking pictures.

The Regatta committee is made up of Liann Key Kaighin, Lenore and David Mulock, who also ran the race committee boat, and James and Anne Pleydell-Bouvierie assisted with setting the marks on the race course as well.

The committee thanked the assistance of Faron Sawyer and Rhonda Hull. Snappas is always a great place to host an event and worked out well as regatta headquarters for the weekend, thanks again to Bill Albury. Participants came from Marsh Harbour, Hope Town, Man-O-War and Cherokee

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to sell goods produced locally which will be of great economic benefit for the community.”

The two new proposed parks are also in South Abaco; one is the Blue Hole at Sawmill Sink and the other is the East Abaco Creeks which is the only mangrove system on the east side of Abaco. The proposed conservation area is the Cross Harbour Creeks system and the area offshore.

“This is a major spawning area for bonefish and we want to protect against major developments. The proposal was put forward by the Abaco Flyfishing Guide Association along with Friends of the Environment and we are moving forward with government on this proposal. The Marls are also being put forward as a protected area and we welcome comments,” he stated.

Another project in which the Bahamas National Trust is involved is the light-house at Hole in the Wall.

“This is dear to everyone. We are interested in seeing it restored and are trying to keep this a high priority with the government. Our major goal is to develop it as a touristic product.”

The Bahamas National trust wants to establish a heritage trail from one end of Abaco to the other. This trail will visit places of interest and tell stories and provide an interesting activity for visitors to Abaco. The Ministry of tourism is a major stakeholder in this.

Presently there is a two-year forestry initiative project being carried out headed by a consultant from the Netherlands. Genetic work has proved that Abaco has the best pine in the Bahamas. The first year will be training and second year a pilot project which will be a fairly large-scale operation of selective harvesting from the forest. Persons will also be trained to work on the project.

Mr. Knowles concluded his talk by inviting everyone, especially groups, to do a field trip to the Abaco National Park which eventually will include trails, directional signs and a campsite among other amenities. Marcus Davis can be contacted at the BNT Abaco office to arrange trips.

Wynsome Darville covered items of interest to South Abaco which included the formation of the bonefish counsel for which Benjamin Pratt will be Executive Director.

“The Ministry sees the need to protect this very special treasure and encourages all bonefish guides to be a part of the council,” she stated.

Her next topic was coastal awareness month and the efforts to bring an awareness of the importance of protecting the coastline and doing cleanups. April 20 is the date designated for the cleanup of beaches in South Abaco between 8:00 am and 10:00 am. Garbage bags will be provided by the Ministry of Tourism.

The coastal cleanup is affiliated to ‘Keep America Beautiful’ and The Bahamas must participate in order to keep their standing with this important American entity.

‘Sun, Sand and Sea Flying’ was a proposed activity to take place at the airport in Sandy Point from April 4 - 7. People from the United States and Bahamas who fly model planes as a hobby were invited to participate and persons from the Sandy Point community will have the opportunity to profit by setting up food and local produce stalls.

Glen Kelly, Schooner Bay Town Manager, stated that the Commons of South Abaco is a foundation formed to take care of 100 acres of Crown land on Schooner Bay to serve as an economic em-

powerment zone for the people of South Abaco. This can provide opportunities for businesses such as light manufacturing, agriculture, recreational activities and waste management. He stated that the most successful business to date is the Lightbourn Family Farm and invited Michael Lightbourn to speak on this project.

“My wife and I started the farm five years ago in an area close to spring city but last October we moved the operation to the Commons at Schooner Bay because of the opportunities offered there. We do both raised bed and hydroponic farming which enables us to grow a large variety of produce 11 months out of the year. We grow solely for the local community and market and do not export produce abroad. Diet is a big part of living a better life so eating healthy and buying fresh is very important. Food security is big in today’s world,” he commented.

Mr. Lightbourn offered an invitation to all to visit his farm at Schooner Bay from Monday to Friday to see the operation, take kids to participate in hands-on activities and purchase freshly grown vegetables.

South Island Solar is another of Mr. Lightbourn’s business ventures. He has just supplied the Blackfly Bone Fishing Lodge at Schooner Bay with a solar system and will offer information on solar to anyone interested. “Solar has changed from 10 years ago; it is now more feasible and affordable,” he stated

Administrator Smith closed out the meeting by imparting several pieces of information applicable to South Abaco.

1. A constitutional committee will be visiting Abaco on April 25 and will hold meetings in North and Central Abaco and on Moores Island. Mr. Smith stated: “It is important for everyone to know their rights as they govern your life and people can take away your rights if you do not know them. I encourage everyone to attend one of these meetings.”

2. He reiterated that the Sandy point airport will be closed between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm on April 4-7 to accommodate the hobby pilots.

3. The Declaration of Exigency has been extended from February 4 for another 90 days. After that no more items pertaining to Hurricane Sandy will be allowed to be brought in duty free.

4. The Ministry of Youth is trying to strengthen the organization of youth in the Bahamas. There will be a training workshop in Abaco from April 21-25 to train people ages 16 to 29. This is in order for the government to train young people before they lend money for businesses. Five persons are to be recommended from South Abaco and Mr. Smith has requested local government council members to seek out persons to be recommended.

Time was then allotted for a question and answer period and topics such as the Sandy Point fire truck, fire training, a possible bank at Schooner Bay, and developments and opportunities for South Abaco were discussed. The meeting closed with a presentation by Greg Kelly on behalf of the Commons of Schooner Bay.

At a previous community meeting in Sandy Point chess instructor Spurgeon Dames had expressed the desire to provide a meaningful recreational activity for the people of that community. This presentation was as a result of that request and consisted of chess sets and instructional books.

Mr. Dames desires to form a community chess club for all ages and all abilities from beginners to advanced. It is proposed that this will take place all year every Saturday from 6 pm until. Mr. Dames can be contacted at 366 4386.

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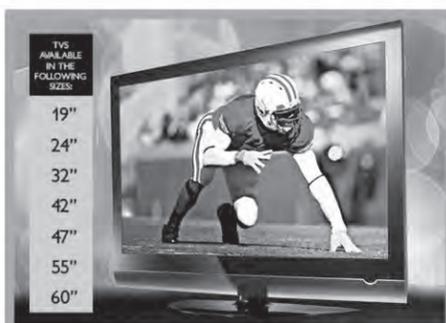
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Horticultural Society meeting marks record attendance

By Mirella Santillo

The March meeting of the Horticultural Society took place on Saturday March 16 at the Lightbourn Farm at Schooner Bay. Over sixty people attended, comprised of members and several guests, the most people ever to come to a meeting.

As people arrived, they were directed to the parking lot and then driven by golf carts to the site of the farm where rows of cabbages, peppers, tomatoes and okras among other vegetables caught the eyes of the new comers.

The meeting started with President Ximena Thompson welcoming the assembly. She explained the function of the Society for the new guests and gave an update of the agenda for the next two months. There will be a demonstration on orchid repotting at her house on April 13 and a visit to Leanne Key's Emerald Organics Ltd. near Cherokee, May 11.

It was decided that the auction would be performed before the farm's visit, so Gardener Jack proceeded to offer a variety of plants, among them mint, Cuban thyme, Shasta Daisy, Madagascar Olive, aloes, different species of bromeliads and more which were rapidly bought.

Michael Lightbourn then gave a synopsis of the farm's history, from when it was created a few years ago "in the bush", accessible only by a three mile drive on a road full of potholes. Since then, Michael and Jennifer Lightbourn have become a regular presence in March Harbour offer-

ing fresh produce available at Abaco Groceries and at the monthly Da Market held in front of the Bahamas National Trust Office.

When they were approached by Schooner Bay project Manager, Glen Kelly, offering them to relocate to the resort, they accepted readily, loving the easy access to Ernest Dean Highway and the limited amount of clearing to do. They moved six months ago and through hard work, they now have a thriving operation that is still growing together with their popularity, spread through word of mouth by their regular customers.

The tour took the visitors among the raised beds of sand and humus soil where certain vegetables were growing and to the hydroponic area where stacked towers overflowed with several species of tomato plants, various salads, and peppers. They are irrigated through pipes carrying fertilizer and water monitored by a central system that controls the right amount of each to supply. The tour also included a visit to the nurseries and a fruit orchard.

Soil and nursery plants' irrigation is provided by water treated through reverse osmosis. There is also a rain water cistern on site used for construction, landscaping, even for fire-fighting as it had become needed during the first two weeks of March.

Mr. Kelly, who also attended the meeting, gave information about the farm's setting and the resort. He explained that the Lightbourns bought the ornamentals and natives that were contained in the two green houses. Those plants were grown to supply homeowners with landscaping material. Some have already been resold to

new sites owners by the Lightbourns.

While her husband conducted the tour, Jennifer was putting together whatever people had ordered: Romaine lettuce, several kinds of tomatoes, sweet peppers, mix greens, dill and more were getting ready to be picked up after lunch. The lunch was served at the Beach Cabana. Approximately thirty people were taken by golf carts to the small restaurant located near the beach. There was eating al fresco on a terrace or inside but from both locations enjoyed a fantastic view and a cool breeze.

The farm is open six days a week (closed on Sunday). People are welcome to come and buy produce directly from the farm. Mr. Lightbourn said that eventually people will be able to pick their vegetables.

Sandy Point hosts model airplane show

On April 4 - 7 local model airplane enthusiasts from across Abaco traveled to the Sany Point airport to show off their sets and meet fellow enthusiasts. The airport was closed down from 10am to 4 pm on each of these days.

Though a larger crowd was expected, those who attended nevertheless had fun flying and watching the miniature machines take flight.



Above: a young boy sits next to one of the model planes during the event at the Sandy Point Airstrip.



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North Abaco

Grand Cay Homecoming brings community together

By Vernique Russell

The residents of the most northern settlement in Abaco, Grand Cay, welcomed visitors to its shores for their annual Easter festivities. Every year during the Easter holiday weekend, the settlement celebrates its homecoming.

The homecoming provides an opportunity for residents to come together for fellowship and reunions. The festivities began on Thursday evening and ended on Monday, April 1. Activities for the homecoming included gospel concerts, a church service and a talent night.

Many residents from the mainland of Abaco and Grand Bahama joined the locals for the festivities.

The weekend was enjoyed by all who attended and organizers were once again appreciative for the support they continue to receive and the chance to bring people of the soil home in the spirit of fellowship and wholesome fun filled activities.

The homecoming has been celebrated for over 15 years.

Beth Dixon in Concert entertains Treasure Cay

By Vernique Russell

Cay Events in Treasure Cay finished their season of events on April 3 with their signature event for the spring season: Beth

Dixon in concert. The concert was held at the community center in Treasure Cay. Attendees came from as far as Central Abaco to enjoy the fun filled evening.

The event was well attended and guests were in for a treat.

Ms. Dixon treated the attendees a stupendous evening of music. She performed 16 rags and waltzes. The event was followed the popular ice cream social that brought all the men out. Cd's from the evening are available for resale at the Rose Mary Roberts Library.

Proceeds from the evening will aid both the community center and Cay Events. Hilda Sachno, chairperson of the Cay Event Board, said it has been a very successful season. The committee will be in November of this year for another exciting season of events.

Top of the Bay Fest held in Crown Haven

By Vernique Russell

Top of the Bay Restaurant came to life as it joined the Kalik family in igniting the 40 year celebrations. We will celebrate 40 years as a country and Kalik is also celebrating its 40th birthday as the "Beer of the Bahamas." With that in mind, Top of the Bay and Burns House took the celebration train to Crown Haven.

On Thursday, April 4, many local residents in North Abaco traveled to Crown Haven to be a part of the celebration. The celebration began at 4pm and

went well into early morning of April 5. Many specials were on the drink menu and delicious food was also available for sale.

The event was a great success and party-goers enjoyed the electrified atmosphere of the celebration.

Top of the Bay will host more events leading up to our 40th Anniversary of Independence.

New sign installed in Treasure Cay

By Vernique Russell

The Treasure Cay Community Center is proud to boast that they are now home to a brand new, beautiful sign located in the front of the building. The sign was the joint effort of the Rose Mary Roberts Library, the Community Church and the Cay Events Committee and was funded by the aforementioned boards.

The sign hosts community happenings boards for each entity. The sign has a light on the inside that comes to life at night. A beautiful sunset scene is also displayed on the sign with the name of the wall with the inscription, 'Treasure Cay Community Center, Est. 1970'.

The committees are proud to have accomplished their goal and bringing recognition to the center. They wish to say thank you to all those who contributed to the success of the sign and wall.

Letters to the Editor

Booths for Books

Dear Editor;

Thank you for the very enthusiastic write up concerning the Yard Sale held on March 2. I will attempt to give you a brief history of this event and the Library's connection.

The Yard Sale was started mainly to fund the Treasury Cay Library; helping to purchase supplies, equipment and of course books. It started 20 plus years ago, the brainchild of Jerry Roberts, his wife Rose Mary and other ardent supporters. Everyone has spare items in their homes which they hate to part with carelessly but for a good cause such as our Library they have donated their goodies to the sale, benefiting themselves and their library, a very much loved and respected institution in Treasure Cay.

This annual event has morphed into the rather large event witnessed on March 2. It has grown so much that the Library Committee this year along with support from Treasure Cay Limited actively controlled the number of vendors. This sale has always historically been the first Saturday in March and will most likely continue to do so.

The library was named in honour of Rose Mary Roberts upon her passing early 2001. We here in Treasure Cay love our little library which we boast to be very complete and up-to-date, in fact visitors from away have said that it is much better than theirs back home.

We are housed in the Treasure Cay Community Centre and operate under their auspices, contributing towards the Centre.

Our thanks this year, as always, to our many volunteer helpers who man the largest 'booth' at the sale, to the other vendors, purchasers and of course Treasure Cay Limited for providing the space and security.

Respectfully,
Virginia Curry
Head Librarian

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From the Editor's Desk // Hand Line



lure of the big billfish is just too much to overcome, and the rolling seas are no deterrent: that's what makes these tournaments so much fun.

As those big, beautiful, sports-fishing yachts make their way to Abaco, the Guana Cay leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championship being the first event in the season's lineup, I can only hope for fair weather and jolly spirits. It's no secret that these events have a great impact on our season. Depending on the fuel, food, libations and bait that the sports-fishers consume and the shopping and restaurant trips their spouses and children engage in, we could see a great couple months.

But don't let the sight of the "big boys" out there fishing with custom rigs and state-of-the-art rods get you down. You can have plenty of fun without all that hardware.

If you are a guest to our beautiful islands there are plenty of charter boat captains who are more than happy to take you and your family or buddies out to see all the true secret spots. Check page 23, we have many of these guides listed.

And if you are a local, again don't fret. Yes these are our waters to protect, conserve and market to visitors. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't grab your son or daughter this weekend, go down the shore and throw out a hand line with some conch reds as bait.

It doesn't matter what you catch.

Pick up next month's "The Abaconian" for a likely more serious-in-tone editorial. It'll likely be something about the "Dig Up" roads (as the song goes) or the incredible feet-dragging being witnesses at the airport construction.

In the meantime: go fishing.

Glance over, just off to the right, and look at that community calendar. April and May sure are shaping up to be quite busy, no? In particular you might notice all the fishing tournaments.

Yes, tournament season is here. A time when it is completely accepted, encouraged even, to spend hours out in the boat several days in a row just fishing with your buddies. But make no mistake: it is serious business. There is a lot of money flying around during tournament season. The cost just to enter some of these tournaments automatically sets the bar for how serious these things are.

Luckily for me, I love hand line fishing just as much if not more than taking to the high seas. So I don't have to worry about dropping a couple dozen grand to have fun.

But I know many, many people love the thrill of that chase. When the

Community Calander

- April 13: Elder Sherwood Simms Basketball Tournament
- April 13: Youth Baseball Association Fun Day & Cookout (BAIC Park)
- April 12: Schooner Bay Clinic Opening
- April 15: National Arts Festival Starts
- April 16: Patrons Day
- April; 16: Benefit Concert at Grace Gymnasium
- April 19: Angels Academy Spring Fling Wine & Cheese Event
- April 24: Community Meeting concerning garbage on the highway
- April 14-19: Bahamas Billfish Championship: Guana Cay Leg
- April 21: Chester Thompson Memorial (Elbow Cay)
- April 18-27: Abaco Anglers Fishing Tournament
- April 25: Cracker P's Full Moon Party (Cut out ad for free rum punch see B Page 19)
- April 23-27: Hatteras Bertram Shootout Tournament
- April 25-27: Man-O-War Offshore Tournament
- April 27: Rotary Club of Abaco Souse Out (Snappas Bar & Grill)
- April 29-May 2: Guy Harvey Invitational Tournament
- May 3: Island Roots Heritage Festival (Green Turtle Cay)
- May 7-11: Little Harbour Dolphin Derby
- May 18: Abaco Artists Little Harbour Show

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Letters to the Editor

Abaco has spoken: NO COYOTES!

The story which ran on this page in the April 1 Edition, also known as the *April Fools* Edition, was about a group wanting to import coyotes to Abaco. After serious backlash from the community the group has scrapped the plan.

Coyote Ugly

Dear Editor:

I was dismayed to read the article in the April 1 edition about the potential introduction of coyotes into Abaco to control the feral raccoon population.

Abaconians, we must not be stampeded by these Texans. Like that other invasive species, the casuarina tree, we must learn to accept raccoons for what they are - an annoyance that won't stop multiplying.

I would suggest that an alternative to the coyotes would be the Feral Raccoon Usage Management Program. FRUMP humanely captures the animals and holds them for future beneficial use of which there are many.

For example, I understand that a recent issue of Bon Appetit has a tasty recipe that incorporates raccoon with peas-n-rice.

Further, a cottage industry could emerge with the making of retro caps that anyone over 60 would recognize. The caps, complete with tail to protect one's neck from the sun, could start a new fashion trend internationally.

A central holding location would be needed. And, now that all the potholes in

Marsh Harbour have been repaired, people driving faster will injure more raccoons, thus also necessitating a place for them to be nursed back to health for future use.

I would propose the new Marsh Harbour Airport Terminal as an available temporary shelter, at least until the Terminal is completed in the next 4 or 5 years.

Remember that feral raccoons joining feral cats produce that rare breed, the Great rac-cat whose nighttime banshee-like screams drowns out those annoying midnight-crowling roosters.

So, send those coyotes packing.

Sincerely
Davy Crockett

A situation to confront

Dear Editor;

It was great to be back home again, even as a visitor. On more than one occasion I have suggested a solution to address the growing illegal Haitian population.

Having had two Haitian godchildren for 20 years I myself have been deep inside the mud, which is a huge city within a city. Every woman I saw was carrying a child and pregnant with another one. This is a real situation that requires addressing, not avoiding. I understand now that the gangs within the mud have contact with the Colombians and are now the drug dealers. Our schools and hospitals are filled with people not of our country.

The solution, I believe, is to first build a Haitian Social Services Office by the Auskell Clinic and staff it with a Hai-

tian counselor to advise people and be the community liaison with the Commissioner's Office and Immigration.

Next is to build a square U-shaped concrete set of single story apartments, give the first ten houses in the mud notice, move them into the housing, and bulldoze the first ten houses. Those people would then pay rent to the owners of that land or be evicted. Then repeat the process until the mud is finished.

I also suggest that the Defense Force also put some recruitment posters up and get some fellows in the mud to join up and have anonymous intel.

I only hope that Commissioner appoints an Engineer and a qualified Project Manager and he will go down in history as the person who finally solved this most serious problem.

Best,
Concerned Observer

In Full Support of Wiley Coyote, The Abaco Mascot.

Dear Editor;

I was so happy to see that a group of investors looking to ensure their own tax breaks were considerate enough to want to bring another invasive species to Abaco, a truly wonderful idea!!

I am not sure how much a couple dozen coyotes cost, but if they are already wild and hunted, they should be fairly cheap to purchase so I am not sure how the big tax breaks will be explained, but it is a great idea!

It is a wonderful idea as the poor hungry Coyotes have already eaten all the raccoons, squirrels, rabbits in their natural habitat and are looking for warmer, bluer waters in Abaco. It will be sooooo nice for them.

I spend a lot of time exploring Abaco and in my estimation the most densely raccoon population areas are in North Abaco, due to the food in the Coppice land and on the shore/mangroves, which support one raccoon per acre? So if Mr. Coyote eats one raccoon per week for one year....soon Mr. & Mrs. Coyote will be hungry again.

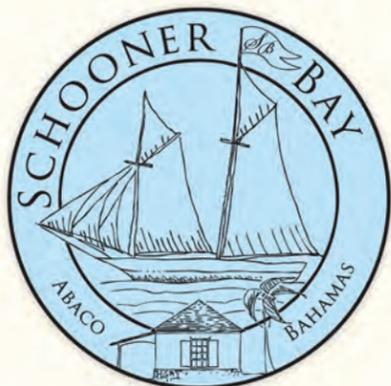
But it is an excellent idea to import coyotes as they will all sign an agreement not to eat wild hogs, domestic goats, sheep, pigs, parrots and small children when they become hungry. It is a good idea as coyotes are excellent swimmers and maybe we can train them to also dive and eat the invasive lion fish!

It is interesting to note that coyotes can breed with dogs and the offspring are called coydogs which in turn can also breed!

I have come across packs of wild dogs that appear to be hunting raccoons/cats but have also been dangerously aggressive to me also. Hmmm, but once you stay out of the coyotes was you will be fine.

Brining in coyotes is a fantastic idea as I also hear there are coyote hunts in the U.S. to reduce their troublesome population. Now we have a new niche in Tourism, "The Great Abaco Coyote Hunt" held annually between the months of January to December.

Please see Coyote Page 20



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soul to the community," stated Mr. Wilchcombe. He also saluted Dave Gale for being awarded the Ministry of Tourism's Cacique Lifetime Achievement Award.

Second homeowners were also praised by Mr. Wilchcombe who thanked them for being a part of Man O War Cay. "Our country would not be where it is today without them," he commented.

Senator Gary Sawyer, who hails from a Man O War Cay boatbuilding family, also brought remarks. He described the cay as; "A peaceful, tranquil community which is a gem of the Bahama Islands." He noted how the boatbuilding trade is evident even in the carpentry of today.

Edison Key, Member of Parliament for Central & South Abaco, stated that he also has roots in Man O War Cay as this is where his grandmother was from. He commented that some of the finest boatbuilding craftsmen are from Man O War Cay and that it is too bad that the younger generation is not carrying on this old tradition.

He remembered the day when a person could buy an 11 foot dinghy for £3.12 shillings whereas nowadays a 3 foot long model will cost \$500. He congratulated the residents on the cleanliness of the island showing the pride they have in their island.

A highlight of each Sojer Day ceremony is the presentation of the 'Lifetime Achievement Award'. This year the honoree was Scott Weatherford and his biography was read by his granddaughter Mailin Sands.

Mr. Weatherford is the third child of seven born on May 18, 1944 to Arthur and

Marie Weatherford. He was described as a well-respected entrepreneur, Justice of the Peace, church leader, skipper, boat-builder and an all-around contributor to his community. In 2009 he was awarded the Queen's Certificate and Badge of Honour for his outstanding and dedicated community service. Scott Weatherford practically grew up in a boatyard and at the age of 15 when he finished school he became a full-time employee at the boatyard later on becoming part owner after Uncle Will passed away.

In 1975 Mr. Weatherford sold the boatyard and started a new business, Man O War Hardware which he owned and operated until 1980 when he took on a new venture in Marsh Harbour. Together with a few partners he bought Sea Breeze Ltd and renamed it Standard Hardware. In the late 80s he became the sole owner of Standard Hardware and remained so until 1996 when he sold it to William Billy Lowe but he remains there today managing the day-to-day business of the company. He stated that he was humbled to have been recognized in this way.

Each Sojer Day another plaque is added to the Wall of Heroes. This year a plaque honouring Maurice Albury was added. Glenn Albury, Maurice's grandson, read his biography which stated that he became one of the finest boat builders of our time building his first boat at the age of 14. Not only is he noted for building sailing dinghies and sloops, he leaves behind a great legacy in the wonderful families who live on and carry out his boat building legacy.

