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## Island Roots Entertains for Two Days Genealogy, History, Skits, Games and Bands Were All Featured



The third annual Island Roots Heritage Festival was held on Green Turtle Cay on May 5-7. The event featured the Royal Bahamas Police Marching Band and the Royal Bahamas Police Pop Band as well as the Green Turtle Cay Marching Band which has recently been formed. In addition to music, the festival-goers were treated to booths featuring genealogy and conch farming, a conch train, the Key West, Florida, flagship, the S/V Wolf, and lots of competitions and games.

By Mirella Santillo

For the third consecutive year New Plymouth was the stage of the Island Roots Heritage Festival. This popular celebration meant to reinforce the ties between Key West and New Plymouth, as well as being a cultural event, always brings numerous visitors to the cay from all over Abaco as well as from The United States. And it was no different this year.

By late morning on May 5th the festival grounds were filling up with people while vendors from as far as Nassau were unpacking their wares, such as Ms. Clarice Lloyd, who has two sisters living on Green Turtle Cay. She was selling straw hats and bags. It was a hot day and soon her stand was heavily frequented. By late afternoon, nearly everyone on the grounds was wearing a cowboy hat made of straw! A little further, Mr. Franklin Jolly's artistic display of conch carvings also attracted a crowd and by the end of the festival his table was nearly empty. Further again, Mrs. Alice Albury had a colorful table of lucky bamboo plants, engraved glass and ceramics.

As the park filled with people, the attractions started. By noon the flagship of the Conch Republic, the S/V Wolf, was pulling

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## Marsh H. Airport Work Will Begin in Early June

Work on the Marsh Harbour International Airport will begin the first week of June, according to the Hon. Glenys Hanna Martin, Minister of Transport and Aviation. Phase one of the project will consist of lengthening and resurfacing the airport run-

way and constructing a new parallel taxiway and is expected to cost \$3.5 million. The work will revitalize the Marsh Harbour airport into a modern, fully functional facility that will meet all international civil aviation standards.

The timing of the construction was arranged in conjunction with the Ministry of Tourism and other stakeholders so as to minimize the disruption of the traveling public and the Abaco economy, according to the statement by Mrs. Hanna Martin.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of November 2006. Phase two of the project is scheduled to begin in August 2006 with work on the construction of a new \$4.5 million terminal.

## Methodists Honour Lay Preachers



St. Andrews Methodist Church in Dundas Town was the scene of a recognition service on April 30 honouring seven lay preachers who have served their churches from 22 to 47 years, holding services and taking on the duties of a minister for three Methodist churches on Abaco. Shown above are Mr. Craig Cornish; Mr. Vincent Higgs; Mr. Vernon Malone; Rev. Dr. Laverne Lockhart, Vice President of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church; Mrs. Veola Newbold; Mr. Delgarno Newbold; Mr. Patrick Bethel; Mr. Sidney Pinder receiving the plaque for his father, Mr. Whitney Pinder; and Ms. Carla Culmer, Ministerial Moderator for the Eastern Methodist Abaco Region. Three of the honourees were from Dundas Town, three from Cherokee Sound and one from Hope Town. Please see story on page 6.

## Two Ministers Visit



The Hon. Alison Maynard Gibson, Attorney General, and the Hon. Shane Gibson, Minister of Immigration, Labour and Training, spoke about the illegal immigrant problem while they were on Abaco on April 28. Please see story on page 18

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# Island Roots Festival Showcases Abaco Culture

## Island Roots

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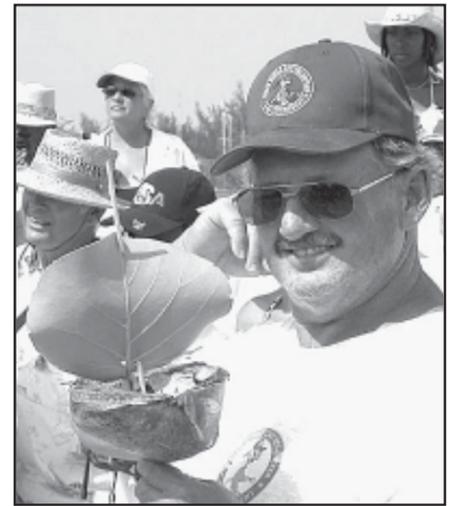
in to the public dock with her crew of four, an impressive sight domineering the shoreline with her height. Patterned after the blockade runners of the nineteenth century, the vessel was built in the 1980s by Willis Ray and Finbar Gittelman, her Captain and the Vice Admiral and Second Sea Lord of the Conch Republic. The ship left Key West late Monday evening to arrive in The Bahamas on Thursday night. She came over from Key West especially for the festival. Daily sailing on the Sea of Abaco was scheduled during her visit to Green Turtle Cay.

By early afternoon it was time for the Tiny Turtles, led by their teacher, Mrs. Annabelle Cross, to sing and perform and what a great show they put on! After them,

Dynamite Daisy drew a captive audience with her comedy skit. For a good half an hour, she had everybody doubled up with laughter.

While some Man-O-War and Green Turtle Cay school children entered a tug of war competition and others played at the game stands, parents visited the Genealogy Booth, discovering the origin of their names or helping identify people on old photographs displayed outside the booth. There to assist were Dr. Gail Saunders, Director General of Heritage for The Bahamas; Mrs. Joy Lowe Jossi, an expert on genealogy and a descendant of a New Plymouth family; and Mr. Philip Roberts. Information on popular names such as Curry, Saunders, Lowe, Roberts, Sands or Sawyer was available.

Various musicians and singers, Garnell Stuart and Friends, Brian Petty, Kevin McIntosh's Island Spice and the Green Turtle Cay Marching Band kept the crowd entertained until the opening ceremony. Bahamian and Key West officials took the stage set against an incredible sunset. As usual, the Secretary General of the Conch Republic, Mr. Peter Anderson, blew the conch horn and invited the Bahamians to Key West next April for the anniversary of the Conch Republic. Administrator for North Abaco, Mr. Donald Cash, introduced Mr. John Carey, MP, representing the Ministry of Tourism. Member of Parliament for North Abaco, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham was present and complimented the Island Roots Heritage Festival Committee and Green Turtle Cay for their achievement in organizing the event.



Junior Roberts is showing a coconut husk boat with its sea grape leaf for a sail. Other competitions included conch cracking, tug-of-war and hoola-hoop endurance. Children also enjoyed stilts, hoop-la and other games.



Games and competitions for adults as well as children entertained the people attending the Festival held on Green Turtle Cay on May 5-7. Shown are children sailing boats made of coconut husks with sea grape leaves used for sails. The "sailors" enjoyed being in the water while light breezes carried their boats toward the finish line.

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A conch salad eating competition proved to be popular with those attending the Island Roots Festival. While the ladies ate their salads in a normal tidy manner, the winner, Willis Lavarity, shown slurping his salad down rapidly, easily winning the competition.

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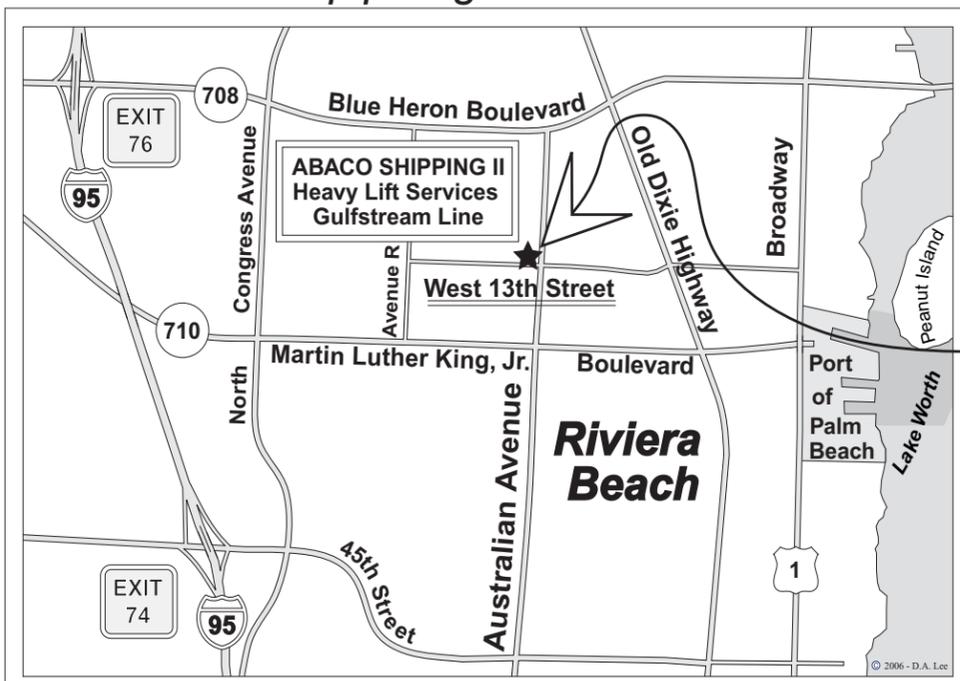
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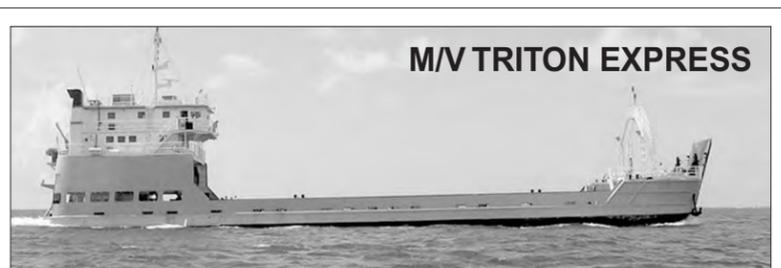
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"You are an important community in our country. You are the home of many examples of good race relationships," he also commented.

The ceremony was followed by a May Pole demonstration and a Loyalist fashion show- comical skit that drew a good round of applause. The Gully Roosters and the Brilanders ended the evening.

The highlights of Saturday included the Royal Bahamas Marching Police Band, another performance by the Green Turtle Cay Marching Band and a Junkanoo parade. All through the weekend, children were kept busy with various games, egg and spoon race, thread and needle, hoola- hoop contest or conch train rides.

"Conch" is an integral part of the Baha-

mian diet, and it was the theme for the event. So one expected to find it prepared in many ways: conch salad, conch fritters, conch n' rice, cracked conch, conch "tingum." They were all deliciously prepared at the stands of Monica Williams, Elouise Cooper, Karen Curry and Ruth Jones. While people were devouring the succulent mollusk, marine biologist, Dr. Megan Davis- Hodgkins, was making a presentation on Strombus Gigas, the Queen Conch.

Since The Bahamas is one of the world's five largest exporters of conch, it is only fitting that we learn about this important item in our economy. I always wondered how there could still be so many conchs around after centuries of being consumed as a daily staple! My question was answered on Saturday by Dr. Davis during her presentation at the Captain Roland Roberts

Environmental Center: the conch produces an egg mass containing approximately 300,000 eggs up to five times a year! Once released from the egg mass, the tiny "veligers" float on the surface of the sea, feeding on plankton until they are ready to drop to the sandy bottom where they'll graze on algae.

The role of the conch is important in keeping the reef healthy: an over growth of algae would destroy it. In spite of producing such a large number of eggs, the conch still faces



Beautiful Braids by Kimmy was busy with hair braiding. Kimmy Rolle showed her talent while maintaining the hair braiding tradition.

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A Junkanoo rush was part of the entertainment on the second day of the Island Roots Heritage Festival. The Green Turtle Junkanoo group is Abaco's oldest group who performs annually on New Year's Day on Green Turtle Cay.



A new feature this year at the Festival was the Conch Train. A golf cart pulled a wagon through town, giving children a thrill. It was gaily decorated with colorful fabric. The rides were primarily for the youth.

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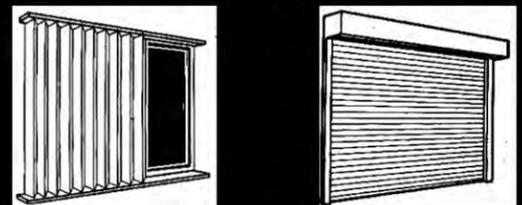


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# Church News

## Church

From Page 1

By Jennifer Hudson

*God Still Calls* was the theme for the Lay Preachers Recognition Service at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Dundas Town on April 30. The service was held under the auspices of the Eastern Methodist Abaco Region of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church.

Liturgist for the service was Rev. L. Carla Culmer, Minister of St. Andrews Church and Ministerial Moderator for the Eastern Methodist Abaco Region.

The seven honorees for long and devoted service as Lay Preachers were Mr. Whitney Pinder, Mr. Vincent Higgs, Mrs. Veola Newbold, Mr. Vernon Malone, Mr. Craig Cornish, Mr. Delgarno Newbold and Mr. Patrick Bethel.

Mr Whitney Pinder of Epworth Methodist Chapel in Cherokee Sound, the longest serving Methodist Lay Preacher, has served for 47 years. Owing to ill-health, his plaque was accepted by his son, Sydney.

Mr. Vincent Higgs, also of Epworth Methodist Chapel, is the second longest serving Lay Preacher, having served for 45 years. He received a call to preach in 1955 while attending a youth camp with Trinity Methodist Church in Eleuthera and since his Recognition Service in 1961 he has served mostly as a lay preacher in the Nassau region but has since preached on Abaco, Harbour Island and Spanish Wells.

Mr. Vernon Malone of the St. James Methodist Church in Hope Town actually had two stints of taking the Lay Preachers examination. The first time was in 1977/78, when, unfortunately, after he had taken

the exams and they were sent into Nassau, they were lost at headquarters. A Lay Preacher's recognition service was held for him in 1978, but Mr. Malone had to sit the exams a second time in the late 1980s when he was successful in passing. His official accreditation service then took place in 1996. Mr. Malone has served as a Methodist Lay Preacher for 35 years, In addition to preaching in all of the Methodist Churches on the island of Abaco and many in Nassau and Eleuthera, he has preached in St Petersburg, Florida, and at the Kirk of the Pines, Marsh Harbour.

Mr. Delgarno Newbold of St Andrew's Methodist Church has served as a Methodist Lay Preacher for 28 years and has preached in every Methodist Church in the Eastern Methodist Abaco Region and on Green Turtle Cay. His wife, Mrs. Veola Newbold, has also been a Lay Preacher for about 29 years and has preached in all the

Methodist Churches on Abaco. Veola and Delgarno are the parents of 12 children, six girls and six boys. Mrs. Newbold says, "Many years ago I realised that living a moral life was not enough, I needed God's help in the rearing of my children."

Mr. Craig Cornish, also a member of St Andrews Methodist Church, began preaching in 1983 for Youth Services and was added to the preaching plan as a Lay Preacher in 1984. He has served as Lay Preacher in both Abaco and Grand Bahama for over 22 years.

Mr. Patrick Bethel is a member of Epworth Methodist Chapel, but it was in the formation stages of the Aldersgate Methodist Church in Marsh Harbour that, while attending services at the homes of various members, Mr. Bethel became aware of the

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Following the service to recognize seven Lay Preachers serving three of the Methodist churches on Abaco, the ladies served several hundred with a delicious hot dinner. Ladies from all three Methodist churches provided the food.



Several members of the Kirk of the Pines Presbyterian Church in Marsh Harbour dressed in costume to portray Biblical characters who are mentioned in the Scriptures at the time of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Rev. David Stapleton, left, the Kirk's minister, has returned to retirement in England.

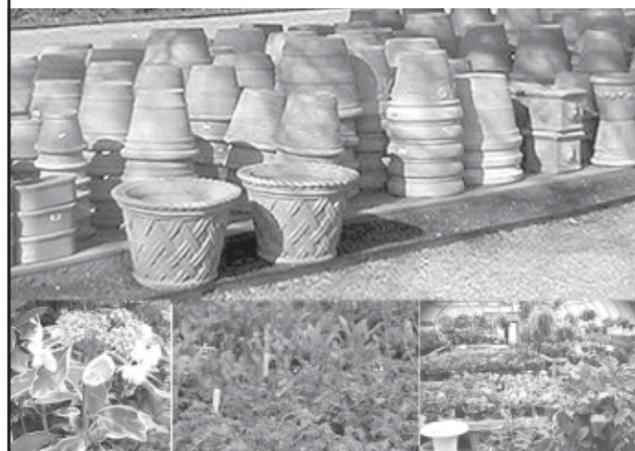


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## Church From Page 6

need for Lay Preachers. It was after he thought about serving his home church, Epworth Methodist Chapel, that he accepted his call to become Lay Preacher. His first service was held at Epworth in 1985 and he became a fully accredited Lay Preacher in 1986. During his 22 years as a Lay Preacher, Mr. Bethel has preached in all of the Methodist Churches on Abaco as well as the Methodist Churches of Bimini, Inagua, Harbour Island and Spanish Wells. He has also preached at the Kirk of the Pines in Marsh Harbour and at the Community Church in Treasure Cay.

When presenting the seven Lay Preachers with their plaques, Rev. Culmer reminded them, "Just because you are receiving a plaque, it does not mean that you are retired; it is just a spur to go on."

Present from Nassau to preach the sermon for this special occasion was Rev. Dr Laverne Lockhart, Vice President of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church.

Before the closing hymn, each of the honorees went forward to give their response, thanking their congregations for their support over the years and thanking the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church for allowing them to minister in this way which they considered an honour.

### Kirk of the Pines Holds Special Service

By Jennifer Hudson

Sunday, April 25, was a day of song and reflection at the Kirk of the Pines Presbyterian Church in Marsh Harbour. A special service was held for Low Sunday, the Sunday after Easter, when several members of the congregation dressed in costume to play

the part of certain Biblical characters to portray the feelings of these characters regarding the crucifixion of their Lord. Characters represented were Mary Magdalene, Peter, John, Mary Mother of Jesus, the woman of Samaria, and the centurion.

There was a pensive atmosphere in the darkened room which was lit only by the storyteller's candle during this moving service.

Six items of song, presented by the choir, were interspersed throughout the program.

The following Sunday, the church congregation was sad to say farewell to Rev. David Stapleton during another special ser-

vice. He has served the Kirk of the Pines as spiritual leader for the past nine years but will now be returning to the beautiful countryside of Norfolk, England, due to family commitments and to take up retirement that he postponed to come and serve the Kirk of the Pines.

