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N. Abaco Team Wins National Championship Elvis McIntosh Construction Basketball Team Is Tops

By Portia Jonsson

The Elvis McIntosh Construction Basketball Team from North Abaco clenched the Bahamas Basketball Federation Championship after playing seven games in four days held at the Ocean View Park in Dundas Town.

On May 5th the first round was played in Nassau against Harbour Island with Elvis McIntosh Construction Basketball Team winning with a score of 83-43. The following day the team played three games against Cat Island, Nassau's Police Crime-stoppers and Grand Bahama and won them all with scores of 85-60, 80-74 and 85-82 respectively.

The team lost its one and only game to Nassau on May 12th at the Ocean View Park with a score of 79-74. The teams returned to Abaco to decide the winner and play the best of three games. Mr. Cay Mills, President of the Abaco Basketball Association, attributes the loss of the game to a power failure for two and a half hours, which he believes took the momentum away from his players. This loss meant the Elvis McIntosh Construction Team had to win the remaining two games for the title. They came back and did just this, winning the last two with



The Elvis McIntosh Construction Basketball Team shows off the trophies they won after playing teams from Nassau, Grand Bahama and Cat Island. The final games were played in Dundas Town, giving this team the National Championship.

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Bluff Point Drew a Crowd to Remember the Past



About 300 persons were ferried to Bluff Point on the south side of Abaco to see the area where their forefathers lived. The hurricane of 1932 was very destructive and government moved them several years later to their current location in Murphy Town. The landing for getting to Bluff Point is just south of Sand Banks near Treasure Cay. Children enjoyed the water while the adults explored the area, finding wells, remnants of walls and the location of the church. Food typical of the fare from the old days was offered, cooked on location by Murphy Town ladies.

By Mirella Santillo

It was a beautiful, sunny and cool Saturday morning, and many people were flocking to the landing near Treasure Cay to wait for boats that were to take them back to the place where their ancestors had come from. They were all residents of Murphy Town and they were all going

to Bluff Point, the site of their community until hurricane damage caused the government to move them to their current location in Central Abaco.

As early as 7:30 on May 20, a private bus and many cars were already parked

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Min. Leslie Miller Discusses Fishing Regulations



The Hon. Leslie Miller, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, held meetings in Central Abaco and North Abaco to discuss proposed changes to fishing regulations. He is shown here with Mr. Randy Sawyer, a fisherman from Green Turtle Cay. See story on page 2

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Fishermen Want Restrictions and Enforcement

Two public meetings were held on May 10 and 11 in Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay respectively for dialog between fishermen and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Hon. Leslie Miller. Accompanied by several of his staff, Mr. Gifford Lloyd and Ms. Chavon Dean, he read a list of proposed changes to the fisheries rules and asked for comments.

Mr. Miller announced that two additional patrol boats will be assigned to Abaco's fisheries officers. These will augment the three boats now assigned to Abaco. The fisheries officers are responsible for the marine resources from Walker's Cay in the north to Moore's Island on the southwest side of Abaco and the approximate 150 miles of water in between.

Many of the proposed changes will reduce the daily or bag limit of fish allowed by foreigners. The fishermen were very vocal in supporting these changes.

Fisheries is proposing that the limit on

foreigners be reduced from 20 pounds of demersal fish (snapper, grouper and grunts when in season) per person per day to 20 pounds of fish per boat.

It is proposed to reduce the number of crawfish from six per person per day to six per boat per day. It was further suggested that foreigners be prohibited from taking crawfish from the man-made condos the fishermen place in the water. The fishermen wanted the visitors' crawfishing efforts to be limited to the reef and other natural habitats. Fishing at a man-made condo would constitute commercial fishing which is a prohibited activity for foreigners.

Fishermen urged the Minister to delay opening the crawfishing season to foreigners for a month after it opens for Bahamians. This would let Bahamian fishermen harvest from the condos without competition. However, it was thought that reducing the quantity allowed foreigners and restricting them to fish only on the reef may

solve the problem of undue competition by foreigners for the diminishing stocks of crawfish.

The allowed limit for conch by foreigners may be reduced to three per boat from the present six per person. Furthermore, a two-month closed season may be imposed on conch during their egg laying season which was said to be in August and September.

The harvesting of undersize conch by Bahamians and foreigners is an ongoing problem and more enforcement will be directed to this problem.

Mr. Miller announced that the ban on Nassau grouper will be extended from the present two months to four months.

A review is underway on the practice of issuing licenses to foreign boats to charter in the Bahamas to the detriment of local fishermen. Apparently, there are foreign mother boats that come into Bahamian waters with a fleet of flat-bottom skiffs. They establish themselves in obscure locations and take their clients bonefishing. Guiding visitors to catch bonefish is reserved for Bahamians only.

When asked when these new regulations

would become effective, Mr. Miller said on June first, 2006. There have been no public notices on this subject up to this time.

Fishermen asked why they cannot be protected against imported fish products when fish are plentiful similar to the way vegetable and poultry farmers are protected against imports when local supplies are ample.

Mr. Miller thought that was a reasonable request and promised to look into it.

The fishermen alternately praised, then condemned the local fisheries officers. Some felt they were doing a good job under difficult circumstances as the fishermen are their neighbors and relatives, and the officers must apply the enforcement evenly to all. Others felt the enforcement was biased and unfair.

There was some feeling that enforcement broke down in the court system with violators, both local and foreign, often being sentenced with inconsequential fines. The fishermen wanted the boats of violators confiscated.

Mr. Miller thanked the fishermen for their input and promised that they would hear further from the Fisheries Department.



The Hon. Leslie Miller, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, heard many complaints from Abaco fishermen. He felt that some of their suggestions were good and he will get back to them. Mr. Miller, left is with Mr. Jeremy Saunders, Fisheries Officer for South Abaco, and Mr. Carroll Laing, Chief Fisheries Officer for Abaco.



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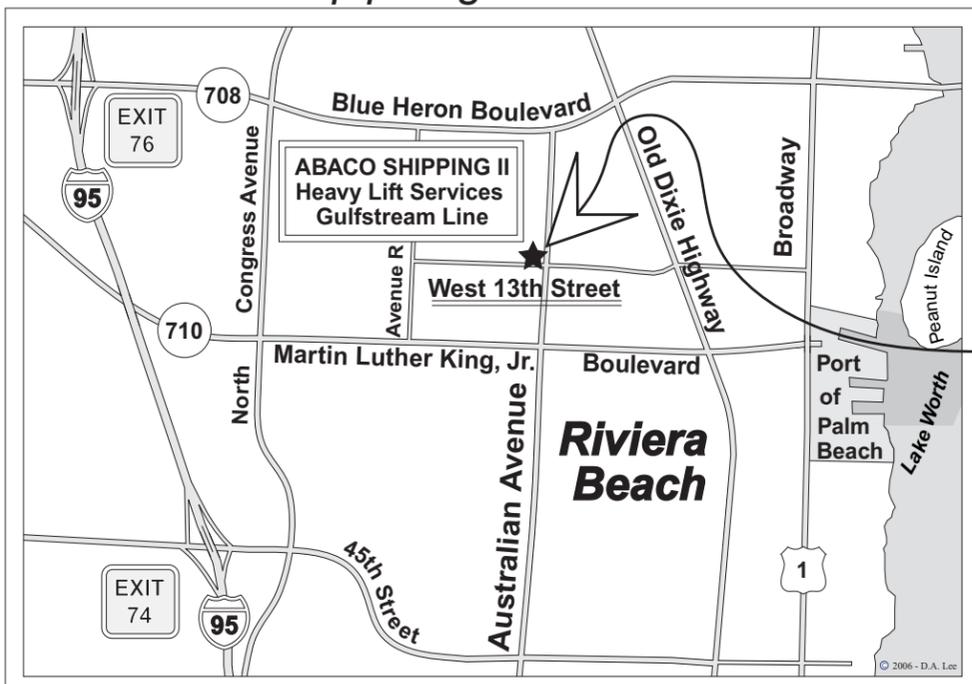
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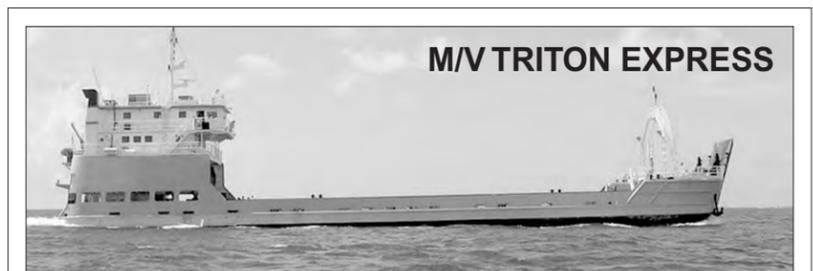
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Residents Make Pilgrimage to Their Roots

Bluff Point

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and more and more kept arriving at the landing. Soon, people were unloading food, blankets, folding seats, umbrellas and coolers to take over to the island of their roots. Five boats were supposed to carry everybody over, but only one had arrived as yet, and it was not until nearly 9 that the first load of people departed through the mangroves.

Even though everybody waited patiently, there was an atmosphere of anticipation. Gospel music was playing on a portable music box held by Mr. George McKenzie, children played at the edge of the water while older people reminisced, such as Mrs. Arenta McKenzie, who moved to Murphy

Town when she was a child of six or seven. For that reason, she did not remember much about Bluff Point, but Mrs. Olive Miller has not forgotten the date of June 26, 1941, when whoever was still on Bluff Point moved to the main island. "Most of these residents were women and children," she said. "The men had moved ahead to get things ready."

Waiting in line were Mrs. Nadine Feaster, Mrs. Geraldine McKenzie and Mr. Arnold Swain. They were all born at Bluff Point. Mr. Swain explained that the main industry of the island was fishing, especially crawfishing. He said, "I went back there fishing many times after I left in 1941." But for many of the women, such as Mrs. Viola Woods, it was the first time they were going back.

As the morning wore on, two more boats arrived and we were under way. In our boat was Mrs. Debbie Roland. "I came to see the place where William Simms and Jelita Saunders, my grandparents, were born," she said. It is my first time here and I am so excited!" She thanked our captain, Mr. William Swain, for taking her back.

As we approached Bluff Point, we rounded a high bluff which overlooked two coves, the one where we arrived and the other called the Bight where the fishing boats used to be kept.

Mr. Swain explained that he had come several times over the past few months with a crew to clear the grounds for the event. One of these was Mrs. Mabel Saunders, a native of Bluff Point, who came back two weeks ago to help with the clearing. From

The Bight to the church, of which the four corner walls are still standing, a path had been cut through the luxuriant vegetation. The soil beyond the shore was a rich, dark color and Mrs. Louise Swain, who was also born there, explained that we were standing on the property of George Curry, who was the gardener for the whole community. She said, "There were plenty of fruit trees and for many years we came back to pick the fruits until the ones we had planted in Murphy Town were old enough to produce."

"It all started in 1838," explained 80-year old Bishop Roland Swain, "when a ship carrying 61 free blacks, 361 slaves and

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About 300 people traveled to Bluff Point to visit the site of the communities that were inhabited for over 100 years. The families were moved to the Marsh Harbour area after a devastating hurricane in 1932.



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BTC's FOX HILL CTO CELEBRATES 3rd ANNIVERSARY

On Friday, May 19th BTC's Fox Hill CTO celebrated its 3rd Anniversary. This newly transformed location, also known as a Multi Service Center (MSC) was bursting with excitement as the Fox Hill community joined BTC

and made the event a huge success.