Musical performances added to the enjoyment of this informative ceremony



Left to right: Scott Weatherford, MP Edison Key, Senator Gary Sawyer, Arthur Eldon, Min. Obie Wilchcombe.

which was ably moderated by Masters of Ceremony Arthur Eldon and Jeremy Sweeting. The children of the Small World Learning Centre and Man O War Primary School presented selections as did second homeowners Pete and Dorothy Lund. Mr. and Ms. Lund, who sang and played guitar and banjo respectively, have written many songs about their beloved Man O War Cay, one of which was sung by the schoolchildren and which has now become Man O War's unofficial anthem.

Dave Gale made a presentation of the original light from the North East and Dickey's Cay Point to the Man O War Museum which was gratefully accepted by museum docent Chana Albury.

Many interesting activities had been organized following the opening ceremony that it was possible to spend the entire day becoming immersed in the history of Man

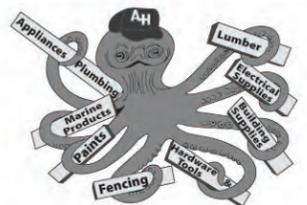
O War Cay. All along the sea road from Edwin's boat yard #2 to Joe's studio many Man O War built boats were on display including the Abaco Rage, Lady Di, Rough Waters and Bananaquit.

At Edwin's home shed there was a photo display of 'Then and Now' and at Edwin's boat yard #2 an historical slideshow was presented with another photo display. At Joe Albury's studio antiques were showcased and he gave demonstrations on sisal rope making and the old-time way of sharpening tools. There was also a display of sculling in the harbour.

An interesting historic self-guided walking tour took one throughout the whole settlement to visit various landmarks and admire many historic residences. The Man O War Marina was the venue for an art and craft show and food, fun and games.

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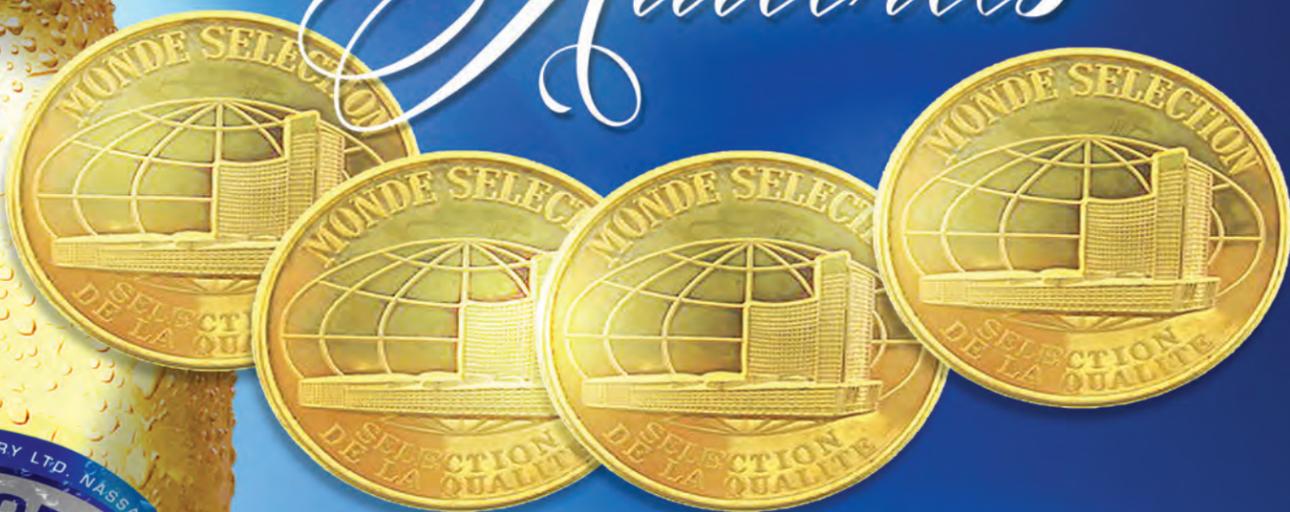
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TREASURE CAY WINDWARD BEACH 90 ft of beach frontage. Beautiful rock walls on the beach & road. Utilities a boundaries. **WEB: 4000039430 US\$599,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY BAHAMA BEACH CLUB 3, 4 & 5 bed luxury condos on beach with great views & every imaginable amenity. Pool & Bar. **WEB: 4000019527 Starting at US\$490,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY ROYAL PALM 2404 LIKE NEW Canalfront 3b 3b. 1220 Sq. Ft. condo overlooking marina. Dock & Storage closet. Furnished. **WEB: 4000038194 US\$520,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO LITTLE HARBOUR HOME Ocean Views 3b/2b **WEB: 4000013799 \$379,000.** LITTLE HARBOUR COTTAGE 2b 2b w/ generator, needs TLC. **WEB: 4000013802 \$199,000.** Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO SCHOONER BAY 100 Acre Beachfront parcel plus adjoining 46 lot gated beachfront subdivision. **WEB: 4000039063** George.Damianos@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO SCHOONER BAY Lot #3, Beachfront lot 9,403 sq. ft., is 83 feet at its widest on the harbour by 140 feet deep. **WEB: 4000015986 \$685,000.** Info.Bahamas@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO LITTLE BRIDGE BEACHFRONT - SCHOONER BAY LOT 507 Oceanfront lot 5,319 sq. ft., 60' x 84'. **WEB: 4000015990 \$394,000.** Info.Bahamas@SothebysRealty.com



SOUTH ABACO CASUARINA POINT JR'S BONEFISH COTTAGES Duplex with two 2b/1b apartments, dock & beach access. Great rental. Both for \$650,000. **WEB: 4000039026 \$350,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



TILLOO CAY LOT 22 Great price on a waterfront lot. Nicely elevated for fantastic views. Community dock. **WEB: 4000039059 US\$137,500.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



LUBBERS QUARTERS WILL'S PLACE II Quality built 3b 3b home with huge deck for entertaining. Serene ambience & amazing views. **WEB: 4000031430 US\$595,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



LUBBERS QUARTERS PINK PALM Retreat to this 2b 1b beach bungalow w/ dock. The beach & ocean at your doorstep. **WEB: 4000036604 US\$585,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



LUBBERS QUARTERS GARDEN COTTAGE Unbelievable price for two cottages with beautiful beach and dockage. Excellent rental history. **WEB: 4000015917 US\$299,000.** Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY SONBREAKERS 6b 5b home on 135ft of beach in Orchid Bay. Fantastic snorkelling right at your back door. Great rental. **WEB: 4000028041 US\$2,500,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY SHORE THING 3b 1.5b elevated home with views of the Atlantic and access to private beach. Great Rental. **WEB: 4000034484 US\$575,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY HARBOUR VIEW HAVEN Triplex & cottage with excellent income potential. Room to expand. Convenient location. **WEB: 4000035871 US\$475,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY TRIPLE COTTAGE Rustic Beach cottages, minutes walk from mile long sandy beach, close to all amenities. Good rental. **WEB: 4000030363 US\$380,000.** Jane.Patterson@SothebysRealty.com



MAN-O-WAR CAY ANNE BONNY Charming down east 3 bed cottage with 360 degree views. Protected dock for two boats. **WEB: 4000014286 US\$950,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MAN-O-WAR CAY TROGLDYTE 1.01 acres sea to sea at Cave Hill. 130 ft of beach front. 80 ft dock with boat lift. **WEB: 4000026419 US\$950,000.** Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



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MARSH HARBOUR IGGY BIGGY PROPERTY, BUILDINGS ONLY 3 storefronts & 2 apartments centrally located. Great income potential. WEB: 4000020754 US\$1,140,000. Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR ROBYN'S NEST, THE RESIDENCES Uniquely crafted 2b 2.5b residence is equipped w/the finest furnishings and fittings. WEB: 4000028012 US\$1,000,000. Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR CHATTERBOX, PELICAN SHORES Two bed 2.5 bath. Panoramic view of Fanny Bay. Cabana with summer kitchen. WEB: 4000024885 US\$1,000,000. Kristi.Wong@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR DOOR PRIZE, GREAT ABACO CLUB Uniquely private 3b 3b on double lot with 2 large boat slips. WEB: 4000039374 US\$950,000. Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



MARSH HARBOUR YELLOWFIN, GREAT ABACO CLUB Best buy on the market! 3b 2b on double deep water canal lot with large pool. WEB: 4000028479 US\$899,000. Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY FINAL APPROACH Canalfront 5b 4b 4,880sq. ft. home with 100 ft dock. **Seller says bring offers.** WEB: 4000012155 US\$1,500,000. Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY CAMELOT BEACHFRONT 3b 3b, 2600 sq.ft. airy & bright, great value home. Includes car, golf cart & lots more. Furnished. WEB: 4000039232 US\$1,249,000. Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY BEACHFRONT LOTS Banyan Beach commercial lot opposite golf course. WEB: 4000036623 US\$1,200,000. SUNRISE POINT LOT 1 WEB: 4000030636 US\$549,000. Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY SAIL 'A VIE Canalfront 3b 2b, 1994 sq.ft. airy & bright, good value home enjoys exceptional privacy w/ dock & boat lift. Furnished. WEB: 4000038012 US\$920,000. Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY TREASURED TIMES 3b 3b, furnished canalfront home. Dock w/utilities. Lots on 2 sides can be purchased. Updated like new. WEB: 4000010953 US\$820,000. Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY RESIDENTIAL LOTS St. Andrew's Golf Course lots - \$35,000. Canalfront Galleon Bay lots - \$235,000. Sunrise Point beachfront - \$925,000. Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



WINDING BAY HOPE COTTAGE 4b 4b home in Ritz Carlton's Winding Bay with every imaginable option included. WEB: 4000016528 US\$1,500,000. Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



WINDING BAY THE ABACO CLUB LOT #30 Great dune elevation, 1.6 acres. Close to Buster's Beach Bar & all amenities. WEB: 4000013409 US\$1,300,000. Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



WINDING BAY THE ABACO CLUB LOT #32 Best priced beachfront estate lot available. This property encompasses over 1.5 acres. WEB: 4000025888 US\$1,050,000. Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



WINDING BAY THE ABACO CLUB Exclusive resort overlooking fabulous 18 hole links golf course & stunning beachfront. Starting at US\$850,000. Bill.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



TILLOO CAY TRANQUILITY Stunning views from this 2b 2b home on 3 3/4 acres with pool, 80-foot dock & private boat basin. WEB: 4000021760 US\$850,000. Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



TILLOO CAY BLUE DOUBLOONS Waterfront 2-storey 2 BR 2 bath home. Decks for entertaining, A/C, 15kW generator, golf-cart & boat. Turnkey. WEB: 4000031079 US\$765,000. Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



TILLOO CAY BEACHWOOD COTTAGE Enjoy picturesque sunsets from this cozy 1 bedroom 1 bath waterfront cottage with dock. WEB: 4000005832 US\$339,000. Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



TILLOO CAY LOT 17 Stunning views & deep water frontage for a large vessel. Build your island dream home on this elevated lot. WEB: 4000030533 US\$187,900. Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



TILLOO CAY TOP-A-TILLOO This property is a STEAL with amazing views & solid construction. Walking distance to dockage & beach. WEB: 4000010787 US\$159,500. Laurie.Schreiner@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY ORCHID BAY Highest elevation with panoramic views. Luxury 5 bed 4.5 bath on 4 acres. Patio and pool. Excellent rental. WEB: 4000014519 US\$2,250,000. Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY DOLPHIN VIEW & RAINBOW PARROT NEW LISTING Two homes, 7b, 6b on 1 beachfront estate, convenient location close to all amenities. WEB: 4000038083 US\$1,650,000. Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY ORCHID BAY - BAREFOOT COTTAGE 5b 4b home. Access to pool, tennis & beach. Fishing, snorkeling off private 65' dock. WEB: 4000014653 US\$1,550,000. Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY SEA SHORE VILLAS 3 townhouse villas with private swimming pool, 25' dock, cabanas, gift shop & laundromat. WEB: 4000018907 US\$950,000. Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com



GUANA CAY WATCH HILL Fantastic 3b 3b beachfront home on large lot, convenient dockage. Excellent rental. WEB: 4000038129 US\$875,000. Christopher.Albury@SothebysRealty.com

Lots, Acreage & Other Properties

MAINLAND

BAH. PALM SHRS. LOT 43 WEB: 4071 \$30,000. Bill Albury
MARSH HBR. High Rocks. Waterfront lot. WEB: 4000008281 \$599k. Bill Albury
FIRE RD. 13.6 acres. Road to bayside. WEB: 5990 \$368,500. Kristi Wong
LITTLE HBR. Waterfront 1 acre. WEB: 4000036442 \$199,500. L.Schreiner
LITTLE HBR. 1/2 acre, deeded dock. WEB: 4000020749 \$119,000. Bill Albury
PELICAN SHRS. 3 waterfront lots. WEB: 4000038353 From \$249,000. B. Albury
BAKERS CRK. LOT 18. 10 min N of MH. WEB: 4000038780 \$70,000. C. Albury
TREASURE CAY
ATLANTIS 2207 Canalfront 2 b 2b w/ dock. WEB: 4000015088 US\$ 450k. S.Sawyer
CROSSWINDS 4b 3b w/ beach views. WEB: 4000005039 US\$585k. S.Sawyer
MARINA ENTRANCE #5 Choice canalfront. WEB: 4000009545 \$270k. S.Sawyer
BRIGANTINE BAY Block 85, Lot 2. WEB: 4000030551 \$59,995. S.Sawyer
BEACH TOWNHOUSE End unit. \$349,000. WEB: 4000012691 Stan Sawyer
BLUEFIN Canalfront 3b 2b w/ dock. WEB: 4000019775 \$880,000 S.Sawyer
YELLOWFIN Canalfront 3b 2b w/ boat lift. WEB: 4000019767 \$1,250,000 S.Sawyer
PINEAPPLE POINT #5 Canalfront furnished 2b 2b ground floor unit with dock slip. WEB: 4000023098 \$695,000. Stan Sawyer
CANALWATCH Canalfront 2b, partial dock. WEB: 4000032849 \$495k. S.Sawyer
HIGH & DRY Canal view home. 1,344 sq. ft., 2 storey, 3 bed 2 bath, furnished. WEB: 4000032980 \$465,000. Stan Sawyer
ROCK POINT LANDING Waterfront 3 bed 3 bath, 3,314 sq. ft., 2 storey home. Furnished. WEB: 4000016642 US\$940,000. Stan Sawyer

ROCK PT. LOT 4 Frontage, 90 ft. WEB: 4000019391 US\$320k. Stan Sawyer
ROCK PT. LOT 7 Frontage, 90 ft. WEB: 4000032169 \$185,000. Stan Sawyer
ROCK PT. LOT 8 11,818 sf residential. WEB: 4000031389 \$185,000. S. Sawyer
WINDWARD BEACH HOME 3b 2b, 2500sf, Luxury Turnkey. WEB: 4000018918 Stan Sawyer
BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2004 Beachfront furnished 5 bed 4 bath. Covered carport. WEB: 4000012702 US\$1,195,000. Stan Sawyer
BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2032 Beachfront furnished 3 bed 3 bath. Excellent rental. WEB: 4000019527 US\$549,000. Stan Sawyer
BAH. BCH. CLUB #2018 4b 2b WEB: 4000015219 US\$715,000. S. Sawyer
BAH. BCH. CLUB #2051 Beachfront. WEB: 4000019275 US\$1,195m. Stan Sawyer
BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2054 Beachfront furnished 3b 3b. Golf cart garage. WEB: 4000016240 US\$875,000. Stan Sawyer
BAH. BCH. CLUB #2078 Beachfront WEB: 4000019500 US\$949,000. S. Sawyer
BAHAMA BEACH CLUB #2088 Furnished beachfront 4 bed 4 bath. Covered carport. WEB: 4000026852 US\$1.95m. Stan Sawyer
SURF SHACK NEW LISTING 4b 4b two storey house w/pool. US\$899,000. S.Sawyer
GREEN TURTLE CAY SOUND HARBOUR HOUSE NEW LISTING 8b 8b Sea to Sea. 2 docks. US\$3.79m Stan Sawyer
GUANA CAY
LOT 32 & 32A 90 feet on water. WEB: 4000019447 \$500,000. J.Patterson
LOT 26 22,000 sq. ft. corner lot. WEB: 4000019424 \$250,000. J.Patterson



LUBBERS QUARTERS

Abaco Ocean Club

A LOT 16 Steps away from the beach & dock on the south west side. WEB: 4000040192 \$49k. L.Schreiner
B LOT 21&22 1/2 acre within steps of the sea & dock & boat slip. WEB: 4000017223 \$149,900. L. Schreiner
C LOT 46 Waterfront oversized lot w/ room for a dock. WEB: 4000007872 \$172,500. Laurie Schreiner
D LOT 87 Interior lot. Less than 200 sq. ft. from the Sea of Abaco. WEB: 4000005135 \$99k. Laurie Schreiner
E LOT 148 Elevated lot with Sea of Abaco views WEB: 4000039728 \$90,000. Laurie Schreiner
F LOT 149 Perfect elevation for picturesque views, dockage. WEB: 4000007445 \$99,000. Laurie Schreiner



TILLOO CAY

G TILLOO BCH LOT 27 New Price Superior elevation, shared dock. WEB: 4000038102 \$75k. K. Sullivan
H TILLOO BCH LOT 22 Nicely elevated for fantastic views. WEB: 4000039059 \$137,500. L. Schreiner
I TILLOO BEACH LOT 17 Elevated, deepwater frontage. WEB: 4000030533 \$187,900. Laurie Schreiner
SOAPPOINT LOT 3 Waterfront lot elevated with 43,560 sq. ft. & dock. WEB: 4000031352 \$199,000. Laurie Schreiner



The Coalition to Protect Clifton Bay is a group of concerned individuals and organizations that are committed to preserving and protecting Clifton Bay and other common marine environments surrounding New Providence Island.

Clifton Bay is home to a world famous coral reef system and seagrass beds that rival anything found elsewhere in The Bahamas or the Caribbean. The Bay is bordered by the over 200-acre Clifton Heritage National Park which has significant historic and cultural importance.

The Coalition is involved in a number of initiatives to encourage effective land-use decisions and habitat restoration efforts that benefit the natural and human communities of The Bay.

Join us in our efforts to **protect our common marine environment!**

ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS

The Bahamian government should be commended for its foresight and commitment to preservation with the establishment of Clifton Heritage National Park. It now has a responsibility to help end and mitigate the harmful practices that currently threaten Clifton Bay and other common marine environments surrounding New Providence Island.

The Coalition to Protect Clifton Bay is advocating for proper oversight and regulation of fishing, tourism, transport, coastal development and other human activities to prevent further degradation of coral reefs and allow for the replenishment of depleted marine resources.

Our priority advocacy campaigns include promoting the establishment of the West New Providence Marine Managed Area to protect the western portion of New Providence Island and the urgent passage of an Environmental Protection Act for The Bahamas.

JOIN OUR GROWING MEMBERSHIP



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Demand an Environmental Protection Act!

Join the Coalition today and sign the petition.

Visit our website: **protectcliftonbay.org**



“Now is the time to take action”



COALITION PRIORITIES

The Coalition to Protect Clifton Bay is focused on several key priority areas in an effort to preserve and protect the area's delicate ecological environments in and around The Bay.



Supporting Community Partners

The Coalition to Protect Clifton Bay is a strong believer in supporting existing Bahamian conservation, environmental and educational organizations. The Coalition has been involved in discussions with a broad range of such partners regarding the specific needs of each organization. We will shortly be announcing a series of financial grants to existing Bahamian organizations with whom we will be partnering and the uses of such grants.

Partners include:



Protecting coral reefs

The valuable coral reef ecosystems around New Providence Island are not protected. The proliferation of algae-covered rock where vibrant, living coral once thrived is a reality that many divers are all too familiar with.

Some 3,000-year old coral reefs are as much a part of the cultural landscape of The Bahamas as they are a foundation of our biological and ecological seascape. Even before this era of rapid climate change, coral reefs experienced a variety of stresses.

The threats to coral reefs are many and include Impacts from climate change such as warming seas and coral bleaching, Sea level rise, Ocean acidification, and More frequent powerful storms. Other threats include overfishing, unmonitored damaging fishing practices, water pollution, coastal development, anchor damage and groundings from leisure boat traffic, and diver and swimmer impacts.

We will shortly be announcing a major funding initiative dedicated to the restoration of coral reefs surrounding New Providence and Andros.



Reversing harmful development impacts on Simms Point/Nygard Cay

Simms Point/Nygard Cay and EP Taylor Drive form the northern boundary of Clifton Bay. Growing from 3.25 acres in 1984 to more than 6 acres in 2010, Simms Point/Nygard Cay's expansion has come at the expense of marine habitat and has starved the downdrift beaches to the east of sand, accelerating erosion along those beach fronts.

The area under Simms Point/Nygard Cay's Clifton Bay dock has been completely filled with rock, effectively creating a hidden groin and cutting off the long-term supply of sand to downdrift landowners (see 2000 Dr. Stephen Leatherman's Shore Modifications). Wire structures filled with rocks, cinder blocks and debris have been dumped onto the sea grass beds of Clifton Bay south of Simms Point/Nygard Cay. These wire structures, or gabions, have been stabilized with woven polypropylene sand bags and plastic buckets filled with debris. The gabions, sand bags and plastic buckets create an artificial reef extending west from the dock.



Protection from oil spills

With the presence of a major power plant in the area, oil spills and waste oil leaching have been a regular occurrence. Such spills and the hot water outlets put tremendous pressure on the surrounding reefs.

As our island becomes more populated, the need for fuel increases. As a result the number of tankers off-loading fuel at Clifton Pier dock is also increasing. It is important to ensure that the tankers properly evacuate their lines before disconnecting to reduce fuel spillage.

Development and industry are essential for jobs and our economy, but we have to ensure that the growth is sustainable and environmentally sensible. The Bahamas currently does not have a statutory body created by legislation to ensure proper oversight and regulation of the industries that impact our environment. The Coalition to Protect Clifton Bay is advocating for the immediate passage of an Environmental Protection Act to hold polluters accountable for detrimental impacts to our shared land and marine resources.



Minimizing fishing and boating impacts to the environment, particularly to conch populations

The waters around Clifton Bay are accessible to the majority of the Bahamian population and to the great number of visitors who spend time in The Bahamas each year. As a result, there are a great number of fishing and boat-related impacts to this area. Although spearfishing is prohibited within one mile of shore, both Hookah-assisted and free-diving are common nevertheless. Commercial fishing and harvesting are also threatening conch populations where densities are declining to unsustainable levels.



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Business

Young Abaco chef gives back to community

By Samantha Evans

Richardson Pata is a young chef in his mid-twenties who has many accolades under his belt. And his career is just beginning.

Pata, as he is affectionately called, graduated from Abaco Central High School then went to the College of the Bahamas where he received his degree in Culinary Arts. He stated that his journey was not easy because being a non-Bahamian meant that he had to pay a little more for his education, but it was worth it.

He had to work a few jobs more than the average college student but he was not about to live his life with regrets. After completing his degree, he spoke of the many great chefs he worked under including some of the best chefs at Atlantis Paradise Island. Pata stated that he started dabbling around with food at the age of seven year and got his first job at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge at fifteen where his passion was truly born.

He believes that every student should find that one thing that they love so much that they want to learn all they can about it and perfect it. To him cooking and baking brings out that passion in him.

Ricardson is now the co-owner of Flava Culinary Services which allows him to cook for some of the wealthiest guests that grace the island of Abaco. His services are available to locals and guests, and he is in such demand right now that guests book him, months in advance.

He noted that God has been extremely good to him to the point that he now wants to bless someone with a financial gift to pursue their passion. He has entrusted the assistance of his former school counselor Samantha V. Evans to select a recipient. Ms. Evans has in-turn spoken to a local college who will make a selection based on the passion and determination one of their college students has towards pursuing a tertiary level education.

This recipient will receive this gift during the start of the Fall Semester 2013. Ricardson had a chance to share his story with some students late in March and looks forward to inspiring more students in weeks, months and years to come. He believes that God has been good to him and blessed him with much success but he doesn't believe that he will be fulfilled if he keeps all of his success to himself. Therefore, he gives back as often as he can to community projects and now to schools.