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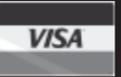
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# The Editor Says . . . Random Observations



## Airport Improvements

Everyone in central Abaco is delighted that government is finally going to improve the airport that has been woefully inadequate for years. Abaco people have been vocal in bringing out its shortcomings. Tourism staff have pressured to have it upgraded and expanded. So we are relieved that changes will soon be underway. As the country's second busiest airport in terms of aircraft activity, it deserves attention. Its robust record in aircraft landings and take-offs is due to the attractive tourism product Abaco has cultivated.

A recent press release from the office of the Ministry of Transport and Aviation states that construction on the improvements to the Marsh Harbour airport will begin the first week of June. It stated that this date was "arranged in conjunction with the Ministry of Tourism and other stakeholders so as to minimize the disruption to the traveling public and the Abaco economy."

We are not sure how to interpret this as June, July and early August constitute our heaviest sustained tourism period. Our substantial summer tourism traffic has been the envy of many of the other Bahamian Family Islands which traditionally have a slow summer.

The new taxiway and the 1000-foot extension are two items on the upgrade schedule that can be undertaken and not upset

arrivals and departures.

We believe that re-paving the runway with hot mix will require the runway to be closed. This process has not been explained to us, and there may be ways of applying this surface which will allow the runway to remain open during the process. Information has been very sketchy, but time will eventually tell us the story.

Perhaps the taxiway and extension will keep the contractor busy until September when traffic is noticeably less. Shutting the runway down in September would be awkward but less disruptive than a summer closure. Some of our air carriers either skip days or schedule less daily flights in September and October due to the reduced demand.

For the past year there has been no mention of a control tower which was a prominent feature of earlier presentations. The last reference we can recall indicated a portable control facility would be utilized, probably a ground level trailer-type facility that could be quickly put in place. It is not clear whether a control facility is being considered.

A final sentence in the press release stated that work on the new \$4.5 million terminal would begin this August. We are not sure if this is a wholly new building or expansion to the present building. Previous statements alluded to expanding the present building.

Preliminary survey work is to begin any day now which we believe will lay out the

taxiway.

Recent airport stories in *The Abaconian* have brought more questions and comments from the public than any other topic we have presented in the past 13 years of publication.

## Pollution Expense

In the middle of a recent presentation on revenue collection by the Secretary of the Treasury, we were surprised to hear Mr. Ehurd Cunningham, make a plea for less pollution by the greater Bahamian society. We are unaware of his personal views on the environment, but his comment related to the large expense that ultimately falls on government to effect clean-up programs. His message in this respect was that a cleaner country would leave more funds to allocate to larger issues instead of the expense of cleaning up after messy people or from industrial accidents.

## Sanitary Landfill

Work on the new garbage landfill site between Snake Cay and Spring City has come to a virtual standstill. The contractor is remaining quiet only saying that we will be told in due time what the schedule is for this facility. A year ago it was suggested that it would be in operation by the end of 2005.

Massive amounts of rock have been moved in the cutting and leveling of hills at the site. Several cells or huge pits are to be constructed and given an impervious lining to prevent seepage into the water table.

This sanitary land fill is badly needed as the dump site for central Abaco on the S.C. Bootle Highway near the BEC generating plant is overloaded and under-managed. The quantity of material deposited there has grown exponentially in the last couple of years. Besides accepting an increased amount of debris from the growing central Abaco area, it now must contend with trash from Winding Bay, Guana Cay, Man-O-War Cay and Elbow Cay. It was said that the new site will accept all the garbage and trash on Abaco proper from Sandy Point to Crown Haven. The logistics for this massive endeavor were not given.

## Central Pines Phase II

Without fanfare, roads are being pushed in the eastern section of Central Pines Estates. This should make several hundred more house lots available in the affordable medium price range. Lots in the sold-out Phase I section went originally for approximately \$14,000 depending on the size of the lot.

Vacant Crown Land is available in central Abaco. Government must begin the process of opening up a low cost sub-division which is often talked about.

A deadline has been given for removal of houses constructed in the Mud and Pigeon Peas since the fire in November 2005. Making low cost lots available would give some relief to those qualified and at the entry level of our economy.

# Letters to the Editor

## Haitian Problem?

Dear Sir,

Yesterday the police arrested a large number of illegal construction workers. Yet, I never hear about any attempt to arrest the employers who are giving the work to these illegal workers since they are also breaking the law. After all, the Bahamian businessman is the one that creates the job so that

these people will risk breaking the law. If there was just one raid with some arrests and jail time for our Bahamian businessmen, the problem of illegal workers would cease overnight. Then our economy would come to a screeching halt as there would be no labour pool. The truth is we need these workers, and they are totally tied into our economy.

The police should stop wasting the taxpayers money through arresting, jailing and deporting these people who will be immediately replaced by more illegals willing to risk hardships for the jobs that are being offered by our Bahamian businessmen. We don't have a Haitian Problem, we have a Bahamian Problem.

A Bahamian

# Viewpoint

## The Teenage Driver on Abaco

By Samantha V. Evans

Many parents give their children the key to a vehicle so that they can drive themselves to school and to just get around. However, teenagers are notorious for having accidents. Mrs. Belinda McIntosh from the Road Traffic Office in Marsh Harbour stated that statistics show that the majority of the accidents take place between the ages of 17-25. Just last month a teenager driving to school ran up behind one of the school's teachers, damaging her car and injuring her neck. To add to this, the car was not insured.

It is now mandatory in The Bahamas for all drivers to wear seat belts. Obeying the speed limits in the area where you live is also the law. Motorists can be fined for breaking the speed limit laws.

As a parent, you are responsible for your child, the car keys and the use of the car. Teens are at risk because they do not have the experience and judgment and drive faster which creates a dangerous situation. They also take the risks that older persons do not take. This can be due to peer pressure and distractions from passengers. Even worse,

they may be under the influence of drugs such as alcohol.

Road Traffic laws state that teenagers must be 17 to drive in The Bahamas. Learner's permits can be obtained from the Road Traffic Office in Marsh Harbour or Cooper's Town. Permits are good for six months. New drivers can purchase a driving handbook from the Road Traffic Office for \$5. In it are answers to all of the questions you may have.

Parents can reduce teenage risk by the following:

- Establishing specific ages at which their child can drive as a learner or drive unaccompanied
- Limiting the use of a car to certain times and having a curfew for car use
- Requiring use of seat belts for all occupants
- Limiting the number of passengers
- Banning the use of tobacco, drugs and alcohol

Adult friends must also be responsible for teenage friends by not allowing them to drive their vehicles unless they will be operating it within the perimeters of the law.



When this jet landed at the Marsh Harbour International Airport recently, its one tire blew out. This could have been as a result of potholes and the uneven surface of the airstrip. The airstrip is very dangerous for planes coming in at fast speeds. Pilots will be relieved to have the airstrip resurfaced.

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# Students Display Science Exhibits for Earth Day

By Jennifer Hudson

A celebration of Earth Day 2006, sponsored by Friends of the Environment, John Bull and the Ministry of Tourism, was held at New Vision Ministries on April 28 under the theme *Protecting Our Children's Health and Our Future*. Earth Day was observed as part of Coastal Awareness month when people were reminded, "To preserve our natural resources," and admonished, "If not now, when? If not us, who?"

Several booths were set up displaying the results of environmental studies that had been carried out by various schools. Amy Roberts Primary School took as their theme *The Importance of Coastal Awareness in The Bahamas* and included an interesting model in an aquarium showing levels from low water mark up to the sand dunes and displaying root systems and beach plants, even trash.

Man-O-War Primary School students had obviously worked very hard on their very neat presentation. Grade 3 students portrayed *The Importance of Mangroves to Bird Life in the Coastal Areas of The Bahamas*. Grades 4 and 5 portrayed *The Importance of Mangroves to Aquatic Life in the Coastal Areas of The Bahamas*. The students went on three field trips to acquire their knowledge in addition to other research.

In the high school division Forest Heights Academy Grade 8 students presented an excellent exhibit entitled *Coral Reefs and Mangroves Protect our Shores*. This in-

cluded some excellent models of coral reefs, mangrove forest, rocky shores and sandy beaches. Grade 11 had studied and presented on the Xanthoid Crab (*Panopeus Herbstii*). Students of Abaco Central High school made a study of marine turtles.

Friends of the Environment manned a display entitled *What am I?* in which people were invited to identify various leaves and roots such as red and black mangrove leaves, white mangrove roots and button-wood leaves. They also showed the movie *Hanging in the Balance*.

Judging of the students' work took place and schools were presented with awards as follows:

- Primary: First Place Man-O-War School Second Place Amy Roberts Primary School
- Junior High: Forest Heights Academy, Grade 8.
- Senior High: First Place Forest Heights Academy, Grade 11

Second Place Abaco Central High School Follow the viewing of the exhibits, students and teachers gathered in the auditorium to listen to guest speaker, Dr. Craig Layman, who holds a PhD and is an Environmental Fellow in the Environmental Department of Yale University. Mr. Layman, whose subject was the Cross Harbour Creek Restoration Project, began by encouraging the students to get involved in these types of projects because it is the way to carve out a career in science. That is the way he got his start.

In the past roads were built across the

wetlands system, blocking natural water flow thus allowing too much silt buildup and causing the growth of too many mangroves. There is then no way for fish and other animals to pass through the creek. A group of approximately 200 Abaconians have been working with Mr. Layman to open up the wetlands at Cross Harbour in the southwest of Abaco to restore the tidal flow, thus making the system more healthy.

Mr. Layman has been working along with the Friends of the Environment, which he described as the best organisation he has worked with. Friends of the Environment

plays a very critical role in the preservation of natural resources here, and he encouraged students to work along with them.

The Cross Harbour project was carried out in two phases.

1. Breaking up the road and putting in culverts to help the flow.
2. Taking out mangroves that were blocking the tidal flow.

"There is much more work to be done," said Mr Layman.

In order to find out if the changes have been successful there are several steps which are being taken.

1. Fish are tagged with plastic tags.
2. Surveys are carried out on the bottom
3. Telemetry - tags are inserted into the stomach cavities of the fish.(this is normal surgery done under anaesthetic and does not hurt or harm the fish). The object of this experiment is to see whether the fish eventually move back out to the ocean. If it can be proved that fish have moved back down, it shows how important the wetland systems are. Receivers are placed all the way down the creek to track the movement of the fish.

Mr Layman encouraged an *Adopt a fish, Adopt a school* program whereby donors will donate tags and students will help tag fish which will then become their fish to follow.

Scholarship presentations were made by Friends of the Environment and the Rotary Club to two Abaco teachers. Kelly James from the Man-O-War School and Laura Davies from S.C.Boodle were selected to attend the Island School in Eleuthera for one week this summer. Brittany Symonette was awarded a full scholarship to work with the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey in

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Some of the fish were tagged with colored markers with the location and school recorded that tagged the fish. The fish will be traced to see their movement now that the creek has been opened for water to flow throughout the entire creek area.

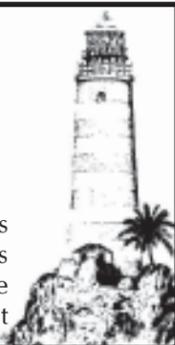


Students from several schools on Abaco participated in activities for Earth Day on April 28 at New Vision Ministries. Friends of the Environment organized the event with Dr. Craig Layman as special speaker. Dr. Layman had worked with many of the students on the Cross Harbour project and spoke to them about the work there.

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# News of the Cays

## Hope Town Junior Sailing - One Year Overview

By Sue Holloway

In March of 2005 a group of Hope Town Sailing Club members, local parents and business people organized a Junior Sailing Program for Hope Town. In just over a year, the program grew from concept to reality. From the initial fund raising and purchase of six sailboats to student enrollment and actual classes, we now have 26 children in Hope Town who have learned to sail! Every Saturday since January, students have learned to launch, rig, sail, capsized and recover, de-rig, clean and put away their Optimist dinghies.

Classes will continue through May. Head Instructor, Matt McCoy, will use the last two Saturdays as a round-robin Junior Sailing Regatta. The winner will be awarded the Derek Lee Trophy, which was awarded to Junior Sunfish Sailors of Hope Town in the 60s and 70s. We hope the tradition will continue for many years to come.

Thanks to the many volunteers who gave their time, the donors who funded the program, the businesses which donated services, all of whom made Hope Town Junior Sailing possible.

## Hope Town Association Meets

By Lindsey Delaplaine

The Hope Town Association has had an active quarter, having completed two major projects, continued village maintenance and worked on ongoing projects. None of these plans would have come to fruition without the help of all of those who volunteered their time and those who donated to the association.

The second annual



The Hope Town young people are enjoying their sailing as they learn to maneuver their Optimist sail boats.

Cash, to use his truck to clear the debris out of town. Afterwards there were refreshments and hot dogs for everybody.

The family Merridith, staying at Crew's Nest, could not make the morning event but did not want to be left out. So they took the initiative and cleaned up the ocean side beach from the Methodist Church to North End Beach.

The association organized, with financial donations from the Hope Town Sailing Club, the repair of 36 feet of Queen's Highway (more of a walkway really) between the Sailing Club and the dingy dock. The walkway had deteriorated and the steps had been the cause of many accidents. Dan

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Hope Town students are learning to sail the Optimist sail boats the Hope Town Sailing Club has purchased for their training program. Here they are launching their boats.

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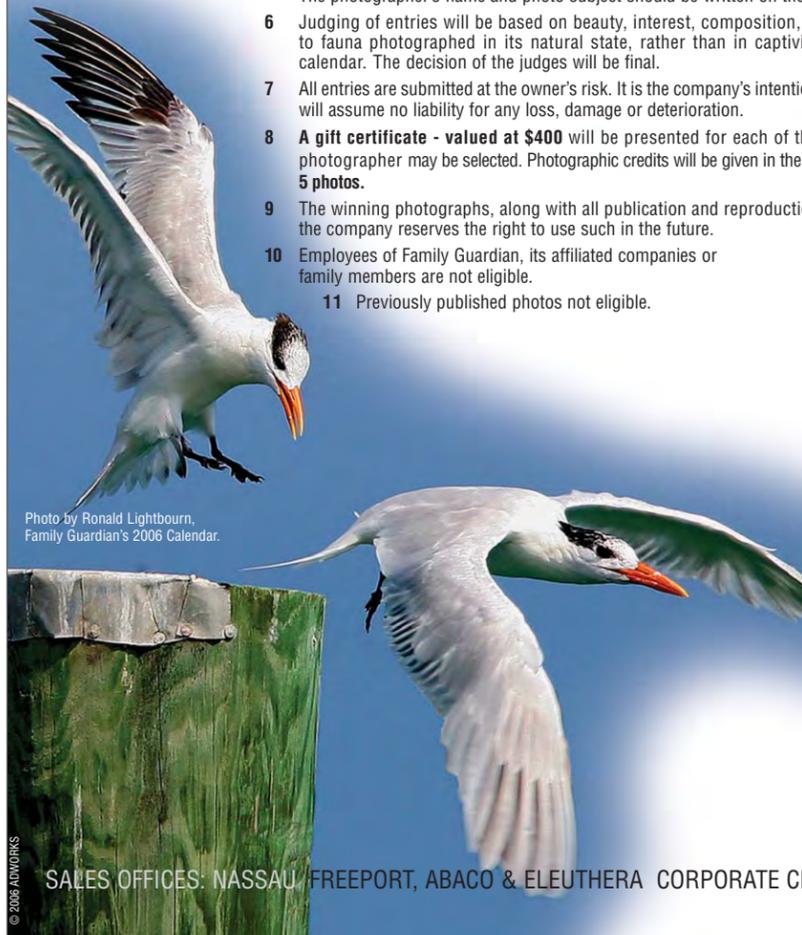


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McCully chaired the project and hired Kenny Maltarp, for a reasonable price,

to convert the steps to a ramp and repair the cement path. The project was completed successfully in one day.

Throughout the year, the association



Thirty-eight people showed up to volunteer in a campaign to clean up Hope Town harbour on March 28. They collected 68 bags of debris along with a lot of other larger pieces of trash. The program was the second annual harbour clean-up organized by the Hope Town Association.

has many ongoing projects to keep Hope Town clean and maintained. This includes everything from keeping the streets swept to maintaining the buoys at the harbour entrance. The group coordinates with other organizations like the Volunteer Fire and Rescue team, Wyannie Malone Historical Museum and Friends of the Environment and helps with the medical clinic.

The association fostered the dune restoration after the 2004 hurricanes and planted sea oats and coconut seedlings to strengthen its structure. As this hurricane season is forecast to be busy and

intense, this will serve the settlement well.

One of the biggest ongoing projects is the restoration of the ball field at Taylor Park. This is a huge project requiring the reactivation of the sprinkler system, finding enough water to grow the field, replacing the seating and building the back-stop.

The Hope Town Association board met on April 18th at Cap n Jack's with new board members Katy Cash, Mary Balzac and Matthew McCoy to discuss the sta-

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## Cays

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tus of projects and to get everybody up to date. With so many projects ongoing and upcoming and the scope of the ball field project, the association is always looking for volunteers or donations. If you are interested in helping you can contact Mary Balzac at 366-0655.

Contributions are welcome. Make the check out to Hope Town Association and mail to Hope Town Association, Hope Town, Abaco, Bahamas. US Donations over \$250 are tax deductible through PERC.

### 36th Annual Abaco Anglers Fishing Tournament Results

By Karen Huff Lowe

This year the Abaco Anglers Fishing Tournament celebrated its 36th successful year of anglers fishing our pristine Abaco

waters on April 20 -27. All the anglers enjoyed socializing at the awards banquet and partaking of the delicious food provided by Pete's Pub in Little Harbour on April 28th. We were pleased with the number of entries the junior anglers submitted this year, and we continue to encourage young people to sign up each year and enjoy the sport of fishing in this family fishing tournament.

Once again the tournament awarded the winners beautiful handmade trophies from our local Little Harbour artist, Mr. Pete Johnston. Persons receiving awards this year are as follows:

#### Junior/Junior Class (12 and under)

##### Boys:

- First place: tie Peter Michelli and Dylan Thompson (billfish)
- Second: Eli Lowe, 28 lb. kingfish on 20

lb. test line

- Third: Jimmy Magee, 6 lb. cuda on 8 lb. test line

Stony Lowe also entered a nice fish.