The event was celebrated in grand style with a day of fun and surprises for all Fox Hill residents and BTC customers. The Hon. Frederick A Mitchell, MP,

Minister of Foreign Affairs & Public Service, Mr. I. Kirk Griffin, BTC's Acting Executive V.P. and Mr. Jeff Moncur, V.P. Customer Service at BTC, all made a special visit to BTC's Fox Hill location to celebrate the

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(Top L) Pictured left to right: Leon Williams, BTC's Acting President & CEO; Daphne Russell, Manager, Fox Hill MSC; Darrold Miller, ZNS on air personality; Janet Brown, Sr. Manager BTC's Marketing & PR Department and Chante' Johnson, daughter of BTC's Acting President & CEO.

(Top C) DJ Phines jamming on the wheels of steel.

(Top R) Fox Hill MSC Staff Members.

(Bottom L) Pictured is Leon Williams (left), BTC's Acting President & CEO speaking to Darrold Miller, ZNS on-air personality and host of Immediate Response during the live radio remote on ZNS 104.5 FM during the 3rd Anniversary celebrations.

(Bottom C) Children enjoying the free popcorn,

snow cones, hotdogs and cotton candy provided by Mortimor's Candy Kitchen.

(Bottom R) Pictured are LaTasha Rolle (left), BTC's Marketing Department Job Training Student, Ricardo Thompson (center), Sr. Manager BTC and Chante' Johnson, daughter of BTC's Acting President & CEO.

BTC REWARDS VIEWERS CHOICE SONG COMPETITION WINNERS



Pictured is Christin Taylor (left) of C.R. Walker 1st. Prize Winner in the Maximum Bass Viewers Choice Song Writer's Competition 2006.

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South Abaco News

Moore's Island Students Shine

By Jennifer Hudson

Three students from the Moore's Island All Age School have just made their school and community very proud of them for their outstanding achievements both in the literary and athletics fields.

Ninth grade student, Francesca McBride, has received a full scholarship to attend the Bishop M. Eldon Anglican High School in Freeport. This scholarship was awarded by Basil Neymour on the basis of excellence in athletics. Francesca recently achieved quite an accomplishment in being very close to making this year's Carifta team. She is a 13-year-old who ran in the under 17 division, 800 m and 400 m. She placed fourth in the finals this year and is excited about next year when she hopes to do even better. Her coach, Pastor Anthony Williams, thinks the move to Freeport will be very good for her as she will have proper facilities on which to train.

Last month, the Freeport News carried a story on her entitled *A Diamond in the Rough*. All on Moore's Island are very excited about her future because of her great potential.

Two budding writers, Sasha Davis and Kerriann Stuart, both of Moore's Island have recently had their literary work published in the anthology *Around the Archipelago; Literary Treasures From Across the Bahamas*. This anthology has been published by the writing unit of the Department of Education under the initiative of the Minister of Education, Mr Alfred Sears.

Invitations were sent out to schools at the end of last year, and Grade 6 students

were invited to submit entries. Four students from Moore's Island submitted their work and Sasha and Kerriann received the honour of having their pieces selected for publication.

The students could select from specific topics such as *Friendship, My Island or My School and Hurricanes*. Kerriann chose *Moore's Island* as her subject while Sasha's piece was called *Friends*. The publication committee in Nassau selected Kerriann Stuart to travel into Nassau for the launching ceremony which took place on April 27, and an anthology was presented for each student. District Education Officer for Abaco, Mr Smith, was present at the ceremony.

"Both Sasha and Kerriann have continued to do well in the area of language arts," stated their Principal, Ms. Ruth Rolle.

Two students from the Hope Town School also had their work selected for this anthology. They are Aly Boyce, who submitted her *Hurricane Journal*, and Laura Albury, who chose to write about her move from England to Abaco.

The book will be available for purchase and details will be announced later.

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

School News

Teacher Appreciation Week

In the past the government has hosted a party for the teachers of Abaco as a way of showing appreciation for all the hard work they do for our children. This year, however, no luncheon or party was given in their honour. So our students at Cherokee Sound Primary School took it upon themselves to show their appreciation all week

long to Ms. Michelle Lowe, Headmistress, and the teacher of the lower grades, Anastacia Seymour. Of course, there are only 19 students in all six grades, but the effort made by this small group more than compensated for the lack of any official party they may have received.

The way it came about was by Ms. Seymour making plans with Ms. Lowe's students, and Ms. Lowe's students making plans with Ms. Seymour's classes for the various surprises for her. Both teachers were brought a hot lunch everyday by the students in addition to bouquets of flowers and little presents. There was a surprise party for Ms. Lowe and she was even given a day off, thanks to some of the parents who came to fill in for her. This is true appreciation and I'm sure both ladies enjoyed the pampering and attention they received from their students.

Field Trip to Andros

This is a report from the students of Cherokee Sound Primary School grades one through six in their own words on their recent field trip to Andros.

By Donovan Hepburn - Grade 1

I went with my school on fast ferry to Andros. It was a huge boat. It had three decks. Most of the time we stayed on the second deck. They sold snacks there. I bought some skittles. My daddy and I went on the top deck. I saw the captain. He was driving the boat. The sea was calm and smooth. I liked riding the fast ferry to Andros.

By Adrian Williams - Grade 1

I liked going in the pool and the slides at Atlantis on Paradise Island. I dove off the

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The Editor Says . . . Airport Closure Will Cause Hardship



Work on the Marsh Harbour airport officially began in early May with surveyors making preliminary studies and measurements. They measured 500 feet from the runway centerline and discovered that the proposed taxiway will impact several ongoing operations.

The taxiway will pass through the present aircraft parking area at the main terminal. It will take most of the space in front of Abaco Air's hanger. Cherokee Air's buildings and ramp area are further back so would be less severely affected. Fix based operator ZigZag was not mentioned and the taxiway is presumed to stop short of its operation.

Interest then shifted to putting the taxiway on the south side of the present runway. To our knowledge, a final decision has not been made.

Current information on resurfacing the runway is that work should begin in October when aircraft activity is reduced and the weather is cooler. This phase is expected to take six to eight weeks and will require the runway be closed. Cooler fall weather will allow the new runway surface to be used sooner than if the paving is done in the hotter summer months.

It appears that this paving phase will shut the airport down completely with traffic being redirected to the Treasure Cay airport. The two airports are about 28 miles apart by road. This is presently a \$70 cab ride for two persons.

It is estimated that approximately 100 persons employed at the airport will be out of work when the airport is closed. The three fixed base operators, known as FBO's, cannot be relocated to Treasure Cay as their aircraft support equipment is housed at their Marsh Harbour facility.

Airport operations and employees will be directly affected by the airport closure, but it is less clear how other businesses in the area will be affected. October is a slow month with visitor traffic beginning to pick up in mid-November. Whether the airport closure and a \$70 cab ride will discourage the visitor arrivals we have during that period remains to be seen. Our normal fall traffic by local residents will be seriously disrupted. The Marsh Harbour airport currently has 13 airlines servicing the area now. The Treasure Cay airport terminal will be

hard pressed to accommodate the extra counters, computers and other equipment needed by these airlines.

Medical emergency flights during this interval will have to be conducted from the Treasure Cay airport.

Had Nassau officials held meetings on Abaco earlier for local input, some of these issues would have come to light.

Many local people feel that the most practical solution would be to construct a runway south of the current runway and parallel to it. Then the current runway would become the taxiway. Although the current runway has dips and bumps, that would not affect its use as a taxiway. These imperfections are dangerous only for planes that are coming in at high speeds. All this could be done with no interruption to the normal service. or with no economic loss or disruption to the business community.

In the coming weeks and months, more information on the airport improvements should be given us by official sources.

A portable structure housing flight information officers is still scheduled. This is a step below a full control tower but will provide the basic services necessary for orderly control of arriving and departing aircraft. The addition of a taxiway will go a long way to relieving the aircraft congestion.

A decision on a permanent tower will be made in the future along with the decision on an entirely new airport midway between Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay. That decision may be five years or more away. We suspect it may be based on reviewing several years' of operations at the Marsh Harbour airport after improvements are completed.

A 14,000-square-foot addition to the

Marsh Harbour terminal will begin this summer and will be done in a manner to avoid any disruption to current activity in the present building. Details or the floor plan on this addition are not currently available.

Government is to be commended for recognizing the need to upgrade these facilities and their desire to do this work with . . . minimal disruption to the business community." However, six weeks closure will play havoc with our economy this fall and will seriously affect several businesses.

Thoughts on the Failed White Paper

A bold initiative by the Hope Town Council, or perhaps more accurately by the Chief Councillor, to bring orderly growth to the district's destiny failed by approximately 2 to 1. Hope Town voters embraced the concept but Man-O-War and Guana Cay swung the vote against the issue. Approximately 40 percent of the registered voters decided the issue.

Residents rejected the opportunity to gain more control over their future. Although basically uniform in their desire to get more local control, the process proposed was apparently overly cumbersome and difficult to understand. Although the measure failed by popular vote, it was sanctioned by Nassau, and that may turn out to be a victory for local government. Even though the process was approved, there was no assurance that local acceptance would translate to acceptance by Nassau.

The fact that the referendum was encouraged by Nassau suggests that the need for changes is being acknowledged. This recent effort failed, but the obvious lesson is to aim for simpler goals that are better understood.

Each of the three towns in the Hope Town District, Guana Cay, Man-O-War and Elbow Cay, wants to shed responsibility for their neighbors and have singular control

of their settlement as Green Turtle Cay, Grand Cay and Moore's Island have been assigned. Green Turtle Cay was separated from the North Abaco District a year ago and allowed full control of the island's affairs as was given in 2002 to the other two islands assigned this category.

This could be done by a stroke of the pen by the Minister for Local Government, but it does not appear likely to happen unless intense lobbying by the residents brings the issue to the forefront.

Another recent innovation by local government was undertaken by the Central Abaco District Council when it passed an ordinance related to the use of golf carts on the streets of Marsh Harbour. The slow moving golf carts were felt to be an impediment to the orderly flow of the growing traffic on the narrow streets in the business district. That ordinance is now in Nassau going through the approval process.

When the ordinance process is better understood, it holds promise for alleviating many problems faced by rapid growth in the area. The golf cart ordinance, if accepted by Nassau, may turn out to solve more traffic problems than the councillors envisioned when they drafted it. This is another test of the dormant authority which the councils have but don't well understand.

Soft Call

By Larry Smith

Mr. Smith - whose grandfather was a Hope Town Malone - writes a provocative weekly column for the Tribune called *Tough Call* and will be producing occasional articles for *The Abaconian*. A professional writer and editor, over the past 20 years he has operated his own advertising agency and book distributor in Nassau www.bahamasmedia.com. (larry@coralwave.com).

A historic initiative by the Hope Town District Council died quietly last month when voters on Elbow Cay, Guana Cay and Man-O-War Cay turned down a proposal that would have helped "preserve the character of local communities."

It was the first initiative of its kind by a district council since local government was introduced to the islands in 1996. And insiders say it would have put a framework in place to control overbuilding and help protect the environment.

In fact, the outcome of the mid-May vote surprised many who expected the proposed bye-laws - which were backed up by a

lengthy Planning and Zoning White Paper - to gain a comfortable win because of public concern over the immmunities.

But only 40 per cent of the district's 500 voters turned out in stormy weather, and 126 (almost two to one) voted against the proposal - after four months of community meetings and discussions.

In an official statement, Chief Councillor Wayne Hall made the point that the outcome was determined by a minority. And, he added somewhat sarcastically, "The Council is of the opinion that residents are happy with the decisions made for them by central government."

Later he said the vote was both surprising and upsetting. "After months of research and discussion people could still say they were not fully informed and wanted more talk. Some people just like to make noise, I guess."

But he does not intend to let it go at that. "We do need more effective local government to deal with our problems and I am not ready to give this up. The Council will regroup, rethink and repackage so that it can be presented for another vote before the year is out."

Mr. Hall, a 40-year-old computer technician who moved to Abaco in 2004, was the prime mover of the White Paper proposal - a 100-page document with ideas culled from the bye-laws of small coastal towns in the United States and Canada that face similar growth challenges.