Divorce and matrimonial services now offered by well-known Abaco law firm

Press Release

Rhonda L.C. Hull, Managing Director at L.C. Hull & Co. law firm, believes that "divorce matters require extra care and consideration because of the emotional aspects involved in dissolving marriages, child custody and property division." In this vein she is pleased to announce that L.C. Hull & Co. now has attorneys in their Abaco office that specialize in divorce and matrimonial matters.

"Divorces are difficult," added Hull, "but at our firm, you will be represented

by an attorney who cares – someone who understands what you are going through, who will be there to listen when you need to be heard, who will be honest with you about your case, and who will fight tenaciously to help you achieve the best possible results."

One of the firm's divorce specialists, Joan Ferguson, is a former Stipendiary and Circuit Court Magistrate, familiar with the efficient conduct of divorce matters. "It is important that our divorce attorneys have the experience with child custody, child support, visitation, property rights, property division, alimony and the recovery of attorney's fees," says Hull. She was also keen to stress that her team approaches every child custody dispute with the utmost care, taking the time to fully understand the client's needs and concerns so they can develop a plan of action that is best for all concerned.

"Child custody is typically one of the most hotly disputed areas of a divorce," says Hull. "Parents have strong opinions regarding how their children should be raised, and determining physical and legal custody is therefore of utmost importance. Child support and visitation tie in to custody as well, so there is a lot to sort out in these matters."

Hull also felt that choosing the right divorce attorney could make an enormous difference in the outcome of your divorce. "We are very pleased that L.C. Hull and Co. has its main office in downtown Marsh Harbour, which allows our clients to work with a firm on their island and save hundreds of dollars on airplane tickets, hotel and rental cars when they need to talk with an attorney about their divorce."

For more information about the firm or to contact L.C. Hull & Co. visit their website at www.lchull.com or contact them 242.367.2030.

New agent joins dynamic HG Christie Abaco team



Above: Frank Knowles - New HG Christie agent.

Press Release

April 5, 2013 (The Bahamas) – HG Christie Ltd. welcomed the addition of estate agent Frank Knowles to their Abaco Team in Hope Town, Abaco this week.

Frank Knowles, known affectionately as 'Frankie', brings a decade of real estate knowledge and successful entrepreneurial knowledge to his new brokerage, HG Christie Ltd. Frank is a resident of the Hope Town Settlement and Elbow Cay community, where he has resided for over 20 years. As the proprietor of Abaco T-Shirt & Design Ltd and Sun-Dried T's, Frank's sphere of influence and business knowledge are broad and extensive.

A loving husband and father to two adorable daughters, Ryan and Meredith, Frank's friendly and likeable demeanor make him a great fit for HG Christie's friendly, yet savvy, Abaco Team. A fellow associate stated, "We are excited to have Frank become a part of our thriving team and continue to grow his real estate career with us. We are certain that the contribution of his many abilities and knowledge, accumulated through his various avenues of experience, will compliment our talented HGC Team exceptionally well."

HG Christie Ltd., Vice President / Managing Director, John Christie, went on to share, "We are very proud to announce that Frank Knowles of Hope Town/Elbow Cay, Abaco has joined our dynamic HG Christie Team. HG Christie is constantly looking for ways to improve our company's service to our valued discerning clients and enjoy welcoming bright talent to our team. We are confident that associates such as Frank will help to make a 'great thing' even 'greater'!"

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<p>Crystal Villas - Charming 2B/2B villas w/ocean views located in Dorros Cove near Tahiti Beach, great for weekend getaways or extended stays. Perfect for couples or large groups renting more than one villa. Shared pool, dock slip & back up generator \$1,600/wk (1-2) \$200/wk extra person. Each Villa Max. 4</p>	<p>Abaco Blue - Upscale 2B/2B home w/ 1B/1B guest apartment with panoramic views. Brand New Pool just added completes this upscale home that invites relaxation. Dock slip in town. \$3,000/wk (1-4). Max 4. Include Guest Apt. \$1,000/wk (1-2) Max 2.</p>	<p>Oasis - Luxury 4B/4.5B hilltop estate near Tahiti Beach w/ pool and fantastic views. This is the perfect home for family vacations, wedding groups/ Honeymoons or a Corporate Retreat. \$8,900/wk (1-4) \$800/wk per extra person. Max 10</p>

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Business

TSE specializes in solar-powered products

By Canishka Alexander

A company called TSE, owned by Brent and Cindy Symonette, opened its doors during the month of February. According to the company's slogan – "Powering Abaco from the Sun," TSE specializes in solar hot water heaters, charge controllers, inverters and solar panels and other solar-powered products. Complete off-grid solar sales and installation are also available.

"We are also selling solar-powered generators, which will be available in a month here on Abaco," Ms. Symonette added. "We provide estimates for homeowners who wish to implement solar in their homes. We can take you off BEC [service] completely, or we can assist with gradually moving you away from BEC."

The Symonettes are in the process of installing a system in their home, so they, too, will experience the tremendous benefits of using the solar products.

"The benefits of doing this for us, and others is to never have to pay another electric bill, that we will have power when BEC is down, and that the power that we have is free from the sun, [so] no fuel is needed to use a gas/diesel generator.

"How much longer can we really afford to pay BEC?" Ms. Symonette asked. "And the biggest question is why would

we want to when we can provide our own power for free. A lot of people are intimidated by the initial cost of solar, however, you can invest and build your system. You do not have to buy an entire system at once to begin seeing the benefits of a solar system."

So far, they have installed three systems on Abaco. Two of the systems are completely off the grid, so the customers are able to generate their own power. The other system is a partial system where the customer has to start slowly and build their system over time. She happily stated that the customer has seen a 40 percent decrease in his BEC bill since his partial system has been installed.

At TSE, they also rebuild, replace and repair starters and alternators for the industrial, commercial and marine industries. Ms. Symonette guaranteed that customers will enjoy the best prices in town, and receive the fastest turn-around time for items imported from the United States.

TSE is located in Marsh Harbour across the street from Curly Tails Restaurant. Business hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call them today at (242)458-5418, or send an e-mail to bsymonette@gmail.com.

National News

"Clifton Bay faces massive threat" says environmental expert Coalition formed

Press Release

Leading environmental expert, Kathleen Sullivan-Sealey (Associate Professor at the Department of Biology, University of Miami), says:

"Clifton Bay is under massive threat. Coral reef is being destroyed, oil spills are increasing and the conch population risks dying out.

The root of all this damage is the lack of proper oversight and regulation of fishing, tourism, transport, coastal development and other human activities.

The conservation and protection of Clifton Bay is being sacrificed for short-term interests."

To address these critical threats, Kathleen and other leading names in the field of environmentalism and conservation throughout The Bahamas and the United States have joined together to form the "Coalition to Protect Clifton Bay."

The Coalition to Protect Clifton Bay (CPCB) is a group of highly-respected individuals drawn from a range of backgrounds, united by a shared desire to protect Clifton Bay and other marine environments surrounding New Providence Island and The Bahamas.

Members include: Keith Wisdom, Chairman of the Clifton Heritage Authority; Kathleen Sullivan-Sealey, Associate Professor at The University of Miami; Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Founder and Chairman of the Waterkeeper Alliance; Fred Smith, President, Grand Bahama Human Rights Association; Tonya Bastian Galanis, Principal, Eugene Dupuch Law School; William Hunter, Acting President; Ronald Thompson, Former Ambassador to The Environment; Bennet Atkinson, Clifton Heritage Authority; Louis Bacon, Chairman And Founder, Moore Charitable Foundation, Moore Bahamas Foundation; Hon. Nicholas F. Brady, Former Treasury Secretary of the United States of America; Stuart Cove, President, Dive Bahamas; Manuel Cutillas, Chairman, Lyford Cay Foundation; Peter Douglas, The Andros Conservancy; Romauld Ferreira, Environmental Attorney, Ferreira & Co.; David Godfrey, Executive Director, Sea Turtle Conservancy; William Hunter, Lyford Cay Foundation; Jessica Minnis, Associate Professor, College of The Bahamas; Craig Symonette, Chairman, Bahamas Ferries; Joseph Darville, Vice President of the Grand Bahama Human Rights Association; Troy Albury, President, Save Guana Cay Reef Association.

Starting today, the Coalition will provide unwavering support to Bahamian conservation, environmental and educational organizations. These include the Bahamas National Trust, the Andros Conservancy and Trust, the Bahamas Reef Environment Education Foundation; Clifton Heritage National Park; Friends of the Environment; Swim for Ocean Survival; The Island School; The Nature Conservancy, Young Marine Explorers, Save Guana Cay

Reef Association, The Grand Bahama Human Rights Association and Abaco Cares.

The Coalition will also be calling on all Bahamians to enlist in its advocacy campaigns, designed to encourage effective land use decisions and habitat restoration efforts. In this vein the Coalition has launched today an informative and interactive website www.protectcliftonbay.org, which explains their goals and allows like-minded supporters to join and help our campaign to save the natural resources of The Bahamas.

Supporters will be able to sign petitions on line and share these on Facebook and Twitter.

The group is calling on the youth to help "Save The Bays, Save Our Seas and Save Our Environment!"

The group urges that more oversight is needed of what is going on under Bahamians' and the Government's noses. To help bring this about, the Coalition will be campaigning for the passage of an Environmental Protection Act and a Freedom of Information Act, both of which have been promised by the FNM and the PLP.

Coalition member and leading environmental lawyer, Fred Smith said, "The Coalition will be vocal and active in pursuit of our environmental protection objectives."

Romauld Ferreira added, "The implications of what is going on at Clifton Bay are really serious, for the environment, both in The Bahamas and beyond. We are acting locally, thinking globally."

This isn't the first time Clifton Bay has faced grave environmental threats. In the late 1990s it faced major danger from plans to create a 600-home golf course development. Thanks to the collective efforts of the Bahamian government, Bahamians, environmentalists and conservation organizations, the Clifton Heritage Authority was established enshrining the protection of the land site. The Clifton Park now stands as a testament to the importance Bahamians place on preserving the natural beauty of their land and maintaining a direct connection to their history.

The Coalition says it's time for action once more to Save the Bay and Save the Marine Environment.

Without immediate action to stop harmful developments and ensure effective oversight and regulation, Clifton Bay's future is in peril, claimed the coalition. Kathleen Sullivan-Sealey says: "If individuals are allowed to do whatever they want without repercussions, young people are discouraged. They just feel like money talks. They need to see the law applies to everyone."

The Coalition vows to change this.

For more information about the Coalition to Protect Clifton Bay, visit the website at: www.protectcliftonbay.org

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- "Girasole" # 1551- Delightful 4 bed, 4.5 bath elevated Italian villa style beach home, plus 2 bed, 2 bath separate guest accommodations. Elegantly furnished, many upgrades/extras. 45,000 s/f landscaped grounds, 100' + beach frontage. **\$4,450,000.**
- "Casa Bella": # 2290 - Exquisite 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 5,200 s/f tastefully furnished beachfront estate home. Numerous upgrades & amenities. Treasure Cay beach frontage. Exceptional panoramic sea views. **\$3,495,000.**
- "Summertime" # 1550 - Ocean Blvd. Superb 3 bed, 2 bath beach home plus 2 bed 2 bath guest house. 3,600 s/f under air plus 4,100 s/f open & covered patios. Tastefully furnished. 1.37 acres, 133' beach frontage. **\$2,995,000.**
- Brigantine Bay Canal Home # 1589 - Newly built 4 bed, 4 bath unfurnished home. 3,150 s/f under air, 4,850 s/f total. Many extras. 15,306 s/f parcel, 91' canal frontage, lay-along & finger docks, boat lift. **\$2,995,000.**
- "The White House" - # 2131-Awesome 4 bed, 4.5 bath, 2 level tastefully furnished Ocean Blvd. beach home, 3,312 s/f under air, plus garages 58,500 s/f landscaped parcel-150' beach frontage. panoramic sea & beach views. **\$2,655,000.**
- "Top of the Rock" # 2014 - 3 bed, 3 bath "turnkey" furnished home, 1,824 s/f living space, 740 s/f covered porches, double garage. 198' beach frontage on 2 lot parcel. Fantastic elevated views along entire Treasure Cay Beach. **\$2,300,000.**
- "Turquoise" - #1696 - Ocean Blvd 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2,127 s/f furnished beach home on oversized 1.561 acre parcel with 170' of sandy Treasure Cay Beach frontage. **\$2,250,000.**
- "Turtle View" - # 1778 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 4,088 sq. ft. elegantly furnished home on landscaped 14,000 s/f parcel with 68' frontage on Treasure Cay Beach. **\$1,995,000.**
- Cutwater Way Canal Home - #1524 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 3,600 s/f home on Brigantine Bay. Newly built in 2008, elegantly furnished, many upgraded features. 144' bulkhead, 70' dock, boat lift. **\$1,995,000.**
- "Trident House" - #317 - 3 Bed, 3.5 Bath furnished beachfront home on Treasure Cay Beach. 3,500 s/f living space, 2 garages, 16,000 s/f parcel with 100' sandy beach frontage. Fabulous Sea Views **\$1,850,000.**
- "Tranquility" # 1307 - 4 bed, 5 bath, tastefully furnished 2 level canal home on 2 lots. 3,580 s/f under roof, plus decks/balconies. 90' canal frontage, dock, boat lift, Great water views, excellent condition. **\$1,799,000.**
- "Windward Palms" # 1454 - Splendid 3 bed, 2 bath furnished beach home. 2,500 s/f under roof, 1,600 s/f patios & walks, 16,000 s/f landscaped parcel, 100' sandy beach. Meticulously maintained. Many extras, **\$1,500,000.**
- "Green Gecko" # 2283 - 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2 level Brigantine Bay furnished home. 2,870 s/f under air, plus 1,045 s/f covered terraces. Immaculate condition. Many upgrades. Garage, dock, gazebo, dolphin pilings. **\$1,495,000.**
- "Rising Sun" # 1780 - Windward Beach, 3 bed, 2.5 bath 2,118 s/f furnished home on 25,925 s/f parcel with 150' of sandy beach frontage. Superb sea views! **\$1,310,000.**
- "Hull's Landing" - # 2204 - 3 bed, 3 bath plus loft, turn-key furnished Galleon Bay canal home. 2,700 s/f under air, + garage & covered porch. Pool & dock. Many extras. 10,000 s/f parcel w/80' canal frontage. **\$1,285,000.**
- "Pisces" - # 2085 - Elegantly furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath harbourfront home, 2,189 s/f under air, plus 1,269 s/f double garage & covered patio. 13,716 s/f property with 71' deep water dockage. Private pool. **\$1,175,000.**
- "Helen's Point" - # 1791 - 4 bed, 3 bath, 1,800 sq. ft. furnished home on 27,908 s/f Sea of Abaco waterfront parcel with 153' of bulkhead seawall & dock. **\$1,095,000.**
- "Harbour's Edge" - # 2000 - 3 bed, 3 bath furnished Harbour front Home, panoramic harbour views, 3,033 s/f under roof. 15,210 s/f landscaped parcel. 90' deep water frontage. **\$995,000.**
- Thompson Beach Cottage : # 2084- 3 bed, 2 bath turnkey furnished beachfront home on Windward Beach. 19,000 s/f parcel with 103' sandy beach frontage. Spectacular sea views **\$975,000.**
- "Dolphin Watch" -Galleon Bay - # 1534 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath furnished home (includes 2 bed, 2 bath guest cottage). 2,800 s/f living space. 74' canal frontage with dock. **\$895,000.**

TREASURE CAY

Houses

- "Full Moon" - # 2163 - 4 bed, 4 bath, 2 level furnished canal home, 2,990 s/f under air, recently renovated, many upgrades. 86' deep water dock & boat lift. **\$895,000.**
 - "Yellow Coconut Cottage" - # 2211- Elegantly furnished 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 level Brigantine Bay canal home. 1,541 s/f under air, plus balconies, patios & garage. Private boat slip & 20,000 boat lift, golf cart, many extras. **\$799,000.**
 - Palm Bay Harbourfront Townhouse # 2 - #1071 - Newly constructed, furnished 3 bed, 3.5 bath, 2,077 s/f. Great water views. **Owner Financing Available \$799,000.**
 - "Laguna" - # 1875- Charming 1,550 s/f 3 bed, 2 bath furnished Galleon Bay canal home. 102' canal frontage with "T" dock & 16,000 lb boat lift. **\$695,000.**
 - "Sea Cliff" # 2179 - Luxury 3 bed, 3 bath, 2 level elevated sea view home. 2,550 s/f under roof, tastefully furnished & well maintained. 12,589 s/f elevated landscaped lot. Excellent rental income potential. **\$599,000.**
 - "Carrollville" # 1352 - Near Treasure Cay - 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,100 s/f hilltop home on 6 acres from highway to Sea. 165' water frontage. Spectacular sea views. **\$595,000.**
 - Palm Bay # 9 - # 2108 - Newly constructed 4 Bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2,077 s/f turn-key furnished harbourfront townhouse. Golf cart included. Private boat slip, Excellent vacation rental income potential. **80% 15 Year Financing Available! \$579,000.**
 - Treasure House # 2 - #1777 - 2 bed, 2 bath topsider style 1,000 s/f furnished beachside villa. Exceptional elevated Sea & beach views. Close to beach & pool. **\$569,000.**
 - "Elysium" #1460 - 4 bed, 2 bath, 2,840 s/f under roof furnished home on 2 lots (22,000 s/f) on Ocean Blvd. Includes double garage. Close to beach. **\$525,000.**
 - Treasure House # 11 - # 1592 - Delightful 2 bed, 2 bath comfortably furnished 1,000 s/f Topsider style beachside villa. Community pool, well maintained villa. Exceptional sea & beach views. **\$499,000.**
 - Beach Villa # 715 - # 2072 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 950 s/f turn-key furnished beachfront villa. Well maintained, excellent vacation rental income potential. **\$449,000.**
 - Ocean Villa 916 - #1737 - 2 bed, 2 bath "turn-key" 900 s/f furnished villa. Unobstructed sea views, Close to beach. Good vacation rental potential. **\$349,995.**
 - Treasure House # 8 - #1697 - Beachside 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f furnished Topsider Villa. Community pool, great sea views. **\$345,000.**
 - #1898 - "Starfish Cottage" Beach Villa 503A & B 2 adjoining, self contained 1 bed, 1 bath furnished villas near beach. Great Rental Income Potential. **\$329,000.**
 - Beach Villa # 655 - # 2241 - 2 bed, 2 bath exceptionally large 1,013 s/f attractively furnished villa near beach. Excellent vacation rental income potential **\$319,000.**
 - Beach Villa # 605 - # 1635 - 1 bed, 2 bath well maintained & elegantly furnished "turn-key" villa. Washer/dryer. Many extras & upgrades. Can be modified for 2nd bedroom. Close to beach. **\$299,000.**
 - Beach Villa 673-#1847, 2 bed, 2 bath furnished 1,000 s/f, Near pool/beach, refurbished, well maintained. **\$299,000.**
 - Beach Villa 607 - # 1982 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 900 s/f villa, furnished near beach, pool, shops & marina. **\$229,000.**
 - Beach Villas # 651 - # 2230 - Charming 2 bed, 2 bath furnished villa near beach, pool & shopping. **\$219,000.**
 - Beach Villa # 714 - # 2239 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 950 s/f furnished beachfront villa. Recently upgraded. Excellent rental income potential. **\$219,000.**
 - Beach Villa # 601 - # 2240 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 865 s/f "turn-key" furnished villa. Recently upgraded, well maintained, near beach. Priced to Sell! **\$199,000.**
 - Golf Course Home - # 2287 - 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2,200 s/f recently built, semi furnished, home on 7,500 s/f parcel adjoining golf course. Great starter home. **\$199,000.**
 - Beach Villa 527-#1852. Charming 2 bed, 2 bath furnished, near pool/beach, shopping **\$179,000.**
- Condos**
- Royal Poinciana Beachfront Condo # 2505-Phase 4 # 716) Premier 3 level, 3 bed, 4.5 bath, plus loft newly built condo, 2,860 s/f under roof, 644 s/f covered/open balconies/porches. **OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE! \$1,995,000.**

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Condos

- Bahama Beach Club 2047 - # 1468 - 3 bed, 3 bath, ground level Phase 5 unit, 1,750 s/f living space condo, close to beach, tastefully furnished, numerous upgrades & enhancements. Superb sea views. **\$887,000.**
- Bahama Beach Club 2020 - # 1139 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f 2nd level beach condo, elegantly decorated. Superior beach & ocean views. **\$872,000.**
- Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 1 - # 1621 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f ground level furnished condo on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Includes community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **FURNISHED - \$599,000.**
- Carleton Landing - Carriage House # 2, 3 & 4 - # 1620 - 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,755 s/f unfurnished condos on Brigantine Bay. New construction. Includes community pool, finger dock/private slip, 2 garages. **NOW EACH \$599,000.**
- Bahama Beach Club # 2025 - #2057 3 bed, 3 bath ground level condo, 1,650 sq. ft. Tastefully furnished, well maintained. Great views. Excellent rental income. **\$599,000.**
- Bahama Beach Club # 2035 - # 1981 - 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,650 s/f furnished ground level condo. Overlooks pool & beach. Best Priced Condo at Bahama Beach Club **\$499,950.**
- Sandollar Condo # 3 - # 1599 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished unit, Sensational sea views, community pool, Golf course nearby . **\$499,000.**
- Royal Poinciana # 2511 - # 1483 - Deluxe 2 bed, 2 bath ground level furnished 1,300 s/f beachfront condo. Well maintained. Great sea views, excellent rental income potential. **\$455,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2435 - # 1881 - 3 bed, 3 bath 2nd level turn-key furnished 1,264 s/f harbourfront condo. Well maintained end unit. Sensational marina views **\$419,000.**
- Royal Poinciana # 2512 - #2060 - 2 bed, 2 bath, ground level furnished beachfront condo, on site pool & tennis court. Great sea views, excellent rental income potential. **\$399,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2437 - # 2286 - Well maintained 3 bed, 3 bath 2nd level 1,264 s/f furnished harbourfront condo. Panoramic harbour views. Includes deep water boat slip & dock. **\$399,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2403 - 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, 2nd level, 1,264 s/f turn-key furnished harbourfront condo. Totally renovated & refurbished in 2008. Many upgrades, well maintained, owner occupied. Fantastic marina views. **\$399,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2477 - # 2052 - 3 bed, 3 bath, upper level 1,264 s/f tastefully furnished "turn-key" condo. Includes 2 extra large private boat slips. Great water views. **\$399,000.**
- Sand Dollar Condo # 7 - #1456 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,000 s/f ground level furnished beachfront condo. Well maintained, superb sea views, community pool. Best Value! **\$389,000.**
- Royal Palm Condo # 2420 - # 1546 - 3 bed, 3 bath, (including loft) 2nd level, 1,264 s/f furnished condo. Great harbour & marina views. Well maintained, near beach, excellent rental income potential. **\$349,000.**
- Atlantis Condo 2117 - # 1741-Turn-key, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 875 s/f ground level furnished unit, well maintained, overlooks Brigantine Bay, includes private dock & boat slip. **\$295,000.**
- Royal Palm # 2317 - # 1462 - 2 bed, 2 bath ground level 950 s/f furnished harbourfront condo. Includes private boat slip & finger dock. Great harbour view close to beach. **\$199,000.**

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- # 2010 - 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,236 s/f 2 level furnished harbourfront condo. Fully refurbished in 2008. Close to beach & marina **\$399,000.**
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- Mariner's Cove # 1509 - AES 2345 - 2 bed, 1.5 bath, 2 level, 800 s/f harbour view furnished condo. Well maintained, near beach **\$219,000.**
- #1942 - 1 bed, 1 bath, 450 s/f 2nd level furnished unit overlooking community pool. **\$199,000.**
- #655 - 2 bed, 1 bath condo with marina view **\$189,000.**
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Treasure Cay Beach Parcels

Ocean Blvd. Lot 90, Block 2 - #1992 - Unusually large beachfront lot with 140' of sandy beach frontage. Ideal for estate home. Sensational sea views! All utilities available. **\$1,499,000.**