##### Girls:

- First place Kayla Magee, 9 lb. cuda on 8 lb. test line

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

##### Boys:

- First: Stephen Johnson, 28 lb. dolphin, 30 lb. test
- Second: Parker Lecorgne, 18 lb. dolphin, 30 lb. test

##### Girls:

- First place tie Ashley Knowles and Erica Pinder, 26 lb. dolphin, 30 lb. test line.

Kaylen Malone participated.

#### Men's Division:

Roscoe Thompson III received awards for his dolphin entries in the 4#, 8#, 12#, 20#, 130#, and hand line class. Bob Sheffield and Ryan Higgs tied in the 30# test line class for their 35 pound dolphin and wahoo caught, respectively. Shane Carroll took home the trophy for the 50# test category for a 375 pound released blue marlin and Larry Peachy was awarded for the 80# test line class for a 30 pound dolphin. Sydney Roberts and Roscoe Thomp-

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At a recent meeting of the Hope Town Association members selected a new board shown above. They are, left to right, Dan McCully, Katy Cash, Mary Balzac, Lory Kenyon, Matthew McCoy and Michael Myers.

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# Abaco Boats Sail Well in Family Island Regatta

By Hugh Cottis  
National Family Island  
Regatta Committee

The annual National Family Island Regatta was held the end of April in the waters of Elizabeth Harbour at George Town, Exuma as it has been for the past 53 years

with the exception of 1973 when it was moved to Nassau as part of the Independence celebrations. Fifty-five boats in four different classes competed for well over \$50,000 of prize money.

Abaco was represented in two classes, *Abaco Rage* in Class A and *Lonesome Dove*

in Class B. On April 25 *Abaco Rage* secured a fourth place in the cup race for the Prime Minister's Trophy. *The Rage* had won this in 2005, 2003, 1982 and 1981. Their chances of retaining the cup this year were marred by being entangled on the starting line, but they sailed brilliantly against a very competitive fleet to finish in the prize money. In the three-race series that make up the major prize of the regatta, *Tida Wave* sailed by Brooks Miller of Staniel Cay came out on top with a total of 34 points. In second place was *Good News* with 31 points, *New Courageous* with 30 points and *Abaco Rage* with 25 points. Twelve boats competed in this class.

Abaco should be especially proud of the

performance of *Lonesome Dove*. She won all three races in the B series - and very convincingly! In one race she finished ahead of her greatest rival, the *New Susan Chase*, by an incredible nine minutes! With three wins to her credit she amassed 39 points. In second place was *New Susan Chase* with 30 points, In third place was *Rowdy Boys*, also with 30 points. Thirteen boats were entered in this class.

Both Abaco boats were skippered by Jeff Gale. Great credit is due Jeff and his equally proficient crew from Hope Town. Their performance was nothing short of sloop sailing at its best. Congratulations to both boats - long may you continue to compete!



Jeff Gale skippered *Lonesome Dove* to a spectacular first place in the 53rd Family Island Regatta held in George Town, Exuma, the end of last month. Two Abaco boats competed, the *Lonesome Dove* in Class B and the *Abaco Rage* in Class A that also did very well. The Hope Town crew enjoyed the competition and are ready to go again.



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# Police Crime Report

**Stolen license plates** - A visitor at Boat Harbour had the license plates stolen on April 13 or 14 from two scooters parked there.

**Rape attempt** - About 9 p.m. on April 12 while in the vicinity of the Treasure Cay Primary School, a Treasure Cay man was beaten in the face and the assailant then attempted to rape him.

**Stealing from unlocked auto** - A Spring City man had \$1300 stolen from his unlocked car in the evening of April 13 while parked at the Conch Inn in Marsh Harbour.

**Dangerous Drugs** - A Marsh Harbour resident was arrested about 5 p.m. on April 13 when discovered by the police with marijuana.

**Assault** - While at Ocean View Park in Dundas Town, a Dundas woman was beaten about her body at sunset on April 13 by her uncle.

**Death threat** - A Murphy Town woman

was given death threats before midnight on April 19 while at her sister's house in the Mud, Marsh Harbour.

**Obscene language** - A Marsh Harbour resident may face prosecution for using obscene language to the annoyance of a police officer about 1 a.m. on April 20 at Sapodilly's Bar in Marsh Harbour.

**Disorderly Behaviour** - A police officer was threatened mid-morning on April 22 with obscene language while near the Royal Palm gas station in Dundas Town. The assailant was warned of his behavior and possible prosecution.

**Death threat** - About 2:30 a.m. on April 23, a known patron of Tardy's Night Club on the S.C. Bootle Highway threatened to shoot the doorman after refusing to be searched before entering.

**Shop Breaking** - The Special Touch Beauty Salon in Marsh Harbour was broken

into during the weekend night of April 22.

**Break-in** - The Central Abaco Primary School was broken into during the weekend of April 23. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

**Assault** - While at a fish fry at the Sandy Point Regatta site, a resident was attacked about 10 p.m. on April 23 by three men he recognized as being from Crossing Rocks. Bottles and rocks were thrown at him causing minor injuries to his face.

**House fire** - A new home in Central Pines

Estates in Dundas Town was partially destroyed by fire at 7 a.m. on April 25. The home was insured and suffered extensive damage from the fire which began in a child's bedroom. The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department responded with three engines and extinguished the blaze.

**Breaking and entering** - St. Francis de Sales school office was broken into during the night of April 24 and \$124 was stolen.

Please see **Police**

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This house in Central Pines Estates in Dundas Town burned on April 25. The fire began in a bedroom which was occupied by a young girl. The house belongs to Patrick and Camell Huyler. The damage was extensive, destroying all their belongings and inflicting heavy damage to the house itself.



Periodically the police officers do a traffic check looking for expired licenses, inspections and insurance. They occasionally vehicles which are not licensed or insured at all.



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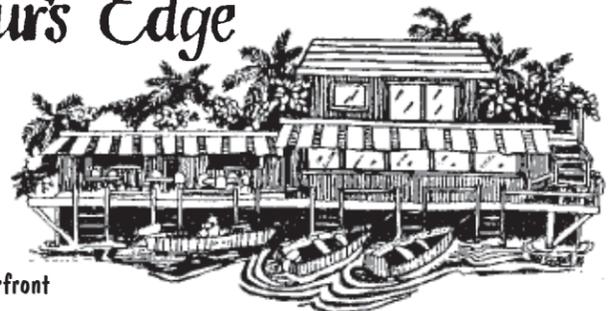
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# Police Crime Report

**Police** *From Page 16*

**Indecent Assault** - A 12-year-old school student reported on April 25 that her stepfather had molested her.

**Indecent Assault** - A resident of the S.C. Bootle Highway reported on April 25 that a man from Crossing Rocks fondled her 17-year-old daughter, then exposed himself.

**School burglary** - The Every Child Counts school was broken into during a five-day break beginning on April 14. Stolen were a 32-inch Toshiba television worth \$800, a radio, headphones and food items valued at \$120 and \$20 in cash.

**Causing Harm** - A Murphy Town woman was beaten and injured by her husband about 9 p.m. on April 24. Her husband

was arrested about an hour later.

**Attempted armed robbery** - A Marsh Harbour woman closed her business and got home about 9:30 p.m. on April 24. On

arrival she was accosted by a man wearing a mask, armed with a shotgun and demanded cash. She pushed him away causing him to flee into a waiting car and escape.

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*Jennifer Rolle, Police Officer Cpl. 2202, received the Officer of the Year Award 2005. After high school*

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# New Radio Technology Makes Boating Safer

By Robert Wilson

Safety at sea is a worldwide concern. With the advent of new technologies, marine communications has undergone numerous changes beneficial to boaters.

The Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) has been designed to improve emergency message handling between commercial ships and the various coast guard facilities worldwide. The system has now expanded to permit routine communications, such as vessel to vessel and vessel to shore safety information.

GMDSS, while mandatory for all commercial vessels, remains voluntary for those classified as recreational.

Compliance with the commercial guidelines requires each vessel to have DSC (digital selective calling), satellite communications, NAVTEX weather and navigation abilities, a Search and Rescue Radar Transponder (SARTS) and satellite identifiers (EPIRB) aboard each ship. While the system appears to be complex, it is similar to today's cellular technology.

Much like a telephone number, a Mari-

time Mobile Service Identifier (MMSI) is issued to commercial vessels. The assigned number provides first responders with information specific to the distressed vessel. Recreational vessels may request these numbers by following instructions provided by the VHF radio manufacturer.

Digital Selective Calling, DSC, an important part of the GMDSS service, can be particularly useful for recreational boaters and operates much like a paging system to automate the sending of distress signals. Where mariners have traditionally relied upon direct radio communication with coastal monitoring stations, the new technology provides excellent signal processing and increased range.

VHF radios now being sold are required to be compatible with the DSC features. The radios can be programmed to issue Distress, Urgent, Safety or Routine messages automatically at the press of a single

button. If the radio has been interfaced with a GPS or global positioning device, the DSC activation provides the ship's identification, position and the nature of any distress and all messages would continue automatically every four minutes until the coast guard or a ship within radio range acknowledges the distress signal.

It is believed that digital selective calling will enhance the handling of distress and safety response as the service is more easily understood. DSC may also become a valuable tool for routine message handling as those messages can be sent automatically simply by inputting the MMSI number of the vessel being called, selecting a working channel and pushing a button.

All recreational boaters are being encouraged to become familiar with the DSC features of their radios and refer to the manufacturers' guidelines when programming their VHF radios.



The Marsh Harbour Marina offers a weekly workshop for boaters during the peak visitor months that covers many topics of interest to boaters. One topic this spring was the explanation by Forest Golden of new system for sending emergency messages. VHF radios now come equipped with Digital Selective Calling which allows an easy way to communicate distress. The system automatically gives out important information such as the boat's identification, position and the nature of the distress. The messages continue automatically every four minutes until answered. The group here is configuring the DSC features for their VHF radios into their laptop computers. This new feature allows calls to specific radios, similar to cell phone technology.

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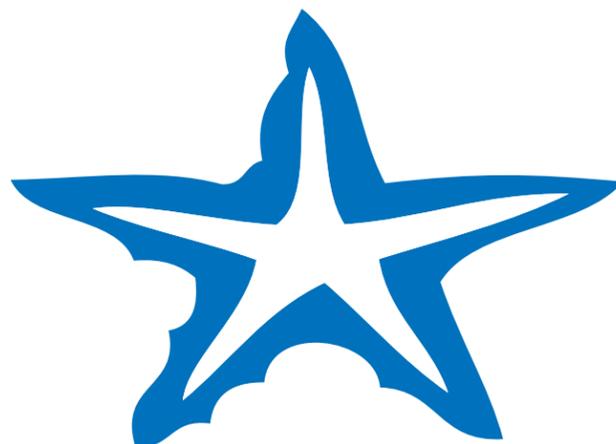
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# Central Abaco News

## Recycling Moves Forward

By Lindsey Delaplaine

Friends of the Environment has recently formed an exciting new relationship with Everett Rolle of Caribbean Recycling in Nassau. Caribbean Recycling is now the location where Abaco aluminum cans are shipped for recycling.

FRIENDS has hired Jeff Harding, who is overseeing the collection and shipment of the cans. Can sites are located in Hope Town, Man-O-War and at four sites in Marsh Harbour: the corner near the Every Child Counts school, Abaco Shopping Centre (where Kentucky Fried Chicken is located), and two new sites that were recently established at New Vision Ministries and Forest Heights Academy.

Shipping the cans to Nassau has been made possible by the generous assistance of Mr. Ernest Dean, owner of the M/V Legacy. The first shipment of cans filled a 20-foot container, and two more shipments have been scheduled for the last week of April and the first week in May to unload the backlog of cans that were stored while Friends researched recycling options in The Bahamas. That means 3,450 cubic feet of cans will be recycled and reused instead of taking up precious

space in Abaco's landfills.

FRIENDS has exciting plans for the future of its recycling program. As the relationship with Caribbean Recycling grows, there are a number of items that are options for recycling including abandoned vehicles, batteries, engine blocks and scrap metal.

## Dog Show and Fun Day

By Jennifer Hudson

April 22 was a day of fun for pooches and their "parents." Kim Roberts of the Abaco Dog Training Club, who was one of the organizers, was pleased with the turnout of 12 to 15 dogs. Judge for the event, which was held on the ground opposite Standard Hardware, was Candace Key, Principal of the Hope Town School, who is a great dog lover and owner of championship dogs.

All types of dog showed up from potcakes to purebreds and both the four-legged and two legged participants seemed to thoroughly enjoy all the fun and games.

There were prizes for the prettiest eyes, prettiest ears and the waggiest tail which was won by Hershey, a chocolate lab, owned by David Burke from Treasure Cay.

Indie, a potcake with motley black and tan markings owned by Amanda Darville,

won the wonderful title of Mixed Up Potcake, while the Most Friendly Dog title went to Janie Thompson's German shepherd.

Many of the dogs arrived dressed in fancy outfits, and the Best Dressed award went to a dog sporting a swimsuit.

The favourite event of the day, however, was a weenie bobbing race in which

each dog had to run to a bowl of water in which floated pieces of hotdog. The first to eat all the pieces was the winner and that title went to potcake Shandy. (I don't think the pure bred would stand a chance in an eating contest with a potcake).

The aim of the fun day was not just to

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The Abaco Dog Training Club held a fun day for dogs and their owners. Competitions were casual and fun. Here the dogs are required to eat pieces of hot dog that were in bowls of water. Watching over one dog is Rebecca Higgs but that dog was not the winner. The prize went to a potcake.

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## Tide - North Bar Channel June 2006

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# More Central Abaco News

**Central** *From Page 20*

have fun but to raise funds for the first Bahamas Kennel Club sanctioned show to be held on Abaco the weekend of May 20th. A husband and wife team of judges will be here from Savannah, Georgia, and the show will be strictly obedience train-

ing and trials; there will be no conformation classes. The show will take place across from Standard Hardware and will be held all day on the Saturday and most likely on the Sunday morning also. Participants are expected from Nassau and possibly Florida. Information on the show may be obtained from Kim Roberts 367- 4648,

Maureen Koepp 367- 2597 or Amanda Darville 367-4949.

A six-week beginners' class in obedience training has just been completed, taught by Maureen Koepp. This was attended by 12 dogs, who learned to sit, down, stay and walk on a leash.

Every Child Counts, the school for special needs students, was burglarized twice within ten days recently. The teachers and children returned from their Easter break to discover that burglars had gained entrance to the school through a second floor window. Fingerprinting by the police revealed that a child most probably had crawled through the window and then unlocked one of the entrance doors for adult accomplices.

The largest, and most expensive, item stolen was a Toshiba 32-inch flat screen television that had recently been donated

to the school by The Abaco Club at Winding Bay. Also taken were DVD players, a VCR, a cell phone, \$50 in petty cash, a sleeping bag and blankets from the primary classroom and \$200 worth of food that the students use to prepare their lunches during their Life Skills class. Desks and offices were also ransacked.

It is estimated that the thieves broke in sometime on April 17 or 18. Then, just two days following the police investigation on April 24, thieves broke in again, this time into the senior classroom building, stealing four cases of juice and another DVD player.

Mrs. Lyn Major, the founder and principal of the school, said she was thankful for the helpful and sympathetic attention of the police but commented that the break-ins, vandalism and thefts were very distressing

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The Marsh Harbour Town Committee is now cleaning S.C. Bootle Highway as far as the dump on a regular schedule. Although it is not the duty of that committee, the members want to see a clean roadway. Garbage falls off vehicles headed for the dump and many careless people toss garbage out of vehicle windows. Two men, one on each side of the road, fill up bags that are later picked up by a truck that also picks up larger items such as the box in the lower left.

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to the students and staff.

The school is funded completely by donations and the items stolen, like the television, were given to the school to aid classroom instruction by local businesses and residents. The police reported that there had been similar break-ins at other schools following the thefts at Every Child Counts and suspect that the items are being sold locally.

[ECC was broken into a third time on May 7. A television and other minor items were stolen, then dumped in a nearby lot. However, the office was ransacked.]

### AID Expands

By Mirella Santillo

In August 2005 Automotive and Industrial Distributor, a branch of the popular automobile supply shop from Nassau,

opened the doors to an 8400-square-foot addition. Adjacent and connected to the old shop, the new premises houses a car service center and a household department store.

Now, a few months later, the service center is fully operational. There you can buy and change tires, have them aligned with the latest technology or rotated, purchase new batteries or have a full service tune-up, explained AID manager, Mr. Frankie Russell.

As for the rest of the store, it offers everything for a home. From light bulbs and electrical fixtures to pet supplies and food, from hardware to bedding, from cleaning products to patio furniture, small appliances, Rubbermaid products, bookshelves and carpeting, you can find it all in one convenient location. The store even offers a choice of bicycles and bicycle's

parts and seasonal items, Christmas decorations and toys in December, fans, grills and lawn mowers in summer. "And more is coming," said Mr. Russell, pointing to some empty shelves which have been reorganized to make space for new items.

Since the expansion AID employed five more people, three in the service center and two in the store and one more will be needed soon when the second cash register opens, explained Mr. Russell.

Ms. Donita Russell, a long time cashier at AID, said that the store was busier since the expansion and had received very positive comments from customers who like the diversity of the merchandise offered. However, the new selection of goods does not prevent AID from remaining a full automobile parts store and you can still find there everything for your car.



Heavy rains for a few hours on April 27 flooded some streets of Marsh Harbour. Stratton Drive was under water but the primary drain installed under Don MacKay Boulevard in the mid 1990s keeps that road clear.



Twenty-four illegal immigrants were apprehended on May 2 as they alighted from the workers' ferry as it returned from Guana Cay. Officers from Immigration, Defence Force and Police Force waited on the dock for the evening ferry to come in and immediately rounded up the immigrants whom they took to the Port Authority building where they were processed to separate the legal ones from the illegals and spent the night. A crowd of relatives quickly gathered in front of the building waiting for news of family and friends. Seventeen of those persons apprehended were taken into Nassau on a charter flight the following day while the remaining seven left by Bahamasair on Thursday.