The White Paper's stated goal is to "keep the Hope Town District as it is. We want to keep our rural roads small. We want to preserve and enhance wildlife habitats, open space, trails, parks and agricultural uses. We would like to retain our historical quaintness, while still allowing for future economic growth."

But it is really about orderly growth and development. The proposal called for designating and regulating the location and use

of buildings and land, and dividing the district into smaller zones better suited to implement and enforce these regulations.

The bye-laws deal with a range of land use policies including the protection of wetlands, coastal areas and open spaces. They also seek to regulate waste disposal and the use of docks, harbours and waterways. And they lay out a very elaborate set of town planning regulations.

In fact, the scope, bureaucratic complexity and level of detail contained in both the bye-laws and the White Paper - especially the all-encompassing permitting procedures - probably scared off enough people to ensure a no vote. For those willing and able to wade through the documents, many would rather be safe than sorry and are often more comfortable dealing with the devil they know.

Here's one of many shining examples:

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And, of course, there is also the ever-present influence of party politics in small communities. Mr. Hall is said to be a PLP supporter in what many consider an FNM stronghold, so his White Paper went down like Hubert Ingraham's constitutional referendum just before the last general elec-

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Letters to the Editor

Speaks Out in Favor of the Baker's Bay Project

To the Editor:

As an Abaconian and a former representative of Abaco for 19 years, I spent a lot of time and personal expense flying over potential investors into this area. For every 100 who came, perhaps one brought revenue into our country. For example, Brigadier Robbins (opened the Hope Town Harbour Lodge), National Container Corporation (later sold to Owens Illinois), Dumas Milner (invested in Treasure Cay's first hotel and golf course). These foreigners kept food on many Abaconian's table.

One of your editorials referred to the "price" Guana Cay would pay for Baker's Bay development. I believe the "price" to be an increase in property values - tenfold. (I remember when my family's beachfront Hope Town home's value was only the Abaco pine it was built with). Developers and investors in Abaco provide jobs like electrician, plumber, painter, mason, landscaper, architect, pool services, chef, shop keeper and generally better the life of the average Abaconian.

All of Abaco but in particular Hope Town, Man-O-War and Green Turtle Cay enjoy year round revenue from the second home owners. The master plan at Baker's Bay is in harmony with the second home market that we have been promoting in Abaco for generations.

Our natural beauty and live reefs are great assets to locals as well as the developers. Do you really think these successful businessmen plan to kill the golden goose? Where were all these concerned citizens when the cruise line dredged just offshore of Baker's Bay, created a five-acre shell island and muddied up the waters for miles? Surely the silt, debris and mud draped on the reef during that time were harmful but I recall no marches, petitions or letters to the press.

Yes, I sympathize with the people over the Crown Land but most of the property was private land purchased from the owner, who I seriously doubt would have ever considered any development.

Fellow Abaconians, let's face facts, you can count the number of big money Bahamian investors on one hand. Like it or not, we need foreign investors like Discovery Land Company. This Company is reputable with a great vision and a successful history - just what we need on Abaco.

Sincerely,

Leonard. Thompson

An Appeal to the FNM

Dear Editor,

I have been an active supporter of the FNM from the time that party was formed. My support during the years before 1992 resulted in me and my family suffering the consequences of openly opposing the PLP's candidate. During those days many of us understood full well the term "victimization." During the subsequent years of FNM rule people were truly free to criticize the government without fear. Mike Lightbourn, Fred Gottlieb and Robert Sweating represented the interests of all people of South Abaco regardless of their party affiliation.

Since the "New PLP" regained power, the political atmosphere has drifted back toward the attitude that suggests either you agree and support us or you are the bad guys. I am again motivated to renew my efforts to restore FNM government.

As part of that effort I intended to attend the recent FNM fund raising Steak Out. But each time I drove by I saw a very small, scattered group and Edison Key prominently circulating and shaking hands looking much like the candidate for South Abaco. I am pleased that Mr. Key finally discovered the

problems we have seen with the PLP for years. I would welcome his open support of our party. But this is hardly sufficient to qualify him to represent FNM values in the House of Assembly.

The best, and possibly only, chance the PLP have of winning the South Abaco seat would be for the FNM to appoint Mr. Key as our candidate, leaving me and many other long time supporters feeling abandoned. In order to generate support and enthusiasm the candidates must present a real choice.

I hope the FNM will give us a candidate who will inspire us to get out and campaign and vote in the next election. I am hearing too many people suggesting they no longer will bother with the "hypocrisy" of our political parties.

How sad it would be to see the PLP win our district seat because we failed to get our traditional supporters out to vote. Please withhold my name as long as the PLP is the governing power.

A Reluctant Victim

Baker's Bay Project Provides Employment and Benefits

Dear Sir:

I write in reference to the Bakers Bay Project on Great Guana Cay. My father was a cab driver for some 30 years and he envisioned the growth and prosperity of Abaco through tourism and asked that we, his children, prepare for it.

Today I am seeing his vision being fulfilled. Discovery Land Company, one of many investors in the Bahamas today, has entered into a Heads of Agreement with the government to develop one of the most beautiful pieces of property on the face of the earth - Baker's Bay. It was the natural beauty that attracted them here; so why should some say that they will destroy it? It makes no sense!

Baker's Bay has always maintained an open door policy and without fear of contradiction has invited anyone to come on tour and see the development for themselves, to see that they have not only complied with Bahamian laws as they relate to the well being of Bahamians, marine life, reefs and mangroves, but in most cases exceeded them.

Baker's Bay cannot only propel the tourism industry here, but with the standards they are setting it can be an example for future investors to follow.

I have spent 23 years in the airline industry, always putting country above self. If I thought that this project would in any way be detrimental to Abaco, I would not be working here.

I want my government to know that this is the same company that they signed the Heads of Agreement with and announced to The Bahamas that it would be so good for the people and future of Abaco. Nothing has changed with Discovery Land Company. So why is it that the government remains so quiet on the issue? I say to them "Stand for something or you will settle for anything."

I am grateful and at the same time sympathetic to my employers for their unwavering support and commitment to what we all believe in. Though some of us are out of jobs because of the undertaking, they have kept most of us here with hopes of the truth being told.

Many would have sent everyone home until the matter is resolved, especially since it has been over five months and counting since the undertaking. Discovery Land Company is not just a good company; they are a "Great Company" and will build the best project in The Bahamas.

I speak out because developing projects like Baker's Bay are the way forward for

OUR BAHAMAS and MY BAHAMAS.

Sincerely,

Alfredo Cornish

Director of Transportation

Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club

Barge Still Is

Aground on Reef

This is a letter written on May 14 from the owner of the barge aground on the Reef between Man-O-War and Hope Town. It was written to an individual who continues to work to have the barge removed before it does any further damage to the reef.

To bring you up to date, we hired a tug boat from Florida. However, on the first try, it came in two hours late, past the high tide. Further, one of the four six-inch diesel pumps plugged up and we had to shut down because of the darkness as three pumps were unable to stay ahead of the incoming water. On the second try, one of the pumps seized completely and we had to stop to repair it. We have now repaired the fourth pump and we are ready to pump again.

We are trying to hire the *Sea Lion* at Walker's Cay to come to pull us off. But they are busy for the next two to three weeks. We have tried to hire all the local marine companies to help pull us off, but they have all refused.

If you could talk to one of the local companies into pulling us off and around the corner to a safe spot where we could unload some of the cargo and lighten the barge, we could tow it back to Walker's Cay. We have a thousand tons on board; we are too heavy for the long voyage.

Kermit Waters

Our New State-of-the-Art Airport

Dear Editor,

Well, well - are we really going to have something done about our local joke? The Marsh Harbour International Airport

Anyway, the politicians say they have signed a "Contract" for a taxiway and an extension to the existing runway of 1000 feet - to be followed by a contract to build (or extend) the terminal.

They must know something we don't. In talking to several users, old heads and not a few who, in years gone by, were builders of airports, roads and salt pans. Nobody has come up with any idea how to extend the runway and re-paving it while still using it! Some agree that a taxiway could be shoe-

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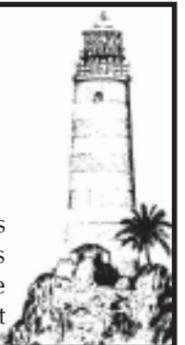


Hurricane Wilma blew the M/V Louis J. Gouliou up on the reef just south of Man-O-War where it remains to this day. The owner's attempts to float it and tow it to an anchorage have failed so far. One thousand tons of cargo plus cracks that leak large amounts of sea water are factors working against a successful project. The barge was for oil exploration in the Walker's Cay area. It broke loose during the hurricanes of 2004, ending up in the southern Bahamas. It was towed back to North Abaco where it broke loose again last year.

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Treasure Cay

Resort Held a Health Seminar

By Mirella Santillo

On May 19 all the employees of the Treasure Cay Resort and Marina attended a seminar organized by the resort's Human Resources Manager, Mrs. Lovan McKenzie, and sponsored by Insurance Marketing Center, a company located in Miami. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize the employees about Treasure Cay Resort's insurance plans and explain to them what were their benefits. The insurance company's broker, Mrs. Alicia Dimitriou, "has been an agent for the Treasure Cay Resort for the last 20 years." Also present was Mr. Darren Bastian with Atlantic Medical in Nassau, the representative of Insurance Marketing Center.

The seminar was divided into two parts. The first, a presentation by the insurance agents, went over the benefits of insurance coverage and to make employees aware of good health habits," explained Mrs. McKenzie. Each employee present was given a publication issued by Atlantic Medical covering health issues. The second part was reserved for Dr. Shed's presentation which was *Take Control of Your Health*.

Eighty nine employees currently enjoy medical insurance through the resort. "As soon as they are working full time, they are eligible for insurance coverage," explained Mrs. McKenzie. She continued, "The exercise the company is conducting today is so employees become aware of the benefits available through this company and to ensure that they practice healthy living. We want to make sure that they extend these practices to their home life so that their

families are healthy, too. If the employees are healthy, they perform better." She explained further, "Employment is a partnership between employers and employees. It is more than performance and a pay check. Concern has to be shown to employees. I would encourage every business to budget not only for beautification and infrastructure, but also for human resources. Your employees are your best resource and our company is committed to developing our human resources." she added.

The morning session ended with an assistant of the Corbett Medical Clinic, Mrs. Patricia Pinder, taking everybody's blood pressure and checking everyone's vital signs.

At 2 p.m. Dr. Shed addressed a room full of employees, telling them to take control of their health and life style through common sense. "At least 60 per cent of common ailments," he stated, "could be avoided with the proper diet and life style. Eat less saturated fats, check calories in, versus calories out," he said. He talked about eating disorders and explained obesity which is when your body mass is excessive.

He explained how diabetes relates to obesity and obesity to diet. Diabetes 2 is usually a consequence of obesity. It is related to a bad diet heavy in sugars. "Avoid eating too many cookies or cakes and drinking sweetened sodas." He explained how to avoid high cholesterol that is responsible for cardiovascular problems. "Eat more fish, less dairy products. Eat nuts and cut down on red meat. Exercise regularly. Exercise raises the HDL or good cholesterol and increases your metabolism, leading to weight loss."

Finally, the subject of substance abuse was approached. "Tobacco is the worst scourge," he said. It is the number one cause of emphysema and cancer. Emphysema is the destruction of lung tissues as a result of smoking, and it is irreversible. Tobacco also promotes high blood pressure and vascular diseases."

"Hard drugs spread AID and hepatitis B through needle usage."

Alcohol in moderation has a beneficial effect, especially red wine. The consensus on moderation is two drinks per day for men and one drink a day for women.