Beach & Canal Lot Package #941 - Windward Beach lot of 17,542 s/f with 100' of beach frontage on Sea of Abaco, PLUS Galleon Bay lot of 17,955 s/f with approx. 76' of sea-walled canal frontage. **\$1,446,000.**

Treasure Cay Beach Lot 16, Blk. 175 #1362 - Choice residential parcel, 12,600 s/f, 90' powder white sand beach frontage, good elevation, spectacular sea views, 140' depth. All utilities available. **\$1,275,000.**

Windward Beach Lots 12 & 13 #2031 - 100' sandy beach frontage, 44,675 s/f cleared, walled parcel. All utilities available. Fabulous sea views. **\$1,205,000.**

Beachfront Lot 11, Treasure Cay Beach - # 2270 12,866 s/f elevated, cleared parcel with 118' sandy beach frontage. Fabulous panoramic beach & sea views. All utilities available. **\$1,199,000.**

Rock Point Beach Lot 9, Block 233 - # 2140 12,257 s/f parcel with 90' beach frontage. All utilities available. **\$149,000.**

Treasure Cay Canal Parcels

Brigantine Bay - # 1662 - Two adjoining single family residential lots, 13,602 s/f total with combined 144' of sea-walled frontage. All utilities available. Superb water views. **\$785,000.**

Brigantine Bay - # 1559 - 16,108 s/f level, cleared parcel with 164' of bulk headed & protected water frontage. Dock & dolphin pilings installed. **\$599,000.**

Treasure Cay Harbourfront Lot - #1804 - 13,678 s/f landscaped parcel, 153' of bulkheaded seawall, 140' of lay-along docks, garage, water & electricity **\$499,000.**

Brigantine Bay # 1598 - Cleared lots 1 & 2A, 19,300 s/f 130' bulkheaded frontage, new dock. **\$495,000.**

Galleon Bay Canal Lot 10, Blk. 203 - # 1905 - large 18,330 s/f parcel, 91' bulkheaded canal frontage, 480 s/f garage & dock. All utilities available **\$399,000.**

Galleon Bay - # 1441 - 28,072 s/f cleared parcel, 64' of bulkhead with dock & dock house. **\$399,000.**

Galleon Bay # 422 - Prime 10,295 s/f cleared canal lot, 88'+ protected canal frontage. Sea-walled, plus dock & davit pilings. All utilities available. **\$350,000.**

Galleon Bay Canal Lot 4 # - 1963 - 10,000 s/f cleared parcel with 80' seawalled canal frontage, New deep water sheltered "T" dock with power & water. **\$299,000.**

Brigantine Bay # 1494 - 18,807 s/f cleared parcel 120' deep water bulk-headed frontage. **\$270,000.**

Brigantine Bay # 1622-1632 - A selection of 11 adjoining level & cleared canal lots ranging in size from 11,673 s/f to 19,068 s/f with deep water canal frontages from 74' to 173'. All lots with bulkheaded sea walls installed. All utilities available. Great water views along sheltered Brigantine Bay. Listing # 1632 also includes 2 finger docks installed.
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#1173/1174 - Brigantine Bay Lots 7 & 8, Block 191 - 2 adjoining parcels, each 11,200 s/f with 80' seawalled canal frontage. All utilities available. **EACH \$249,000.**

Brigantine Canal # 1974 - 17,300 s/f parcel, 123' sea walled frontage. All utilities available, Sea of Abaco views. **\$149,000.**

Treasure Cay Area Development Parcel

Sand Banks Creek Acreage - #1988 - 24 acres at Treasure Cay gate, 539' water frontage, 1,060' road frontage, good elevations. Ideal for commercial development. **\$995,000.**

TREASURE CAY

Treasure Cay Inland Parcels

Treasure Cay Drive Inland Lot - #1692 - Prime residential lot # 3 less than 200' from Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**

Treasure Cay Drive Inland Lot - #2036 - Prime residential lot # 17, close top Treasure Cay Beach. All utilities available. 10,000 s/f **\$77,850.**

#2217 - Lot 78, Block 1 - Prime 10,000 sq. ft. parcel on Flamingo Dr. 80' road frontage. Near to beach & golf course. All utilities available. **\$49,995.**

GREAT CISTERN CAY

2176 - "Rivendell" - Rustic 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,284 s/f furnished beach cottage on 17,090 s/f parcel with 110' of Sea of Abaco frontage. **\$359,000.**

1197 - Beachfront Lot # 7, 17,095 s/f with 126' hard rock & sandy beach frontage. Electricity & telephone available. Enchanting Sea of Abaco views. **\$259,000.**

GUANA CAY

"Ridge Runner" # 1185 - 6 bed, 4 bath, 3,100 s/f furnished home-main house, separate master suite, guest cottage, pool & dock. 1.74 elevated acres, 330' shoreline. Superb panoramic water views. **\$1,995,000.**

Sea View Lot K-82: # 2298 - 8,746 s/f lot located less than 200' from Sea of Abaco. Access to Atlantic Ocean beaches. **\$199,000.**

"Secret Beach" # 1267/1268 - Ocean Front Elevated Parcels 9A (19,190 s/f) & 9B (16,144 s/f) lots, each with 100' +/- of Atlantic Ocean rocky shoreline & sand beach frontage. Prime building sites. **EACH \$199,000.**

Dolphin Beach Estates-Sea View Lot 88B - # 2223 - 19,000 s/f elevated corner lot, just 100' from Sea of Abaco & 5 minute walk to Atlantic Ocean Beaches. **\$99,950.**

BAHAMA PALM SHORES

Inland Lot - Near Beach - # 2022 - Large 21,450 s/f choice corner lot on main road in Section 1. electricity & telephone available. 1,000' to beach. **\$59,000.**

Inland Lot - Near Beach - # 1176 - Large 21,450 s/f level lot on main street, electricity & telephone available. **\$49,500.**

Inland Lots 17 & 18, Blk. 4 # 1868 - 2 adjoining lots of 10,000 s/f each. Short walk to beach. **Each at \$27,500.**

Inland Lot 11 - #1661 - Residential lot, 9,600 s/f in Sect.4. Short walk to Atlantic beach. Electricity available. **\$24,600.**

TURTLE ROCKS

Beach Home - 1532 - 3 bed, 3.5 bath elevated 2 level semi furnished home, 1,877 s/f under air, 1,500 s/f covered porches on 1.59 acres, 93' sandy beach frontage. Panoramic sea views. **\$650,000.**

#2269 - Turtle Rocks West - 2,500 acre waterfront parcel extends from S.C. Bootle to Sea of Abaco, 148' hard rock shoreline. Good elevations, great sea views. **\$299,000.**

Beach Lot "D" - # 1815 - 0.94 Acre beach parcel with 120' of Sea of Abaco sandy beach frontage. Electricity & telephone available, great water views. **\$225,000.**

Turtle Rocks South Beach Lot - #2195 - 2,395 Acre beachfront parcel with 100' sandy beach frontage. Extends from S.C. Bootle to Beach **\$369,000.**

CASUARINA POINT

"Casuarina Cottage" # 1866 - 2 bed, 1 bath, 816 s/f semi-furnished cottage on 14,000 s/f lot with 127' of canal frontage with boat ramp. **\$175,000.**

NORTH ABACO

Sugar Plantation 36: #2238 - Lovely 4 bed, 3 bath, 3 level 3,400 s/f tastefully furnished Sea of Abaco waterfront home, plus 1,000 s/f garage & pool house. Pool, private dock, boat lift. 21,926 s/f lot with 100' shoreline **\$995,000.**

Blackwood Waterfront Parcel # 1521-38,514 s/f parcel, 167' deep water Sea of Abaco frontage & highway frontage. Ideal for a marina site. Utilities available. **\$98,500.**

GREEN TURTLE CAY

"Turtle's Nest" Estate - # 609 - Magnificent 2 bed/2.5 bath, 3 level main house & 2 bath guest cottage on White Sound. 4,476 s/f under air on 1.75 acre parcel, 100' water frontage, pool, dock. **\$2,699,000.**

Lot "A" - The Bluff # 1910 - 15,600 s/f Sea of Abaco waterfront lot, 89' hard rock shoreline, 30' elevations, Near Bluff House, great sea views **\$399,000.**

"Island Reach" - Harbourfront & Sea View Lots # 1405- Bluff side of White Sound residential hillside & protected harbour with majestic sea views. Various sizes from 12,600 s/f to 38,000 s/f. **Starting at \$119,000.**

SCOTLAND CAY

#2198 - Waterfront Lot 7, Block "K": Large 34,993 s/f parcel with approx. 386' of Sea of Abaco frontage. Good elevation, adjacent to private harbour entrance. **\$485,000.**

MARSH HARBOUR

Pelican Shores Harbourfront Home - # 1563 - 5 bed, 4.5 bath, 5,600 sq. ft. tastefully furnished home w/ pool & dock. Well maintained, superior quality construction, many extras. 1 acre +/- landscaped, 115' water frontage. **\$3,495,000.**

Triplex, Murphy Town - # 2291 - 6 beds, 4 bath, 2,700 s/f complex on 8,000 s/f +/- parcel. Good rental income potential. **\$299,000.**

"Regattas of Abaco 408" - #2009 2 Bed, 2 bath 2nd level 1,200 sq. ft furnished condo w/ pool, dry/utility room. Many upgrades, great harbour views. Good rental potential. Will finance with \$150.K Down. **\$275,000.**

#2265 - Central Pines Duplex - 2 bed, 2 bath each, 2,200 s/f total, built in 2006, CBS construction, 12,000 s/f corner parcel. **\$180,000.**

Regattas of Abaco # 27 - #1853 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 825 s/f 2nd level "turn-key" furnished condo near to beach, shops, marina, etc. **\$176,000.**

JOE'S CREEK

Lot "B" - Joe's Creek Vicinity - # 1553, Large 20,807 s/f lot adjacent to Leisure Lee, close to beach. Electricity, telephone & DSL available **\$50,000.**

LEISURE LEE

1846 - "Yellowbird" - 2 bed, 2 bath, turn-key furnished elevated canalfront home. 1,800 s/f under roof. 80' lay-along dock, plus boat slip, ramp & lift. **\$499,000.**

OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE **\$499,000.**
Canalfront Home #1865 - 2 bed, 2 bath furnished home, recently built in 2003. 11,378 s/f parcel, 120' bulk-headed canal frontage, 78' lay-along dock. **\$549,000.**

#2213 - "Leisurely Times" - 2 bed, 1 bath, 845 s/f furnished canal home on 12,100 s/f parcel w/ 110' bulkheaded canal frontage & 50' layalong dock. **\$299,000.**

2190 - Furnished Home Near Beach - 3 bed, 2 bath, + den, large screened porch, double garage. 2,200 s/f under roof on 1/2 acre parcel **B\$229,000.**

Residential Parcels

#130 - 22,949 s/f beachfront parcel with 365' of Sea of Abaco water frontage. Great Sea of Abaco views. Electricity, water, telephone & DSL internet at road boundary. **B\$365,000.**

1845 - 11,531 s/f canal lot, 100' canal frontage, boat slip, dock, ramp, 12,000lb boat lift, electrical power & water. Accommodates up to 80' boat. **\$225,000.**

#1593 - 10,590 s/f canal lot with 120' of bulkheaded seawall installed. All utilities available. **REDUCED TO \$149,000.**

1080 - 12,100 s/f canal parcel with 110' sea walled canal frontage. Boat davits installed. **Reduced \$149,500.**

#2054 - Lot # 204 - 10,590 s/f lot with 105' deep water canal frontage. All utilities available. **\$149,000.**

1844 - 2 adjoining deep water, sheltered canal lots, 9,900 s/f each, 50' x 50' shared dredged boat slip, 150' lay-along docks each. Near beach. **EACH REDUCED TO \$125,000.**

811 - 10,400 s/f sea view corner lot with 194' of road frontage. Walk to beach. All utilities available. **\$69,900.**

1902 - Lot # 170 - 13,459 s/f, close to beach. Ocean views from your 2nd level home. All utilities available. **\$59,900.**

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Letters to the Editor

Letters From Page 9

It is such a good idea that all civic groups, environmentalist and tour groups should fully endorse.

It is so brilliant an idea that with two minutes of research on the internet, I found that coyote's natural enemies are bears and wolves. Hey I want credit for this idea! Let's import bears and wolves to control the coyotes!!! They are bigger and badder!

Regards,
D.

Dissatisfied by the Work

Dear Editor;

Thank you Mr. Editor for allowing me the space in your paper.

The Marsh Harbour Auto Parts building has become vacant after fifty plus years in business. In less than a year from closing someone was interested in renting one half of the building and their business was opened to the public in a few weeks. Within six months I had another interested tenant for the other half of the building. Because the buildings electricity has always been generated through one meter it became necessary to install another meter.

My only knowledge of knowing how

electricity works is that I flip the switch and the lights come on. I am now faced with doing the necessary changes. After many questions and much inquiring a friend suggested I check with an electrician who has done some work for her, recommending him highly, and gave me his phone number. I called him right away but he was very busy at the time and recommended another young man and assured me that he was quite capable of doing the job.

After calling the young man he was very much interested and we met at the site and I showed him the two units. He tried explaining a few things to me, made no sense to me, but I trusted him. The only thing I knew is that there has to be a meter for each unit and some changes to wiring. He seemed to know what he was doing. We agreed on a price and with a deposit he started the work. This work was done in middle of November 2012 and upon his word that the work was completed he was paid the balance.

In Late January 2013 my second tenant went down to BEC to pay her deposit and get the power turned on but BEC was not aware of any work in this building for a new meter, they were only aware of the meter that has always been there. The young lady calls me to find out what was

going on; confused I headed down to BEC to find out what is going on and found out this electrician did not complete the job. The spec form had never been turned in to Ministry of Works. No spec form, no inspection of work, no inspection of work, no electricity.

After a call from the lady at BEC to electrician he tells her the inspector is coming in the next week and will get the forms into Ministry of Works for the inspection.

After leaving BEC I called the electrician for an explanation, there were a few things I needed to discuss with him. He agreed to meet me at the work site after five. I waited until 7pm that day and he never showed up. I called again the next day and again he said he would be there that afternoon, well that went on till the next afternoon, no show, no call.

February 4th the inspector has arrived for a few days, I'm told by the Ministry of Works. On the second day the inspector is taken to the site by the young man, Inspects one half of the building and leaves. I learn of this the next day. When I call Ministry of Works they inform me the inspector was leaving that afternoon. I am, frustrated, angry and trying to keep it together. I asked them if they have any suggestions on what I could do. I needed

to get this place inspected. She suggested finding another electrician to finish the job.

After a couple calls I found an electrician that agreed to meet me in an hour at the site. He arrived less than an hour, checked everything and promised he would take care of everything and he did. That same evening he called me to inform me that it was done and he had a copy of the inspection for me to take to BEC. I thanked him and paid him for his service which was \$400. To the young man who came to my rescue, you know who you are, I will be forever grateful. Thank you!

I called the first electrician who did not finish my job but was paid for it and told him I had to pay an additional \$400 for another electrical to complete the job and forms and he said, 'well I guess I do owe you some money.'

He promised to pay me that Friday of the same week but never did. After the third week he is not answering his phone.

For anyone out there who is looking to hire Electrician, I can give you the name and number of one you don't want to hire.

Waiting for a court date. See you there young man!

Sincerely,
Betty M. Albury



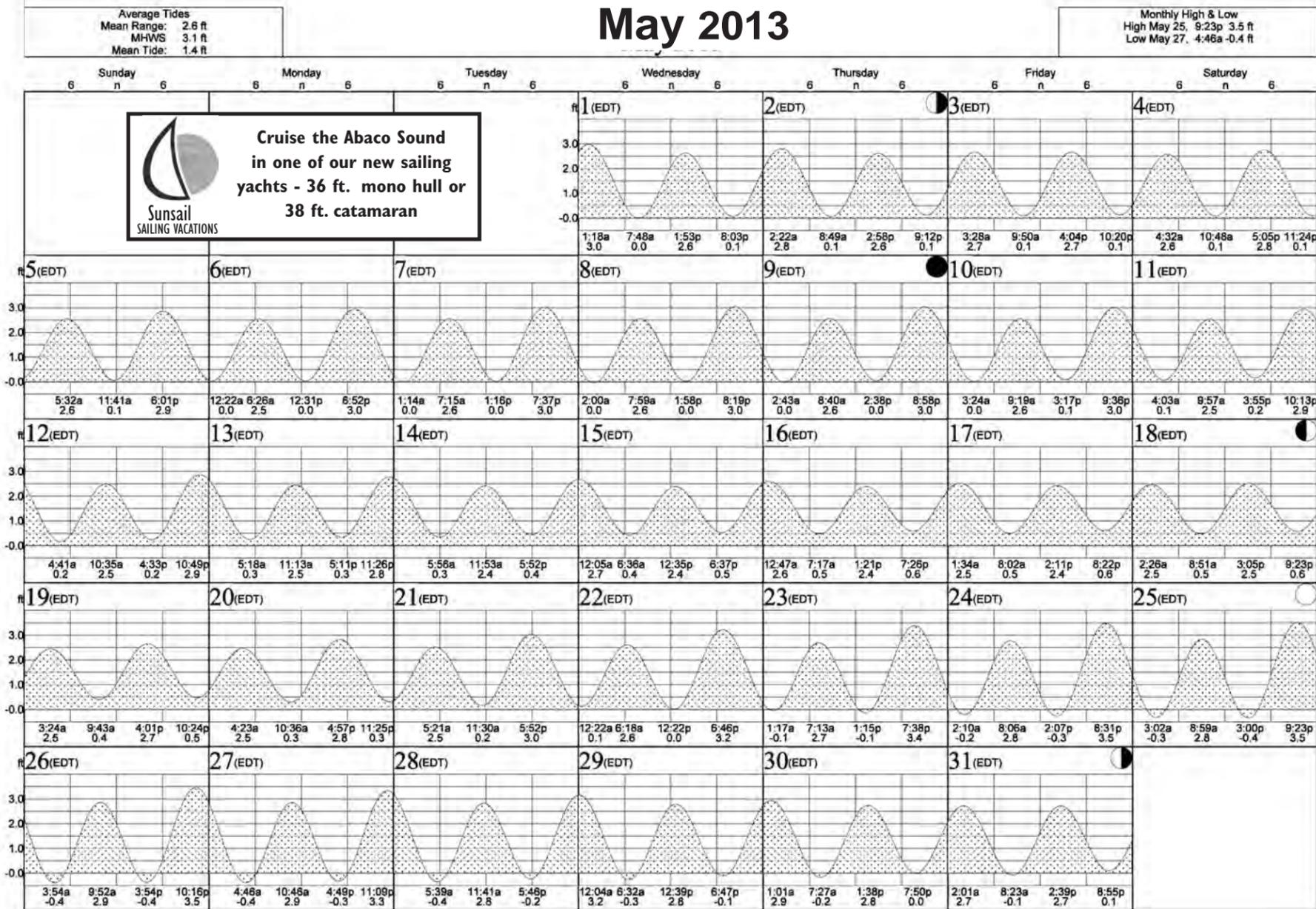
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The Cays

Classical Concert entertains at Hummingbird Cottage Art Centre

By Jennifer Hudson

The Hummingbird Cottage Art Centre in Hope Town was the perfect setting for a concert of Baroque music on March 16. The gallery was filled to capacity with standing room only and people packed into every available nook and cranny for this delightful concert. It is certainly a rare treat these days to witness a performance of baroque music for viola da gamba and harpsichord.

Viola da gamba is a member of the viol family of bowed, fretted and stringed musical instruments which were developed in the mid-to late 15th century. It is similar to the violoncello and is played between the legs (viola da gamba means leg viol). It differs in that the cello has four strings and the Viola da gamba has seven strings and the bow is held underhand.

The viola da gamba has a subdued mellow tone which is best heard in a small place and so the Hummingbird Cottage Art Gallery was a perfect location. The viola da gamba was beautifully complemented by the harpsichord. Instrumentalists were Marcy Jean Brenner and Barry Talley both of whom are winter visitors to Abaco.

Marcy Jean Brenner says that she spent her school years trying to figure out which musical instrument to play but when she went to study at Oberlin College and Conservatory she fell in love with the viola da gamba. She had already specialized in

baroque music having decided to earn a degree in harpsichord performance as well as German literature.

A Fulbright scholarship took her to Vienna and she spent the next 28 years studying, teaching, freelancing and starting a family. Since her recent return to the United States she spends her time between Rhode Island and Hope Town. She and her husband, Michael, arrived in January on the motor ketch 'Trade Wind' for their second season in Hope Town Harbour.

As fate would have it Ms. Brenner and her husband met Barry and Marcia Talley last year while both of their cruising boats were anchored off Lynyard Cay. She discovered that Barry also attended Oberlin Conservatory. He studied piano but decided that he preferred making music with lots of other people so he added another major in conducting, a field in which he spent most of his professional life.

After completing graduate degrees at the Peabody Conservatory he held a number of professional positions in the Baltimore-Washington area before receiving an appointment as chairman of the music department at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, a position he held for 36 years. During this time he led student ensembles in thousands of performances throughout the United States and Europe. He retired in 2007 and now spends winters in the Bahamas aboard 'Troubadour' and

at his house on Dickie's Cay with his wife who is a mystery writer of some renown.

Ms. Brenner and Mr. Talley teamed up to donate their time and talents for what they termed an "impromptu performance" which was indeed delightful. The program included music from the 16th to 18th century Renaissance and Baroque periods.

Following the concert the audience

was invited by Robbie Bethel, manager of the Hummingbird Cottage Art Centre, to leave donations at the door towards the Centre's "KidsArt" program.

These donations will go towards supplying art supplies, classes and sponsorships to any child that would like to participate.



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4th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Press Release

The Strawberry Monkey's 4th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade was full of merrymaking as it proceeded down Bay Street. Almost, but not quite 100, "Irish for the day" boaters, Abaconians and a few dogs joined in the world's shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade from Memorial Park to the finish outside Snappas.

Leading the parade was Grand Marshal Tom Barrineau and Phillis Cornea followed by a green wave where each participant received a free sampling of St. Paddy's punch, compliments of Snappas. Large helpings of corn beef and cabbage was also available as Irish brew and Grogs was served into the evening along with the crowd joining in with Irish music.

The Strawberry Monkey Yacht Club continues to sponsor Sunday Bocce at their club house across from Snappas in addition to organizing fun events throughout the winter and spring months.

Firemen need your help

By David Ralph - senior fireman

Recent bush fires have threatened buildings, equipment, fruit trees and crops. The volunteers of the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue recently spent hours late into the night working around the periphery of Spring City to protect the residences there.

The next day they reacted to panicked calls from farm residents who were threatened by fast moving fires south of Spring City as brisk winds were blowing embers through the forest and across road breaks, spreading more fires.

No persons were injured and no residences were lost but equipment, crops and fruit trees were destroyed. Unfortunately, the volunteer firemen do not have the equipment to protect against large fires moving through the forest or coppice.

Persons whose residences are close to forest or coppice land are urged to clear debris from around their houses and have a working garden hose handy. The hose will not help suppress the advancing fire but is useful to put out flying embers on the roof or around the building. Windows should be closed to prevent embers from blowing inside. Soffits must be checked regularly as embers can blow into attic spaces.

Farmers who still have crops in the ground should mow, disc or harrow within and around the planted area to reduce the fire load. A field or grove full of weeds and grass will allow a hot fire to move fast.

Lots that have been cleared with the debris piled against the back property line are particularly susceptible to fire damage as the dead trees and brush will feed a very hot fire. Junk yards and other commercial sites are often threatened by this back-lot windrow. This is a real fire hazard for residents whose lots are against coppice or forest land.

The volunteer firemen have a good record at protecting individual structures.

However, large, fast-moving fires that threaten multiple homes are difficult to fight considering the limited equipment available.

All residents should survey their property and remove all fire-prone dangers.

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John Conley (right), Commodore of the Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club, presents a check for \$2,000 as a donation from the Club to Chris Prewitt of BASRA (Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association).