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# Leadership Seminar Motivated Professionals

By Jennifer Hudson

A two day Leadership Seminar, led by Zhivago Laing was held on May 3 -4 at the Abaco Beach Resort. Since leaving the field of politics, Mr. Laing has devoted his time to developing courses to help professionals improve their business life. He is now President of Pro-Life Development Systems which offers courses in motivational speaking, human resource training and business consulting. He provides leadership for new and emerging managers during open seminars in an area where he found there to be a critical need.

"Many people aspire to be managers and are even appointed as managers and thus find themselves promoted to positions of great responsibility but have been given no preparation for the post," says Mr. Laing. Thus, he offered the open seminar in Abaco to involve managers and others in positions of leadership in gearing to provide them with a proper framework in which to perform as managers and leaders. Participants were given help in understanding how to deal with organisation, structure, human resource features and political and cultural dimensions. A strategic plan was

set out for dealing with issues, decision-making, problem-solving and effective communication.

The seminar was interactive with audience participation in scenarios to draw out their knowledge. Appropriate instructions then followed.

Mr. Laing was very impressed with the 29 persons who attended the seminar, feeling that this was a very good turnout for a Family Island. This is the first time Mr Laing has held an open seminar outside of Nassau, apart from Freeport. The seminar was intended for persons in supervisory, middle or upper management positions. Participants included 10 employees from Baker's Bay, government employees, business owners, bankers and resort personnel.

Mr. Laing says that he has been asked to come back to conduct another such seminar in the off-season since many persons who had expressed a desire to attend the seminar were unable to take the time off work to attend during what is now the height of the season.

He states, "Leadership sets the pace in organisational development and value within

organisations," He is of the firm belief that if a company, private or public, is going to move further, it must do a better job of

preparing its leadership so that competence and skill can be obtained for the execution of responsibility.



Mr. Zhivago Laing conducted a Leadership Seminar in Marsh Harbour on May 3-4. Ten of the participants were employees of Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club. Some of them are shown here. They are Mr. Perry Thomas, Mr. George Smith, Ms. Lydia Williams, Mr. Garnet Dean, Mr. Laing, Mr. Eban Hanna, Ms. Indira Edwards, Mr. Ricardo Johnson and Mr. Terrience Edgecombe. Missing from the photo are Gelita Sawyer and Alfredo Cornish.



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# An Update on the Status of the Abaco Parrot

By Jennifer Hudson

Guest speaker at the meeting of the Rotary Club of Abaco on May 2 was Frank F. Rivera-Milan, Ph.D., who gave an update on the status of the Abaco parrot. Mr. Rivera-Milan has been doing research with the parrots on Abaco since 2002 and has worked for three years with the larger parrot population on Inagua. This year he was here from April 29 to May 7, working closely with the Friends of the Environment through a grant obtained by the Bahamas National Trust from the Disney wildlife



The Abaco parrot is unique in that it nests in holes in the ground. This makes the females, the eggs and the fledglings vulnerable to several dangers that tree nesting birds avoid.

Conservation Fund. His aim is to compare data which he is currently collecting with that collected in previous years before the recent disasters.

The geographically isolated parrot populations of Abaco and Inagua are the only two in The Bahamas. Each is very different but both run the risk of extinction. Their reproduction and survival is affected by hurricanes, drought, fires, availability of food, predators and human disturbance. The arrival of raccoons to the island of Abaco in the mid 1990s has been bad news for parrots. Though the raccoons proliferate in the north of the island, they have now moved south into the parrot colonies. Feral cats are also a great threat to the parrots which nest in holes in the limestone rock. In 2004 there were two bad hurricanes in a row, Francis and Jeanne, and last year 2,000 hectares of land in the south were destroyed by fire. Data on the parrot population is now being collected and is being compared with the data collected before these devastating events to determine their impact on parrot numbers.

The Abaco parrot population is the only species of parrot in which the hens nest in the limestone rock in the ground. In Inagua where, although there is limestone, no parrot nests have been found in the rock. Instead, they nest in tree cavities or in tree stumps.

The objectives of the research are:

1. Estimate density, population size and rate of change over time.
2. Make recommendations for the long-term monitoring, 10 to 20 years.

A simple and practical method is required for cost effectiveness, and Mr. Rivera-Milan is looking forward to children being able to assist in fieldwork after they receive train-

ing.

"This was a good time to come," he stated, "as the parrots are pairing and ready to nest." During his stay of one week, he has worked with the parrot population from early morning to late evening. He uses a laser beam to obtain distance measurements from the parrots. His estimation of the density of parrots on Abaco is .09 animals per hectare, with an average of between 2,000 and 3,000 parrots on the island. The parrots are very concentrated in the south and central parts of the island. Nobody knows why and what factors caused this but they are now moving out of the pine forest to Sandy Point and Bahama Palm Shores. Parrots are hardy and are good survivors and even began to move north for a while after the hurricanes looking for food. Their most important source of nutrition is the poison wood berry.

Mr. Rivera-Milan is attempting to survey 222 points and made the following recommendations:

1. Train volunteers to survey 200 to 300 points per year before and after reproduction.
2. Include other birds in surveys, e.g. white crowned pigeon, the Abaco population of which is very important
3. Collect weather, fire, habitat and development data.
4. Add data layers to GIS map. (GIS maps will be available at the end of June).



Mr. Frank F. Rivera-Milan spoke to the Rotary Club of Abaco about the Abaco parrots. He has been studying them since 2002 and came now to see how they survived hurricanes in 2004 and a disastrous fire. They are very hardy and seem to be doing well. He is very concerned about the threat from raccoons and cats that are in the area.

5. Conserve pine and coppice beyond the National Park.

6. Integrate research better, have management objectives and involve school students.

Objectives he felt should be considered:

1. Expand Abaco National Park boundaries.
2. Establish buffer zones.
3. Minimise habitat loss.
4. Remove mammalian predators.
5. Control invasive plants, some of which are fire prone.
6. Stop illegal fires and dumping of trash.
7. Involve local communities.

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# Festival Program Features Green Turtle History

## Island Roots

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quite a few dangers. It is food for the tulip shell, the sting ray and some turtles among other sea creatures and, of course, not the least of all - man! Moreover, it takes the conch more than three years to reach the reproductive stage, so it should still be protected if we do not want to deplete our seas of this delicacy.

Once again, the Island Roots Heritage Festival was a great success and a lot of family fun. There was culture, entertainment, music, music, and more music, great food and drinks and above all an atmosphere of friendship and camaraderie. It was an occasion to revive old acquaintances and to make new friends while keeping grounded in our past.



A fashion show drew a big crowd. The Green Turtle Cay residents dug deep into the past to have costumes that were typical of by-gone days. They drew applause from the audience as the women did their laundry, displaying undergarments, much to the delight of the crowd.



The hoola-hoop endurance competition had to finally be stopped. Two children continued so long that the officials asked them to stop. Hoola-hoops are once again popular toys. We should remember that the inventor of the hoola-hoop, Mr. Dixon Downey, owned Cornish Cay on Abaco for many years and loved Abaco as his second home.

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# Boobies Are Seen off Abaco

By Dr. Elwood Bracey

A class of birds known as Sulids (Gannets and Boobies) are distributed widely throughout the world. They are not common in the Bahamas but four species have been seen in the past four years, three of them off Abaco.

Four years ago a Brown Booby (28"-30" wingspan) was observed while fishing several miles off Great Guana Cay, and just recently in almost the same location a Masked Booby (27" wingspan) was seen again while deep-sea fishing.

These large seabirds plunge-dive headlong into the sea in pursuit of fish.

The champion diver is the larger Northern Gannet (38" wingspan) which plunges vertically from as high as 90 feet and reportedly reaches depths of 75 feet underwater. They fold their wings back and take the shape of a large dart and are able to get much deeper than other species.

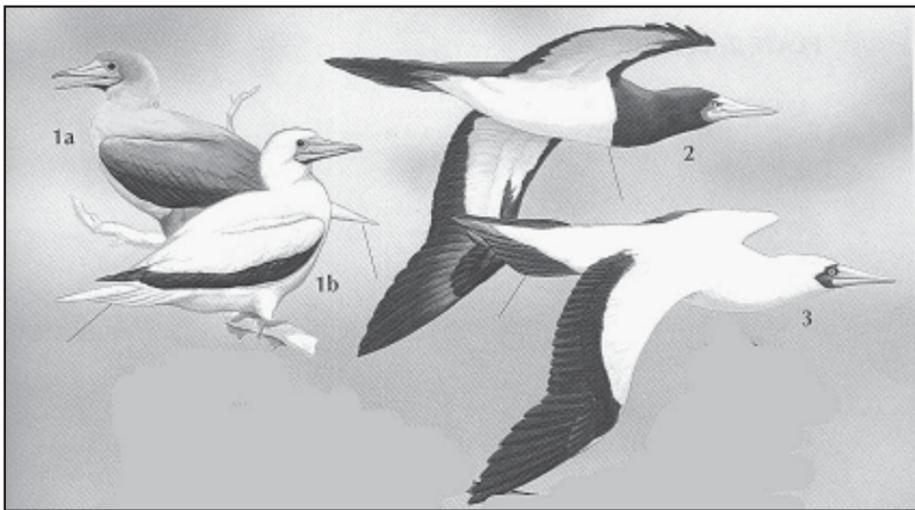
Gannets breed on the Atlantic cliffs of

Eastern Canada but move south in winter. They can sometimes be seen diving off the beach in Florida, but rarely get to The Bahamas.

However, we spotted an immature gannet in the Sea of Abaco near Don't Rock on December 14, 2005.

Red-footed Boobies (26"-30") breed in just one location in The Bahamas on White Cay north of San Salvador. We found three pair there on nests in June of last year. They have bright red feet as opposed to the bright blue feet of the Blue-footed Boobies found on the Galapagos Islands of the Pacific.

I've always enjoyed looking at boobies, but nowhere as much as in The Bahamas where there is such a variety. Only the Dry Tortugas off Key West has one up on The Bahamas having had an accidental Blue-footed Booby appear there years ago for a total of five species. If we look closely at every booby we can, we may see one of the blue-footed variety here too.



Several sea birds can sometimes be seen out over the ocean. Three of these are shown here. One a and 1 b are Red footed Boobies, 2 is a Brown Booby and 3 is a Masked Booby. Fishermen sometimes can spot these.

## Cays

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son III tied for their 20 pound dolphin entries in the wire line class. Wayne Brown received the shark class trophy and Ron Anna received the fly rod trophy for catching and releasing a bonefish. In the billfish release category Sydney Roberts Jr. was awarded for his blue marlin and Brett Osborne for his sailfish.

### Women's Division:

Sylvia Michelli received awards for her 19 pound dolphin in the 20# and her 24 pound dolphin in the 50# test line categories. Jane Thompson took home trophies for her 24 pound dolphin in the 50# and a 14 pound dolphin in the 80# test line class as well as a hand line trophy.

### Special Awards:

The Kelly Vernis Memorial Trophy for the largest fish weighed in by a lady angler was awarded to Jane Thompson for landing a 26 pound dolphin. Mr. Sydney Roberts, owner of *Nokomis* received the award for the overall Best Boat Trophy.

Immediately following the awards presentation, the Abaco Anglers Fishing Tournament Committee made several financial contributions to the community. Nancy McDaniel and Deon Curry accepted a gift on behalf of the Every Child Counts Pro-

gram and Justin Noice received a gift for the Hope Town Fire and Rescue Association.

We encourage anyone who is interested in participating next year to make plans to visit our islands and sign up for the tournament on April 19 - 26, 2007. All are welcome! And we hope to continue having young anglers participate and bring their friends along for a wonderful water sportfishing.

## Earth Day

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Sandy Point this coming summer.

Friends of the Environment is inviting scholarship applications from students and teachers for next year.

Following the presentation of scholarships and prizes, a vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Lindsay McCoy, Executive Director with Friends of the Environment.

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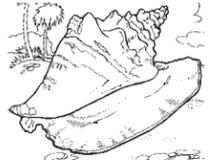
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 10:30 am 12:15 pm 2:30\* (M-Sat) 4 5:45  
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## SECTION B



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# ACH Teachers Protest Working Conditions

## Storm Damage Is Still Present, No Phones, Windows Out

By Richard E. Fawkes

Police Commissioner Paul Farquharson walked through a line of picketing teachers at Abaco Central High School in Murphy Town on April 29 to inspect the burnt-out administration building - the result of a fire two days previously that he admitted his officers are investigating as suspicious.

"I have two investigators from Freeport on the ground now," Mr. Farquharson said, "and we'll have an answer as to what happened when they're done."

The high school teachers, supported by Bahamas Union of Teachers (BUT) Area Vice President Frances Friend, were demanding around-the-clock security guards at the school; a working telephone, something they have not had all school year; and staff bathrooms before they would return to work.

Mr. Rudolph Smith, District Education Superintendent, reaffirmed his announce-



Teachers at Abaco Central High School are upset that their working conditions are so poor and are not being rectified. Windows are still out, some rooms still do not have electricity and the school has had no phones since the hurricanes last September. The recent fire which destroyed the Administration building has resulted in their not having a staff room, restrooms or kitchen facilities. This protest was staged during the visit of Commissioner of Police, Mr. Paul Farquharson, as he viewed the result of the fire.

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# Police Commissioner Speaks to Students

By Jennifer Hudson

Police Commissioner, Mr. Paul Farquharson, and several other top ranking officers of the Royal Bahamas Police Force were on Abaco at the end of April to perform various official duties. While here they attended a combined morning assembly on April 29th for students of the Abaco Central High School and Central Abaco Primary School held at the primary school.

ASP Wayne Miller, Chief of Police for Abaco, in his introduction of guest speaker Mr. Farquharson, told the students that he had brought someone very important to speak to them, none other than the Commissioner in charge of the entire Police Force of the Bahamas, "who holds you dear to his heart and whose message and advice will carry you through your entire life."

Mr. Farquharson addressed the issue of violence in schools which he sees plaguing a lot of people today, particularly young men, saying that he intends to zero in on the

problem. He sees a lot of drug and gang activity. "People make excuses and blame other people but we all have individual minds," he said.

Mr. Farquharson told the students that he grew up as an orphan with foster parents, but he did not turn out to be bad. "You cannot blame your parents. Have respect for your teachers who will give you knowledge to take you through your lifetime. Prison is no place for you to go," was his advice to the students; and his final comment, "Do not follow people who want to get you into gangs; if you must join a gang, join a church gang," received applause.

Supt. Gibson, Officer in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Unit in Nassau, gave a stern talk on the dangers of drug use and used two chilling real life stories to illustrate what can happen to young people who meddle in drugs. He told the students that it

Please see **Police**

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# Police Talent Show Was Hilarious



Solos, corale singing, skits, praise dancing were all part of a very entertaining evening that the Police Department of Northern Abaco put on at the Anglican Hall on April 19. These officers were enacting a hilarious take-off of a March Pass. They are Cpl. Cash, Insp. Gregory Barr and PC Cory Scott. See story on page 2.

# Primary Schools Win Sports Trophies



The Hon. Alfred Sears, Attorney General and Minister of Education, was present at an awards ceremony held at the Central Abaco Primary School. The students were proud of the trophies they earned at the Inter-School Sports Competition. Central Abaco Primary came in first followed by Treasure Cay Primary and Cooper's Town Primary.

# A Fallen Comrade Is Honoured

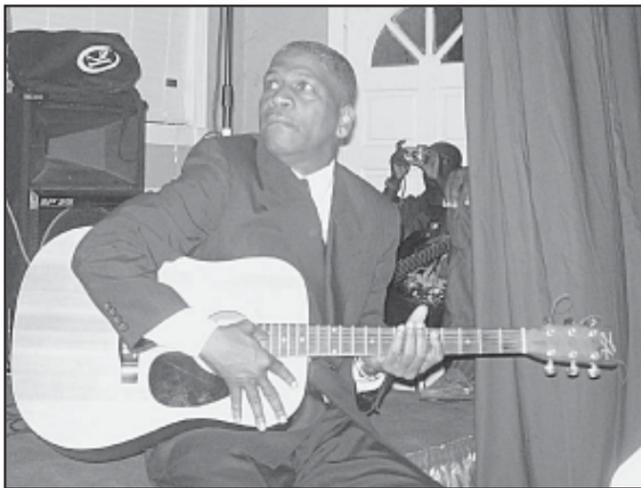


The funeral for Stanton Chea on May 7 was one of ceremony and sadness. Stanton was a volunteer fireman and helpful friend of everyone. Hundreds came to bid him good-bye. Shane Sands and Sarone Kennedy gave a farewell salute as did all the firemen.

# Police Celebrated 165 Years with Memorable Concert

By Jennifer Hudson

As a finale to their very successful month of events celebrating their 165th anniversary, the Officers of the Northern Region of the Royal Bahamas Police Force presented a wonderful variety concert entitled *Nobody Does It Better* on April 29 under the distinguished patronage of the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Paul Farquharson and Mrs. Farquharson. There is a well known saying that Laughter is the best medicine, so I am sure that all the people who were packed into the St. John the Baptist Anglican Parish Church Hall to hear the police in concert went home feeling in top form. What an evening of fun it was and whoever would have suspected that so much talent and humour hides under those smart uniforms. The men and women law enforcement officers of Grand Bahama and Abaco joined talents for the evening to present such a wonderful variety of singing, dancing and skits. The programme was full of such an



Jack Thompson, a previously unknown Canadian guitarist, showed great promise as he accompanied "Elvis." A very well loved person on Abaco, Jack Thompson returned to Abaco to be MC for the Police Concert. He was just as entertaining as any of the officers.

array of superb items that I cannot possibly single all out for mention but I have to say that there were some tremendous singing voices and "Elvis" wooed the ladies in the audience with his gyrating hips and "personal attention" (though with just a little help from the late King himself).

The many skits left the audience almost rolling in the aisles and were helped along tremendously by one well built and talented comedic officer from Freeport.

MC's for the evening, Shelley Austin and Jack Thompson, were themselves in top form and kept the fun going between the scenes with their own kind of humour. It was good to see Jack Thompson back in Abaco for the event and "Jumping Jack" was in his usual top form as he got the au-

dience into festive mood with his own inimitable style while waiting for the show to begin.

The funds raised from the concert have been placed in the Police Social Club Fund and will be used to take care of officers in times of need. Jack Thompson, after a quick count up, said that he reckoned there were 1,007 people in the audience! Unfortunately, his calculations were a little off since the church hall can only hold about 250 but hopefully next year the police will be able to find a larger location as

quite possibly next year, after hearing about this successful event from their friends who were there, Jack Thompson's guess may not

be far wrong.