He reminded the audience about preventive health care. Prostate and colon cancer are easy to take care of, if caught soon enough. All men over 40 should have a blood test to assess the PSA. If the PSA is over 40, a biopsy of the prostate should be done. Regular colonoscopies are recommended as well as pelvic examinations, pap smear and mammograms for women.

The organizers of the seminar were very pleased with the attendance of the employees and the interest they showed. This was demonstrated by the relevant questions many asked.

Wedding Bells Are Still Ringing

By Vernique Russell

"I do!" This saying has been very popular in the community of Treasure Cay during the first five months of this year. The year began with wedding bells ringing and the ringing continues.

On January 14 Treasure Cay experienced its first double wedding ceremony. Ms. Rosline Forbes was joined in matrimony to Mr. Johnny Pierre at St. Simon's Anglican

Church. Rosline is the daughter of Jessi and Alderose Forbes of Treasure Cay and Johnny is the son of Alisten Nelson and Tassie Pierre of Treasure Cay. Ms. Nadia Romer and Mr. McKinley Joseph were also joined together as one. Nadia is the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Brian Romer of Treasure Cay formerly of Eleuthera. Both couples reside in Treasure Cay.

Continuing in the spirit of unity Ms. Sasha Laing and Mr. Avarde Rolle were joined together as one on January 20 at the Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay. Sasha is the daughter of Ms. Gaylene Laing of Treasure Cay and Avarde is the son of Marsha Rolle of Nassau. The couple resides in New Providence.

"And the two shall become one." Indeed, they became one on February 3. Ms. Janadell Curry and Mr. Kelpine Russell joined as 'bone of my bone' and 'flesh of my flesh.' Two hearts with one sounding beat. The ceremony took place at Unity Baptist in Treasure Cay and was officiated by Rev. Edward Laroda and Rev. John McIntosh. Janadell is the daughter of Ms. Daisy Ward of Treasure Cay and Kelpine is the son of Mrs. Bridgette Thurston-Mills of Treasure Cay and Mr. Scott Russell of Green Turtle Cay.

Ribbons of love flew across the skies on February 11 as Ms. Jennifer Johnson and Mr. Daniel Des-Auguste exchanged lifetime vows at Full Gospel Assembly. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Stafford Symonette. Jennifer is the daughter of Ms. Estelle Major of Treasure Cay.

"She found herself, she found her lover

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for life and the two were joined together in the Lord." Ms. Athena Mickey and Mr. Vito Russell completed themselves as they were joined together in holy matrimony on April 24. The ceremony took place at Full Gospel Assembly. Athena is the guidance counselor at the Sherlin Bootle High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvia Mickey of Nassau. Vito is the son of Mr. Chris "The Burner" and Myrtis Russell.

On May 20 Rev. Stafford and Mrs. Lacy Synronette along with Pastor Clint and Mrs. Wendy Laroda celebrated with their children Cramston and Calea in the joining of matrimony. The morning blessing matrimony ceremony began at 8.30 a.m. at Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay followed by a breakfast reception at the Touch of Class Restaurant in Treasure Cay. The service was officiated by Rev. Patrick Paul, National Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in the Bahamas.

Congratulations are extended to all the couples. As you embark upon this chapter in your life, may each day bring joy and fulfillment. May your life together bubble with love and laughter and may your glass always be brim-full with good health and cheers.

Love is indeed in the air in Treasure Cay. The spirit of commitment and completeness is walking. With all these weddings so far and this is just May, it leaves me to wonder "who will be next?" But something tells me it wouldn't be a long wait to find out. Once again, congratulations!

Fund Raiser Was Held

By Vernique Russell

The community of North Abaco is making preparation for its first annual Summer Festival and Power Boat Races. With the relocation of the All Abaco Regatta, the community came together to brainstorm another festival to replace the All Abaco Regatta. The event was a source of income for many. On May 20 the committee hosted its first fund raiser in the form of a steak-out at the Regatta Village site in Treasure Cay. Tickets were on sale for \$10.

Thank You, Mr. Ingraham

By Vernique Russell

In an effort to express their gratitude to the former prime minister and Member of Parliament for North Abaco, the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham, the constituency planned a fun-filled weekend of thanksgiving for May 26-28. The celebration began on Friday with a social time of appreciation at Ingraham Park in Cooper's Town. On May 27 there was a gala banquet at the Great Abaco Beach Resort. The climax for this fun-filled weekend was a church service of thanksgiving at the Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay. The planning committee wanted the entire community of Abaco to celebrate with them as they said "Thank you" to a giant of a man. The events were organized by Mrs. Melvern Cornish..

BEC, Please Be Considerate

By Vernique Russell

The popular lyrics of *Civil Servant* by Bahamian music legend, KB, normally leaves a smile on everyone's face. However, they were no smiles on the faces of Northern Abaco residents when their power

supply was interrupted without explanation.

In mid-May electricity supply was interrupted between the communities of Treasure Cay and Little Abaco. These areas lost electricity at 8:55 a.m. There was no formal warning given by BEC on Radio Abaco as they normally do. After making attempts to contact personnel at the BEC branches both in Treasure Cay and Marsh Harbour, I was finally successful at 3:59 p.m. At this time I learned that the power was interrupted to upgrade the GSM towers on the Sherlin Bootle Highway. I was also informed that the electrical supply should be restored at 4:30 p.m.

BEC, residents realize that the work must be completed; we are just requesting that

you be more considerate. Advise residents not sometime but every time of power supply interruptions. Due to the power outage,

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The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, Member of Parliament for North Abaco, attended several functions on Abaco on May 26-28 to receive the thanks and appreciation of the people of Abaco for what he has done for his home island. He is shown here at the Treasure Cay airport on his arrival on May 26.

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Throughout Abaco, anticipation usually begins to escalate as the summer months approach for the commencement of the traditional Goombay Summer Festival. Hosted by the Abaco Tourist Office, over a two-month period, entertainment and enjoyment is delivered through the experience of the Abaco brand of Bahamian culture. Each year it is guaranteed to be something spectacular and different through its theme, entertainment, food, arts and crafts.

Interesting adjustments to the festival's program are always expected. However, this year an innovative idea was suggested. This year Goombay Summer Festival will be renamed and replaced by Junkanoo Summer Festival.

The festival will be introduced throughout The Bahamas and hosted by the various tourism offices in designated areas during the summer months. Although the name has been replaced, one thing is certain, not to be changed is the atmosphere of celebrating the Bahamian heritage and the cultural entertainment, Abaco style.

The theme *Party Time in Abaco* depicts what will be showcased at Abaco's Junkanoo Summer Festival 2006 during six alternating weeks beginning June 9th and ending August 11th at Goombay Park in Marsh Harbour. Each evening will present a junkanoo parade, local and national Bahamian calypso and marching bands including of the Royal Bahamas Police Marching and pop bands scheduled to make three visits during the summer festival.

Other special evenings will produce variety shows when nationally acclaimed

Abaco singing celebrities Jay Mitchel, Gino D and Colin McDonald will be featured. Dance groups are scheduled, and the sensational New Wave Dancers from Grand Bahama will perform colourful and rhythmic themed routines every other

show. The Back Yard Quadrille Dancers will perform along with Ophie and the Boys-rake and scrape music. Modern Vintage from Nassau, Bahamian superstar, Elon Moxey, and the dynamic entertainer, KB, are also scheduled to par-

ticipate. Food and drink; arts and crafts stalls in addition to kids' activities will complete the summer, festive atmosphere and execute the theme of Party Time in Abaco.

Bridal Seminar Trains Consultants

By Jennifer Hudson

A seminar organized by the Abaco office of the Ministry of Tourism was held for prospective bridal consultants on May 9 at the Learning Resources Centre in Marsh Harbour.

Kendi Anderson, Tourism's local Coordinator of Weddings and Honeymoons, who has been responsible for developing the successful wedding program on Abaco, welcomed the 18 participants. "This business is growing by leaps and bounds," she said. "Abaco is now seeing an assortment of weddings such as Hindu, African and Jewish in addition to the traditional Christian or civil wedding. Wedding planners need to understand that they must be prepared to do whatever the customer wants in order to make us a world-class destination. We should be able to do weddings anywhere in the world and this seminar could be the start of a professional wedding career for you."

Presenter for the seminar was Ms. Janet Albury, a certified wedding specialist from Freeport who is a representative of Weddings Beautiful Bahamas and Caribbean Islands. This is the top certification programme for wedding planners and is affiliated with Weddings Beautiful Worldwide.

Ms. Albury gave an overview of what

the job of a wedding planner involves and explained how poor planning could ruin the reputation of the wedding business in the Bahamas. "If a wedding on Abaco goes badly, the people will tell others not to get married in The Bahamas," she said. "Negative experiences get publicised much faster than positive ones, so we need better trained wedding professionals in The Bahamas."

"When people want an island wedding, The Bahamas is often considered because it is conveniently close to the United States, a big market. Brides will go to a place where they know weddings will be handled pro-

fessionally and we must aim to make The Bahamas and the Caribbean the star jewel."

All participants at the seminar had some experience planning weddings, and each was asked to describe some of their activities.

The certification programme for Weddings Beautiful is a correspondence course which students take at their own pace with six months to one year being the recommended time frame for completion. The course consists of 18 assignments covering

Please see **Seminar** Page



The participants of the Bridal Consultants Seminar learned about working with visitors wanting to marry on Abaco. The wedding program has been very successful on Abaco and this seminar covered many aspects and details of how to satisfy the couples to make their day very special. In the foreground is Ms. Jeritzan Outten, Abaco's Director of Tourism.



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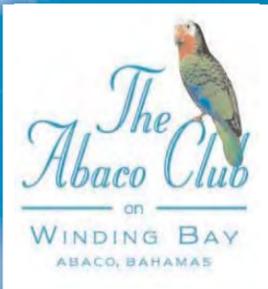
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Cabanna scenes at The Abaco Club.



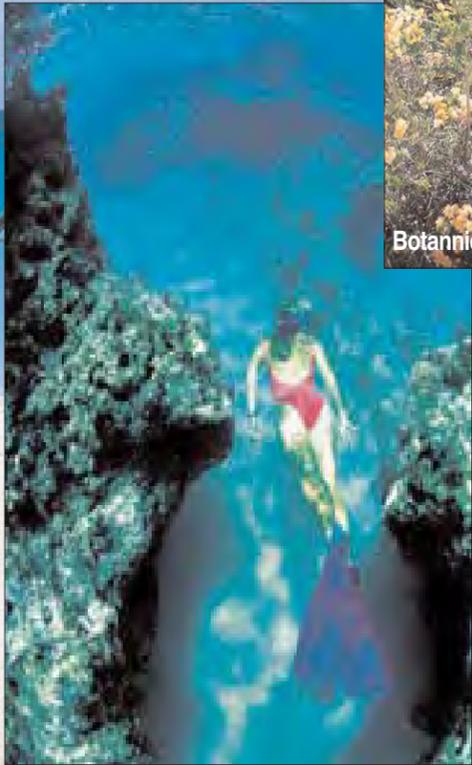
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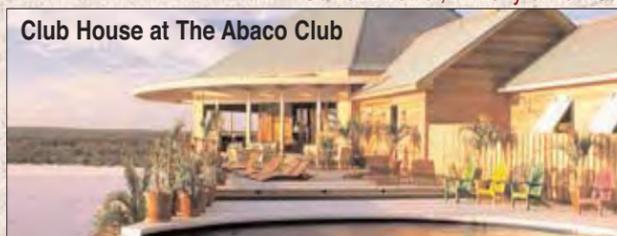
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Ingraham Meets with Guana Cay Objectors

A gathering of 40 - 50 persons greeted the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham and his party of FNM leaders under the fig tree on the settlement harbour on Guana Cay. Mr. Ingraham, the Member of Parliament for North Abaco and the leader of the opposition, came to hear first hand of the residents' concerns and objections to the Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club on the north end of Guana Cay. Several residents came forward and gave summaries of these issues.