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During the month of August through December there are some adjustments made to the schedule. You are advised to contact the office for any changes.

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Ocean Blue Properties + 34 365-4636	Lofty Fig Villas	Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075	Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105	Guana Cay	Lighthouse Rentals 4 cott 366-0154		Island Home Rentals + 2 hse 365-6048	Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158	Regattas 32 apts 577-6764		Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576	Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455	Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900	
Other Shore Club 365-4226	Pelican Beach Villas	Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075	Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105	Guana Cay	Sea Gull Cottages + 4 hse 366-0266		Island Home Rentals + 2 hse 365-6048	Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158	Regattas 32 apts 577-6764		Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576	Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455	Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900	
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Dive Guana + 11 hse 365-5178	Oeisha's Resort	Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075	Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105	Guana Cay			Island Home Rentals + 2 hse 365-6048	Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158	Pete & Gay's Resort 14 rm 366-4119		Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576	Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455	Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900	
Dolphin Bch Resort 4 rm 10 cott. 365-5137	Pete & Gay's Resort	Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075	Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105	Guana Cay			Island Home Rentals + 2 hse 365-6048	Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158	Rickmon's Bonefishing 10 rm 800-628-1447		Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576	Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455	Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900	
Guana Sunset Beach 13 units 365-5133	Rickmon's Bonefishing	Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075	Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105	Guana Cay			Island Home Rentals + 2 hse 365-6048	Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158	Spanish Cay 14 rm 1 villa 365-2222		Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576	Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455	Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900	
Ocean Frontier 6 cott 519-389-4846	Spanish Cay	Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075	Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105	Guana Cay			Island Home Rentals + 2 hse 365-6048	Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158	Treasure Cay 18 rm 6 hse 365-0083		Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576	Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455	Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900	
Ward's Landing 4 units 904-982-2762	Treasure Cay	Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075	Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105	Guana Cay			Island Home Rentals + 2 hse 365-6048	Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158	Treasure Cay Resort + 95 rms 365-8801		Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576	Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455	Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900	
Ruth Sands + 9 hse 365-5140	Bahama Beach Club	Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075	Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105	Guana Cay			Island Home Rentals + 2 hse 365-6048	Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158	Mark's Bungalows 4 units 365-8506		Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576	Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455	Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900	
Abaco Inn 22 rm 366-0133	Brigantine Bay Villas	Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075	Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105	Guana Cay			Island Home Rentals + 2 hse 365-6048	Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158	Abaco Estate Services + 365-8752		Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576	Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455	Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900	
Crystal Villas 5 villas 321-452-0164	Treasure Cay Resort +	Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075	Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105	Guana Cay			Island Home Rentals + 2 hse 365-6048	Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158	Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576		Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576	Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455	Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900	
Elbow Cay Prop + 53 hse 366-0035	Mark's Bungalows	Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075	Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105	Guana Cay			Island Home Rentals + 2 hse 365-6048	Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158	Abaco Estate Services + 365-8752		Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576	Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455	Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900	
Hope T Harb Lodge 25 rm 366-0095	Abaco Estate Services +	Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075	Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105	Guana Cay			Island Home Rentals + 2 hse 365-6048	Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158	Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576		Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576	Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455	Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900	
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Hope Town Inn 6 rm 4 Villas 366-0003	Villas at Palmetto Beach	Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075	Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105	Guana Cay			Island Home Rentals + 2 hse 365-6048	Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158	Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576		Island Dreams Rental + 357-6576	Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455	Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900	
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Sea Gull Cottages + 4 hse 366-0266	http://www.abaconian.com	Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075	Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105	Guana Cay										

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Emergency Services

Police - Marsh Harbour	367-2560 • 911
Police - Hope Town	366-0667
Police - Man-O-War	365-6911
Police - Treasure Cay	365-8048
Police - Green Turtle Cay	365-4550
B. Electricity Corp	367-2727, 367-2846, 367-4667
Water & Sewerage	475-1499, 475-5518

The following services are provided by volunteers

Fire - Marsh Harbour	367-2000
Fire - Hope Town VHF Ch 16 • Fire - Green Turtle Cay	475-1768
Fire - Man-O-War	365-4019
Abaco Crash Fire & Rescue	365-9111
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc - all areas	Marine VHF 16
Hope Town	366-0549 Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay	365-5178 Treasure Cay 365-8749

Medical Services

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

Dental Services

Agape Family Dental, Marsh Harbour	367-4355
Diamante Dental, Marsh Harbour	367-4968
Man O War Dental Clinic	365-6508

Pharmacy

Abaco Island Pharmacy, Marsh Harbour	367-2544
Chemist shoppe, Marsh Harbour	367-3106

Veterinary

Caribbean Veterinary Centre, Marsh Harbour	367-3551
Island Veterinary Clinic, Marsh Harbour	367-0062

Airlines Serving Abaco

Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
AirGate Aviation - New Smyrna Beach	367-1900
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau, W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
Regional - Freeport	367-0446
Silver Airline - Orlando	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
Sky Bahamas - Nassau	367-0996
Western Air - Nassau	367-3722

Local air charters serving Bahamas & S.Florida

Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-3450

Dive Shops

Abaco Dive Adventures, Marsh Harbour	367-2963
Dive Abaco Since 1978, Marsh Harbour	367-2787
Dive Time, Man-O-War	365-6235
Froggies, Hope Town	366-0431
Treasure Divers, Treasure Cay	365-8571
Brendal's Dive, Green T. Cay	365-4411
Dive Guana	365-5178
Man-O-War Dive Shop	365-6013

Taxi Cab Fares one or two passengers
Extra \$3 for each passengers above two

• Marsh Harbour Airport to: Effective Dec 08	
Clinic, Downtown, Stop Light	\$10
Ab Bch Resort, Eastern Shore close, Ferry	\$15
Spring City	\$15
Dundas Town, Nat Ins bldg, C Abaco Primary Sch	\$15
Murphy Town & Great. Cistern	\$20
Snake Cay	\$35
Casuarina Point	\$60
Cherokee, Winding Bay, Little Harbour	\$80
Bahama Palm Shore	\$90
Crossing Rocks	\$105
Sandy Point	\$150
Leisure Lee	\$50
Treasure Cay Airport, G Turtle ferry	\$80
Treasure Cay Resort	\$85
Fox Town	\$165

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

Wait time \$0.40 per minute, Hourly rate \$40 per hour
Children under three - free • Caged pets - as people
Luggage \$0.75 each over two, large bags \$1 ea.

• Treasure Cay Airport to: Effective Dec 08	
Green Turtle Cay ferry dock	\$10
Madeira Park	\$20
Sand Banks	\$25
Treasure Cay Resort	\$30
Leisure Lee	\$45
Black Wood	\$20
Fire Road & Cooper's Town	\$40
Cedar Harbour	\$60
Wood Cay	\$70
Mount Hope	\$80
Fox Town	\$85
Crown Haven	\$90
Marsh Harbour airport	\$80

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

Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted
Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes, Guana Cay - 30 minutes

Albury's Ferry Service - Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch
Marsh Harbour>Hope Town 7:15am 9:00am 10:30am 12:15pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 5:45pm
Return: 8:00 am 9:45am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:30pm
Marsh Harbour>Man-O-War 10:30am 12:15pm 2:30pm* 4:00pm 5:45pm
Return: 8:00am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:15pm* 5:00pm

Marsh H.>Guana Cay/Scotland cay From Conch Inn
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock) 10:30am 1:30pm 3:30pm 5:45pm
Return: 8 am 11:30am 2:30pm 4:45pm 6:30pm

Fare • Adult prepaid one way \$17 / open return \$27, • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free (Phone after hours 359-6861)
Note: During the month of August through December there are some adjustments made to the schedule. You are advised to contact the office for the changes.

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride
T Cay Airport>Green T Cay 8:30am 10:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 2:30pm 3:30pm 4:30pm* 5:00pm
Return: 8am 9am 11am 12:15pm 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:30pm**

* Note: 4:30 pm trip to GTC not on Sundays ** Note: 4:30 pm trip will be made from New Plymouth only
New Plymouth :One way adult \$12 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$17 (Children \$10) • Extra to some G T Cay docks

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 or 375-8123 VHF Ch 16 Charters Available
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday departs 11:00am & returns 3:30 p.m. \$50 Round Trip
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Saturday departs 9:30 am, \$60 Round Trip

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

Bahamas Ferries Summer Schedule only (April to Dec)
Sandy Point & Nassau Every Friday & Sunday, except holidays, under 4 hours. Call 225-3376 or 366-4119
Call for rates.

The Great Abaco Express Eco & Historical bus tours • Call 367-2165 or 559-9160

Bonefish Guides

Casaurina Point		Marsh Harbour	
Junior Albury	366-3058	Jody Albury	375-8068
		Sidney Albury	477-5996
Cherokee		Richard Albury	367-0367
Noel Lowe	366-2107	Terrance Davis	375-8550
Marty Sawyer	366-2115	Buddy Pinder	366-2163
Randy Sawyer	366-2284	Justin Sands	367-3526
Will Sawyer	366-2177	Danny Sawyer	367-3577
		Jay Sawyer	367-3941

Crossing Rocks		North Abaco	
Tony Russell	366-3259	O'Donald McIntosh	477-5037
		Alexander Rolle	365-0120
Green Turtle Cay		Edward Rolle	365-0024
Rick Sawyer	365-4261	Herbert Thurston	365-2405
Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070		

Hope Town		Sandy Point	
Maitland Lowe	366-0234	Valantino Adderley	366-4323
Tom Albury	366-3141	Anthony Bain	366-4107
		Derek Gaitor	366-4249
		Nicholas Roberts	366-4486

Man-O-War		Treasure Cay	
David Albury	365-6502	Capt. Joe Pritchard	559-9117

Attractions

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

Pocket Beaches

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

Miles of beach (most exposed to ocean)

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

Items of interest

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

Charter Fishing Boats

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

Abaco Marinas - Slips - Fuel - Phone

Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House	45	F	365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32	F	365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15		365-4531
Other Shore Club	12	F	365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10	F	365-4033
Leeward Yacht Club	26	F	365-4191

Treasure Cay

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

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

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

Hope Town

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

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Marina	75	F	365-0083
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Guana Cay

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

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

Tours & Excursions

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

Bikes & Scooters • Boats Cars & Cart Rentals

Marsh Harbour

A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
Abaco Dorado Boat Rentals	367-1035
B & B Boat Rentals	367-7368
Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Concept Boat Rentals	367-5570
Cruise Abaco	577-0148
Quality Star Car Rentals (Texaco)	367-2979
Rainbow Boat Rentals	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887
The Moorings Boat Rentals	367-4000

Green Turtle Cay

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

Guana Cay

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

Lubbers Quarters

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

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

Hope Town

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

Treasure Cay

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

Restaurant Guide

Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper
(Based on dinner entree range)
+ Picnic tables & restroom only ‡ Provides ride from town

Marsh Harbour

Abaco Pizza	\$	367-4488
Anglers	\$\$\$	367-2158
Curly Tails	\$\$\$	367-4444
Golden Grouper	\$	367-2301
Island Family Rest	\$	367-3778
Java Coffee House	\$	367-5523
Jamie's Place	\$	367-2880
Junovia's	\$	367-1271
Jib Room	\$\$	367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	\$	367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$	367-2366
Pop's Place +	\$	367-3796
Snack Shack +	\$	367-4005
Snappas	\$\$	367-2278
Wallys	\$\$\$	367-2074

Hope Town

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

Little Harbour

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

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

Bradley's on the Harbour	\$	365-6380
Dock'n Dine	\$	365-6139
Island Treats Snack Bar	\$	365-6501

Guana Cay

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

Treasure Cay

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

Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House	\$\$\$	365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$	365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$	365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	\$\$	365-4389
Lizard Bar & Grill	\$\$	365-4191
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$\$	365-4625
Miss Emily's Restaurant	\$\$	365-4181
New Plymouth Inn	\$\$	365-4161
Pineapple Restaurant Bar & Grill	\$\$	365-4039
Plymouth Rock Cafe	\$\$	365-4234
Shorties Take-a-way	\$\$	365-4342
Sundowners	\$\$	365-4060

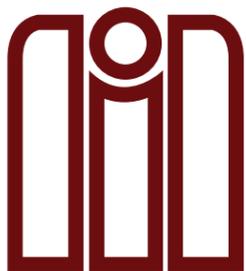
Sandy Point

Nancy's	\$\$	366-4120
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Abaconians excel at CARIFTA



Abaco athletes brought back the hardware from the CARIFTA Games. Three swimmers and one relay runner were among the medal-winning Bahamian team. Above: a welcoming committee (including Senior Island Administrator Preston Cunningham, Ministry of Sports Rep. Ishmael Morley, District Supt. of Education Dr. Lenora Black, Central / South Abaco MP Edison Key and his wife Kathy Key, as well as family and friends greet Miller Albury, Margaret Albury Higgs and Lilly Albury. James Williams, who ran and scored bronze on the relay team, was not present. See page 11 for the stories.

Maundy Thursday Service held at Gov't Complex



Above: the Maundy Thursday service held at the Government Complex incorporated the theme: *The Cross Makes the Difference.* Special guests of the event included North Abaco MP Renardo Curry, Central / South Abaco MP and his wife Edison and Kathy Key, Senior Island Admin Preston Cunningham, Min. of Sports rep Ishmael Morley, District Supt. of Education Dr. Black and others.

By Canishka Alexander

Red ribbons, symbolic of Christ's blood, were worn by attendees of the first Maundy Thursday Service on March 28 at the Government Complex. Maundy Thursday, which is also known as Holy Thursday is the Christian feast, or holy day, that takes place on the Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the Maundy and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the apostles.

The theme: "The Cross Makes the Difference," was expounded upon by Moderator Leslie Rolle as he rejoiced in the realization that despite Jesus' death, it is His resurrection that is most significant to believers.

Following two Scripture readings, and the singing of congregational hymns, PC 3051 Valentino Oliver of the Royal Bahamas Police Force delivered a moving solo - serenading the audience with the words of a song called "Tomorrow" by BeBe and CeCe Winans.

Among the distinguished guests was MP for North Abaco, Renardo Curry, and Central / South Abaco MP Edison Key and his wife Kathy Key. During his remarks, Senior Island Administrator Preston Cunningham said that in a time where there is so much crime, hatred and bad things happening, there is an urgent need for our country's citizens to go to the cross of Christ.

School & Youth News

Outstanding Students honoured at 9th Annual Awards Ceremony



Above: Officials standing with Forest Heights Academy award winners.

By Mirella Santillo

In front of a panel of distinguished officials, among them MP for North Abaco, Renardo Curry, Senior Administrator Preston Cunningham, District of Education Superintendent, Dr. Lenora Black and the President of the Outstanding Students Foundation, Trevor Whylly, grade 6 students and grade 12 students from eight primary schools and eight high schools, among them some all-age schools, were rewarded for their academic and sport performances.

To be awarded a certificate, a medal or a trophy, students had to have a mini-

mum of a 3.00 GPA average in academics or in sports.

Six students made it to the top of the academic achievement list, with a 4.00 GPA. They were six graders Bethany Higgs from Agape Christian School and Isaac Collie, from Long Bay School as well as twelve graders Rebecca Strachan, Amanda McIntosh and Alexandra Phillipot from Forest Heights Academy and Cathy Weatherford from Mary E Albury Academy on Man-O-War Cay.

In the primary school division over eighty students achieved a GPA higher than 3.00 and in the high school division

fifty seven students reached that average.

In his remarks, Administrator Cunningham reminded the audience that "the success of a nation hinges on the education of its youth." He explained why as a child growing up in a poor family, he had promised himself not to give up and to stay focused; it paid up, he said. So, "keep your eyes on the prize and continue to do well" he admonished.

Dr. Lenora Black also passed advice along to the children. "You have been placed in the inner circle," she told them. "As we seek to improve our nation, let's not forget that each of us has a role to play. It is my prayer that you continue to keep your eyes on the prize."

Mr. Whylly, a former senator and the CEO of the Outstanding Students Foundation, commented on the fact that the function used to take place in Nassau until 2004. But, he said, "what better place to be rewarded than at home?" He reminded the students that parents and teachers were also part of their achievement and asked the parents to continue to support their children in any means possible and not only through grade six, but through high school and college also.

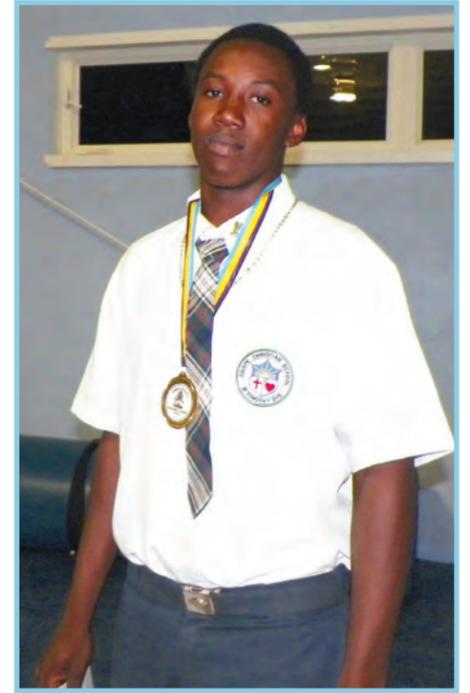
Mr. Curry acknowledged the parents who had come to give their full support to their children. "It is imperative that we continue to strive for excellence," he said. "The Bahamian Government is doubling its investment in education," he announced, "and as a Member of Parliament, I want to commit that the kids receive a good education."

Then the moderator, William Davis,

went on to call the students to be awarded, asking one of the official guests in turn to pass them out.

Two Long Bay Students, the above mentioned Isaac Collie with 4.00 and Blaine Altidor with 3.69 made the list of achievers. Seven Cooper's Town Primary School students were mentioned with the highest GPA of 3.59 going to Chilandra Edward.

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Above: Jaron Cornish, an exceptional basketball player who was awarded.

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Besides Bethany Higgs, eleven Agape Christian School were also called to receive their certificates; among them Jenna Albury and Kiary White had a 3.90 average.

Colin Ray Albury from Man-O-War Primary School had the highest average of 3.88 among the three students who qualified.

Twelve Treasure Cay Primary School students made the list with Kaitlyn Russell and Whitney Mitchell reaching 3.62.

Amy Roberts Primary School on Green Turtle Cay had seven students qualifying, so did Hope Town Primary School.

The highest GPA of 3.78 went to Joshua Russell, one of the four Fox Town Primary School's children to qualified.

Three Cherokee Primary School's kids were mentioned, the highest GPA of 3.40 obtained by Branden Sands. A 3.4 average was also obtained by Oscar Pinder of J A Pinder Primary School in Sandy Point.

Twelve students from Central Abaco Primary School obtained an average over 3.00, two of them, Izaiah Newbold and Maliyah Forbes with 3.76; twelve St Francis de Sales students made the list, Dikembe Wilkinson at the top with 3.80.

Out of the fifty seven high school students who had a GPA superior to 3.00, eleven of them belonged to Agape Chris-

tian School; eleven as well came from SC Bootle Highschool, among them Sherrie Romer and Rose Mika Charles with a 3.58 GPA.

Altogether, Forest Heights Academy had eight students with a high average. George C. Cross and Miranda Albury with 3.90 followed closely the three above mentioned girls.

Eight students from St Francis de Sales Catholic School also qualified; 3.76 and 3.67 were the highest average obtained respectively by Charese Kemp and Jake Consulta.

Nine students from Abaco Central High school had a GPA over 3.00 with Olujimi Scott reaching 3.50.

Two students from Moore's Island reached a 3.12 average and seven students from Long Bay were mentioned with Aleisha Gomez topping the list with 3.29. Mary E Albury of Man-O-War sent one student, the above mentioned Cathy Weatherford.

Thirty four primary school students achieved an average superior to 3.00 in sports while seventeen high school students qualified, among them Jaron Cornish from Agape Christian School, one of the best high school basketball players in the country.

The function was coordinated by William "Tony" Davis who donated the trophies and Neulessa Major.

An Evening of Art, Wine and Tapas held for PTA at Hummingbird Cottage



Above: a second grade student displaying a piece of art.

By Jennifer Hudson

'The Event of the Year' stated a notice board outside the Hummingbird Cottage Art Centre in Hope Town on April 2. This was 'An Evening of Art, Wine and Tapas' presented by the Parent Teacher Association of the Hope Town School to raise funds for the school. The organizers were very pleased with the attendance for the event which drew about 50% more than had been anticipated.

Many parents and community members worked hard to make this a very pleasant and successful event. They were thanked by Candace Key, former Principal of the Hope Town School who then introduced a very special guest, Lorraine Bastian-Jones.

Ms. Jones is the niece of the late well known Bahamian artist, Amos Ferguson, who was the major featured artist of the evening. She is the executor of Mr. Ferguson's will and made all of the arrangements to bring many of his paintings over to Hope Town for the event.

Ms. Bastian-Jones thanked the people

of Hope Town for their warm welcome and made presentations of albums crafted from native materials on behalf of her late uncle to people "for showing much love and appreciation for Uncle Amos' work". She also presented CDs of Amos' work to Justin Higgs, Principal of the school to be shown to the students and also to Christy Young, owner of the Hummingbird Cottage Art Centre. She mentioned what a philanthropic person her uncle was and that he used to sell some of his paintings so that he could assist people in the community.

Amos Ferguson is a true Bahamian folk artist known for his brilliantly coloured paintings of Bible stories and Bahamian scenes. He began by using house paint on cardboard and wood and used such things as nail heads and sticks to get the effect he wanted. His paintings adorned the entire space of the larger of the two galleries at Hummingbird along with one large painting by Alton Lowe.

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Mr. Lowe's painting, entitled 'Landing Day,' was painted to celebrate the bicentennial of Hope Town and featured a young girl planting the Union Jack into the sand of Hope Town Harbour representative of the arrival of Loyalist Wyannie Malone. In the gallery of the main house were paintings by Jonathan Bethel, Kim Rody, Brigitte Bowyer-Carey, Arnie Casavant and Walter Bartman.

A large and varied selection of art work by students of the Hope Town School was on display outside on the lawn and a collage of colourful cats entitled "Too Many Meows," created by second grade students was also up for bid in the silent auction. This attractive and unusual piece looked as if it would engender a very pleasing sum according to the bids on the paper.

All of the artwork was on sale and the students present were very excited to have some of their artwork purchased. Sixth grade students were selling a variety of their decorated paper weights and book marks.

Other items up for bid in the silent auction included one day boat rentals, sea glass and coconut jewelry, a Harl Taylor designer bag, mosaic mirror, dinner for two with Tom at the Abaco Inn and artwork.

Selections of easy listening music provided by violinist Jennifer Hudson provided a relaxing atmosphere while the attendees enjoyed socializing, tasting the many wines from 'Tupps Fine Wines, Beers and Spirits' in Marsh Harbour and sampling delicious tapas. Tania Duncan of 'Abaco Spice' tantalized the palate with Dolphin Crudo, which consisted of many delicacies such as gazpacho, platanos fritos and escebeche.

Chef Gavin from Firefly wowed with his stone crab cake with salsa and Tuscan sushi relish while Kelly Fair and Sean Tully offered tomato mozzarella skewers and fresh home-made country bread promoting their business: Abaco Buzz.

Candice Key drew people's attention to a giant size poster listing equipment of which the Hope Town School is in need. This included items such as gym mats, ceiling fans, computers, boombox/CD player, iPad speakers, computer software, sports equipment and art supplies. People came forward and generously contributed towards many of these items, signing their name alongside whatever they wished to donate.

The PTA members and organizers of this event were delighted with the generous donations to the school's wish list and with the overall financial outcome of this very pleasant evening in aid of the school.

Crossing Rocks Primary visits the Government Complex



Above Crossing Rocks Primary students with Administrator Cunningham in the Office of the Prime Minister.

By Samantha Evans

Crossing Rocks School ventured all the way up from South Abaco to visit the Government Complex in Marsh Harbour this month. The school paid a courtesy call to Senior Island Administrator Preston Cunningham.

Mr. Cunningham was very impressed with the level of questions that the students asked. He gave a brief but detailed description of his duties as an Island Administrator. One student from Grade 1 was curious to know where he lived. Mr. Cunningham,

a bit surprised, told the students he lived at Government House.

After about half an hour of discussion, Mr. Cunningham expressed how good he felt that the students visited the complex and also informed them that they made history by being the first local school to grace the halls of the Prime Minister's Office.