An Elvis impersonator kept the crowds yelling for more as he gyrated through the audience.

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is a big crime to sell drugs in schools and informed them that the "big guys" in drugs end up in prison with all of their property such as flashy cars seized by the government. His final advice was, "Say yes to life and no to drugs. Drugs will destroy you."

Police dogs are always a favourite with any crowd and today was no exception. Officer Sherman from the Canine Unit in Nassau had brought with her Marsha, one of the 22 police dogs currently in the Nassau unit and Officer Dames brought Bob, one of the three dogs in the Abaco unit. Both dogs gave a demonstration of how they search for hidden drugs. Marsha is a passive police dog so when she discovered a packet of marijuana hidden inside a fire hose she sat, but Bob is an aggressive police dog so when he found drugs inside a cardboard box on the stage he started to scratch the ground vigorously. Several student volunteers were selected to assist with the demonstration and all looked quite relaxed while the dogs were on their leash but began to look a little nervous when Marsha was let off her leash to begin her search.

Officer Sherman advised the students to stay in school and get a sound education and closed with several strong words of advice for the students; "Be careful what you do with your bodies for the choices you make can hurt you. Do not take this assembly lightly. Be careful about the company you keep; you will pay the final price."

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# Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral for **Jacob Jacky Nesbitt**, 52, of Cooper's Town was held on May 7 at the Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town. Bishop Archilaus Cooper officiated, assisted by Rev. Herbert Edgecombe. Interment was in the South Side Cemetery in Cooper's Town.

He is survived by his daughters Dianna, Tina and Vanessa Nesbitt; sons Rocky, Tyrone and Ringo Nesbitt; grandchildren Tyrone, Junior and Gerard Nesbitt; step-mother Caman; brother Elijah Nesbitt; step-sisters Aretha Huyler and Nelly Franks; step-brothers Otis Palmer and Terry Franks; sisters-in-law Olivia and Tamy Nesbitt; brother-in-law Livingston Huyler; step-sisters-in-law Kasha; nieces Jancan Hart and Gerolene Nesbitt; nephews Rickey, Carl, Chris, Deon, Val, Manix and Adrian Nesbitt; nieces-in-law Tina Jessica, Judith, Laurine, Paulette Nesbitt; nephew-in-law Ivan Hart; aunts Cora Russell and Ethilee Lewis; cousins the Rt. Hon. Hubert A Ingraham and family, Chriscola, Leanna, Elouise, Lillian, Pearl, Charles, Costella and Brendalee Lewis and family, Candymae, Shirley, Livingston, Dellias and Dowsell

Rolle and family, John and family, Hasting Russell and family, Shelia Adderley and family, Cleotha Edgecombe and family, Verine Smith and family, Archilaus Cooper and family, John Cooper and family, Hartman Cooper and family, Henry and family, Joseph Cooper and family, Samuel Cooper and family, the Bootle family, the Adderley family, the Murray family, the Cox family, the Russell family, the Williams family, the McIntosh family, the Cornish family, the Hanna family, the Rolle family, the Edgecombe family, the McDonald family, the Wells family, the Mills family.

Funeral service for **Lottie Nicolls**, 70, formerly of Crossing Rock was held in Nassau and interment was in Nassau.

She is survived by daughters Zelma Roberts, Daisy Watkins, Janet Sands, Rosemarie, Patricia, Pamela and Prescola Nicolls; sons Philip Nicolls, Perry Nicolls Sr. and Percival Nicolls Sr.; step-children Eric Nicolls and Erica Johnson; daughters-in-law Alice and Quincy Nicolls; grandchildren Monique and Michelle Deveaux, Anthony and Cherelle Watkins, Sherise Clarke,

Sharon Fox, David Brooks, Davan and Leslie Sands Jr., Sean and Deon Nicolls, Kendrick and Terran Dean, Natasha Nicolls, Charmine Ferguson, Garvin, Omar and Giovanni Nicolls, Krishna Murray, Percival Nicolls Jr., Stephan Knowles and Lloyd Johnson Jr., Thomas Forbes Jr., Perry Jr., Pharis and Patricka Nicolls and Latisha Curtis; grandsons-in-law Deon Ferguson, Terrell Clarke and Willard Fox Sr.; granddaughters-in-law Lesly Brooks, Shakera Dean and Norelle Watkins; great-grandchildren; brothers-in-law Israel Williams, Leroy and Wallace Nicolls, Percy Blyden and Nathaniel Levarity; sisters-in-law Myrtle Hanna, Sybil Blyden, Maria Turner, Eloise Saunders, Ruth Nottage and Irma Levarity; nieces Brenda Russell, Dorothy McKinney, Mae Walker, Gloria Russell, Carolyn Bain, Betty McKinney,

Bernice Wells, Vernell Rolle, Eleanor, Stelletha and Barbara Johnson, Cherise Adderley, Melvern Cooper, Sheryl Smith, Marie Hanna, Veta Brown, Persis Hepburn, Cally Williams, Louise Blyden, Andrea, Cleomi, Jessica and Karen Turner, Tanya Mackey, Sharon Saunders, Joann Ferguson, Antoinette Ginton and Vanstaree Newbold; nephews Rev. Napoleon and Samuel Roberts, Boisy Roberts, Lloyd Walker, David, Philip, Willard, Israel Williams Jr., Rev. James and Harry Williams, Johnny and Barry Johnson, Roosevelt Carey, Anthony Victor Johnson, Eugene, Roman, Everette, Marco and Tony Nicholls, Paul and Andrew Hanna, John Blyden, George, Charles and Philip Turner, Terry, Laverne and Anthony Saunders; and many other relatives and friends.

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# School News

## Forest Heights Academy Earth Day Successes

Friends of the Environment sponsored Abaco's Annual Earth Day on April 22nd with many Abaco schools participating. This day was actually the culmination of several months of study in the field of Ecosystems and Biodiversity for the science students of Forest Heights Academy.

In a competition organised by science teacher, Ms. Alana Carroll, the Forest Heights eighth grade students completed a series of tasks including litter cleanup and various environmental projects promoting environmental awareness. Each student worked to accumulate points to win conservation awards. Gold winners were Taj Anderson, Faniella Gounga, Kristen Hoard, Amanda Long, Duran

Lowe, Adrianna Phillpot, Zachary Roberts, Kyle Sands and Kyle Bethel.

Grade eight won second place in the Abaco Earth Day Science Competition. The topic for Earth Day this year was the Abaco Pine Forest, and Grade 11, led by Ms. Joy Chaplin, head of the department, displayed various slices of Abaco pine, investigating the connection between rain and ring growth. This imaginative and informative exhibition took First Place in the Senior Division. Well done to all!

While academics are of great importance to the Forest Heights students, physical education is a necessary complement. This time of year it seems that the Forest Heights basketball court is just as busy as the classroom. Nikbil Shah has been coaching the boys, and they have been undefeated in their friendly games

against St. Francis de Sales and Agape Christian Schools. They have also been having some of the boys from ECC join them in the physical education class for the past two years.

Of course, the girls have been just as active on the volleyball court, for these spring days make both sports irresistible.

Finally, as always, Forest Heights is pleased to congratulate the March Students of the Month. Junior Student is 7th grader, Julianne Sands, and Senior Student is Shantia Sands, who will be graduating this June.

## Abaco Spring Fling

Jennifer Hudson

There was fun for all on April 30th at the Abaco Spring Fling hosted by the Parent Teacher Association of Forest Heights Academy on the school grounds in Marsh Harbour.

As one entered the grounds, the traditional mouth watering aroma of barbecued hamburgers met the nostrils and there was plenty more in the food line to tempt the appetite. All the usual Bahamian culinary

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Forest Heights Academy had quiet activities that the young could participate in. They produced "works of art" with paper, paste, glitter and other craft supplies, making items that they could proudly take home.



Forest Heights Academy has a major fund raising event, a Spring Fling, each spring. The school has a variety of different games and activities. A Dart Game proved to be a popular diversion.

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**#2176**

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**#2168**

**Beautiful Wooded Lot  
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**\$144,000.00**

This lot is located near Fry's Mangrove on Elbow Cay. It is situated between the Sea of Abaco & a creek making it an ideal location for nature lovers & boating enthusiasts. The property is approx. 41,000 sq. ft. & is just a few minutes from Hope Town. This is a great investment opportunity for those that want their own little piece of paradise.

**#2134**

**Bahama Palm Shores**



**\$20,000.00**

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**Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club**, located on the northern end of Great Guana Cay in the Abacos will comprise an exquisite residential community of 585 stunning beachfront and oceanview acres, 248 custom home sites and 84 high-end single-family developer residences. The development also includes a 28 villa hotel, private golf club, 18-hole Tom Fazio-designed private golf course and a 33-acre marina village with a 180-slip marina. In addition 70 acres of environmental Preserve will be administered by the Bahamas National Trust and a 5-acre beach and park will be open to all Bahamians.

### 1. Who are the developers for this project?

Discovery Land Company, the developers of Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club, Guana Cay, Abaco is a San Francisco-based real estate development firm specializing in the creation of world-class golf and residential communities. Discovery Land Company's core philosophy is to enhance the natural character and spirit of each property it develops in order to provide its residents and members with a unique golf and lifestyle experience. Guided by these ideals Discovery Land Company and its principals have become one of the United States' preeminent golf and residential developers with an impressive roster of successful, high-profile communities in California, Arizona, Montana, North Carolina, Hawaii and Texas. (For more information visit: [www.discoverylandco.com](http://www.discoverylandco.com))



### 2. To what extent have Guana Cay residents been consulted on this project?

The land plan for the project was developed with input from key stakeholders including local government, the Member of Parliament, the former Prime Minister, the Out Island Council and in consultation with Guana Cay residents through a Town Meeting on Guana Cay on August 20, 2004. Further refinement will continue through additional dialogue on island and throughout The Abacos.



### 3. How is the Crown Land being utilized?

The total size of the project's site is approximately 585 acres. Of this amount, 460 acres are privately owned, including Gumeleli Cay, and approximately 126 acres are either Crown or Treasury Land. The Crown Land consists of 106 acres made up of 15 acres for the building of residential homes paid for through sales, 25 acres leased to the developer at market terms and dedicated to the Marina, and the majority, 66 acres, are to be permanently protected as Preserve area for the perpetual enjoyment of everyone. The Treasury Land portion of the development will all be leased to the developer at market terms and includes 4 acres dedicated to employee housing, 2 acres for a desalination plant, sewage facility and electric substation, 4 acres for a solid waste transfer facility, 2 acres for dry dockage of boats and 8 acres for general storage.



### 4. How much land will remain undeveloped and / or not covered by roads and homes?

The vast majority, more than 70%, of the project's land will remain as open space. The Club's 33-acre marina will impact little more than 5% of the total land area. Each home-site will be required to preserve over 35% of the area in natural vegetation.

### 5. What will be done with the Disney structures and problems they have left on the island?

The developer will work quickly to dismantle the abandoned Disney structures and recycle any usable materials. The structures, which have posed a significant environmental waste hazard, will be permanently removed and the sites will be integrated into the development and/or restored to their natural setting.



### 6. Will the project be hiring Bahamians and where will they be housed?

Yes, the Baker's Bay Club project has already employed many local Bahamians and will continue to do so to the extent possible. Hiring Bahamian workers is a government mandate, and, further, it is the most practical and effective solution to our labor requirements. As part of the Heads of Agreement, the Baker's Bay Club has committed to employing 200 Bahamians during construction of the project. The ongoing operation of the community will provide hundreds of full time jobs, including resort management positions, as well as opportunities for local artisans and tour operators. In addition to utilizing the existing local ferry service, the project is setting up daily service to transport workers directly to a logistics dock at Baker's Bay. The project will begin constructing on site employee housing within the next year.



### 7. Will the people of Abaco still be able to use Baker's Bay and the beaches?

The entire shoreline will remain open to the public. Further, the developer is funding the creation of an interpretive center, public trail system and 5-acre public beach park on the Sea of Abaco providing restrooms, fire pits and a public dock for small craft.

### 8. What is likely to be the economic impact of this development?

Baker's Bay will generate over 200 jobs during construction and an additional 200 ongoing jobs including jobs for accountants, lawyers, gardeners, housekeepers, plumbers, electricians and more. The project will create opportunities for entrepreneurial ventures, including restaurants, shops, car rental companies and others. Over ten years the project should cause more than \$85 million in new wages to be paid and is projected to generate over \$1 billion dollars of direct and indirect goods and services for The Bahamas including revenues for printing, publishing, entertainment, transportation, food and beverage supplies, sanitation services, chemicals, textiles, furniture and equipment, landscaping and more.

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# More School News

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delights were on sale including home made ice cream plus sweet treats for the kids and young at heart at the candy floss machine. Many patrons chose to eat in the shade hut where they were entertained by several talented students of the school with keyboard, guitars, drums and vocals.



People enjoying the Spring Fling at Forest Heights could get their car washed while they were enjoying the fun.

While parents browsed the book stall and "flea market," finding untold treasures or tried their skill at darts, their children, proudly sporting their painted faces, were able to enjoy the bouncy castle. There were, in fact, games galore for the children including Hoopla, Take a Chance with Lollipops and the Fish Pool where the children were guaranteed a "catch" every time. Those little ones who wished to take it more quietly for a while could enjoy the free craft-making opportunities to transform all of the goodies such as glitter and glue, paper plates and pipe cleaners into works of art to take home for their parents.

Many attractive crafts were available for purchase such as Andy Albury's half models of the Man-O-War sloops; bird houses, clocks and tables worked in wood by Stewart Sands from Cherokee; crochet and needlecraft by his wife, Corella; crocheted gifts by Effie Schneider and jewellery by Monica Bianchi, who also displayed crafts made by the students of the Every Child Counts School.

Tuppy Weatherford had some stunning new photographs of Bahamian parrots on display. A flock of 18 parrots obliged her recently by deciding to live in her garden. They have become very tame which has enabled Tuppy to get up very close and personal with the birds and thus get some excellent close up pictures.

A fashion show, sponsored by Island Girls, provided easement to the legs for a while whilst delighting the audience with a parade of the latest styles.

Lucky winners of the raffles went home with some excellent prizes, and one could

even go home in a clean car thanks to the senior students who organized a car wash.

Principal, Mr. Paul Vernell, and the Parent Teacher Association wish to convey their appreciation to all those in the community who donated many excellent prizes and gift certificates for the fair. Mr. Vernell expressed his pleasure at the amount raised which will be put towards the refurbishment of the computer lab and wished to thank all those who helped make the fair the success.

**Agape Christian School School Fair Is a Success**

*By Portia Jonsson*

According to Mrs. Cecile Albury, principal of the Agape Christian School, this year's third annual school fair held April 16th was a resounding success. She was quite pleased with the turnout and thanks everyone who helped.

There were lots of yummy foods and treats like popcorn, snow cones, conch fritters and cotton candy and loads of games. The bouncing castle and face-painting booth were most popular with the kids. This ma-

yor fund raiser for the school raised over \$12,900 and the funds will go towards the purchase of new desks, computers and possibly a place for the smaller school children to eat at school.

During the past months Agape held several other fund raisers including a quiz-athon, walk-a-thon, bike-a-thon and rock-a-thon. These raised over \$18,900. The monies will be used to repair the school's roof which was damaged in Hurricane Frances and purchase new playground and physical education equipment for the lower grades. A portion will also assist Grade 6 on its field trip to Nassau next month.

It was a fun day for all at the fair and everyone had a good time.

**S C Bootle High School School Celebrates Student Win**

*By Mirella Santillo*

April 11th was a day of celebration for S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town. Principal, teachers and fellow students were

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# More School News

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celebrating the accomplishment of Edrico Armbrister, who came second in the National Spelling Bee Competition that was held in Nassau on April 3. It was the first time in the history of S.C. Bootle that a student achieved such a high academic performance.

Ms. Paulette Young opened the ceremony, followed by the band and the school choir performing. Edrico was praised by students, by Principal Leslie Rolle, and by many others. Administrator Cash told him, "I am rejoicing today because you did well. You are a winner, you made me feel very proud indeed." Mrs Felamese Sawyer congratulated and admonished, "Never give up

and always do your best." She also urged all the students to do their best and keep representing S.C. Bootle.

Mr. Austin Mills, Principal of the Fox Town Primary School, reminisced the days when Edrico was a student at his school "He was top of his class, always working hard to achieve his goals." While at the Fox Town School the faculty and students used to refer to him as "Professor Armbrister." So his success did not come as a surprise. He said, "Edrico earned a lot of respect for S.C. Bootle and made Fox Town proud."

Amidst cheers from all the students assembled in the school yard, Edrico Armbrister reminded everybody that what he achieved "took a lot of work and help from God." He thanked everyone who had

helped him and advised his fellow students, "It is better to try and fail than not to try at all." After the congratulations, Mr. Donald Cash, Administrator for North Abaco, gave Edrico \$100 to go in the bank account that were opened on his behalf by Scotia Bank and by the Royal Bank of Canada. Edrico received a trophy from the Abaco Depart-

ment of Education and one from the Ministry of Education. The festivities were followed by food and drinks for all in the teacher's lounge.

## Inter Primary Schools

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Competition was keen between the primary schools that participated in the Inter-School Sports Competition held last month.



Six schools participated in the Inter-School Sports Meet. The competition took place at the track in Muphy Town.



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**4. How will development efforts at Baker's Bay ensure protection of the reef from golf course chemicals and run off?**

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**5. How will development efforts impact Joe's Creek, the mangroves and the bonefish flats on Guana Cay?**

Contrary to prevalent rumors, Joe's Creek, the mangroves and the Guana Cay bonefish flats will all be preserved and not altered by development. The Joe's Creek area is the centerpiece of a 70-acre preserve which will be set aside by the developer. The preserve will be established to forever maintain the land in its current natural state. The general public will continue to have access to this preserve area for crabbing and other uses consistent with the environmental sensitivity of the area. A developer-funded interpretive center, public trail system and 5-acre public beach park will provide restrooms, fire pits and a public dock for small craft. The preserve will be governed by an independent foundation made up of representatives from the College of the Bahamas, Bahamas National Trust, and the University of Miami.