Common concerns raised included the following:

- The size of the project will overwhelm Guana's laid-back and relaxed atmosphere.
- Hazards will be imposed on the health of the nearby reef by the golf course from chemical and fertilizer runoff.

- The lack of government's concern and consultation with the residents of Guana Cay.

- Government should be more concerned with the welfare of the residents than pandering to the developers.

- Dissatisfaction over the proposed internal monitoring by the developers. The residents want independent scientific oversight of compliance including veto power when things go astray.

- Although the ownership of the Crown and Treasury Land is still being contested and has not been given, sold or leased to the developers yet, extensive marina construction was said to be underway.

- Vehicle activity on the beach is disturbing to nesting turtles and is illegal in any event.

- Current law does not allow Crown Land to be sold to foreigners or in particular not for the foreigners to sell it at a profit.

The residents' views were well presented without undue emotion and often drew a comment from Mr. Ingraham.

He was concerned when told that the 126 acres of Crown and Treasury Land under discussion was the only land of this nature on Guana Cay. Secondly, without elaborating, he said that this development is generally within the parameters of what the FNM would consider a model project. He was of the opinion that the BEST Commission would be monitoring the project closely.

He was apologetic in being unable to promise any specific relief as his party was

in opposition and the present government is in control of the terms given the developers. Mr. Ingraham promised to get back to them with a report on any changes resulting from his tour of the project and meeting with the Baker's Bay management team. This subsequent meeting with the Baker's management, actually the principals of the Discovery Land Company of California, followed his meeting with town residents.

He was accompanied by many of the FNM leaders and other Members of Parliament. At the conclusion of the meeting in town, the group went by ferry to the Baker's Bay development for a tour and meeting with the employees and management.



The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham met with the residents of Guana Cay to hear their complaints about the Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club development begun on the north end of their island. He felt that their complaints could be resolved. Shown here is Mr. Troy Albury stating his objections. Listening to him are Mr. Brent Symonette, MP, Mr. Neko Grant from Freeport, Mr. Ingraham, Mr. Larry Cartwright, MP for Long Island, and Mr. Tommy Turnquest, Senator.



After listening to the complaints of the Guana Cay residents, Mr. Ingraham, left, toured the Baker's Bay project. He is shown listening to a presentation by Mr. Livingston Marshall, right, a Vice President of the Discovery Land Company that is developing the area. Assisting with the presentation was Bruce McDaniel.

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Hubert Ingraham Met with Developers

On arrival at the Baker's Bay dock, the group was given a presentation by Dr. Livingston Marshall, Sr. Vice President for Environmental and Community Affairs, and Ed Davita of Discovery Land Company. Questions and answers followed. The group then went to the sales area on the north-west corner of the 490 acres they own out-right.

This took them past the reconstructed dune on the often mentioned Baker's Bay beach, so popular with boaters and local residents. Although the dune is shallow by some standards, the grasses and vegetation planted are capturing windblown sand as nature intended and has already increased the dune height by 18 to 24 inches. The public beach area accessible by law to the high water mark is often 100 or more feet beyond the daily high tide line. This is true on both the Atlantic and bay-side beaches.

Further discussions were held at the sales site between employees, management and the FNM politicians.

Apparently, there is some consideration being given by the developers to using a smaller portion of the Crown and Treasury land.

Mr. Ingraham noted that the developers are aware of potential danger to the reef and have gone to lengthy means to contain any damaging nutrients from the golf course and keep them from reaching the reef. Extensive monitoring of the reef has begun which will provide information on existing conditions. This data will allow scientists to monitor future conditions and make informed decisions on corrective measures, if necessary.

It was mentioned many times that it is in the developers interest that the natural beauty of the area be preserved as that is the underlying concept that they are selling.

It should be said that 70 acres of the Crown and Treasury land is marginal swamp or narrow beach frontage and is to be dedicated as a preserve for public use and enjoyment.

Mr. Ingraham said the marina design and operation is the most advanced in The Bahamas and will be environmentally friendly. The overall development has the potential to provide 100 - 120 more jobs for Bahamians than the 80 - 90 now employed, according to Mr. Ingraham.



Employees of Baker's Bay Golf and Ocean Club spoke to the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham about employment opportunities the developer is offering. Shenique Albury with the microphone is Manager of Environment Affairs who has the power to stop any work that she feels is damaging to the environment.

He felt that many of the residents concerns could be resolved to the satisfaction of all. He concluded by stating that this de-

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News of the Cays

Voters Rejected White Paper

The White Paper proposed by the Hope Town Council and tacitly encouraged by officials in Nassau was defeated by a minority of voters on May 15, 16 and 17 in the settlements of Guana Cay, Man-O-War Cay and Elbow Cay, respectively.

The results were as follows:

Town	Yes	No	Spoiled	Total
Guana	3	40	1	44
Man-O-War	12	48	0	60
Hope Town	58	38	2	98
Total	73	126	3	202

Had the proposal been accepted locally, it would have gone to Nassau to be accepted there by various arms of government. By failing locally, the voters and Council members are left guessing as to whether the proposal would have been accepted by Nassau.

Without fanfare, the process was sanctioned by Nassau. However, there was no risk on their part as acceptance locally was tantamount to a straw vote letting Nassau know that changes were wanted at the local level.

Chief Councillor Wayne Hall spent hours researching the elements that were presented. He studied similar small resort towns up and down the U.S. coast line. For good measure he also investigated small but growing resort towns inland.

The regulations that worked in other locations and appeared to have merit in Hope Town and the other two cays were put into a 130-page White Paper and circulated to the three towns.

Meetings took place in these towns over a two-month period with residents discussing the merits or objections to the items proposed.

Mostly, objections prevailed and the final draft came out at 30 pages. Even then it appeared to be too intimidating to the few persons attending the town meetings.

Although discouraged, Mr. Hall expects to continue but will probably confine the next attempt to a simpler change to the local government process.

Those persons attending the meetings in each of the three towns seemed to be unanimous that change is needed but 30 pages of change was apparently too intimidating and therefore rejected.

Genealogy Expert Joy Lowe-Jossi Visits Green Turtle Cay

By Mirella Santillo

The Island Roots Heritage Festival is self explanatory: it invited people to look for their ancestry and heritage. And that's just what Joy Lowe-Jossi was doing when she became a genealogy expert a few years back. She was in attendance at the genealogy booth this year, along with Gail Saunders, the government's Heritage Director, and Philip Roberts of New Plymouth. The booth displayed information Mrs. Lowe-Jossi had gathered on her own family as well as tools to help others research the origin of their names and ancestry.

As a child in Nassau, Mrs. Lowe-Jossi recalled the visits of her grandfather, Eldred Lowe, when he was in town buying supplies for his Abaco store. "He talked about his forefathers and the old ways. He was the one who kindled my interest in knowing about my ancestors," she explained.

Mrs. Lowe-Jossi told the story of her great grandfather, "Dunc" Lowe, who was born on Green Turtle Cay but married a girl from Marsh Harbour and moved there.

That's where Joy's parents were born and raised before moving to Nassau.

"Dunc" was a man of many skills, she explained. Although he could not read or write, he invented his own communication code. He was a blacksmith, a ship wrecker, a boat builder - and taught his sons to manage the family sugar cane plantation.

Joy married a Swiss citizen and moved with him to the United States in 1964. She now lives in Oregon but will never forget the islands of her youth. In 1980 she began to do research on the internet to establish a family tree. Eventually, she was able to trace the family lineage back nine generations to Capt. Gideon Lowe, who was born

on Harbour Island in 1753 but moved to New Plymouth in the early 1800s after the Loyalists came. He died there in 1833. She found out that Lowes were present in The Bahamas as early as 1730. "There are Lowes all over the world," she says, "in Australia, in the United States, even in Canada."

She has been a regular visitor of Green Turtle Cay over the years where she visits with her cousin, local artist Alton Lowe, who is also a descendent of Capt. Gideon Lowe.

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The genealogy booth at the Island Roots Heritage Festival in Green Turtle Cay last month proved to be a popular place where people could find out about their forefathers. Mrs. Joy Lowe-Jossi, who has studied her family roots, was there along with others interested in genealogy. Shown above are Lynn Johnson, Mr. Alton Lowe, Mrs. Jossi, and Ms. Gail Saunders, government's Heritage Director.

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Key West Connection Is Kept Alive

By Mirella Santillo

During the 19th century many Bahamians from New Plymouth emigrated to Key West, sometimes taking their homes with them, like John Bartlum and William Curry. And after the 1932 hurricane, residents of Green Turtle Cay began leaving for the United States again. So it is no wonder that a strong bond exists between the two communities. That bond was consolidated in 1976 when Key West and New Plymouth became sister cities.

A celebration was organized by artist

Alton Lowe in 1977 to mark the anniversary of the event and since 2004 it has become a yearly commemoration known as the Island Roots Heritage Festival. With the help of Karen McIntosh, the festival committee's president along with Julie Farrington, Annabelle Cross and other community members, it has become a prominent cultural event on Abaco.

Key West residents participate in the festival whether they have Bahamian connection or not, and officials of the Conch Republic are an integral part of the programme. According to Peter Anderson, secretary-general of the Conch Republic, "As long as I am alive, I will never miss this festival."

This year Key Westers came bearing two

special gifts - the flagship of the Conch Republic, a schooner named *Wolf*, and two Key West rock roses donated by Benjamin Bruce, a descendent of the Curry family who moved to Key West in 1884. The roses will be planted behind the Albert Lowe Museum in memory of Mr. Bruce's mother, Betty Bruce, and her friend, Ida Baron, who were inspirational in the creation of the

Sculpture Garden.

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A group of Key Westers attended the Island Roots Heritage Festival, enjoying the special relationship between the Sister Cities, Key West and Green Turtle Cay. They brought with them the S/V *Wolf* and two rose plants that had come originally from Green Turtle Cay.

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Creek Restoration Is a Big Success

By Lindsey Delaplaine

After months of planning, a series of community meetings and a lot of hard work, Friends of the Environment announced that the Cross Harbour tidal creek restoration was a wonderful success, with more than 50 acres of wetlands reclaimed and put back into use as nursery habitat for a variety of marine life.

A small section of the causeway to Cross Harbour was dug out on April 3rd and five culverts were installed so that the water could flow under the road. After some creative engineering, overseen by Friends' President Michael Albury and lead scientist Dr. Craig Layman of Yale University, the culverts were weighted down and the road was replaced over them.

But the work wasn't done yet. A huge amount of volunteer work was needed to help recreate tidal channels that had overgrown due to the decrease in water flow caused by the road. A number of volunteers from surrounding communities pitched in. Students from Sandy Point volunteered on two Saturdays, assisted by Earth Watch intern Monica Arso. Thanks to Ms. Mills and Ms. Campbell over 60 6th graders from Abaco Central Primary traveled down to volunteer on April 7th. Friends Board Member and Forest Heights teacher, Jim Richard, took a group of students to volunteer and camp for the weekend.

Science teachers Ms. Bailey and Ms. Wedgewood led their science students from Abaco Central High on April 10th. Hope Town Primary School also made the trek to Cross Harbour on that day led by Principal Candace Key and teacher Nancy Burnett. Man-O-War Primary School traveled to Cross Harbour on Tuesday led by

Principal Kelli Janes.

Once the volunteers overcame their initial fears about wading through the muck, they all seemed to enjoy their visit. By the end of each day everyone was covered in mud, but pleased with the work that had been accomplished. A number of the visitors had never been in a mangrove area and their importance as a nursery for fish, conch and crawfish was news to many.

In total over 200 students and community members participated in the restoration and Friends would like to thank all of them for their time, energy and effort.