After the group left the Administrator they paid homage to Dr. Lenora J. Black - District Superintendent of Education for the Abaco District.

Head Start Academy hosts first Sports Day

By Vernique Russell

Head Start Academy hosted their 1st sports day on March 27. The fun filled day for the students took place at the school grounds.

Students were able to participate in events such as the "amazing race," egg and spoon race, sack races and regular meter races. The school was divided into three house Blue Marlins, Green Turtles and Red Lobsters.

Parents and well-wishers joined the star athletes and staff for the big day. The students gave their best in every event and were very grateful for the opportunity to show off their athletics talents and abilities. At the end of the event the winners of the sports day were the Blue Marlins. All the other teams are already gearing up for next year to claim the title.

Head Start Academy is located in Treasure Cay in the former four-plex building. The school currently accommodates students in the K to Grade 1 categories with plans to expand this Fall.

Crossing Rocks Primary Celebrated Parent's Night

By Samantha Evans

It was a night of fun and frolic for the parents of Crossing Rocks Primary School. Principal Simone Pinder was pleased with the great turn-out and thanked each parent for supporting the development of their children.

Ten points were awarded to each child who was represented. Parents thanked the staff for the night and requested that it become a monthly event. Some activities they engaged in during the night were Jeopardy, Bingo and Name that Show but the hit activity was 'Musical Chairs;' which made the parents "feel like a kid again." Parents also feasted on a scrumptious meal prepared for them.

Crossing Rocks Primary participates in Art Competition



By Samantha Evans

Crossing Rocks Primary won 1st Place in The Bahamas National Trust 'Arts for The Parks' Competition. The competition was very enjoyable for the students. They created the front and back cover for a CD. They were excited to create their first album in which they recorded one of their six songs entitled "Pride of Abaco."

Above: Some Crossing Rocks students at the Art for the Parks event.

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Scoliosis impacts the lives of Abaco students

The incredible stories of four brave girls

By *Canishka Alexander*

Numerous children on Abaco live with a condition that affects the spine called scoliosis. The spine appears to be straight in a person with a normal spine when viewed from the front or back. When a person with scoliosis is viewed from the front or back, the spine appears to be curved.

Although some are unwilling to talk about their condition, four courageous female students shared their experiences last month to help others identify the early warning signs of scoliosis therefore avoiding surgery, and in some instances, death.

Let me introduce you to Tatia McIntosh, Romea Rolle, Leandra Rolle and Joanne Brave.

For the most part, girls are more likely to be affected than boys overall. While there are many types and causes of scoliosis, most fall within the categories of: congenital scoliosis, neuromuscular scoliosis, and degenerative scoliosis. The final category is idiopathic scoliosis, and is the most common type of scoliosis.

Idiopathic scoliosis commonly affects those between the ages of 10 to 16 years, and progresses through the growth spurt years. Persons with scoliosis tend to have uneven shoulders, a prominent shoulder blade, uneven waist, or lean to one side. In

some cases, scoliosis can affect childbirth in females.

Scoliosis curves are initially detected on school screening exams, by a child's pediatrician or family doctor, or by a parent. The person must then undergo a careful bone examination, and an X-ray to evaluate the magnitude of the curve. Surgery is considered for those whose spinal curves measure greater than 40 degrees; however, bracing is the usual treatment option.

Leainer McIntosh detected the condition in her 15-year-old daughter, Tatia, who has a double curve that measures over 60 degrees. Leainer said that she, her mother and another one of her daughters have a slight curve in their spines. Although scoliosis sometimes affects her lungs and breathing causing some discomfort, Tatia can still comfortably participate in sports. She wears a full-body brace, and is actually wearing a second brace.

Fortunately, Leainer said the doctor's visits are not expensive with Dr. Valentino Grimes, orthopedic and spinal surgeon, at the Bahamas Medical Center. She looked forward to Tatia's surgery over the Easter holiday adding that surgeons from Atlanta travel to Nassau frequently to offer free surgery in support of the Crippled Children's Fund for local children.

During the procedure, metallic im-

plants are utilized to correct some of the curvature and hold it in the correct position by joining the vertebrae together permanently. It is called spinal fusion.

The Bahamas Medical Center Web site stated that Dr. Grimes "recently led a team of doctors and specialists to provide critical treatment for several local children suffering from physically debilitating ailments. Dr. Grimes joined forces with the Physically Challenged Children Committee to provide necessary surgeries for these children to give back to the community he knows and loves." The children had severe cases of scoliosis with some showing 90 degree arcs in their spines.

The news that Romea Miracle Rolle, 14, had scoliosis was shocking to her mother, Nicole Rolle, in September 2012. Nicole recalled that her daughter Romea would say that she looked twisted, but she was always modeling in their home, so she wasn't overly concerned. However, the day before school began, Romea put on her school uniform. This time, her condition was quite noticeable to Nicole.

"She said her skirt was lopsided," Nicole recalled. "I really wasn't paying close attention to it probably because I wasn't looking for it, but it became very obvious. You could notice by her waistband that one side was really higher than the other," she said.

Overwhelmed, Nicole began to cry. She remembered previous occasions when her daughter would walk humped over and wondered if that was an indication from then, or if her bad posture had contributed to her having scoliosis.

"I just figured she had bad posture because she doesn't like to sit up straight," Nicole admitted. "I told her that if she didn't watch it she was going to be humped not realizing that that was the case

already."

As a member of the Defence Force Rangers program, Romea was never one to complain about feeling tired during drills, but that was about to change. At the last Rangers Installation Ceremony, she had to step off the line because her back began to hurt, and she felt a bit woozy.

Nicole said that Dr. George Charite, medical director of Integrated Medical Centre, referred Romea to a specialist named Dr. Freeland Lockhart. Fortunately, Romea was able to acquire bracing in time, but it meant that her mother's worst fears were confirmed. The initial X-ray showed that Romea's back was curved at a 15 degree angle. She was fitted for her brace, and all appeared to be well. However, after conducting another X-ray, they realized that the brace had been fitted backward causing Romea's spine to curve more.

In her reflections, Nicole said that no one else in the family has scoliosis. It was difficult to observe Romea becoming depressed, but as resilient teenagers go, her worry soon shifted to maintaining her slim figure. Then several months ago, Romea soon had more reason to celebrate because Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Perry Christie, was visiting North Abaco during the bi-election - the day her mother was having a fundraiser for her. The prime minister was so moved by her condition when he saw her that he pledged to assist her mother with her medical expenses. True to his word, Nicole confirmed that Mr. Christie took care of Romea's medical expenses.

In August, Romea will do a follow-up examination to see if the curve is at a standstill, or if it continues to progress.

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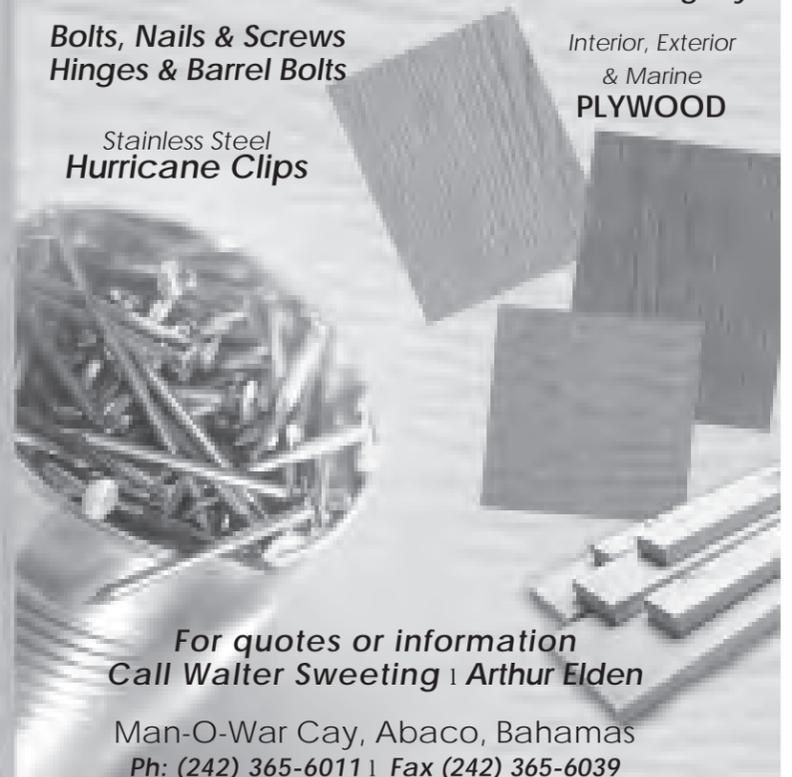
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Like Tatia, Romea does experience some discomfort particularly after standing for long periods of time, but wearing the brace doesn't prohibit her from exercising or doing what she needs to do.

In the case of Leandra Rolle, she received her diagnosis in August of 2011. Since then, the outgoing, down-to-earth 16-year-old student-athlete said there have been no dramatic changes in her life besides changing her clothing size to be less form fitting.

"I noticed that her waist appeared to be dropped, and around her shoulders looked humped," her mother, Ruby Rolle, explained. Ruby added that her oldest daughter has scoliosis, too, but it is less pronounced.

At school, Leandra said her friends also began to notice a difference in the way she walked, but she is still able to participate in the 400 meter run as well as basketball and volleyball events. Occasionally, she feels a bit painful when she wakes up in the morning, but generally there is no discomfort.

When Leandra's X-ray was done in 2011, the curvature of her spine measured at 53 degrees, but her mother is certain that the number has increased since then because her condition is so advanced that the brace cannot be used.

Bracing costs between \$1,800 to \$2,000, which is a small price to pay when surgery is billed at an astronomical figure of \$250,000 or more. Leandra and her parents have met with Dr. Chambers and Dr. Valentino Grimes, and she has been placed on a waiting list for those eligible for surgery.

Although surgery has its benefits, Leandra is fearful of what the condition is doing to her body, and she is hoping that the problem can be corrected, so she can go on to live a healthy life. Ruby is hoping that something happens sooner rather than later to assist her daughter. For encouragement, she and Leandra speak to each other occasionally to exchange mutual support.

"I hope it doesn't affect any of my organs later," Leandra acknowledged, "and I am afraid that after the surgery, I will be

paralyzed and not be able to walk again."

Like Leandra and her mother, Nicole has similar fears for Romea after learning that the bones in a person with scoliosis can shift until they puncture vital organs leading to death. Nicole realizes that scoliosis is connected to growth in the body, so she constantly observes her younger daughter to see if she is developing the condition.

Fortunately, people have not made fun of most of these young women because of their condition. In Romea's case, her mother said that if anything the students at her school have been sympathetic. Leandra found that many are not familiar with scoliosis, and have asked what scoliosis is when she shares that she has the condition.

But for 17-year-old girl Joanne Brave, her experience has brought her torment. People have not been so nice to her, and she has been teased more times than she cares to remember because of her appearance.

"I am a nice, but shy person; I act this way because of my scoliosis," Joanne supplied. "People stare at me, and they call me names. I don't want to call attention to myself."

She also wears loose fitting clothing to hide the "hump" because of how she has been treated.

Her mother Suzanne Moralus discovered Joanne had scoliosis when she was nine years old. Joanne remembered traveling to Nassau when she was 12 or 13 years old to see a Dr. Munnings, who wanted to do an operation at that time. Since then, though, no operation has been done to correct her curve, and she was never fitted with a brace.

Now Joanne is severely bent over. More than anything she hopes to be able to have surgery because she is looking forward to being a hair stylist when she completes high school or becoming a history teacher if she attends college.

To bring greater awareness about scoliosis, Joanne is even willing to do presentations to educate people on what scoliosis is, and its effects because she desperately wants the ridicule and the disfigurement of her spine to go away.

"It's not a very good position to be in," Joanne lamented.

Thumbs Up Gardening Club teaches youth about farming

By Samantha Evans

Children ages 3 to 14 years have been enjoying the "Thumbs Up Gardening Club" which meets every Saturday from 9am to 4pm at the farm of Vashti Farrington. They learn about food, how to eat healthier and how to take care of their own personal garden.

It gives the youth a chance to engage in outdoor activities like she did when she was growing up, she explained. She hopes that they will learn to appreciate what farming has to offer and the importance of fruits and vegetables to their body.

They grow vegetables such as green pepper, cabbage, zucchini, and lettuce. Once their vegetables are mature, they take them home for their families to enjoy. They recently started growing fruits such as sugar apple, mango, pear, juju and hog plum which have not matured as yet.

Each child is given a 20 by 20 foot piece of land to farm on.

Before the kids begin to farm their lot, they learn about the theory part of farming. They learn the various types of farming, about crops and livestock, and about different types of vegetables and fruits they will grow and how to care for them. Once the kids have out grown their plot of land, they are given a larger plot to grow on.

To date there are 37 students in the program that come from various schools. Besides farming, the students all learn how to make crafts, petting and caring for animals and teamwork through game playing.

The day is structured just like school with snack and lunch times. Soon, Vashti plans to offer a farming program on Sundays for families. Persons interested in her program can call 375-9816.

They plan to offer very small classrooms but each child will be treated as a special case. Testing is also available to assess your child's current level.

On May 4, specialists from their partner company, Sylvan, will be on the island to conduct testing. If you are interesting in enrolling your child or having them tested please contact 525-8067 for further information.

The school will be located in the Marsh Harbour area.

Legacy, leadership tools presented for senior students

By Canishka Alexander

On March 19, three excited senior students from Horizons Academy attended a one-day seminar at Grabbers on Guana Cay. They were accompanied by Simone Bowe-Mullings, administrator, and Churton Toote, P.E. teacher at Horizons. Whitney Bain, chief facilitator of Whitsun Leadership Group Ltd., was the guest speaker.

The location offered a relaxed atmosphere for the small group to take a closer look at their upcoming graduation theme: "Keeping the Vision Alive for a Better Generation," and to determine what their legacy and leadership qualities are.

Bain segmented the seminar into two parts: "Your Vision, Your Legacy," and "Leadership Skills for the Emerging Leader." In the first portion of the seminar, Bain asked the students about what drives them as individuals. As they focused on legacy, he told them that it is not only important to leave a legacy, but to live a legacy.

"Take each and every step with purpose," Bain advised.

The students participated in a legacy exercise on how they wish to be viewed and remembered by their family members, at their school and churches, and in the community. They were also engaged in a 360 Degree Perspective Exercise, and listened to an Audio Insert from the Success for Teens Foundation called: "Little Things Matter." They learned that it takes practice to become better at doing things, and that sometimes success means going against what is popular and having to make sacrifices.

For the leadership presentation, Bain spoke about the mind, heart, voice and life and image of a leader. Bain introduced a concept called Mental RDA (Recommended Daily Allowance) to help the students

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New school to open its doors to struggling students

By Vernique Russell

One on One Academy plans to open its doors to serve the children and parents of Abaco this August. They will cater to children who struggle in large classrooms, suffer from learning disabilities or who just need extra help with their academics. Currently the owners have opened its doors for registrations and to assess the demand for the service.

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Above: Whitney Bain of Whitsun Leadership Group making his presentation on legacy and leadership to Horizons Academy senior students on March 19.

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determine what they need on a daily basis like rest, proper nutrition and exercise, and also positive thoughts. Students were amazed to learn that the heart has brain cells according to a Web site called Ted.com, and that the heart has the ability to tell the brain what to do.

“Emotional intelligence goes beyond the surface, and engages the person in the deepest part of their lives [or] their essence,” Bain shared. “Caring comes from the heart.”

As for the voice of the leader, there are two voices: physical and non-verbal. Again, Bain encouraged the students to live purposefully as he left them with a video insert by Les Brown, who emphasized

the phrase “It’s Possible” as they seek to fulfill their legacy and develop themselves as leaders.

Whitney Bain facilitates two programs on Abaco. One is called L.I.F.E., which is an acronym for: Learning, Identifying, Facilitating and Execution, and the other is Innerspring Youth Program/TV. Both programs provide leadership and personal development training to young people between the ages of 12 to 19.

For more information, Whitney Bain can be contacted by e-mail at Whitney_bain@yahoo.com or by phone at 1-242-458-0675.

Beautification Project underway on Man-O-War An interview with Barbara Dowty and Doug Foust



Above: Barbara Dowty and Doug Foust in front of the Methodist Church in Man-O-War - site of the ongoing beautification project.

By Aaliyah Roberts – 4th Grade Student

Hello! My name is Aaliyah Roberts. I am a fourth grader at the Man-O-War Primary School. I had the privilege of interviewing Ms. Barbara Dowty and Mr. Doug Foust about the beautification project they are creating at our town corner on Man-O-War Cay.

The idea came about for this project after seeing that this area needed some “sprucing up” as Ms. Barbara put it. Ms. Barbara, a member of the Man -O- War Garden Club, asked Mr. Walter Sweeting, my uncle, if they would be able to use that area to start this project. Mr. Walter told her sure and he also said that he had always wanted to build a bench and garden in memory of Derek Lee: so on with the project!

They got the idea in late November and planned in December through the New Year and then started in February.

So, it has been in the works for about four months. The main contributors of this project have been the Man -O- War Garden Club, Mr. Walter, Ms. Barbara, and Mr. Doug. They actually began working on February 18th. Their goal was to have it finished for ‘Sojer Day’ on April 7.

The amount of workers is around fifteen to twenty people. The idea for this project was to create a place that the tourists would be able to come and sit down as well as a place where the community would still be able to use. The kids will continue to use this area to sell their goods. Also, they will still be using the building for hardware storage.

Mr. Doug’s favorite part is watching the people and their reactions to see an area of the town that has changed completely and to become a nice park, green space, and plaza for the years to come. Ms. Barbara’s favorite part is hearing all the positive feedback from the community and all of the memories about that area.

Mr. Walter told them that they used to pull a small boat around town to gather money for the Methodist Church. They used to ring a bell for Sunday school every Sunday and also every Christmas Eve. She said this used to be the gathering spot on Christmas, New Years, and many other occasions.

As of now, their planning team does not have any definite projects planned in the near future, but they have been presented with a number of ideas, and may be looking towards improving another area of the town later on.

They are looking for members of the Man -O- War Garden Club and the community to help with the landscaping and the finishing touches to the project. They are trying to include native plants that will help to represent the Bahamas. So, if you can volunteer some of your time, come down to the town corner with your paint brushes or a helping hand to get the project finished up. Ms. Barbara said they are hoping to have a dedication ceremony by the end of April.

A great big thank you to Ms. Barbara, Mr. Doug, Mr. Walter, The Man -O- War Garden Club and everyone else who has helped it any way as this an all volunteer project. It is exciting to see this area becoming such a beautiful place for us all to enjoy!

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Artist Highlight

Knock on Wood

By Jennifer Hudson

Donnie Wood is an artisan extraordinaire; there doesn't seem to be anything he cannot turn his hand to. Always looking to expand his horizons, he says; "As soon as I get comfortable in a medium I push on to do something I have not done before." Therefore, he is able to create in many different mediums. His studio is an absolute treasure trove of his creations and is an extremely interesting place to visit. He has inherited his artistic talents from his father's line of the family since his father and grandfather were both artists and carpenters.

It is over thirty years now since Donnie made his home in Marsh Harbour and fifteen years that he has had his studio next to Memorial Plaza.

Donnie has an interesting story as to how he came to settle in Marsh Harbour. Upon leaving school in the United States he studied commercial art and became a silk screen painter. He had a desire, however, to escape from the United States where he was living in Delray Beach, Florida. He was always interested in boats as he was from a seafaring heritage. His grandfather went to sea in Newfoundland at the age of thirteen. Donnie's inherited carpentry skills also played a part in his decision to build and rig a boat and set out to sea.

While at sea Donnie needed some-

thing to occupy his time and also provide some form of income so he decided to make little wooded groupers. The first ones he made by cutting out sketches he had made on various types of wood including mahogany, guava, maple and cherry wood. Then he shaped them with a wood cutter called a mandrill and finished them by carving out details with an exacto knife.

This was very time consuming to carve each one and since Donnie found that he began to sell them off his neck for as fast as he made them. He needed to streamline his operation. When he became experienced with other tools he found that he could make ten in one day.

Donnie found that this was a good little business which he could operate right off his boat anywhere he was. After about six years he went to Exuma and soon had his little groupers in 13 shops in Exuma, Eleuthera, Abaco, Nassau and Rum Cay. However, he found that after carving literally thousands of these little fish he was tired of the tedious work of carving wooden grouper and decided to move onto other things.

He only makes these little grouper nowadays by special request. The entire time I was interviewing Donnie for this story he sat carving a little grouper for me and I could see the painstaking work that goes into each one.



Above: Donnie Wood in his studio in Marsh Harbour sculpting a little grouper. Mr. Wood is well known for his work in many different artistic mediums.

Fortuitously, Donnie met an American fellow boater who, when he saw the little grouper, suggested that he should cast them in gold. Although Donnie had never done any gold work before, he was eager to give it a try so he followed the professional's instructions to carve a model in wax and then let him cast it in the United States.

This arrangement worked well and Donnie began creating grouper in gold and silver and then also turtles. He then bought all the equipment he needed in Florida to cast them himself. "I made a

lot of mistakes. The fear of making mistakes is what stops most people, but I persevered and learned from my mistakes," he philosophized.

Once comfortable with this craft Donnie was ready to push on to another medium and so began sculpting bronze pieces and large wood carvings. Donnie has completed many large wood carvings including mermaids, pirates, fish and even furniture. He has recently built his own house and has hand carved all of his furniture including a very ornate headboard for his bed. One of his recent wood sculptures of a 12 foot blue marlin made of cedar stands near the beach at the Abaco Club on Winding Bay pointing the way to Busters Bar. This fish has been beautifully painted by well-known artist, Marjolein Scott.

Presently, Donnie is working on carving Mother Theresa's poem onto a large board. This is a very painstaking piece of work but it is something he really wanted to do and which he has now almost completed. There is a beautiful statue of Mother Theresa with a small child at her side in his studio which he carved in bronze some time ago.

He is also working on another very interesting project which consists of carving a large map of all the islands of the Bahamas. Donnie's latest urge is to do something really big so it will be very interesting to see what idea he comes up with next.

Don Woods Originals' studio is a treasure trove of his work. Not only are there many examples of his work in mediums already mentioned but he is also a talented artist and also has paintings on display. He has branched out into many jewellery designs which, in addition to gold and silver include gemstones.

His work can be purchased from his studio in Marsh Harbour and also from Native Creations in Green Turtle Cay and Ebb Tide in Hope Town. He also takes commissions and will customize pieces for his clients. Don Wood can be contacted at 3673681 or 553 7917.

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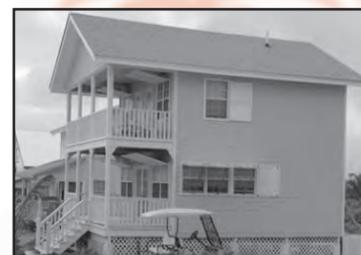
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SPORTS

Crossing Rocks native chases down bronze medal



Above: James Williams, 19 years old of Crossing Rocks, Abaco captured the bronze medal at CARIFTA in the 4x400M Relay.

By Timothy Roberts

In the final event of the 42nd CARIFTA Games, The Bahamas' team of James Williams, Janeko Cartwright, Stephen 'Dirty' Newbold and Andre Colebrooke, in that order, captured the bronze medal, in the 4x400M Relay Bronze Medal in a time of 3:07.44.

Starting out in the first leg of that relay was 19-year-old James Williams, native of Crossing Rocks, Abaco and part of the Moors Island Exterminators track team.

Running in his first CARIFTA Games James said "It was good for the first time, a really good experience." He added that it was great "running with some of the top athletes in the Caribbean."

Team Captain in Moors Island, James trains under Pastor Anthony Williams who has established a successful track program on the island.

James also ran in the Open 400M and came second in that heat and placed seventh overall. "So right now I am the seventh fastest in the Caribbean and the fastest quarter mile in high school," he said.

He enjoyed being able to meet with other Bahamian athletes and get to know some of them. "It was a great experience and I plan to continue to train and compete," he said.