**6. How will garbage and sewerage be addressed within the development?**

The sewerage treatment facilities will be of the highest quality and technology available and will include the treatment and production of effluent water for reuse on the golf course and landscape irrigation. Solid waste will be handled by first separating out recyclable materials such as green waste, plastics, metal and glass. The solid waste facilities will be made available to the residents of the Guana Cay settlement. The remaining waste will be transferred to approved landfills or otherwise managed in a manner authorized by the Bahamian government. All infrastructure for the development will have a modular design and will be expandable to potentially provide service for the settlement of Guana Cay, including sewerage, water, electrical and potential road access.

**7. How will you treat some of the native plant life on the island?**

The project will make use of many native plants by preserving them in the natural environment, and, in some cases, transplanting them for use as community or golf landscaping. The project's landscaping plan primarily consists of native plants throughout the community and golf course. Each plant is currently being catalogued for preservation, transplant or study.

**8. Will the sea turtles be able to breed in the natural habitat?**

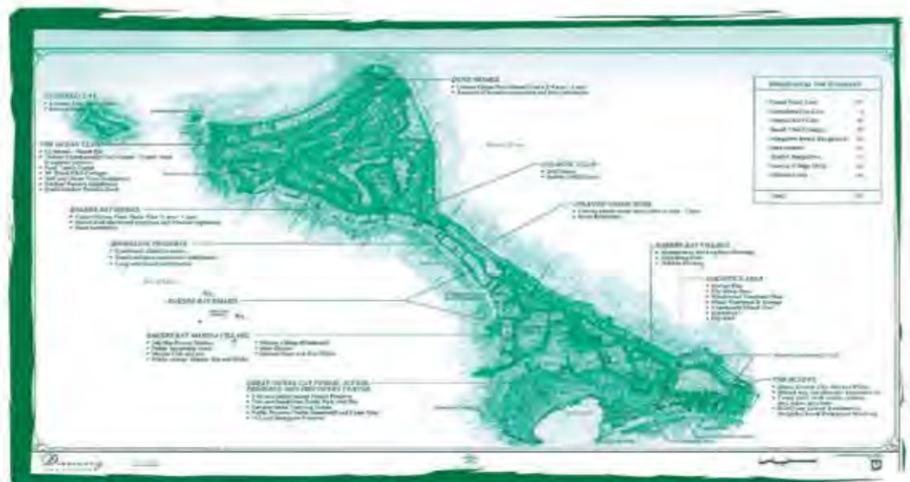
Yes. The development is preserving more than 6 miles of the natural shore line. In an effort to better protect the shoreline, individual home sites will not be allowed private docks and a natural planting buffer will be established between the beach and each residence.

**9. Who will be watching development efforts to ensure the promises made in the Heads of Agreement are being fulfilled.**

The Environmental Management Team from the University of Miami and the Institute for Regional Conservation are tasked with observing the development progress. These groups will submit regular reports to the BEST Commission.

**10. Who will be measuring the effects of the development on the environment, both on the water and land?**

The Environmental Management Team from the University of Miami and the Institute for Regional Conservation are tasked with observing the development progress and submitting regular reports to the BEST Commission. Progress reports will be based on comparing field reports to predevelopment data and proposing solutions to any problems that may be encountered.



# More School News

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## Finish Sport Meet

By Mirella Santillo

The two-day Inter-Primary Schools Sport Meet that started on April 7th finally ended on April 23rd. The meet was postponed twice because of bad weather, but all the of the participating schools came back on that Saturday to meet the schools from the Marsh



Action was constant at the Inter-School Sports Meet. These mats were stored on a porch of the administration building at Abaco Central High School. It was these mats that were burning when the firemen first got to the school. Flames from the burning mats burned the underneath of the roof, then traveled through the attic to completely destroy the building.

Harbour area for the final events. Teams from Cooper's Town Primary, Fox Town Primary, Treasure Cay Primary, Cherokee All Age and Sandy Point's J A Pinder Primary came back to Marsh Harbour early in the morning to find mild temperatures and sunshine and by 10 a.m. the first races were on the way.

On April 7th the Meet opened under the watchful eyes of Ms. Dawn Knowles, Senior Education Officer for Physical Education for The Bahamas, who had come from Nassau to officially open the event.

Coaches from Sandy Point, Officer Anderson, and from Treasure Cay, Ms. Sofia Thompson, each brought about 40 students. Cherokee School was represented by 18 students, "good runners and throwers" said their coach. Ms. Rhonda Bill accompanied 14 children from Agape Christian School on this first day; another 14 were to compete in the following day events. She was hoping that the children would do well in sprint. Mrs Elvina McIntosh from Fox Town was there with 52 athletes, and Mr. Michael Rolle, Principal for Cooper's Town Primary, was

coaxing and supervising his students. Missing were St. Francis students who were preparing for an inter-Catholic School competition in Nassau and students from Long Bay School.

The competition started with the boys' high jump, won by Chands Sands from Cooper's Town; second place went to Terry Russell from Central Abaco Primary. Con-

secutively the 1500m girls' race was taking place; Dalphine Gedeus and Diana Jonassaint won respectively first and second place for Central Abaco. The 1500m boys' race was won by Yuens Pierre, also from Central Abaco and second place went to Renel Mark from Treasure Cay. The 200m for girls was won by Roshanna Burrows from Sandy Point, Alicia Adams from Fox Town Primary came second. In Softball Throw, (girls' B cat-



Four winners!

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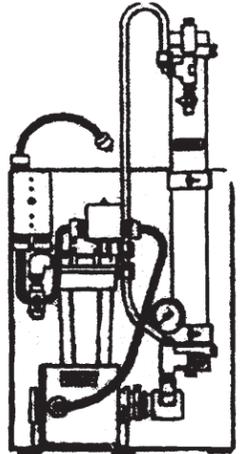
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egory) Terisha Burrows from J A Pinder took first place while Isie Joseph from Central Abaco came second.

The Softball Throw (girls' C category) was won by Kaiandria Sawyer from Cooper's Town while second place went to Dawn Dean from Agape.

The Meet resumed on April 23 with the 4 x 100m relay for boys won by the Central Abaco Team with Treasure Cay taking second place. The girls' relay was won by Central Abaco, the second place going to Cooper's Town. Treasure Cay Primary won both first and second place in the 1200m race; Rocky Louis, the winner of the race demonstrated to be not only an endurance runner but also a good

sprinter winning by along margin. He was not the only athlete to give his best to the competition, all the winners really gave their ultimate efforts so their schools would be represented.

At the end of the day, the first place went to Central Abaco with 605 points, followed closely by Treasure Cay Primary with 556; Cooper's Town placed third with 506 points.

The winning students received their trophies on Saturday, but enjoyed having their photographs taken again, holding their trophies, with the Hon Alfred Sears, Attorney General and Minister of Education, who was visiting Central Abaco Primary on April 25 to officially launch the Minister of Education's Book Club.



Children's book authors Grant and Layne Pecott excited Hope Town School students recently by reading their newly written book Open Your Heart to them. They were the first ever to hear the brand new book. The Pecotts have traveled around the world where Grant painted magnificent pictures of where different nationalities of children live. The book is written in poem form by Layne.



Some students of the Hope Town Primary School presented their school's Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Deanne Albury, with candy and a huge card proclaiming the school's love for her.

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# Karate Students Earn Promotions

By Jennifer Hudson

Congratulations to 20 young karate students who recently received new colour belts and especially to those who were successful in gaining their black belts.

The students of Sensei Churton Toote performed before family and friends at the Central Abaco Primary School on April 29th as they were put through strict tests in order to be promoted to the next stage.

Testing the students was Instructor Sensei Herbie Thompson from Miami, who is a Master Black Belt and is in charge of Nesei-Gujuyu Karate for the whole of Florida. He was accompanied by another instructor and two star pupils who are champions in their age categories. At ages 10 and 11 both are Junior Black Belts and will shed the title Junior when they reach 18. These two young people demonstrated several katas and moves and were most impressive.

Three of the Abaco students achieved the distinction of becoming black belts; Albert Albury, 17; Krista Kelly, 16; and Agatha Ferguson, 15, have each been attending the karate classes for six years. Albert and Krista are students of Forest Heights Academy and Agatha is a student of Abaco Central High School. "All are very mannerly and helpful," stated

Sensei Toote.

One student was promoted from purple to brown belt and the remaining sixteen went either from white to green or green to purple.

The new belts were presented at the end of the evening by Sensei Thompson, who also presented awards to the best student and the most improved student.

Each summer an exchange programme is arranged between the Abaco club and Miami club for one to two weeks.

Sensei Churton Toote, who studied karate in Nassau and took his black belt test in Miami, has been teaching karate for 22 years and loves it. He not only teaches his students the rudiments of karate but instills in them the importance of education. There are rules of strict discipline in his classes which he recognizes these young people badly need and his tenet is *Education first and karate second*. He makes sure that all his students have completed their homework before they can begin their karate class each week.

Classes are held in Marsh Harbour on Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Anglican Hall and there are presently 34 students ranging in age from two years to over 60 years.



Twenty students earned a new color belts in Karate and were presented with these at a ceremony on April 29. Three received a black belt while the others got brown, green or purple belts. They are all students of Sensei Churton Toote, who works with them in twice weekly lessons.

## A Notice from the Friends of the Environment

We, the members of the Board of Directors, would like a clarification of what was written in the May 1st article, page one headed Guana Protests Development. Will you please say that our president, Erin Lowe-Pagliaro, was speaking from her position as a resident and property owner regarding Guana Cay, not from her position as president of the Board of Directors of Friends of the Environment. Thank you so much for your consideration of this request.

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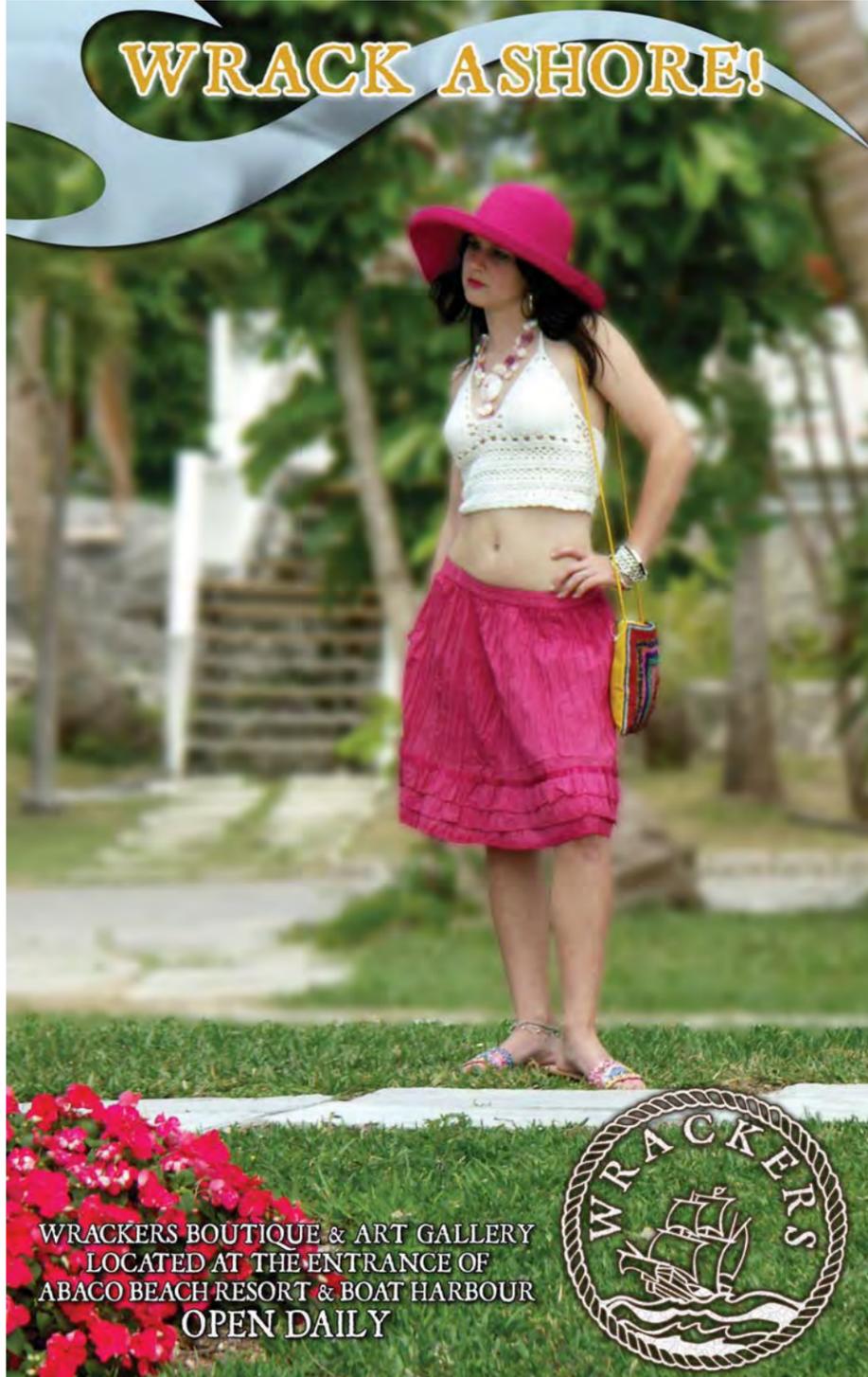
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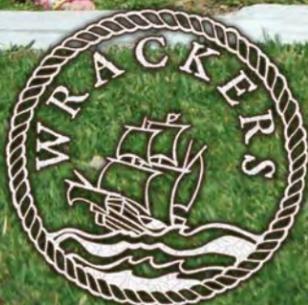
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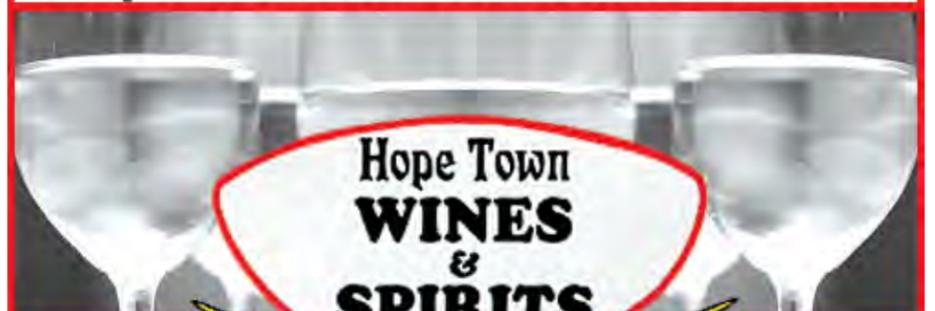
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# All Abaco Regatta Announces This Year's Plans

By Richard E. Fawkes

*Back with a Rage!* will be the theme of this year's All Abaco Regatta to be held in the waters between the Treasure Cay Regatta Village on the mainland and Green Turtle Cay on September 22 - 24, according to the regatta committee's chairman, Jackson McIntosh. Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne forced a cancellation of last year's Abaco Regatta, which was launched in November of 1997 under the leadership of former administrator Everette Hart.

The theme is a play on Abaco Rage, the island's A-class championship sloop now sailed by Hope Town sailors.

"We have some major challenges to overcome this year in preparation for the regatta," said Mr. McIntosh, in a press statement announcing the event's resumption, "including rebuilding the regatta village, which was destroyed in the hurricanes."

The All Abaco Regatta stands apart from other regattas in the country in that it is a challenge cup regatta by invitation only. Boats placing first, second, and third in the A, B, and C classes in the other regattas are invited to compete; prize money has been as high as \$10,000 in certain races. This is different from the point system of competition, which is the national norm.

The All Abaco Regatta is also unique in that it is the only one in the country not sponsored by Burns House Limited, but raises its own funds primarily from local

business establishments and fund raising activities, in addition to vendors' fees for stalls at Regatta Village and seed money from the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture.

Mr. McIntosh said the committee has to raise anywhere from \$160,000 to \$184,000, with at least \$30,000 expected from the ministry.

Mr. McIntosh said Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Neville Wisdom has "inferred" that the committee consider abandoning its invitational, challenge cup approach and adopt the national norm. Mr. McIntosh said the suggestion will be seriously discussed, but he thinks most Abaconians will be reluctant to change their "uniquely attractive" regatta characteristic.

The committee will bring a new commodore on board this year, Abaco boater Perry Thomas, to replace Corp. Smith of Green Turtle Cay, who served for several years.

Plans are already underway to launch some major fund raising events. An added source of funding will be a web site to be launched by a 501C non-profit organization in the United States, through which tax-free contributions may be made to the regatta committee.

Central Abaco Senior Administrator Revis Rolle is the committee's new public relations director. Wynsome Ferguson of the Ministry of Tourism's Abaco office continues to serve as secretary.

# Great Cistern Road Is Finally Paved



The long awaited day to see the road to Great Cistern paved has finally arrived. By the middle of April the narrow road to Great Cistern had been widened and is now paved with a chip and seal surface. The project undertaken by Bahamas Hot Mix was completed on May 7th. The road was ridden with potholes and several attempt by residents to fill them proved uneffective after heavy rains. It was supposed to be done last September but was postponed because of the hurricanes.

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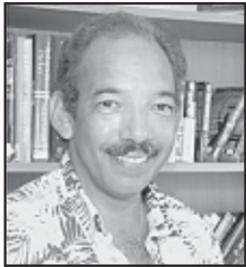
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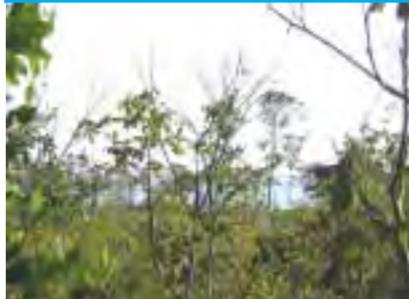
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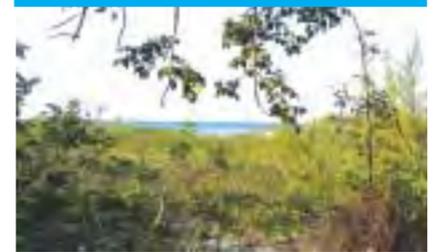
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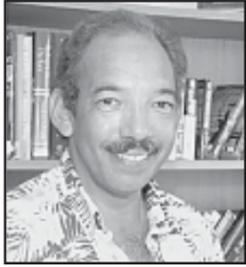
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# People in the News

## Local Real Estate Agent Is Named to International President's Circle

Green Turtle Cay real estate broker Chris



Farrington has been named to the Coldwell Banker International President's Circle. He is one of four Coldwell Banker

Lightbourn Realty sales associates to join the elite circle of international top producers.