When the mud had settled on the project, it was easy to declare it a success. Already a huge difference could be seen in the speed of the water flowing through the area. It is now possible to kayak from the causeway all the way to the ocean. The water clarity in the area that had been blocked by the road is already improving. Even more exciting, according to Dr. Layman, was the fact that within a few days fish that had been tagged before the restoration were spotted swimming through the culverts into the restored area.

Friends of the Environment invites anyone who is interested in visiting the restoration to contact Friends, 367-2721 or info@friendsoftheenvironment.org.

Cross Harbour Student Observations

By Matthew Duggan
Forest Heights Academy

Spending time at Cross Harbour was a great experience. We learnt about mangroves and the habitats they provide. Every last person there worked to the best of their ability opening up the creek channel.

We all had a fun experience and a really good time.

By Corenthea Johnson
Forest Heights Academy

Experience is the only word that comes to mind to describe my trip for three days to Cross Harbour. I got the opportunity to learn about Bahamian marine ecosystems and to help make this particular one better. Many would say I was crazy to go and spend three days neck-deep in mud, but for me it was not bad. The mud didn't matter, as long as I knew that my small contribution was helping. Maybe I didn't change the world, but I know this experience changed mine.

By Lisa Kemp
St. Francis de Sales School

I was a volunteer at Cross Harbour Creek to reopen the channel, but little did I know

what I was getting myself into. The experience was both educational and enlightening.

From Dr Craig Layman I learned all about life in the mangroves, as well as about the dedication and passion it takes to start and finish such a massive project.

From being knee deep in mud to pulling up massive piles of mangroves I learned first-hand about how much hard work it took to complete this project.

It wasn't all about hard work, but also about meeting new people, experiencing new things and having fun while learning. I will forever cherish my memories and experiences at Cross Harbour because it

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Students from several schools assisted in the creek restoration project. They were directed by Dr. Craig Layman, who organized the operation for Friends of the Environment. These students from Forest Heights Academy are being coached on their work. In the background is the channel that the students opened.

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Flowing Creek Allows Fish Movement

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taught me a valuable life lesson: "Hard work, dedication and a helping hand can get the job done... no matter the task"

*By Brandon Weatherford
Man-O-War Primary School*

When we went to Cross Harbour, we had lots of fun. We saw a blue hole but we did not go in it. We walked around it. We got to the place where we had to pull out man-

groves. There were lots of them. We pulled them out so that the little fish could swim freely through the water. We learned that mangroves are important to the lives of fish and birds, but too many mangroves in some places are not good.

*By Jeremy Pleydell-Bouverie
Grade 2 Man-O-War Primary School*

I enjoyed volunteering to work at Cross Harbour. I pulled out mangroves to clear a creek bed so that water will flow and fish can swim in and out with the tide. We put a

tag in a fish to follow where it goes. It was a really fun day.

By Alton Janes

Grade 2 Man-O-War Primary School

My visit to Cross Harbour was cool. I helped tag some fish. When Dr. Craig tagged the fish, it was good to see that the fish wasn't harmed. On my second visit, the creek had changed a lot. We had fun removing the mangroves together.

By Andrew Janes

Grade 5 Man-O-War Primary School

I was surprised by the amount of knowledge that Dr. Layman had of the sea life. I liked tagging fish, taking samples from them and catching them. This was a fun way to learn and help the environment. I was able to see Cross Harbour before the culverts were put in and after. The changes I saw were remarkable. The current of the creek passing through the culverts was impressive.

By James Boyce

Hope Town School Grade 4

I have been to Cross Harbour twice. The first time I went fishing and tagged fish. The next time I went on a field trip with my class. We pulled out mangroves so the

water could flow to the ocean. It was very fun. I want to go back and kayak through the creek.

By Noah Albury

Hope Town School, Grade 5

We were pulling out mangroves so that fish could swim into the creeks to lay their eggs. I liked pulling out the mangroves near the blue hole the best. It was deep and we could swim. The mud smelt bad! I felt good being able to help the fish.

By Ben Patterson

Hope Town School, Grade 5

I loved falling in the blue hole, but it was also nice that we cleared the mangroves out so that the water could flow through. Afterwards we went to a beach to get the mud off. We had a great lunch, then got back on the bus for the long ride home.

By Albert and His Mom, Bonnie Hall

Hope Town

I was excited to be able to accompany my son and his schoolmates on their recent trip to Cross Harbour to help clear the channel. We both found it to be a rewarding and

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After the culverts were put in place, the hard work began of removing mangrove roots to allow a free flow of water through the entire area that had been closed off for the past 60-70 years. These students laboured hard but found it rewarding as they could see the difference in the flow of water almost immediately.



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Fish Are Moving to New Areas of Creek

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educational experience. He particularly enjoyed getting wet and muddy and learning about how and why the scientists are tagging fish.

I was amazed to see the difference in the water flow from the time we began working until the time we left. It also provided the opportunity for a history lesson as the remains of the dock used by the lumber ships can still be seen along the shore where we picnicked.

The trip was a wonderful chance for everyone - parents, students and teach-

ers - to learn about our environment and actually participate in helping it. We both would love to go back to the site and see how "our" section of the channel is doing. Albert said it was the best field trip he had ever been on.

By Laura Albury

Hope Town School Grade 6

We took the ferry to Marsh Harbour and got on the school bus for a two-hour ride. The roads were so narrow that branches were scraping the sides of the bus. Then it started raining and thundering. Once we got there, it was barely raining, so we started our restoration project. We cleared LOADS of man-

groves and we were all proud of the job we had done. The funniest part was when Mrs. Key was pulling a mangrove and fell right over soaking herself! Even though we were as mucky as ever, it was all worth it because it was for the environment.

By Aly Boyce

Hope Town School, Grade 6

The project was really fun...and really dirty, but that was most of the fun. We took a long hour and a half bus ride down to Cross Harbour on a very rainy day. The day started out with us falling in the mud. The funniest part was Mrs. Key, our teacher, falling in the mud! It was really

cool when we pulled out the last mangrove and all of the water rushed all around us.

A Principal Gives Her Assessment

By Candace Key

Hope Town School Principal

Mud Madness, WOW! What a day we had! My phone started ringing at 6:30 that morning with parents asking if we were still going on such a rainy day. I called my sister who lives on Tilloo for a very scientific report:

"Jane, please go out on your porch and

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Before



Before - the water is shallow and filled with mangroves. If left without begin disturbed, this area of the creek would become filled in. Fish in this area are completely landlocked and will not develop normally.

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Students Learn Conservation First Hand

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look down past Snake Cay area - how does it look?" She replied "Clearer than anywhere else." That was it. We loaded on the ferry and took off for our adventure!

After all, isn't observation a part of the scientific process we teach? I was a bit worried that the kids' massive food supply would not hold out for the hour and a half bus ride to the Cross Harbour site. Hungry kids are not happy kids! But the bus trip was a blast and our patient driver, Mr. Bootle, had a sound system on the bus to soothe even the most savage soul! That was the part of the ride the Abaco Central High and Hope Town School teachers liked best!

When we arrived at Cross Harbour, which is a popular boat launching area used by locals on a side road off the long road to Hole-in-the-Wall Lighthouse, Dr. Craig Leyman, project director of the restoration project, met us to explain our mission. We were to clear out mangroves in the assigned area to promote the clear flow of water back and forth from the sea to allow the mangroves to once again do their thing to nurture and protect young sea life forms.

Pulling out mangroves was a bit of a problem at first for Hope Town School students as we teachers preach "Save the mangroves - they are nature's nursery" at every chance we get. However, they learned we were actually helping by creating a

swathe in them so they COULD protect.

It was then that I realized I had made a big mistake in the note I sent to parents explaining the trip. I very seriously stated that any child stepping foot on the ferry WOULD participate in this working, mucky field trip venture and there was to be no whining! All I really needed to say was "Parents, please sign below - your child is going to play in mud." I had clearly forgotten the tight connection between kids and mud!

With Dr. Leyman in the lead, we all took the plunge into the wetland. I had also forgotten how loud high school girls can scream - much louder than primary school girls! Yes, it was mucky, smelly, cold and full of little creatures - isn't that what it is supposed to be?

As our tightly tied-on shoes sank and filled with good ol' mangrove mud, I shook my head and smiled at how women of any age will blindly follow a handsome man anywhere. During the day I heard a few "Do you think he's married?" comments - I won't tell who asked!

Dr. Leyman was clearly cut out for his project - he had very long legs and he was also very tall. These things are essential if you work in mangrove swamps. He seemed to glide over the mud, unlike stubby me who was sinking up to my knees at every step. I wondered if there was any bottom to this mud and how deep I would really sink and if everyone would walk away and leave

the mean ol' principal there if I really did get stuck.

The fun started and I soon forgot my worries. The kids worked very hard at pulling mangroves and at tricking the teachers to fall in blue holes and very yucky mud patches - all of which we "fell" for. The day was soon over. We had reached our goal and trudged quietly out of the mud and onto shore to wash off in the sea.

One of my students marveled at how soft her skin felt from the mud. Could I actually retire from teaching to create Mangrove Mud Masks as a business? Our friends Phoebe Gale and Nan Kenyon called us to give us the strength for the hour and a half trip back to civilization.

Was it worthwhile? You bet! As soon as

we cleared the area, it was surprising how quickly the water flowed through. Already we saw signs of our work paying off.

Thanks to Friends of the Environment for this working field trip and to Dr. Leyman for caring about our mangroves, Mr. Bootle for being willing to help with transportation and to our volunteers and moms who accompanied us. And let's not forget the parents who allowed their clean children to go and return the dirtiest they will ever be without even one complaint. Our environment is the better for all of you.

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Central Abaco News

Abaco Dog Training Club Holds Obedience Trials

By Kim Roberts

The first Bahamas Kennel Club sanctioned Obedience Trials were held in Abaco on the weekend of May 19th - 21st by the Abaco Dog Training Club. Three dogs came in from Nassau and four dogs from Marsh Harbour were entered. The judges were Jon and Carol Mett from Savannah, Georgia.

There were trials held in Novice, Open, Rally Novice and Rally Advanced.

There are three main stages of obedience, Novice, Open and Utility. A dog must receive three qualifying scores of 170 points or more out of a possible score of 200 with at least half the points for each exercise. The dog must receive three qualifying scores or "legs" to be awarded a title.

In Rally the dog must have three qualifying scores of at least 70/100 to receive a title.

In Novice Obedience, the dog must be

able to heel on leash, complete a figure eight on leash, stand for examination by the judge, heel off leash, complete a recall, a one-minute sit stay and a three-minute down stay.

In Open Obedience, the dog must heel off leash, complete a figure eight off leash, complete a drop on recall, retrieve a dumb-bell on flat, over the high jump, complete a broad jump, a three-minute out of sight of handler sit stay and a five-minute out of sight of the handler down stay.

In Rally Obedience the dog and handler perform a series of exercises on a course laid out by the judge; Rally Novice is performed on leash; and Rally Advanced is performed off leash.

All of the entrants went home with at least one title!

Katie, a 4-year-old Shetland sheepdog owned and handled by Maureen Koepp, received one leg in open and her Rally Novice title.



This is a talented Border Collie named Skye from Nassau owned by Andrew and Lynn Gape. They came to Abaco specifically to enter their dog in the Obedience Trials held on May 21.

Maya, a 5-year-old Golden Retriever owned and handled by Kim Sturrup-Roberts, received her Rally Advanced title.

India, a 19 month-old Shetland sheepdog mix owned and handled by Amanda Darville, received her Novice title and her Rally Novice title.

Splash, a 1 year old Standard Poodle owned and handled by Maureen Koepp, received her Novice title and her Rally Novice title.

Skye, a 5 year old Border Collie owned and handled by Lynn Gape from Nassau, received his Rally Advanced title.