James has also competed in the Penn's Relays last year and will be going again this year on April 25 to Philadelphia with the Moors Island Track Team to compete again.

Abaco swimmers make waves at CARIFTA

By Timothy Roberts

Three swimmers from Abaco made their mark at this year's CARIFTA Games, both nationally and individually, bringing home medals and setting personal best times at the competition held in Jamaica in early April.

Margaret Albury Higgs:

Distinguishing herself with an impressive body of work over the last few years at both the local and regional level, Margaret Albury-Higgs increased her gold count in this year's CARIFTA competition.

Albury's debuted in the 13-14 age group at this year's CARIFTA Swimming Championships earning a total of five gold medals, dominating her group and achieving the high point total for the second consecutive year. Albury also helped capture Silver in 400M Medley relay for 13-14 Girls.

She swept the breaststroke competition taking gold in the 50M, 100M and 200M breaststroke and added two gold in individual medley where she took first place in both the 200M and 400M.

Albury said it was a really good experience. "It was really good with all the countries I have known them now for three years, so I knew some people already and it was good to see friends again."

She said "I was in the lower end of my age group so I didn't know how it was going to be, but I just went there and did my best. It was fun racing and I enjoyed the competition."

Miller Albury:

In Miller Albury's second CARIFTA competition he captured two bronze medals in 400M Medley Relay and 200M Freestyle Relay and set personal best times.

He said the experience was great "especially due to the fact that my head coach decided to put me on the relays at the last minute and that's how I ended up acquiring the two bronze medals."

Miller said the event "taught us about teamwork and dedication to the sport, but it also showed you what type of competition you're up against at that level."

He said it was a "fantastic competition - everyone did really good and bettered most of their times. I personally bettered all of my times as well as placing third in the two relays, seventh out of 36 in



Above: Miller Albury performing backstroke at the CARIFTA Games.

100M backstroke and also two ninths out of 40."

Lily Higgs:

Sister of Albury, Lilly Higgs this year attended her first CARIFTA Swimming Championships in the 11-12 girls age group and set personal best times in all her events.

"In all my races I set personal best times and in the 100M Breaststroke I made it to the finals," she said. "It was sort of nerve-wrecking because I didn't know what to expect but it was a great experience and I got to know a lot of people."

Lily swam several freestyle races - the 100M, 200M and 400M Freestyle - and also swam in the 200M IM and 100M breaststroke.

She said the experience taught her that "you really need to practice because it is really tough competition, but it's worth

practicing and you realize how hard you need to practice." She said looks forward to going to more competitions in the future.

High Praise:

Minister of Parliament for Central and South Abaco, Edison Key said he was pleased to be able to greet the swimmers at the airport. "In Jamaica they have made us so proud. When we look at these young people and where we have come in forty years - we are now bringing home gold!" he said.

"As Bahamians we should all be proud of our young people and give them the encouragement and financial support and whatever we can do to get them into bigger stuff,

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OIL SPILLS SHOW NEED FOR LAW

By KHRISNA VIRGIL
Tribune Staff Reporter
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PROMINENT human rights and environmental attorney Fred Smith QC yesterday called on the government to put in place an environmental protection act. The need for such legislation, Mr Smith told *The Tribune*, was evident as the country's most precious natural resources have continually and most recently been endangered following two oil spills.

OIL SPILLS SHOW NEED FOR LAW

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One of the incidents happened last Saturday after the Bahamas Oil Refining Company (BORCO) reported a spill near Pinder's Point. There was another spill at the Freeport Harbour in January, also involving BORCO. While the BEST commission manages the imple-

mentation of multilateral environmental agreements and reviews environmental impact assessments, Mr Smith wants an independent regulatory body "with teeth" created. The commission is not a statutory body neither was it created by legislation, making it less effective and relevant Mr Smith said. "The Bahamas," he said,

as a small island nation, must make protecting the environment a priority. It is also important that stakeholders and interested parties who may be affected by industrial and/or other urban developments have an opportunity to be properly consulted. "The need for environmental, health and safety at work legislation, with teeth, is even more important as thousands of workers and 60,000 Bahamians are exposed to hazards, toxic

Mr Smith also urged the Labour Minister to develop a committee and safety report to ensure that for any development to worker would be subject to clean up of a crime

Residents in Pinder's Point discover oil in beach waters

A dark oily substance floated atop the water and spread several feet across the shore Sunday afternoon on the beach in Pinder's Point. On shore were at least two employees from BORCO who were seen dipping a sponge into a bucket and sprinkling some yellowish liquid where the dark greasy liquid had come ashore. Alarmed at the beach,



Oil spills said to be of small quantity; Government expresses concern

By YASMIN FOFSU
FN News Reporter

A problem, which has long become a concern for the government of The Bahamas, as Grand Bahama experienced yet another oil spill this past weekend.

The Bahamas Oil Refining Company (BORCO) issued a press statement about a spill on Saturday, which came on the heels of the Government's release on Friday, both in the Pinder's Point area. According to the Government's release on Friday, March 22, at 6 pm BORCO reported an oil spill in waters in the area of Pinder's Point. The release said the Port Department responded immediately and discovered what appeared to be a small quantity of oil covering an area of about 70 feet on rocks at a breakwater in the area of BORCO's pipelines, that connected with a jetty. This is the same area of the last sighting of an oil spill which occurred in February of this year. The source of that last oil spill has to be determined. "The area affected boomed off and

ditional oil was expected to be contained in the area of the breakwater and retrieved from the water and the affected rocks will be cleaned," said the release. "Because of a forecasted deterioration of weather conditions over the next few days, however, it was not expected that divers could safely submerge before Tuesday to further investigate the source of the leak. "The Port department will conduct a flyover of the general area tomorrow (Saturday)." However, in the release from BORCO, they said they were also continuing investigations in the February 16 oil spill and had hired divers to inspect the vicinity of Pinder's Point. However, late Saturday, while divers were inspecting marine growth and debris surrounding the terminal's cooling water effluent line, a volume of less than two gallons of oil was also said to have been discharged. The release said that BORCO's emergency crews immediately responded, recovered the oil, and notified the relevant authorities.

2 incidents of oil spills Reported



Oil spill off Grand Bahama

ROYSTON JONES JR.
Staff Reporter

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immediate repairs once the ship was steered into deeper waters. Around 3:30 p.m. the crew managed to transport the re-

Oil slick after cargo ship leak

OIL SPILL PROBE



CREWS IN CLEAN-UP OPERATION AFTER ACCIDENT

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LOCAL NEWS

CONCERNS AMID FRESH OIL SPILL OFF GRAND BAHAMA

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ago," the statement said, "the petroleum company commenced repairs at a section of the jetty and they closed down seven pipelines and blew-out the lines with water. BORCO further reports that the procedure removed about 95 per cent of the oil from the lines, leaving some oily residue in the pipelines. This will be

carefully monitored." However, due to bad weather, the response team was unable to complete the assessment and clean-up operations on Saturday. The National Oil Spill Advisory Committee held a meeting yesterday at 4pm to review the situation and to ensure that mechanisms were in place to adequately respond to this latest incident. They are reviewing all

actions to respond to the spill. A fly over took place yesterday where it was confirmed that there were no signs of contamination. An action plan from BORCO was submitted to the government and approved for a clean up strategy moving forward. Last month, Robert Kennedy Jr, senior attorney, Natural Resources Defence Council, urged Bahamians

to take a serious stand in preserving the country's precious underwater resources. He said he was very concerned about the progressive breakdown of one of the country's most famous underwater reefs. According to Mr Kennedy, several reefs in the Clifton Pier area have been nearly destroyed by repeated oil spills from BEC's Clifton Pier Diesel Power Plant.

Mr Kennedy's revelations came just days after Environment Minister Kenred Dorsette confirmed that 210 gallons of oil had been spilled on Sunday, January 20, in waters off Grand Bahama. However, clean up crews disputed Mr Dorsette's claims and said that in fact thousands of gallons had been spilled. The spill had occurred near the BORCO site in Freeport Harbour.

At the time, the oil spill was the second at Grand Bahama since last December. In December, a tier-one oil spill happened off the coast of Grand Bahama after a Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) vessel reported a leak. Shortly after that incident, around 70,000 gallons of fuel spilled onto the ground at the Bahamas Electricity Corporation's (BEC) fuel facility at Rock Sound, Eleuthera.



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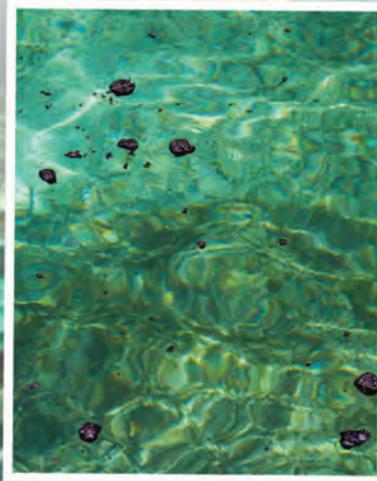
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Development and industry are essential for jobs and our economy, but we have to ensure that the growth is sustainable and environmentally sensible. The Bahamas currently does not have a statutory body created by legislation to ensure proper oversight and regulation of the industries that impact our environment. The Coalition to Protect Clifton Bay promotes the immediate passage of an **Environmental Protection Act** to hold polluters accountable for detrimental impacts to our shared land and marine resources.



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SPORTS

CARIFTA

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Ishmael "Stretch" Morley Youth Co-ordinator at Abaco's Ministry of Youth offered congratulations "on behalf of the Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Dr. Daniel Johnson, all the young people from Abaco who participated in CARIFTA, especially the swimmers for bringing back the gold and representing the Bahamas well; as making Abaco proud."

He also thanked them for putting swimming on the map again.



Above: Albury Higgs, center, beating out her opponents for the gold.

MoneyGram held promotion at soccer game

By Mirella Santillo

Afternoon soccer at Murphy Town Park on March 24 could have looked like ordinary Sunday soccer game, except for the presence of several staff members of Money Gram-Cash N' Go- among them the local branch manager, Nea Cooper, and the General Manager, Jayson Clarke, who had come from Nassau for the occasion.

They were there not only to promote the company but mostly to show their gratitude to the players, most of them their clients. They had brought with them many promotional items, including bracelet bands, soccer ball key chain and small towels that they had distributed to the players and were giving people as they enter the park.

"It is a way to give back as nearly all the players are our clients", explained Mr. Clarke, himself a footballer. We are even looking into an eventual partnership with the League and already had a meeting with the League President, Malcolm Spicer.

That day two games were being played. In the first game the Show Offs were playing against Fresh. It was a slow game, not for lack of running, as the players raced endlessly from one end of the field to the other, but as far as tactic was concerned. The final score ended in a tie 1-1.

The second game was between Abacom United and Abaco Heat, the Treasure Cay team. Most of the action took place in the second half. At half time Abacom had



Above: League President Malcolm Spicer with MoneyGram representatives. Below: a Hope Town Show Stoppers player chases down the soccer ball.

scored a goal that was matched at the beginning of the second half by Abaco Heat. The advantage came to Abacom a few minutes before the end of the game when one of the players managed a great goal from the opposite far end of the field.

The game ended with a final score of Abacom United 2- Abaco Heat 1.

At nearly half way through the season, Abacom United has the lead with 14 points in front of Fresh with 13 points. The Hope Town Show Stoppers are in third position with 10 points. Fresh has 5 points, Abaco Heat 4 points and the Show Offs close the list with 2 points.

Mr. Spicer was hoping to organize Friday evening games, but so far two games were cancelled, on March 22 because some of the spotlights were not properly working; the March 28 game did not take place for lack of players.



Chester Thompson Memorial Announcement

An Abaco memorial service for Chester Thompson will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 21st at "Big Hill" - Elbow Cay, Abaco.

Chester is remembered by family as a "loving" father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was the fourth son of Captain William Maurice Thompson and Lena Muriel née Albury, and brother to Hartis, Leonard, Roscoe, Maurice, Harvin, Velma and Dawson ("Joe").

Mr. Thompson is survived by his wife Joan, daughters Juliana and Christina, eleven grandchildren and two great grandsons.

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Church News

Maundy From Page 1

The audience was once again entertained by the Abaco District Combined Choir as they sang the hymns: "The Blood," and "Because He Lives."

Basing her Maundy Thursday address on the Book of John 13, Rev. Willish Johnson of St. John's Anglican Church, who was the guest speaker, highlighted the commandment that we must love one another. The familiar story tells of Jesus' love even in the face of betrayal and denial by two of his disciples, yet He still washed their feet and communed with them.

"What an awesome love to humble ourselves in love to those who despise us, to those who betray us," she perceived. "Through an ordinary thing Jesus showed the meaning of love."

Rev. Johnson then posed pertinent questions to those gathered there by asking: "Can we identify with Jesus?" and "How can you love God who you cannot see, and not love who you can see?" Although the answer was not an easy one, she admonished them that as bearers of His name, we are called to embody and manifest His love – a love that must be extended to our enemies as well.

Still, she had one final question.

"What does the love of God compel us to do? Rev. Johnson queried. "Loving is not merely just in words. Jesus loved in action, and it was a love that led Him to the cross."

The Abaco District Combined Choir closed the Maundy Thursday Service with the closing song: "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus."

Cherokee church reaches out for its neighbour

By Lee Pinder

This is a story of one neighbour helping another. Cherokee Sound is a small settlement with approximately 160 residents and whenever there is a need in the community the people come together to help each other. Epworth Methodist Chapel is in the process of trying to raise funds in order to do some much needed repairs to save their old landmark building. The Assemblies of God are a neighbouring church, and the only other church in Cherokee. In Cherokee it is not a matter of what church you attend, rather, "if I'm needed, I want to help do my part".

So, persons from both churches worked together to bring this program de-

pecting Christ's death and resurrection to the public.

On Good Friday Peggy Albury and Charmaine Saunders, both members of The Assemblies of God Church, combined their talents and managed to bring together a large portion of the entire community (Methodists and Evangelists alike) to put on "The Story of Easter".

This is not unusual for Ms. Albury, she has done Christmas Plays for many years, but this is the first time she has brought the story of Christ's crucifixion, death and ascension into heaven in the form of a play. Charmaine conducted the musical pieces as well as the narration.

The evening progressed with live actors in costumes (handmade by Peggy Albury) acting out the parts and the narrator telling the story just as it was told in the Bible with Pontius Pilot condemning Jesus, the soldiers fitting him with a crown of thorns, his agonizing trek to Calvary and the crowds taunting cruelty.

Jesus was put on a cross while "Death" lurked about in the background. He was buried in the tomb and, yes, Ms. Albury constructed a lifelike tomb with a makeshift rock to roll away, and, yes, he arose in pure white raiments holding the golden key to Heavens' gate.

Jesus was played by Darrel Pinder, the present Pastor of The Assemblies of God Church in Cherokee, but there were too many other persons in the play to name them all. The accompanying musical renditions helped the audience to more easily understand the old, old story they have all grown up with.

One of the musical renditions was sung in four different languages by three foreign nationals as well as one Bahamian singing in English, which was very moving.

The entire program proceeded with only a few very minor glitches and hardly any pauses, the entertainers were well rehearsed as they have been meeting for practices for several weeks. The play took place at The Assemblies of God Church in Cherokee that was filled to capacity by family and friends with many out-of-towners.

As the evening began, right on time, Peggy Albury announced there would be a free-will donation taken up as patrons exited the church, with the money would go towards the Methodist Church Building Fund. And while people congregated on the sidewalk in front of the church enjoying the delicious refreshments they announced that they had collected over \$1,500.

Ms. Albury said she was asked why the collection was going to another church and she told them, "That's why we're here – to help one another."

Culprits break into, vandalize local church building

By Canishka Alexander

Between March 20 to March 21, the Marsh Harbour Church of God was broken into. According to Bishop Clayton McIntosh, senior pastor, Elder William Newbold went to the building to collect some chairs on the morning of March 22, and discovered that the building had been broken into.

He reported the incident to the police.

The perpetrators broke into the building through a bathroom window and through a window behind the pulpit. Two thousand dollars' worth of equipment was stolen, and included two speakers, mic jacks and a power supply cord. The cord was cut in half with one half of it taken and the other left behind.

"My only desire is that whoever went in there and stole the stuff – I issue a warrant of arrest through the Holy Spirit that the Spirit would convict them, touch their heart and save their soul, so that they will acknowledge what they did was wrong," Bishop McIntosh declared.

The culprits also stripped the copper from the air condition unit, and left the church building in disarray. Although the members have repaired all they could, their worship service has been adversely impacted.

"It affects our worship service, but we will work it out with God's help," he continued. "We have plans to move from the building, so we don't want to have to invest much more money in there. It's just a slight set back."

A few years before, the church building was broken into and a mixer board and refrigerator were stolen. The offenders also vandalized the building by putting graffiti on the church walls, and some mornings they turn the electricity off before the church members come to the building. Such reckless behavior can endanger their own lives, but the wrongdoers continue their sacrilegious efforts, unimpeded.

"We had bars on the windows, so it surprised us with the area they came through. We made provisions to secure the area and make it more difficult for them to come through," Bishop McIntosh said. "Someone once told me – 'Never lock up from a thief; he'll find a way through.'"

"They planned it out because of the way they came in there with power tools. When people can steal from the church it is serious."

Lenten Tea and Fashion Show held at Anglican Hall

By Samantha Evans

On Sunday, March 24, the Anglican Church Women (ACW) held their annual Lenten Tea Party at St. John the Baptist Parish Church Hall under the theme, "It's a Family Affair" and indeed it was. There was entertainment galore with prizes and surprises.

The master of ceremony for the event was Shelly Austin who used charm and charismatic appeal to get the audience involved. Members also received awards for their involvement in the table decorating competition that took place earlier in the year.

The top three participants were honored at the tea party with trophies and certificates presented by Willamae Edgcombe and Rev. Willish Johnson. The overall winner was Velma Strachan whose table was beautifully decorated and fit for royalty.

Throughout the evening, the audience was entertained by Tannah Newbold and Cadero Dean who sang and Destiny Strachan who danced. Next there was a fashion show with Rev. Johnson and Mr. Johnson gracing the runway. There was a hat making competition and each participant had to model their spring bonnet.

The judges for this auspicious occasion were Starlene Penelus, Dianne Williams and Eleanor Darville. Finally during the evening, there was a parade of hats of all colors, sizes, and shapes which graced the runway. This was a wonderful activity for a Sunday evening inclusive of soothing music provided by Lydell Strachan. The chairpersons for this grand time were Kayla Wallace and Wynsome Ferguson.

Easter observed in North Abaco

By Vernique Russell

Many churches in the community of North Abaco celebrated the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord Jesus as observed in the Christian church. On Friday, April 29, a special Good Friday services were hosted to observe the crucifixion.

Most services began at 10 am and lasted for about two hours. The Seven Last Sayings of Jesus was a popular title given

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Church News

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to many Good Fridays sermons. Sunday was observed as Resurrection Sunday or Easter Sunday. The Community Church in Treasure Cay began the celebration with their beach side worship service. Locals and visitors alike joined the congregation for the special service.

From Treasure Cay to Crown Haven, churches came to live with energetic and lively services. Some churches hosted gospel concerts on Sunday evening and others hosted Easter Productions. Among those hosting productions was Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay and New Life Ministries International. The highlight of the Production at Full Gospel was the stage play entitled, 'More Than Conquerors'.

On Easter Monday, Life Gate Ministries hosted a Fun Day filled with activities and wholesome fun. The beaches were also a main attraction and a venue of choice. The entire weekend was a very peaceful one that brought families and loved ones together.

A Gala Dinner raises money for edifice

By Vernique Russell

Scores of people joined the New Life Ministries International on Saturday, March 23 for their fundraiser in the form of 'A Gala Dinner'. The event was hosted to raise funds for the completion of the church edifice.

Guests came from as far as the Cayman Island to celebrate with the ministries as they build to elevate the Kingdom of Heaven. New Life has been making a mark since they opened their doors in Cooper's Town. The senior pastor of the ministry is Bishop Cedric Bullard.

The dinner was staged at the church edifice and began at 7:30 pm. Special guests included the singing sensation Pas-

tor Rudy Roberts and the Sensational Seven, Bro. Albert Brennen and other local gospel music guest. Guest speaker for the event was Bishop Cardinal McIntosh.

The event was dubbed as a success and organizers were extremely grateful to all those who took time out their busy schedule to contribute to the success of the event. They extend God's richest blessings and favour to you for your kindness.

Ebenezer Baptist holds Church Fair

By Vernique Russell

The Ebenezer Baptist Church hosted a grand fair on Saturday, March 30 in aid of the church building and maintenance. The fair was held on the park and featured the popular Bahamian Easter dishes along with other Bahamian delights.

The day started at 11am and ran until late evening. Dozens of people stopped by in search of the homecoming but their disappointment was cured by the scrumptious food sold at the fair. Although the committee was disappointed that it was unable to host the homecoming due to last minute circumstances they were extremely glad the church could have benefitted and raised funds for their ventures.

The family fair provided a fun filled family atmosphere and provided a venue for old friends to catch and new friends to connect. The event was dubbed a success and organizers were glad for the support they received.

New senior deaconess installed

By Vernique Russell

Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay held a special service on Sunday, April 7 at 11am to install the new senior deaconess in the person of Deaconess Flor-

ence Sawyer. She is filling the position that was held by Deaconess Olive Forbes for the past 15 plus years.

It is an office that she held with integrity and dedicated to the time that she resigned in January. Superintendent of the Assemblies of God Rev. Patrick Paul was on the island for the installation and delivered the keynote address as well as the inductee ceremony.

Deaconess Sawyer accepted her of-

fice with the mind to work loyally and dedicatedly. She is honoured to have been elected for such a prestigious position and pledges to do her endeavored best as she labours in the vineyard of the Master.

The ministry is happy to welcome Minister Sawyer to the position of senior deaconess. A reception followed the service and it provided a wonderful time of fellowship and socializing.

Fund raising concert at Grace Gymnasium benefits the Christian Counselling Center



Above: the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel entertaining the audience during the Christian Counselling Center's Redemption Songs Easter Concert. The Center

By Mirella Santillo

A supportive audience comprising members of the business community, among them MP for Central / South Abaco, Edison Key and his wife Kathleen, attended a gospel concert in the evening of March 23.

Held at the Grace Gymnasium, "Redemption Song:" a medley of Gospel songs celebrating the Easter season, was the first concert organized by the Christian Counseling Center of Abaco to help the organization with running expenses.

Created five years ago, as an extension of the Nassau Counseling Center, with the help of Pastor Frederick Arnet and members of the Nassau Board, the Abaco Counseling Center is dedicated to help people of any age in need of counseling during any kind of life crisis, be it health, marital problems, money management, depression or just loneliness. Many people are referred to the Center by schools or Social Services.

The local members, the Chairman, Pastor David Cartwright, the Treasurer, Pastor Dereck Benjamin, the Secretary, Margaret Smith and members Ruth Smith, Rachael Johnson and Pastor Mark Anthony Swain participated in the function, delivering the opening and closing prayers, welcoming the audience and singing.

The well-known Good News Quartet and Bro. Michael Symonette had come from Nassau to add their talent to the ones of the Marsh Harbour Gospel Choir and of the local pastors.

Nineteen members of the Marsh Harbour Gospel Choir (two had been unable to attend) opened the concert with several selections with Bro. Kevin Sawyer as conductor. Pastor David Cartwright performed a solo before a video presentation showing testimonies of several people who had dared ask for counseling (people are sometimes embarrassed to ask for help). They were all very positive about the help they had received and said their lives had been changed after they took the step.

The snack shop was open and a table displaying mouth-watering cookies and pies brought many of the attendees over to indulge during the intermission. The concert continued with several great renditions by the Good News Quartet and more songs by the Marsh Harbour Gospel Choir, with solos by Londa Sawyer and Troy Albury, interrupted by selections from Bro. Michael Symonette and Pastor Steve Eldon.

The Christian Counseling Center is to hold its second golf tournament at the Treasure Cay Golf Course on April 6.