"I'm honored to receive this award," Mr. Farrington said. "This has spurred me into redoubling my efforts to provide the highest quality of real estate service to both Bahamians and visitors."

A former Bahamasair pilot, Mr. Farrington joined Lightbourn Realty as a full time sales associate in 2000. The ace salesman predicts that 2005 will be a strong year for real estate in Green Turtle Cay and surrounding areas. "The market is vibrant. Properties are moving and we've got off to a good start," he said.

The prestigious membership is limited to only the top nine percent of the more than 120,000 sales associates worldwide in the Coldwell Banker System who meet tough sales goals.

"I am very proud of Chris and my other agents. The award speaks for itself," said Mike Lightbourn, president of Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty. "This shows that we have very high quality sales people who can match their ability against the best in the world."

Lightbourn Realty's Mailin Sands in Marsh Harbour captured the Diamond Society Award after only one year as a full time agent which places her in the top 16 percent of the 120,000 plus sales associates worldwide in the Coldwell Banker network.

The awards were presented at the company's recent International Business Conference held in Orlando, Florida.

## Aluminum Cans Are Crushed for Recycling

By Mirella Santillo

Thousands of aluminum cans are thrown away on Abaco, mainly soda and beer cans, adding to the regular household garbage that has become problematic on our island. Among our refuse, together with glass bottles, aluminum can be recycled.

Mr Reginald Knowles, a taxi driver from

Treasure Cay has taken upon himself to recycling cans by investing in a Honda aluminum can crusher six months ago. He bought the portable machine which is able to crush with up to 20 pounds of pressure. I met Mr Knowles at his house on Treasure Cay, where he keeps and operates the machine.

In the back yard, blocks of crushed cans are piled up on several pallets. The first thing Mr Knowles mentioned was that the crusher can handle only aluminum cans. He explained that they are fed into the machine that crushes them and spits them out in seven-pound compact rectangles that are kept on pallets until enough weight has been reached to ship them to Florida on the *Legacy*. Religiously, he unveiled the crusher that was covered in heavy plastic and talked further about his endeavor.

During the busy season Mr Knowles gathers up to 300 cans per week that he supplements with other discarded aluminum products to reach a profitable shipment weight of at least 650 pounds. "I

ship about three times a year," said Mr Knowles, explaining, "I get 10 cents per pound and it costs me seven cents per pound for shipping the crushed metal so I have to gather enough weight for it to be worth it. He adds, "I enjoy doing it, but I need to get clean bags of cans without any other refuse material, not even tin." He has four bins set up in the Treasure Cay area, at Mariner's Cove, Royal Palm Beach Villas, Banyan Beach Club, and at the Primary School.

Hope Town and Marsh Harbour also provide him with cans. "Hope Town sends very clean material," said he, "but I will not be able to continue receiving cans from Marsh Harbour unless they make sure that no other garbage is included." To confirm that statement, he opened a large trash bag from Marsh Harbour that was full of bottles, papers and Styrofoam containers that has to be sorted out before it can be put into the machine. "If I fed any of this into the crusher, it would destroy it," explained Mr Knowles, adding, "Make sure you say that in the paper!"



Mr. Reginald Knowles from Treasure Cay is shown with a seven-pound bundle of compacted aluminum cans. He collects cans from several locations in Treasure Cay, Hope Town and Marsh Harbour.

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# Abaco Insurance Fun Fishing Tournament Gives Awards

By Jennifer Hudson

The Abaco Insurance Fun Fishing Tournament has been an enjoyable family event for the past ten years. But at this year's Awards Dinner it was announced that this year's tournament would be the last as the committee members feel that they can no longer cope with the task of organizing the event.

The emphasis in this three-day tournament is FUN, and the tournament began ten years ago as a way for locals to have just that. Though there was no separate women's division this year, the ladies were still very much involved as were the children who fished on Saturday.

Prizes were awarded daily for the largest tuna, wahoo and dolphin and also for the most catches and releases of billfish (sailfish and marlin). The main awards were presented at the Awards dinner on May 8th hosted by the Jib Room.

Approximately 80 people took part this year with 16 boats participating from May 4 to 7.

The results were:  
Top boat: Harvester.  
2nd boat: Kathi II.

3rd boat: My Dream.  
Largest wahoo- 60 pounds: Matthew Bethel.  
Largest dolphin- 45 pounds: Sheri Roberts.  
Largest Tuna- 23 pounds: Timmy Higgs.  
Most billfish: Kathi II.

Special prizes were awarded to the junior anglers to encourage junior fishing.

There is a tradition that whenever a person catches their first billfish they get "dunked" so Wesley Lowe was caught and thrown unceremoniously into the Jib Room pool.

Timmy Higgs had filmed an interesting underwater video of the struggles between the fish and the fishermen which was shown on Sunday afternoon, and all of the people involved in the tournament enjoyed watching their struggles and successes.

The hard working committee of Chad and Ginnie Sawyer, Daron and Sheri Roberts and Tom and Linda Leffler would like to thank all the official sponsors of the tournament.

Several of the people involved are hoping to form a fishing club for Abaco in which they will try to involve more juniors to get them interested in fishing and also in the important issue of conservation.

# Chief Councillor Speaks Out

By Portia Jonsson

Once again Mr. Cay Mills will offer himself for re-election and hopes to again become Chief Councillor in this year's upcoming Local Government elections slated for June. If re-elected for a second term, Mr. Mills would like to see a supporting cast of Councillors and Town Committee members who can put aside self and think first about the people and district they represent.

Chief Councillor Mills advised that the sad part of his first term in office was seeing the eagerness of so many persons

during the elections and their burning desire to be fill various positions and be on certain boards and then not bothering to come to a scheduled meeting once a month. For him this is very disturbing that persons would hold the whole district hostage, especially those on the Licensing and Town Planning Boards who refuse to show up for a couple hours one day a month.

Mr. Mills feels that these persons should not offer themselves for any positions nor should persons who cannot give of themselves for the betterment of their community.

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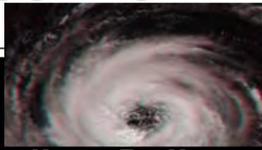
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With the increase of development on many islands the cost of land to Bahamians is fast becoming unaffordable to them. Will the next generation of Guana natives or Bahamians be able to buy land on their own island if all the Crown land is leased?
2. Where are the Sea Turtles?  
Who is going to tell the next generation that the Sea turtles died off because we destroyed their nesting grounds and that we choose large scale development over protecting our Sea Turtle Estuaries?
3. Why can't I find any Conch?  
Will there be any Conch left for our kids to fish if we destroy our reefs and sea grass? We need to think about what we are giving away as the future success of our children depends on the choices we make now.
4. Why can't I go to the Beach?  
Family trips to the beach are fond memories we all have and we want to share with our kids. As much as we insist it's all our beach we don't want to have our family picnic next to the hotel volleyball game. Public beaches need to be large and open to all Bahamians.
5. Why didn't you stop them?  
Who wants to tell their kids that the quaint OUT ISLAND experience is not available for them? Is BIGGER always better in The Bahamas?

The Save Guana Cay Reef Association wants development, but they want it slow and sustainable. They want the next generation to have affordable land to buy, a sea to fish in and a chance for public consultation from the government that "cares about its people".

Please sign the petition to help the 170 residents of Guana Cay participate in their island development, thank you.

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## Club News

### Pilot Club Raises Funds for Community

Pilot International is a global club of approximately 25,000 members worldwide working to improve the quality of life in local communities. Pilot's service focus is helping people affected by brain-related disorders and disabilities through volunteer activities, projects and fund-raisers. There are seven clubs in Nassau, Freeport and Abaco.

Through community support and the hard-working members of the Pilot Club of Abaco has to date raised over \$4,000 in cash alone. Our list of recipients include the Abaco Disaster Relief Fund, Tsunami Relief Fund, Cancer Society's

Thrift Shop and families in the Abaco community.

Major fund-raisers this year include: Gospel Concert with St Andrews Methodist Church

Our Golden Oldie Spring Fling Dinner and Dance held on May 7 at Abaco Beach Resort

Upcoming Grand Raffle planned for June  
Pilot Club of Abaco thanks its guests, patrons and sponsors.

The Spring Fling Dinner Dance charitable event was intended for fun-loving mature persons who love music from the 70's and 80's, including popular Bahamian and Caribbean songs.

For more information on the Pilot Club, contact Claudius Rolle at 366-0490.

## Citrus Trees on Bahamas Star Farm Are Being Burned

By Mirella Santillo

For the last three months a team of seven to eight people from Big Cat Equipment have operated four tractors and two payloaders bulldozing and burning 3000 thousand acres of citrus trees. The entire grove belonging to Bahamas Star Farm was affected by the citrus canker which was found the end of last year.

Mr. Shannon Albury, co-owner of Big Cat Equipment, said that his company, contracted by the Department of Agriculture, had been given six months to de-

stroy all the trees. He said, "So far we are ahead of schedule. The trees were uprooted very quickly, but the burning is taking a long time." At the beginning of May 50 percent of the trees had been burned. The field operation is being supervised by co-owner, Mr. Christopher Pinder. Mr. David Knowles, officer for the Department of Agriculture on Abaco, makes frequent visits to make sure that all the trees are being destroyed. It is Mr. Albury's opinion that the operation will be completed by the end of May.

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# Arson Is Suspected in Two Fires



The Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department was called out early in the morning of May 1 to a fire involving two fuel trucks parked next to the Marsh Harbour Service Station. The fire was confined to the cabs of both trucks and the fire department was able to contain the fire before the tanks exploded or the fire spread to the building.



About an hour after the fire was extinguished at the Marsh Harbour Service Station, a fire was reported at Quality Star Service Station also on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour. Drums had been tipped over and the contents were set on fire, damaging the exterior wall of the building.



This is the fuel tank of one of the fuel trucks that burned at the Shell station on May 1. A fuel-soaked rag is shown in the pipe leading to the fuel tank. That same night just shortly after the two fires, someone driving past Standard Hardware noticed light coming from an area that did not have a window. On closer examination it was discovered that someone had cut an opening in the side wall of the building. The Police used a dog to see if anyone was in the building. No one was caught but whoever it was left his bolt cutters at the scene.

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# Marsh Harbour Marinas Rebuild After Storms

By Mirella Santillo

On September 24th four of the marinas of Marsh Harbour, Port of Call Harbour View Marina, Mangoes' Marina and Conch Inn's Marina, were completely destroyed by the surge of Hurricane Jeanne. Seven months later only two of these marinas, Harbour View Marina and Conch Inn, are rebuilt and are fully operational. Triple J (Port of Call) is under a sales contract, and it is not known if the marina will be rebuilt. Mangoes has not yet started reconstruction of the docks. Long's Landing's docks were damaged but have been restored to a serviceable condition. The other marinas in Marsh Harbour, Jib Room and Boat Harbour suffered minimum damage and were in operation few days after the hurricanes.

The day after the storm owner, Mr. Troy Cornea, was already trying to clean up the rubble and making plans for his new

facility. It took three months to rebuild the 38-slip marina, but by the first of the new year most of the slips were occupied. Mr. Cornea explained that the new facility has two slips less, but is more diverse, designed to accommodate larger boats up to 110 feet long. As before all slips have power and cable, and wireless internet is available. Guests can now enjoy a heated swimming pool and eat their catch of the day under the new cabana after cooking it on the grill provided for them. "We are now operating at full capacity," said Mr. Cornea. "Only a fuel pump is missing, but it should be installed at any day now." He added, "When the restaurant Snappas is completed, hopefully by mid - summer, Harbour View will be the only gated marina in Marsh Harbour."

The only thing out of place at the Conch Inn Marina, operated by The Moorings, is the fuel pump which is now

located at a temporary site. The marina which reopened on April 15th, is better than before, according to Mr. Tony Knowles, dock master. They now have eight slips that can accommodate boats up to 150 feet and they can provide any boat with 100 amp power. Mr. Knowles said that wireless internet is now being installed by Cable Bahamas and should be functional very shortly. Although The Moorings missed the winter crowd, he said that they are looking forward to the summer visitors who have already reserved in good numbers.



Several of the major Marsh Harbour marinas suffered extensive damage from the two storms of last September. It has been a big effort to get back into business. But most are prepared for the summer crowd who come each year to enjoy our fabulous boating. Many boats are already here.

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# Police Crime Report

A radio was stolen by a burglar breaking into the Ministry of Works building in Marsh Harbour during the night of April 29.

A Grand Cay house was broken into during the night of April 24 and the culprit stole 587 pounds of conch, 12 pounds of mutton fish and one wheelbarrow, all valued at \$2194.50. A suspect was named by the homeowner. Later in the day a Grand Cay resident was arrested and charged with housebreaking and stealing.

An anonymous caller alerted the police to a fire behind the Shell Station in Marsh Harbour at 12:33 a.m. May 1. Two trucks were subsequently discovered on fire. Evidence indicated arson and damages were estimated at \$70,000.

At 2:14 a.m. that same night a fire was reported behind the Texaco Star Station in Marsh Harbour. This fire was put out with relatively minor damage and evidence again indicated arson.

At 2:35 a.m. this same night it was discovered that a hole had been cut in the side of Standard Hardware in Marsh Harbour

large enough to admit a person. Nothing appeared to be stolen but the building was searched with the help of a police dog.

A Grand Bahama man was arrested in the Marsh Harbour area about 10 p.m. on May 1 with reference to arson.

An anonymous caller alerted the Treasure Cay police to a disturbance at Spanky's Liquor Store where a man was arrested for assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest and using obscene language.

While visiting a friend in the morning of May 3 on Crockett Drive in Marsh Harbour, a Murphy Town man was assaulted and several attempts were made to stab him with a black handled knife.

At sundown the assailant and ex-boyfriend returned to the woman's residence and used the same knife to damage the interior of her house. The man was subsequently arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon and causing damage.

At dusk on May 4 a road traffic inspection was conducted at the corner of Crockett Drive and Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour. As a result, 28 traffic, motor ve-

hicle or other infractions were recorded.

A search warrant was executed during the morning of May 4 at a residence in the Mud in Marsh Harbour resulting in the arrest of three men and one woman in reference to Possession of Dangerous Drugs With

Intent to Supply. While searching the prisoners at the police station, the woman was found to have concealed a Ensure drink bottle in her bosom which contained 71

Please see **Police**

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
IN THE SUPREME COURT  
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IN THE MATTER of ALL THAT piece parcel or tract of land comprising Eleven and Fifty-four hundredths (11.54) acres more or less originally granted to John Cash by Crown Grant B-219 which said John Cash Grant is situate on the Southern edges of the Township of Marsh Harbour on the island of Great Abaco one of the islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and runs from the Sea on the East Westwards between the Northern edge of the Nathan Key Grant (Grant K-145) on the South and a Road Reservation to the North and bounded Westwardly by a Road Reservation sometimes called "Pole Line Road" or "Nathan Key Drive"

AND

IN THE MATTER of The Quieting Titles Act, 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Petition of Roy Carlisle Newbold, Sr.

NOTICE

The Petition of ROY CARLISLE NEWBOLD Sr. of Stede Bonnett Road in the Township of Marsh Harbour in the Island of Great Abaco one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in respect of:-

ALL THAT piece parcel or part of a tract of land comprising Eleven and Fifty-four hundredths (11.54) acres originally granted to John Cash (Grant B-219) which said John Cash Grant is situate on the Southern edges of the Township of Marsh Harbour and runs from the Sea on the East Westwards between the Northern edge of the Nathan Key Grant (Grant K-145) and a Road Reservation to the North and bounded Westwardly by a Road Reservation sometimes called "Pole Line Road" or "Nathan Key Drive" and generally having the position shape boundaries marks and dimensions as shown for Grant B-219 on Bahamas Registered Plan 436 ABACO and which said hereditaments is bounded ON THE WEST by the said Road Reservation sometimes called "Pole Line Road" or "Nathan Key Drive" and running thereon Four hundred and Thirty-three and Five hundredths (433.05') feet more or less, ON THE SOUTH by the aforementioned Nathan Key Grant (Grant K-145) and running thereon One thousand Seven hundred and Forty-four and Three hundredths (1744.03) feet more or less ON THE NORTH by the aforementioned Road Reservation to the North and running thereon One Thousand Seven hundred and Fourteen and sixty-one hundredths (1714.61) feet more or less AND ON THE EAST by the High Water Mark of the Sea and running thereon by straight transect One hundred and Fifty and Eighty-three hundredths (150.83) feet but following the configurations of the coast running thereon One hundred and Seventy and Ninety-two hundredths (170.92) feet more or less and which said piece parcel or part of a tract of land has the position shape boundaries and dimensions as are shown on plan filed in the above Action and thereon coloured Pink.

Roy Carlisle Newbold Sr. claims to be the owner in fee simple in possession of the said land

free from encumbrances and has made application to the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under section 3 of the Quieting Titles Act, 1959 to have his title to the said land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the said Act. A Plan of the said land may be inspected during normal business hours at the following places:-

1. The Registry of the Supreme Court, Ansbacher Building, East Street, Nassau, Bahamas.
2. The Office of the Administrator, Local Government, Central Abaco District, Dove Plaza, Don MacKay Boulevard, Marsh Harbour, Abaco.
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DATED the 26th day of April, A.D. 2005

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# Police Crime Report Con't

**Police** *From Page 22*

pieces of suspected cocaine.

A Treasure Cay man was arrested about midnight on May 5 with reference to an assault five days earlier.

A resident of the Mud had his truck windshield broken about 10 p.m. on May 7 by a man he knew while near the Surfside Club in Dundas Town.

A \$250 cell phone was stolen from a resident of the Mud about 10 p.m. on May 8

by a man known as "Psycho."

A road check about 6 p.m. on May 8 near the Marsh Harbour airport found five young people in a car with 28 packages of marijuana. Three of the men were from Dundas Town while a young man and young woman were from Marsh Harbour.

This traffic check also resulted in the arrest about sundown of a Casuarina Point man who was found carrying marijuana.