Foxy, a 3 year old Potcake owned and handled by Tonya Sturrup-Gay from Nassau, received her Novice title and her Rally Novice title.

Rev, a 5 year old Border Collie owned and handled by Cory Marchildon from Nassau, received his Novice title and his Rally Novice title.

Maya and Skye are the first dogs in The Bahamas to hold a Rally Advanced title.

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Court Decision Dismisses Murder Charges Against Girl

A minor girl, three days before her 14th birthday, was charged with the murder of her 17-year-old boyfriend. The incident took place in the Mud, immigrant area in Marsh Harbour on August 28, 2005, after a heated dispute between the two young persons. The argument may have been about her being displaced by another girl.

The girl was arrested and charged with murder by the local police at the Marsh Harbour Police Station. However, a minor child under 14 years of age should not be

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Much interest was shown in the first Obedience Trials for dogs held on Abaco sanctioned by the Bahamas Kennel Club. Participants and their handlers are shown above. Two dogs gained the recognition of earning the title of Rally Advanced, the first dogs in The Bahamas to qualify.

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charged with murder. After the girl confessed to her former school disciplinarian and assistant principal, she was remanded to the school for girls in Fox Hill, Nassau.

During the time she was at the girl's school, her home in the Mud burned down in a massive fire in November 2005 so she remained at the girls' school.

The Magistrate found that there was no evidence of a prime facie case to be sent to the jury.

According to girl's lawyer, the murdered boy's parents made a plea to the judge in favor of the girl.

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tion. But some people had more thoughtful assessments.

"From what I've been hearing, the proposal covered too broad a spectrum," according to Vernon Malone, proprietor of Vernon's Grocery at Hope Town, a local meeting place. "Lots of people agreed with some of the items, but not all. I felt it was a good starting point and if it comes up again there will probably be more response. And voting on specific points would be better."

Others we spoke to agreed that the "all or nothing" approach was a mistake - even though the proposal as drafted was only a first step and could easily have been modified later on. Some supporters blamed ignorance for the measure's defeat, arguing that people simply didn't take the time to understand.

But the quality of life issues that the White Paper and bye-laws attempted to address will not go away. In fact, they will only get worse. Those issues include waste disposal, pollution and abuse of the environment, the destruction of historic homes and neighbourhoods, inappropriate develop-

ment, overcrowding and congestion, and rank commercialisation.

Most people agree that there have to be some regulatory controls to deal with these matters. And the examples of Harbour Island and Bimini are most often cited.

On Bimini, a huge resort development was planned on 700 acres. Although later scaled down, a large expanse of the north island has been stripped bare to make way for luxury homes, condos, and a casino. The island's lagoon has been dredged for a 136-slip marina and much of the rest of the seven-mile-long cay is set aside for a golf course.

Harbour Island, one of the oldest settlements in The Bahamas, is suffering from an acute case of overdevelopment. It's less than four miles long, but has become so chic that the rich and famous are now commonplace, land prices are out of sight and commercialisation is gradually undermining the community's authentic heritage and appeal.

Perhaps most observers would agree that the development at Baker's Bay on Great Guana Cay is unlikely have the same kind of impact as what is taking place on Bimini and Harbour Island. Yet, although there was fierce opposition to the Baker's Bay Club from some Guana Cay residents, most went ahead and voted against the District Council's attempt to set up planning controls.

Sometimes you can't win for losing. "We don't want to go the way that Harbour Island is going," said Chief Councillor Wayne Hall. "The central government was watching this vote very closely. They realise they can't handle everything at the local level, but we have to take the power - they are not going to give it to us."

"If the bye-laws had passed, we would have had to fight to get them legislated by the central government, but I believe it could have been done."

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32 district councils outside of New Providence. And Abaco - the country's third biggest economy - now has about a quarter of that total. From three districts just 10 years ago, Abaco now has seven councils.

The seven-member Hope Town council has responsibility for Elbow Cay, Man-O-War Cay and Guana Cay. And for good measure, they get to look after Lubbers Quarters, Tilloo Cay, Lynyard Cay and a few small inhabited islets in-between.

Councillors are elected for a three-year term with the chief councillor indirectly elected by the council. Hope Town and the other smaller districts take on the responsibilities of the larger councils and are also responsible for the functions of the statutory boards. All councils must hold at least one quarterly public meeting. Local authorities are funded entirely by transfer payments from central government.

The record of achievement since 1996 has been mixed, and improvements to the system are clearly needed. According to one report we've seen, "Local government has maintained its autonomy and has had a significant positive impact on communities (although) at present its functions are relatively limited."

As Abaconian publisher Dave Ralph noted recently, "It does not take a trained economist to note that Abaco is experienc-

ing phenomenal growth. As the economy continues to expand, problems are coming to light that government must begin addressing...With our rapid growth some thought must be given to our future."

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Murphy Town Reflects on Its Past

Bluff Point

From Page 4

499 white folks shipwrecked at Bists Cay or Burrows Cay. Everyone aboard the ship went in different directions. The blacks went along the west coast of Abaco and the whites towards the southern cays," he explained.

A group of black people reached a deserted area on the south side of Abaco, settled there and called it Bluff Point. For

over 100 years, they lived there fishing, farming and raising their families as a very tight community. The turning point for the residents of Bluff Point was the devastating hurricane of 1932, but it was not until nine years later that they were relocated to the settlement of Murphy Town.

Mr. Roland Swain remembered his school days there. "The first teachers were Mr. Varans and Mr. Bartlett. The last one was Mr. Reckley. I graduated here," he

said. "I missed the way of life on Bluff Point. I had my own boat and went sponging. We brought the sponges to shores, dried them, then packed them and bagged them to send them to Nassau."

Mr. Swain, who still drives his taxi around the Marsh Harbour area, has done a lot of research about the history of Abaco and is still compiling information.

A temporary kitchen area had been set at the bottom of the bluff. Two stone fire pits were lit and on one of them a huge pot of peas was boiling."It is for the bonavis soup," explained Mrs. Sandra Laing, while cutting slices of sweet potato bread. Another food helper, Mrs. Ethelyn Darville,

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Food following the old recipes handed down from the ladies of Bluff Point was enjoyed by the Murphy Town people who went to their ancestral home. For some who were born there, it was their first trip back to see where their families came from.



These young ladies are exploring the ruins of the Bluff Point area. Behind them is a wall of the Baptist Church of the settlement which was the heart of this close-knit community.

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Cays *From Page 21*

Morefield. The *Wolf* took passengers on a daily excursions on the Sea of Abaco.

Visitors from Key West this year included Norma Jean Sawyer-Atanda, president of the Bahamian-Conch Community Land Trust, which aims to preserve Afro-Bahamian culture. After the abolition of slavery in the US in 1863, many Americans, Cubans and Bahamians of African descent moved to Key West. The Trust renovates houses built by these people and helps provide low-cost housing on land owned by the Trust.

Another Bahamian descendent was Sheila Sands, a fifth-generation Key Wester whose family came from Rock Sound, Eleuthera. She has many cousins from New Plymouth.

City Commissioner Lopez, who offered Administrator Donald Cash the key to the City of Key West, is also of Bahamian descent, and many more visitors of Bahamian origin were among the visitors.

The Conch Republic's officials invited Bahamians to visit Key West next April for the anniversary of its founding, demonstrating that the bond between the two cities has never been stronger.

Championship *From Page 1*

scores of 107-80 and 96-84.

Mr. Mills said the big story in this series was his point guard and power forward, Dwayne "Pa" Adderley, who scored the most points in the tournament. During the series in Nassau, Dwayne single-handedly scored 130 points. In the three-game series on Abaco he scored a total of 127 points bringing his scoring to an unbelievable 257 points in seven games over four days.

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a descendent of Bluff Point residents, was dishing out stew fish that had cooked on the other pit. A third helper was cutting cassava and potato bread. All the food was prepared according to old recipes that had been passed on by residents of Bluff Point. And it was delicious.

During the ceremony Bishop R. Swain reviewed the history of the settlement, and Bishop Junior Williams gave an overview of the event. Mr. William Swain offered an invocation. Soon it was 5 p.m. and by that time most people were gone. Mr. William Swain estimated that approximately 400 showed up for the gathering on Bluff Point. The following day a service was held at Bethany Gospel Chapel during which Pastors Roland Swain and William Swain as well

as Chief Councillor Cubel Davis expressed thanks for the success of the gathering.

Seminar *From Page 29*

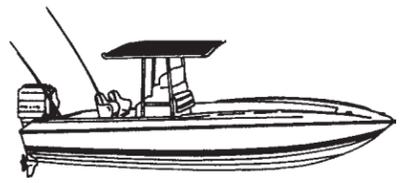
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North *From Page 13*

students were sent home early. At this time in the school year this is NOT needed as the students already got a late start into the school year. Your decisions don't just affect you, they affect all of us.

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More Letters to the Editor

Letters

From Page 9

horned between the existing runway and the existing facilities, but from where come tie downs and a departing /arriving aircraft ramps?

The best solution would seem to be starting a new runway starting south of the west end on the existing strip and run it at 130/150 degrees for 6,000 or more feet. This could be completed in its entirety, along with necessary taxi ways, while the existing runway would still be used as it is now. The new runway could then be used as a runway / taxiway while the existing runway is replaced and becomes the taxi way

Do we have another politically expedient solution to a problem which has for many years been given lip service only by those who hold the purse strings?

If Abaco were allowed to retain say 25 percent of the total revenue its generates and had some really meaningful input into local infrastructure, it could show the way for the rest of The Bahamas!

Without Winding Bay and Baker's Bay this area has continued to have investment expansion. I wish no ill will to either of the mentioned projects. However, we should bear in mind - The bigger they are the harder they fall. Remember the sugar plantation?

Quo Vadis

On Our New State-of-the-Art Sanitary Land Fill

Dear Editor,

Further information on this proposed new site for our garbage indicates that each area will have a waterproof lining and will be covered as each trench is filled. A couple of questions as to the future of this project.

Are pipes being inserted into the fill to

collect the methane generated from decomposition? This is a flammable gas which could be used to generate electricity. It is much cleaner burning than diesel fuel and the cost is FREE.

Question number two. When these trenches are filled and "sealed" over a period of time, they will fill with water from rainfall. Will the water be pumped off and purified or will it, like a lot of other items, when nobody is looking be allowed to overflow right into the fresh water lens - the source of our drinking water?

It would seem that this was conceived by a group of civil servants and experts who have simply not given any thought to the future complications of this site. Was any consideration given to the underlying fresh water lens and just how it works? Or was this group directed by their political bosses to get this problem out of sight and out of mind??

Looks like the old colonial mind set is still alive and well - it just moved from London to Nassau! Is there ever any local input into these problems?

Quo Vadis

Lawmakers or Lawbreakers?

Dear Editor,

Recently an incident occurred that is very disturbing. Two Great Guana Cay men were asked to come to the police station for questioning, in reference to a stolen boat. To my knowledge, no official charges were made against either individual. Before questioning began, the men were put in separate areas. One was questioned according to standard procedures, while the other was hand-cuffed and brutalized as other officers stood by watching and laughing. This individual had to seek medical attention after being released. He was told that if he had been hit just an

inch higher on his side, it would have broken his ribs and caused his lung to be punctured.

Why did the police use physical abuse on one and not the other? Were other people involved? Perhaps the police are taking the advice and/or money from private citizens?

It is my understanding that the police are paid by the public sector, not the private. This incident is not the first to have happened in Marsh Harbour in recent months. Several other individuals have been beaten while in custody, and after their release they have had to seek medical attention, as well. How far is this going to go? Is it going to take a disability or death to stop this?

Remember people, this could be your son or brother. The concept of "dirty" cops isn't new; it has existed for as long as there have been lawmakers and lawbreakers. My question is, what gives the police the right to break the very laws that they are sworn to uphold?