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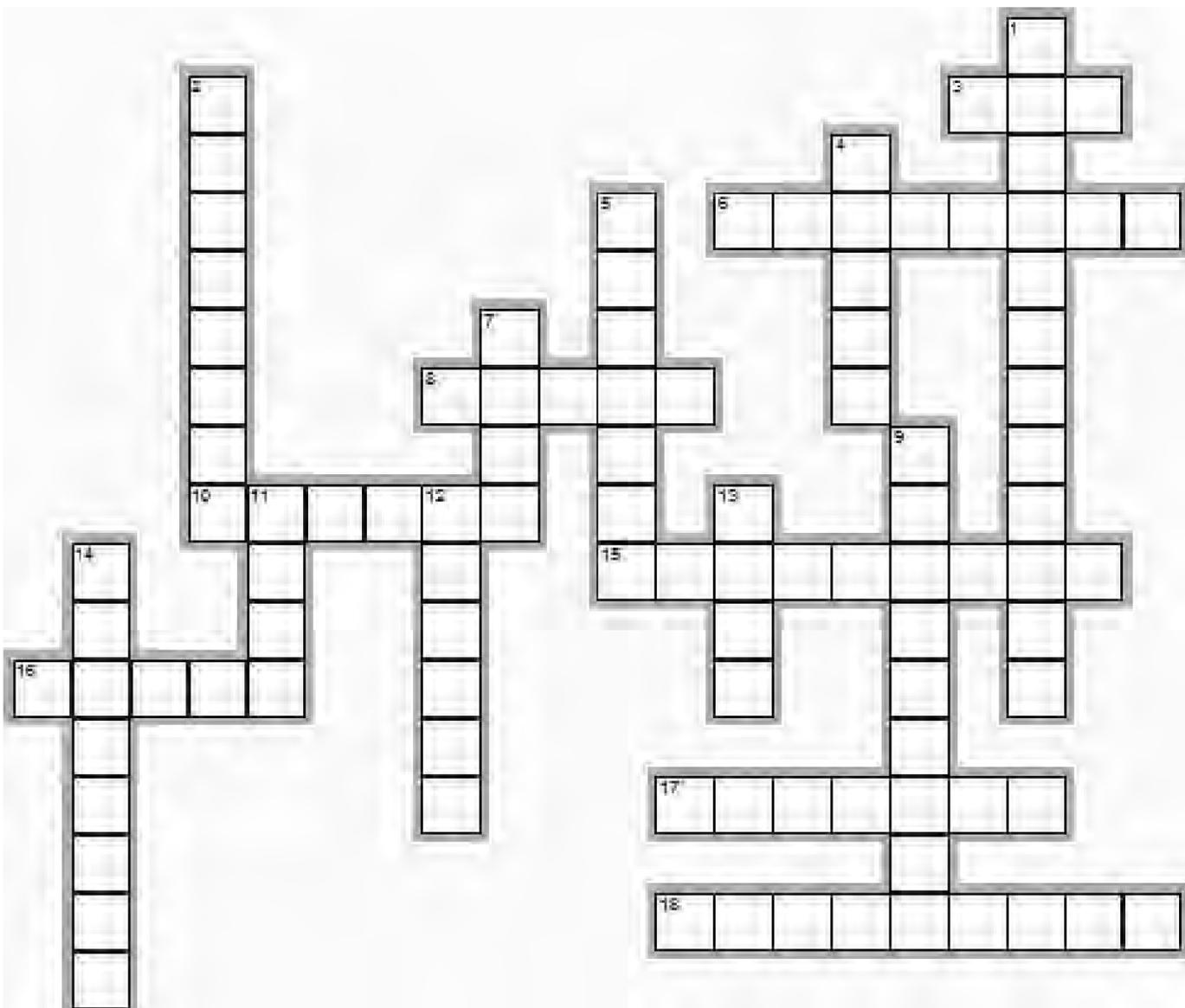
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Across

- 3. A place to see captive animals.
- 6. He was charged and _____.
- 8. Sight, hearing, smell, touch and _____.
- 10. Draw your ticket and win a prize in this game of chance.
- 15. Disease which affects the spine.
- 16. A _____ flight of _____; Idea that's unrealistically imaginative.
- 17. The "Old" one is a country the new one is a state.
- 18. Tragic _____ accident happened on this Bahamian _____ island due partly to lack of runway lights.



Down

- 1. Man O War Cay is famous for this industry.
- 2. The best medicine.
- 4. To top something; common card game concept.
- 5. Golf tournament held in Augusta, Georgia.
- 7. Hard to find.
- 9. North Korea Capital.
- 11. A sailor's greeting.
- 12. Lapis _____; a rich blue mineral.
- 13. Not sweet; a type of orange.
- 14. Former "Iron" British PM.

April 1 Crossword Answers

Across

- 1. ARACHNIDS—Spiders and scorpions.
- 3. PRIDE—This "comes before the fall."
- 4. PASSOVER—Jewish holiday celebrating the exodus.
- 6. CANARY—"Sing like a _____."
- 10. FOOL—Anybody can be on of these on April 1.
- 11. ADVERTISING—Necessary for many newspapers' success.
- 15. EASTER—Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection.
- 16. RORSCHACH—This test involves ink blots.
- 17. ARRANGEMENT—Flowers are sometimes made into an _____.
- 18. POLY—Prefix for "more than one."

Down

- 2. SMEDA—Acronym for new small business legislation.
- 4. PATHFINDERS—Raises money to send Abaco students to college.
- 5. ARTHURS—_____ Town, capital of Cat Island.
- 6. CLOWNFISH—Hide out in anemones; Nemo.
- 7. BANANA—Fruit high in potassium.
- 8. TATTOO—A piece of art found on flesh.
- 9. QUEEN—Rock and Roll band known for its "rhapsody."
- 12. TRIGGER—A type of fish; something you pull.
- 13. CARIFTA—This sporting event is being held in Nassau this year, except for the swimming.
- 14. FANTASY—Not reality.

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Opinion

An Unrelenting Problem

By Timothy Roberts

“One of the critical issues that we have to confront is illegal immigration, because this is a multi-headed Hydra that affects our economy, our health care, our education systems, our national security, and also our local criminality.”

– Allen West, former United States Congressman

One of the duties charged to the government of a country is to objectively maintain social order, free from discrimination, with the view to keeping the peace of a nation.

How well a nation’s social order is maintained determines the social health of a nation. When one reads the daily newspaper it does not take long to see that our country is terribly ill and in need of emergency care.

This tangled mess that afflicts our nation is a vine with many roots; yet there is a common root for most of our issues – lack of enforcement. Illegal immigration is one such root issue that has widespread consequences that stem from lack of enforcement.

As a resident of Abaco for many years, and having spent time here as a youth, I have seen the ripple effect that lack of enforcement has brought to this island’s society. It is the 800 pound gorilla everyone talks about from time to time yet there is no hope that it will be dealt with.

Rising from the unfettered influx of illegal immigrants specifically from Haiti (the largest people group entering illegally) are numerous shanty towns – unauthorized makeshift slums built of plywood and scrap lumber and lacking proper sanitation.

While New Providence claims that, at last count, they are believed to have 37 shanty towns, Abaco claims some of the largest in size. The Mudd and Pigeon Pea – two shanty towns that sit side by side in the heart of Marsh Harbour – are home to thousands of illegal immigrants.

Obviously these large illegal communities did not spring up overnight but took a course of decades to develop. As best as can be learned the genesis of these particular communities in Abaco started four or more decades ago during the more successful years of agriculture in Abaco.

It is believed that the door to Haitian migrants was cracked open by Scott and Matson (S&M) Farms during the late 1950s when S & M bought the Crockett acreage and brought in Haitians or possibly found enough here to meet their needs. Initially the farms brought in only male workers, but eventually wives, siblings and children were sent for and smuggled in.

In the early 1970’s the first permission was granted for a house to be built on the southern side of what is now called the Pigeon Peas to a Haitian migrant named Arnold. In a matter of a few years a small shanty town appeared as more Haitians began to build without official permission but permission from the property owner whose land bordered the area that came to be known as the Pigeon Peas.

Nearby Pigeon Pea was the Marsh Harbour Primary School, since abandoned, and Abaco’s best softball field. I

remember as a child being able to see the small shanty town of Pigeon Pea from the field. At that time it was noticeable, but not large.

On the northwest side of the softball field was an area known as the Mudd. The name came about because that is where the dredge pumped the spoil when it dredged a channel into the harbour of Marsh Harbour in the 1960s.

The land, which is Crown Land, was a low lying swamp and still to this day floods easily, turning the ground into soft mud each time it rains. In the early 1980s one had to wander far along overgrown paths to find a house or two.

Over the next decade the two shanty towns grew tremendously as more family members and others seeking work and a new life in the prosperous island of Abaco made their way across sometimes treacherous waters.

Recognizing the growing problem of shanty towns and illegal immigration in Marsh Harbour a group of people came together to form a group called Abaco Concerned Citizens. This group, and many others who have tried since to deal with the same issue, fell short of their goals in stopping the expansion of these towns due to resistance from central government.

Two decades since the first concerned group of citizens tried to legally put a stop to and control these illegal communities there has been no change except now the problem is bigger and further entrenched. Almost anyone you speak to concerning these shanty towns has no hope that the situation will ever be resolved.

With these shanty towns being built in plain view could it be said that the government agencies are aiding and abetting? Previous to their move to the new government complex in Central Abaco the Department of Immigration was located just a few hundred feet away from arguably the largest shanty town in The Bahamas.

Beyond occasional raids on the communities little else is done to deal with illegal migrants.

Meanwhile tensions rise between locals and the migrants that inhabit these shanty towns. The complaints are numerous and the solutions are wanting as a sense of fear grows that something may ignite the powder keg and create a larger, more contentious situation. Social order erodes as enforcement agencies neglect the issues at hand.

To many the shanty towns have become a blight on the map of Central Abaco. An area that poses a serious health risk to the residents of the shanty town and the surrounding communities alike due to open cesspits and outside toilets in an area that floods easily.

It’s an area that is a hazardous mess of electrical and telephone wires which are strewn from tree to home and run across the tops of roads and paths. The fire potential is realized every few years as poorly constructed wooden structures are built sometimes inches apart; the last major fire saw about 50 homes destroyed.

It’s also home to many illegal activities and has become a haven for both local and foreign criminals. There are reports

of underage prostitution, drugs and weapons among other contraband being available in The Mudd.

There are also numerous infractions of the law as immigrants squat on private and government property, build without permits, operate unlicensed businesses and illegally share phones, cable and electricity.

The continued lack of enforcement of numerous laws has led to frustration among Bahamians who say it is unjust to require Bahamians to follow the rule of law while illegal immigrants break the same laws with apparent impunity.

Even now there are numerous homes built in The Mudd by Bahamians who have dared government agencies to stop them and there are some who actually live there while others have built and rented to the residents of the area.

What are the solutions to this unrelenting dilemma? Do we round everyone up and ship them all out? Do we regularize everyone? Do we allow them to buy/build homes legally in low cost areas?

It is impossible to adequately touch on the issues, let alone to address plausible solutions to an intricately complicated problem that has grown over the past four decades.

Now central government says it has plans to deal with the issue of shanty towns and illegal immigrants. Minister of Immigration, Fred Mitchell announced that in one year work permits for common labourers will not be granted.

While it appears a promising solution the question quickly arises as to who

will fill all the jobs vacated by such a move? The majority of Bahamians refuse to do common labour and some would even rather be unemployed than to do certain tasks labelled as “Haitian work”.

Whatever the promises are from government, irrespective of political loyalties, the majority of Bahamians have lost faith that those elected will deal with this issue. Meanwhile Mr. Mitchell says the issue of shanty towns is more complex than it seems because these communities have their “protectors throughout the elite class of the country”. The Prime Minister, Perry Christie, also notes that historically governments have lacked the political will to tackle this issue.

The issue of illegal immigration, especially as regards Haitian migrants, is a much layered one. It is impossible to cover adequately all the numerous issues and sub-issues relevant.

The question of who to blame often comes up and to look at the whole picture there are people to blame from regular citizens who are exploiting or making money from transportation and cheap labour, to government officials who may be making extra money on the side to politicians who either lack the will or use the situation for political gain; we all have a part to play in the problem as it is today.

The onus is on us to work together for the right solution. The one thing we must not do is let it continue as is.

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History & Heritage

Saving the old landmarks of Cherokee: Part I

By Lee Pinder

Epworth Chapel is just one more of our old landmarks that has to be preserved for future generations of Bahamians. And just like the W.W. Sands Community Center which was restored in 2004 with the community's help and dedicated to one of our local pillars of society. Mr. Walter Sands was the local Justice of the Peace, the principal of the old school and a local preacher at the Methodist Church.

The community's latest endeavour is the building of a local Clinic to have a place for the Government Health Provider to visit with some of its ageing population; the people of Cherokee Sound have shown their good stewardship, steadfast determination and capabilities to get a job done.

Now the Methodist church in Cherokee is in much need of repairs, and once again the community is coming together to save and restore this local landmark.

The Methodist Church was built in Cherokee Sound in 1827, quite a few years after the first Methodist Missionary. Rev. Joseph Ward arrived in 1816. We have more recently become a member of the Bahamas Conference of Methodist Churches (BCMC) which was only founded twenty years ago and who now have mostly Bahamian Ministers serving in their 35 other churches throughout the Bahamas. However, we understand that worship services had been held in private homes in Cherokee since the early 1780's when the first settlers came to Abaco. This first church was destroyed, either by fire or storm, and at some point a house was re-built on the original site and the new church was moved to its larger and more central location where it is today.

This second church was then destroyed by a hurricane in 1932. It was a larger than the existing church with the walls extending out to the foundation holding the buttresses and built of wood, yet beautiful with stained glass windows with two sets of doors on either end of the church, two on the eastern end and two on the west. At that time, the Brethren Church also had a large following in Cherokee, but closed their doors when they did not have a regular Pastor to lead them and discontinued their meetings some time after The Assemblies of God church was built here in the late 1940's.

Today only the two churches are still here and both are active in the community.

Prior to the 1970's most ministers came to the Bahamas from England since the Methodist work was a part of the Methodist Missionary Society of England. The first Bahamian born Minister appointed to the Abaco Circuit by the MCCA was Charles Sweeting during the 1970's and who later went on to become President of the BCMC.

Then, like now, local preachers were the mainstay of the churches, but due to hard economic times a large portion of the residents abandoned the Out Islands and went in search of more gainful employment. The sponging industry died out and motorized fishing vessels took over from the sailing smacks.

While many residents left the faithful local preachers carried on the work of God. Men like Walter Sands, teacher and



Above: the back porch of The Manse. Patrick Bethel is running an Auction for the annual Missionary Meeting. Homemade items await on the table (jams, cakes and fudge).

local Justice of the Peace, Granville Bethel and Hilland Sands, both boat Captains, Arnold Sands, shop keeper, Joe Albury (Pa Joe), Whitney Pinder, boat builder and farmer and Stanley Bethel, local constable were all lay-preachers at one time or another. These men stayed in Cherokee and were the adhesive that held the community together throughout the lean years. Some moved to Nassau with family members, while others persons went to the Florida Keys to find work with Henry Flagler who was building his railroad, which was later also destroyed by a hurricane.

Many workmen lost their lives during that time, but some of those who survived can still claim Bahamian roots and their family members come to Abaco to celebrate their annual Heritage Day Festival

or whenever there is a Cherokee Day Celebration (approximately every five years) or they come back on vacations in search of their family members.

Burrel Sands kept a home in Cherokee until the early 1980's and came back to preach whenever he could and even Benjamin Sawyer, Cherokee's Master Boat Builder, preached on occasion, when called upon. Children, grand-children and great-grand-children of these dedicated men, remember a different way of life, one of sacrifice and sharing, one of honesty and kindness, one where neighbour helped neighbour and Cherokee still reflects these timeless lessons taught on a Sunday afternoon at the Methodist Sunday school where all the children attended, whether the family members were church goers or not.

Before that time, Cherokee was flourishing with over 400 residents, the largest settlement in Abaco back then. The Cherokee church also has many unique traditions that they have kept over the years. First, and foremost is their missionary boat "The John Wesley" (which is the last remaining missionary boat left in Abaco) and even though it was retired to the attic of the Manse for many years and fell into a sad state of disrepair, it is again taken out once each year during Missionary Meetings.

This is an age-old tradition where the church raises monies through their member's savings banks, collections and auctions in order to meet their charitable obligations and financial needs within the greater community. The little savings banks were handed out to the children who would take them around the community every Saturday morning to collect pennies for Missions. Those children who collected the most received little badges of achievement, for which they were very proud.

The Missions boat was hand carved out of tamarind wood by a member of the church sometime around the late 1800's and was always a big part of the Missionary Meetings. Each year a Captain and crew were appointed to man the boat, pull it around the settlement on its wagon and collect items for auction. It may have been a freshly baked pie or loaf of bread or a prize watermelon picked from their field that morning. All added to the excitement of the day and this boat still holds a place of honour in the church near the podium and is a nostalgic reminder of days gone by.

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CRIME REPORT

Vagrancy (arrested and charged)

On Tuesday 19th march 2013 at 1120hrs officers of the MHPS and the Central Detective Unit came in at MHPS with an 18 year old male of no fixed address, and reported that at about 1115hrs officers arrested him on forest drive for vagrancy and unlawfully carrying arms.

The suspect pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one (1) month at her majesty prison.

Stealing

At 9:30am on 21st march, 2013, a 57 year old male of Crockett Drive, Abaco, reported that sometime between 3:00am on 19th march, 2103 and 7:00am on 21st march, 2013, some unknown person stole copper cable valued at \$5,000.00 from his construction site on Guana Cay. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Disorderly Behaviour and Fighting (arrested and charged)

At 2:15am on 21st march, 2013, officers of the MHPS reported while on mobile patrol, two males were seen fighting on the premises of a local sports bar located Don Mckay Blvd. As a result, officers arrested both suspects a 24 year old male of Dundas Town and a 26 year old male of Murphy Town. Both suspects were brought to MHPS where they were charged.

Investigation is being continued into this matter.

Housebreaking

At 5:00pm on 18th march, 2013, a 44 year old male of a local apartment complex located at Central Pines reported that sometime between 5:00am and 5:00pm on same date, some unknown person/s entered his apartment unit and stole one 19" flat screen Vizio t.v. One Playstation 3 game, one Portable Playstation, 3 games, seven cd's & an assortment of cloths and food items. Police action requested.

Investigation Continues.

Threats of Harm (arrested and charged)

On 21st march, 2013, an officer of the traffic division, while attempting to serve a traffic summons was threatened with obscene language and harm while in the Murphy Town community.

Suspect arrested and charged

At 8:05pm on 22/3/13, a 23 year old male of Murphy Town was arrested for these offences. He was brought to MHPS where he was charged with the offences.

Housbreaking (arrested and charged)

At 3:00pm on 24th march, 2013, a local pastor age 46 year old of Dundas Town reported that sometime between 8:20am and 6:00pm on 6th march, 2013, some unknown person/s broke into his residence and stole a number of watches, a wedding band, cash and an assortment of cloths. He suspects his brother-in-law.

Because he was seen wearing the stolen cloths. Police action was requested.

Suspect arrested. On Monday 25th, March 2013, the suspect in this matter was arrested and charged.

Drug arrest (suspect arrested)

At 11:20pm on 24th march, 2013, officers of the MHPS came in at the MHPS with a 21 year old male of Pelican Shores under arrested reference to possession of dangerous drugs and resisting arrest. He was arrested in the area of RBC located in Marsh Harbour.

Investigation continues.

The suspect was charged in this matter.

Threats of death (arrested and charged)

At 3:45am on 2nd April, 2013, a 47 year old male of Dundas Town reported to the MHPS that while at work a man known to him of Forest Drive threatened him with harm putting him in fear for his life.

Police action requested.

suspect arrested and charged

On 3rd April, 2013, a 43 year old male of Dundas Town was arrested reference to this matter. The suspect was interviewed and charged with this offence

Shopbreaking

At 7:50 a.m. On 2nd April, 2013, a 40 year old male of Murphy Town reported to MHPS that his business place, situated in Murphy Town, was entered. Police action requested.

Investigations are continuing at this time.

Possession of dangerous drugs arrest (arrested and charged)

At 3:30 p.m. On April 4, 2013 officers c/o D.E.U came in at the MHPS and

reported arresting a 33 year old male of Dundas Town in reference to possession of dangerous drugs namely marijuana.

Police action requested.

The suspect admitted to the offence. The suspect was charged and released on \$500.00 bill to attend court on 10/4/13.

Causing Harm (arrested and charged)

On Monday 01.04.13 at about 3:00pm a 32 year old male of Grand Cay reported to the Grand Cay Police Station that about 9:00pm on Sunday 31.03.13 while in the area of the Grand Cay All Age School, he attempted to stop a fight when he was knocked in the back by a male with a large rock. Police action requested into this matter.

Suspect arrested & charged

On Monday 01.04.13 at about 3:50pm officers of the Grand Cay Police Station arrested and cautioned a 23 year old male of Grand Cay with regards to this offence,

The suspect was later granted bail in the sum of \$1000.00 with one surety.

Causing Damages (arrested and charged)

At 3:19am on 7th April, 2013, a 19 year old male of Fire Road reported that sometime around 2:30am same date while at a female's residence in Dundas Town a male known to him smashed the front wind shield & damaged the hood to his 1999 Honda Accord with a rock.

Police action requested.

Suspect arrested & charged

At 4:40am on 7th April, 2013, officers of the MHPS arrested the suspect in this matter, a 32 year old male of Marsh Harbour. He was released on \$1000.00 bail to attend court at 10:00am on 11/4/13.



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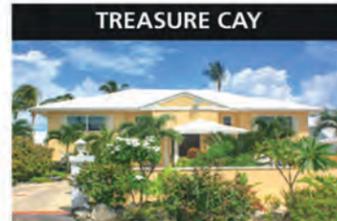
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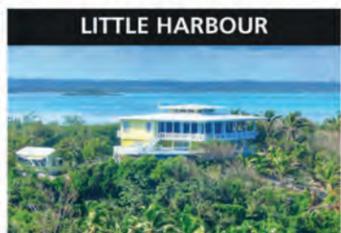
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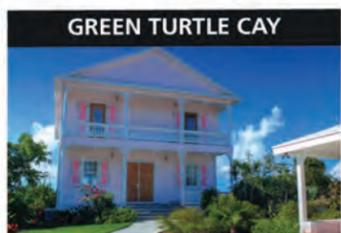
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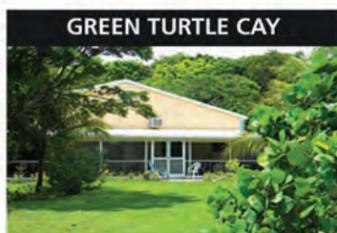
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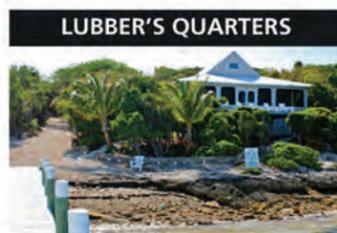
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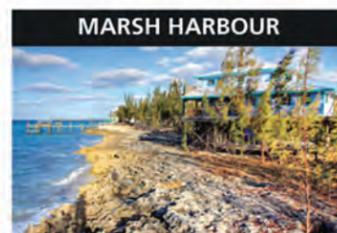
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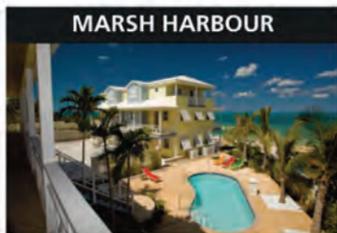
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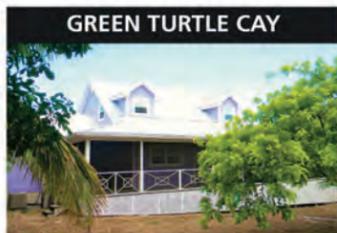
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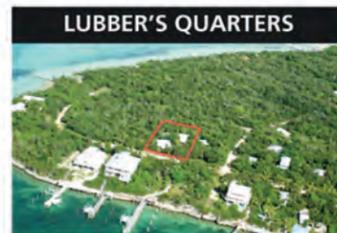
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