A Dundas Town man was arrested at dusk on May 8 as a result of causing damage the previous day.

# SCME Will Be Explained

The Hon. Fred Mitchell, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Public Service, will be addressing the Chamber of Commerce at its meeting on May 18. He will explain the Caribbean Single Market Economy which is a trade agreement that The Bahamas is considering signing on to. If The Bahamas signs onto this treaty, it has the potential to change the way business is conducted in this country.

The meeting is open to the public and the Chamber is encouraging those in the

business community attend to hear Mr. Mitchell explain why he feels it would be good for this country.

There are several concepts which The Bahamas government will be asking to be exempt: the free movement of labour, a common currency and the is not wanting to agree to. He will discuss these and if The Bahamas can be excluded permanently from accepting them.

At a later date the Chamber may have a speaker to give an opposing view of CSME.

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### Sunday Mass - Marsh Harbour & Hope Town

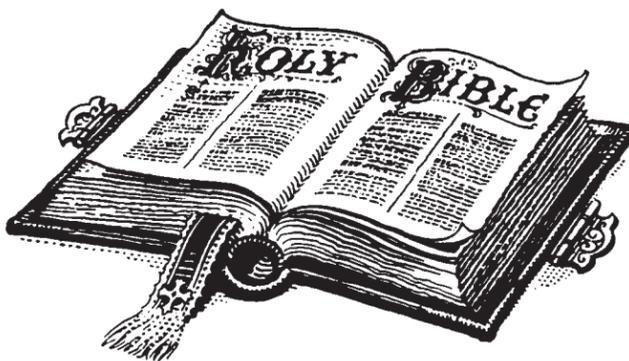
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12:45 p.m. Jarrett Park (Hope Town)  
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2nd (CYM)	11:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m.	7:30 p.m. (Both)
3rd (AYA)	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m. (Both)
4th (ACM)	11:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m. (M.H.)
5th	11:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m.	7:30 p.m. (S.P.)

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# A Firefighter Was Laid to Rest

The funeral for volunteer fireman Stanton Chea included an honour guard of his fellow firemen during the funeral and at the grave side. Firemen in dress uniform flanked both sides of the church hall and stood at attention during the two and a half hour service at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour. Father Earl Hepburn conducted the service.

Following the service the men lined both sides of the walkway between the church and the waiting truck which carried the casket. The procession carrying the casket to the cemetery was preceded by three fire engines and a police escort through Marsh Harbour. The engines led the casket through Marsh Harbour to the cemetery.



*Ms. Carolyn Wilson, a retired police officer from Florida, played a bagpipe at the graveside service for Stanton Chea, who died as a result of an industrial accident. She was visiting Marsh Harbour at the time.*

The grave side service began with the mournful sound of a bagpipe giving the traditional piece played for a fallen fire or police officer played by Carolyn Wilson. She is a retired police sergeant with the Dade County Police Department in Florida and was visiting Marsh Harbour on her boat. She concluded the service by playing *Amazing Grace*, which moistened the eyes of every person there.

At the conclusion the firemen marched to the grave in ones and twos and gave a salute to their departed comrade. Firemen from Hope Town and Casuarina Point joined those from Marsh Harbour to form the honour guard.

Mr. Chea is survived by his pregnant widow Mechelle, 10-year-old son Vicente, eight-year-old daughter Tatiana, mother Iris Pinder, stepfather Philip Pinder, brother Steven Chea and sister Sonja Knowles.

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*Three fire engines preceded the truck carrying the body of Stanton Chea to the cemetery. Mr. Chea was a firefighter as well as the mechanic for the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.*

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We can all remember a teacher who played a decisive role at some particular moment of our lives. These teachers hold a special place in our hearts, not only for the type of work that they do but also for the passion that spurs them on in their daily activities.

Teachers need our support throughout the school year, and they need to know

that parents trust them and are working with them. Teaching is a demanding profession that calls for ongoing commitment and a love of students.

We must pause to reflect on all that teachers do every day and how much they mean to us. Please try to find a few moments in your busy schedule to show your gratitude towards your child's teacher. This could be as simple as a thank you card or sitting with your child and getting down on paper a special quality he or she sees in their teacher which makes their class special. Remember, it is the thought that counts.

What really matters is that you, in your own way, let teachers know how much you value their work.

## Court Will Hear Guana Cay

The Save Guana Cay Reef Association has retained Mr. Frederick Smith, a lawyer from Freeport, to represent them in a legal case against the government. The group is suing the Prime Minister, the Hon. Perry Christie, as responsible for Crown Lands; Wendel Major, secretary to the National Economic Council; and Eugenia Cartwright, treasurer. The Supreme Court judge agreed to review the case on April 26. At that time the Attorney General asked for an adjournment because the government had not had time to prepare. Representatives of the Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club asked to be heard at the hearing because they were an interested party. Both these requests were granted and a new date of June 13 and 14 was set to review the

Heads of Agreement which was signed on March 1.

Mr. Smith has asked for an injunction which would stop the government from proceeding with the development. Since this was more urgent, the date set for this was May 4. However, on that date Mr. Smith felt he required more time, so the new date for considering the injunction will be May 18. The Baker's Bay developers will be heard at that time also.

In the meantime, the Baker's Bay developers are cleaning up the area which had much debris left from the days of the big Red Boat, the cruise ship of Premier Cruise Lines which came into Abaco waters in the early 1990s.

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# Citrus Canker Is Found in Another Grove

The Hon. V. Alfred Gray, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Local Government, announced on May 4 that government agricultural agents found citrus canker on the B.G. Harman Grove, south of Marsh Harbour and plans are already being made to destroy the trees.

"Since the discovery of the citrus canker at the Bahama Star Grove in Treasure Cay in late December of 2004, and the government's approval of the containment and eradication of the disease, my Ministry has implemented containment and eradication activities at that site and has continued the active island-wide surveys to determine whether the disease has spread to other citrus trees on the island and the extent of infection, if it exists," Minister Gray said.

During a survey on April 25 suspicious leaf samples were collected from the B.G. Harmon Grove and have tested positive for the disease. The laboratory report on this test was received on April 27 which indicated that most of the samples submitted were confirmed as positive for citrus canker.

Citrus canker is a virulent bacterial disease and it affects all varieties of citrus plants.

The B.G. Harmon grove has about 2,500 acres of predominately grapefruit trees with 1,700 acres of the site abandoned. The remaining 800 acres are under active cultivation and were managed for the production of organic fresh grapefruit for export to the United States.

This would have been Mr. Harmon's first year of profits but Hurricanes Frances and

Jeanne caused extensive damage. The discovery of citrus canker at the Bahama Star Groves Farm in North Abaco would have prevented any of his citrus from entering the U.S.

Mr. Harmon, the grove owner, is cooperating fully with the Ministry but will not be able to absorb the cost of containing and eradicating the disease from his farm. Government will have to fund the expense to destroy the trees.

Bids have already been solicited from local security firms to control access to the grove as well as bids have been invited from heavy equipment companies on Abaco for the destruction of the trees.

An island-wide survey of Abaco for citrus canker continues. The survey of all commercial groves is complete and the survey of residential properties is in progress.

Minister Gray said, "We request the cooperation of the general public, particularly the residents of Abaco, at this time."

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ment that Education Permanent Secretary Creswell Sturup had authorized the immediate hiring of six security officers for 24-hour guard duty; the use of the school's library as temporary administration and staff facility; and the installation of a working telephone there by Batelco. The superintendent was working with BEC to restore electricity to the campus and Water and Sewerage to restore water.

The faculty planned to return to their classrooms if the superintendent carried out his plans. They went ahead with the picketing despite Mr. Smith's announcement, because "the bodies were not yet in place on the campus."

Mr. Joshua Smith said the ministry had decided to construct a temporary administration building of T-111 plywood in the parking lot in front of the A-Block of classrooms. "It will be 24 feet by 40 feet," he said, "with offices for the principal, vice-

principal and secretary; a staff lounge; storage area; and one male and one female bathroom."

Mr. Smith said the structure, which would be built by Mr. Bill Swain's construction company in a week to a week and a half, will be constructed with the approaching hurricane season in mind for quality. He will also inspect the buildings for other unfinished hurricane repairs, including the Eastern Campus, where woodwork classes are held and where the roofs remain torn up, the bathrooms remain without doors and the electricity and water remain off.

Students are facing the national BGCSE and BJC exams, already begun. The 516-pupil school, which serves Central and South Abaco including the central cays has lunged from one crisis to another this school year, starting with Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne, long delayed repairs and restoration of electricity and supplies and a number of violent incidents among students.

**Lifaite Alcime**

*A 1993 graduate of Abaco Central High, obtained a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Actuary Science (Mathematics) from Bethune Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida, in July 2001. On April 30, 2005, he graduated from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) in Tallahassee, with honors and received a Masters degree in Architecture. He is a member of the Tua Sigma Delta (Professional Architecture Fraternity).*

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## ★ HOMES ★



NEW LISTING

"Jaffa"

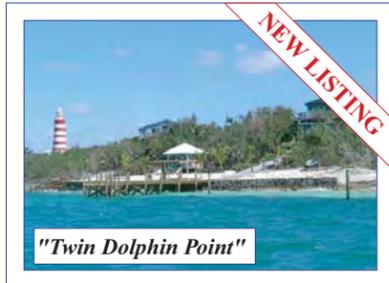
**Marsh Harbour** - Great Abaco Club - Unique 3 bedroom, 3 bath home - 2,800 sq.ft. Living Space on 3 levels. Upper Level Decks - Superb Views. On 2 Lots - totalling 10,180 sq.ft. Swimming Pool. 100' of Private dockage. #AB149 - **NEW LISTING \$1,750,000**



NEW LISTING

"Sunsplash"

**Man-O-War Cay** - 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,921 sq.ft. main beach-front residence. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 400 sq.ft. guest cabin. 1.189 well landscaped acres. Semi-private dock on harbour. Fantastic Ocean Views. # AB150 - **NEW LISTING \$1,840,000**



NEW LISTING

"Twin Dolphin Point"

**Elbow Cay** - 2 Two Storey Waterfront Homes. A total of 9 bedrooms, 8 baths in 4,000 sq.ft. Set up as four separate rental units with great history. About 1/12 Acres with 170' of Sea of Abaco frontage. Furnished. Fabulous views. Private dock. #AB141 - **NEW LISTING \$1,925,000**



NEW LISTING

"Utopia"

**Man-O-War Cay** - 5 Bedroom, 4 bath, 3,000 sq.ft. home, 2,400 sq.ft. of covered verandahs. set on over 1/3 Acre with 100' of Beach-front. Fabulous ocean views. Swimming Pool, Generator, Water-maker. Fully furnished. #AB138 - **NEW LISTING \$1,400,000**

### Marsh Harbour, Central Cays and South Abaco

- Man-O-War Cay** - "Ceylon's Isle/Rosewood" - 3 + Acres Sea-to-sea. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,920 sq.ft. residence. 1 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath guest complex on beach. 259' of beautiful Sea of Abaco beach. Lush landscaping. Fully furnished and equipped. Superb Views. # AB111 - **\$3,900,000**
- Marsh Harbour** - Great Abaco Club - "Casa Sirena" - 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2,474 sq.ft. Canal Front Home - Over 900 sq.ft. of porches and Decks. Two Car Garage. Private dock for 55' boat and 10,000 # Boat-lift for 25' boat. Fully Furnished and Equipped. #AB121- **UNDER CONTRACT**
- Marsh Harbour** - Great Abaco Club - "Robin's Nest" 3 bedroom, 2 bath home - 1,487 sq.ft. 2 Lots - totalling 11,895 sq.ft. Home on Lot 16 - New Swimming pool on lot 17. 89' Layalong dock with great versatility in sizes of vessels. #AB136 - **UNDER CONTRACT**
- Marsh Harbour** - Eastern Shores "Endless Summer" - 4 bedroom, 3 bath - 2,700 sq.ft. Home. Private Dock with boat lift on the Sea of Abaco. Some of the most Fabulous Panoramic Views in Abaco. Across the road from Beach. fully Furnished. #AB118 - **\$1,500,000.**
- Marsh Harbour** - Great Abaco Club - "Sea View" - 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 1,400 sq.ft. of living space. Private Dock Slip. Superb views of the Sea of Abaco Fully Furnished and Equipped - Good Rental Income Producer. #AB68 - **UNDER CONTRACT**



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NEW LISTING

"Watch Hill"

**Great Guana Cay** - 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 1,686 sq.ft. Beach-Front Home - 725 sq.ft. of Decks. Over 1/4 Acre with 80' of ocean front. Fabulous views. Deeded access to semi-private dock. Beautifully Furnished. Great Rental History. #AB142 - **NEW LISTING \$1,380,000**



NEW LISTING

"Cézanne"

**Man-O-War Cay** - Ocean Beach-front. Superb, beautifully maintained, 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath 3,300 sq.ft. home on two levels. Wrap-around covered and open decks. Fabulous ocean views. Central A/C, Generator. #AB134 - **NEW LISTING \$995,000.**



NEW LISTING

"Bien Choisi"

**Man-O-War Cay** - 3/4 acre sea-to-sea. Elegant 1 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, 1,220 sq.ft., home. 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath guest house. 3,300 sq.ft. of decks and porches. Private Dock, Beach. Central A/C, Generator, watermaker Beautiful lush sub-tropical landscaping. #AB133 - **NEW LISTING \$1,800,000.**



NEW LISTING

"Sugar Apple"

**Man-O-War Cay** - Charming, exquisite, traditional Bahamian home on over 1/4 acre. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in 1,047 sq.ft. Two screened porches. 249 sq.ft. "Snore Box" with 1/2 bath and attached workshop. Crows nest for great ocean views. Private boat mooring. Furnished. #AB131 - **NEW LISTING \$475,000.**



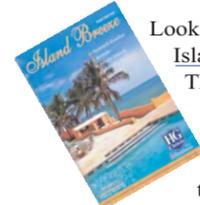
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## ☆ VACANT LAND ☆

- ☆ **Great Guana Cay** - 5.9 Beautiful sea-to-sea acres- South end of Great Guana Cay 395' of Ocean frontage. 160' of Sea of Abaco frontage. 245' of semi-private boat basin frontage. Good elevations for fabulous ocean and sea views #AB5176 - **\$2,950,000.**
- ☆ **Green Turtle Cay** - Coco Bay Area - "Madierra Hill" - 1.497 Acres - 312' x 209' - Waterfront access super views. # AB5143 - **UNDER CONTRACT**
- ☆ **Green Turtle Cay** - "Lot 60" 12,235 sq.ft., almost 1/3 acre. between Coco Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. mature native landscape. and trees. Convenient to Green Club and beach Last parcel remaining in the area. #AB 5183 - **\$73,000.**
- ☆ **Marsh Harbour** - Great Abaco Club - Canal Front Building Site - 5,207 sq.ft. dockage for 55 'Vessel and 25' runabout - #AB5187 - **NEW LISTING \$545,000.**
- ☆ **Marsh Harbour** - Great Abaco Club - Canal Front Building Sites
- ☆ #40 - 9,778 sq.ft. - AB5155 - Extra Large Corner Parcel - **NEW PRICE \$275,000.**
- ☆ #41 - 7,070 sq.ft. - AB5156 - Good Elevation - Sea View - **NEW PRICE \$345,000.**
- ☆ **Sand Banks Creek** - One Acre plus - Wooded lots with over 90' of water frontage on Bay - 3 miles south of Treasure Cay - Limited Number Available. #AB5069 - from: **\$63,700.**



NEW LISTING

"Bay Lodge"

**Green Turtle Cay** - Coco Bay, 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, 2,300 sq.ft. Water-front Home 4,800 sq.ft. of Decks. - Recently completely Renovated. Over 1/4 Acre with 100' of bay front. Fabulous views. Private dock with dredged channel. #AB140 - **NEW LISTING \$1,725,000**



NEW LISTING

"Hidden Paradise"

**Turtle Rocks** - 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,200 sq.ft. Beach-Front Home - Almost 1,600 sq.ft. of Covered wrap-around veranda. Over 2 acres with 100' of Sea of Abaco Beach-front. Fabulous views of the sea and outlying cays. Fully Furnished. #AB139 - **NEW LISTING \$1,175,000**

### Great Guana Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay and North Abaco

- ★ **Great Guana Cay** - "Plum Loco" - 3 bedroom, 2 bath - 1,228 sq.ft. home - on almost 1/2 acre with 100' of beautiful beachfront. Furnished and fully equipped- #AB97- **UNDER CONTRACT**
- ★ **Treasure Cay** - Treasure Cay Drive - "Steiner House" - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath - 2,200 sq.ft. home on two levels - upper level deck - almost 1/2 Acre - Good Sea of Abaco Views. Short stroll to beach. Great family home. fully Furnished. #AB116 - **\$925,000.**
- ★ **Sand Banks Creek** - "Dannie's Den" - 2 bedroom, 2 bath new home + 80' Waterfront - Almost 1 1/2 wooded acres. - Private Dock - #AB73 - **\$355,000.**

### PRIVATE ISLANDS

- ★ **Sea of Abaco** - "Cornish Cay" - 38 Acre private Island - 2 bedroom, 1 bath residence, 2 Guest Cottages, Caretaker's Cottage, Barn, Tennis Court, Sea Plane Ramp, Boat Basin with Boat Lift, Boat Ramps, Breakwater protected Dock, Solar Power and generators #AB 119 **UNDER CONTRACT**
- ★ **Sea of Abaco** - "Carrington Cay" - 300' from the Abaco mainland, near Leisure Lee - 1.4 acres. Excellent elevation. - #AB5147 **\$375,000.**



NEW PRICE

"Point of View"

**Elbow Cay** - Dorros Cove - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,500 sq.ft residence with 2 bedroom, 1 bath - 1,100 sq.ft guest house. Southeastern point of island. Swimming Pool - Private boat slip. Superb ocean and cay views. Furnished - #AB112- **NEW PRICE \$1,750,000.**



NEW LISTING

"Little Hog Cay"

**Northern Abaco Cays** - 20 acre private island. 1,000' wide glorious lagoon with fabulous crescent beach. 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Studio home, Cabana, protected dock-slipway 50 years remaining on a 99 year lease. #AB126 - **NEW LISTING - \$2,200,000.**