Concerned Citizen

What Is Etiquette?

Dear Editor,

What ever happened to good manners? According to Merriam Webster etiquette is the form required by good breeding or prescribed by authority to be observed in social or official life. Emily Post said she was confident that our children, if they come from homes of charm and graciousness, will in turn make charming and gracious homes of their own. Yet how many today even remember her profound teachings?

So, what is good breeding, social behaviour, charm and graciousness. They are training or education through ancestry as well

as the observances of proper behaviour. One that pleases through compelling attractiveness. An act of kindness, clemency or mercy. And, consideration, whatever happened to consideration? It is explained as thoughtful and sympathetic regard for one another. Surely, we have not lost all these wonderful attributes in just one generation?

Very seldom do you receive a hand written thank you card, let alone a "Good Morning" or "How are you?" And forget "please" and "thank you." You are more apt to get a blank stare or "what you want" than a "may I help you or do you need something." Common courtesy seems to be a thing of the past. How did this happen? Who is at fault? Did we do it to ourselves? Did we laugh when our children or grandchildren did something rude or threw a tantrum in a public place. Did we give in to them, make excuses for them or just ignore them? They must have thought it was all right because they kept doing it.

Is there by any chance a magic wand somewhere that can be waved to bring things back to a kinder, gentler time when people helped their neighbour and respected authority and practiced common courtesy. It seems as if the world really is going to h— in a hand basket. Can't we all step back one pace, realize our own contribution to this downfall, stop and look at what is happening to us and decide to, at least, make our own little corner a better place. If every day each one of us can make only one small change, after a while, all the small changes will result in major changes. We owe it too ourselves, those who come after us and all those around us who we touch every day.

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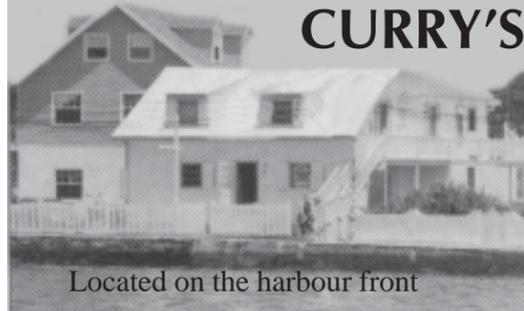
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One way adult \$7 (Children \$3) • Round trip \$12 Extra to some destinations	

Abaco Adventures	
• Ph 365-8749 VHF Ch 16	
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday Lv 12 & returns 4:45 p.m. \$25 RT	
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T Cay to Guana Cay Sunset Cruise - Fr \$25 , call for time	
Pinder's Ferry Service Between Abaco & Grand Bahama -	
Crown Haven, Abaco to McLean's Town, Grand Bah. -Daily 7:00 am & 2:30 pm	
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Fare \$45 OW / \$90 RT • Children half fare • Call Abaco 365-2356 for information	
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From Freeport take cruise ship to Ft. Lauderdale or ferry to West Palm Beach	

Points of Interest	
Walker's Cay	Closed
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	45 F 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32 F 365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15 365-4531
Other Shore Club	12 F 365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10 F 365-4033

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Treasure Cay Marina	150 F 365-8250
Man-O-War	
Man-O-War Marina	26 F 365-6008
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Boat Harbour Marina	183 F 367-2736
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Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
Sea Spray Resort Boat Rentals	366-0065
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069
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Cas's Carts	365-8771
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Moore's Island Band Receives Instruments Abaco Police Supplied Instruments for the New Band

By Mirella Santillo

In June 2005 the Abaco Police Community Youth Marching Band was created under the leadership of ASP Wayne Miller, supported by the Director of the Police Band for the Bahamas, Supt. Sylvester George. The band now comprises approximately 38 children ranging age six to teens and two music teachers from Abaco Central High School, Ms. Denise Gadsby and Ms. Tessa Williams-Pantin.

On May 21st, 2006, all the band members, smartly dressed, met at Central Abaco Primary School to board the bus which was to take them to Sandy Point. They were going to present to the young people instruments. There were accompanied by parents, friends and supporters.

In Sandy Point everyone boarded the *Sea Horse IV*, a ferry that carried them to Moore's Island. Local police officials, such as ASP Miller, Sgt. Cash, Supt. George, who had come from Nassau for the occasion, Mr. "Stretch" Morley, the Youth Coordinator for Abaco, along with Mr. Roderik Bowe, Administrator for South Abaco, Mr. Gary Sawyer and Mrs. Jo-Ann Bradley.

The delegation was met on the dock of



The youth of Moore's Island involved in a newly formed band were excited to receive band instruments on May 21. A large group of the Central Abaco Community Youth Band along with police officers and others traveled to their island to present the gifts. Both bands are being organized by police officers and both bands marched for the spectators, showing off their newly acquired skills.

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Marsh Harbour Airport Will Close for Six+ Weeks in October

Renovations to the Marsh Harbour airport was the main topic at a meeting on May 23 of the Tourism Task Force on airports and transportation.

Paving the existing runway at the airport is now scheduled for the cooler weather in October and should be completed in six to eight weeks. During this period the runway will be closed, and all aircraft will be diverted to the Treasure Cay airport 28 miles to the north. This period was selected to cause minimal disruption

to the central Abaco business community.

Tourism personnel and others at this meeting were concerned with this proposed closure. Tourism's management on Abaco will contact their superiors in Nassau to see if the scope of the project can be revised to avoid closing the airport.

The low ridge of hills at the west end of the airport will provide all the necessary

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Price Right Is Buying Solomon's SuperCenter

Solomon's SuperCenter in Marsh Harbour is being acquired by its main retail competitor, Price Right. The employees have been notified of the impending change and there are minor references to the purchase in other newspapers.

The Abaco Markets management in Nassau has made various statements in the past

about its Marsh Harbour store under-performing for several years. Selling this facility allows Abaco Markets to concentrate on their core Nassau businesses.

Price Right had cleared several acres on

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Banquet Honours Hubert Ingraham



The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, Member of Parliament for North Abaco and former prime minister, was honoured at a banquet on May 27 at Abaco Beach Resort. Three hundred fifty people heartily thanked him with words and gifts for all he has done for Abaco. He is shown here with his wife Delores being congratulated by Anne Albury of Treasure Cay. See story on page 4.

Six Graduates Receive Diplomas



Agape Christian School in Marsh Harbour held its fourth commencement service on May 26. The proud graduates are Beth Albury, Matthew Bethel, Lenae Brown, Cecil Grant, Akeva Lightbourne, Myles Roberts, Trenire Wells and Tiffany Williams.

By Portia Jonsson

Under the theme *Beyond Imagination*, eight graduates of Agape Christian School walked proudly and held their heads high as they received their diplomas on May 26th at New Visions Ministries.

Mrs. Cecile Albury, principal, reminded the graduating class that *Beyond Imagination* is where God takes us when we walk with Him. Thirteen years ago, she said, a dream began with prayer, research, pro-

posals and more prayer. Looking at each of the graduates, Mrs. Albury continued, saying history is being made for Agape Christian School, as they are the largest and most diverse graduating class to grace the hallways with the variation of their personalities, abilities and future.

These eight young people have demonstrated how contrast and similarity in

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Youth Bands Develop Discipline and Skills

Moore's Island

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Hard Bargain by newcomers and by the newly formed Moore's Island Youth Band. The two bands, followed by the delegation and the town people, left the dock, playing and marching through the settlement towards the basketball court where the ceremony took place, orchestrated by MC Randy Davis. Everyone stood at attention while the visiting marching band played the National Anthem. Mr. Gary Sawyer, whose company had been a major financial contributor of the bands, exhorted the parents of Moore's Island to support their children with this new endeavor:

"Support your children. They are the future of our country and of your island," he said. He thanked ASP Miller for what he had started.

In his address, ASP Miller requested the support of the parents and introduced Supt. Sylvester George, "the architect of the best band in the country, the Royal Bahamas Police Marching Band."

"We need the Moore's Island band to grow quickly," he said. He urged them to keep practicing. "You get better as you keep practicing." He mentioned that the children or parents will have to pay for the instruments because "if you pay for them, you'll

take better care of them."

Administrator Bowe was "very excited about what was happening in Moore's Island." He encouraged the children to study music, but at the same time to keep their school grades up. "Keep studying and keep drumming and you'll be number one in the world," he urged, reminding them of all the famous singers and musicians who had gained international fame.

The guest of honor, Supt. George took the stand, saying how delighted he was to be on Moore's Island. He acknowledged, "The presentation of the musical instruments to the Moore's Island Youth Band is a milestone in the existence of the program. This program has really come a long way. I can remember when it was just an idea on the minds of many concerned residents of this island. Thanks God, today it is a reality," he said.

Addressing the youth, he said, "Today for the first time you will actually have those instruments in your hands, and I know in your hearts what you are feeling. You are anxious to play them and get some sounds out of them. Youth Bands are very good for any community in that they help create and maintain an atmosphere of harmony among its residents. When a youth band is smartly dressed and marches through a com-



A large group went to Moore's Island to present the band members there with instruments. Some of these included ASP Wayne Miller, Abaco's Police Chief and the one who organized the bands, Mrs. Jo-Ann Bradley, volunteer help with the band; Mr. Gary Sawyer, who has donated funding for the instruments; Supt. Sylvester George, Director of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band; Mr. Roderik Bowe, Administrator for South Abaco; and two Moore's Island residents.

munity on any occasion, it draws people together and it is like the glue that keeps the community intact."

He, too, urged the parents to support the children and ensure that they attend practice and encouraged all the young persons in the community who are not yet members of the program to come forward and register. He congratulated the instructors and organizers of the program and ASP Miller

for his leadership into making the program a reality.

The Moore's Island Youth Band demonstrated the marching and drill skills they had acquired in barely three weeks of practice under officer Butler's coaching as they performed for the audience.

The Moore's Island All Age School's Principal, Mrs. Ruthamae Rolle, who will be in Director of the Band, thanked the delegation and said, "I am looking forward to the challenge" as she was presented with the musical instruments by Mr. Sawyer, Supt. George and ASP Miller.

The ceremony was followed by refreshments and food graciously cooked by the residents of Hard Bargain.

Two proud parents of Hard Bargain, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Davis, watched as their two daughters marched in the ceremony. The girls will respectively play the trombone and the flute. A third member of their family is making them proud. Their son, Jackson Davis Jr., who took part in the National Track and Field competitions in Nassau, placed second in the 100m race and second in the relay. Although Moore's Island is geographically set apart from the other Abaco islands, it keeps abreast of what is happening on the "mainland" and plays a very integral role as a member of the Abaco archipelago.

Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral for **Deonte Turek Cedrick Pugh**, one year, was held on May 13 at Abaco Youth Ministries in Dundas Town. Pastor Emmit Archer officiated assisted by Min. Mildred Ferguson and Elanor Darville; interment was in the Public Cemetery in Dundas Town.

He is survived by his mother Cedricka Davis; his father Deon Pugh; brother Deon Albury, grandparents Prescola and Inglis Penn and Janet and Cedric Davis and Remilda Walkes; aunts Olivia Davis, Pandora Greene, Natasha Todd, Wilsha Knowles, Keyshan and Breema, Kira Pugh,

Shascar; uncles Jabah, Cedric, Cieon Davis, Perez and Phillio Greene, Jermaine Todd, Andre Price, Deno, Ashley Moss and Ricardo; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Rodger Anderson**, 50, of Dundas Town was held on May 13 at Latter Rain Ministries in Dundas Town. Pastor Alexander Archer officiated assisted by Rev. Jerry Cornish. Interment was in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his father Reginald Anderson; sisters Estella Deveaux, Fredricka Stuart, Maisie Cartwright, Laura

Albury, Vanria Anderson and Brenda Archer; brothers Sidney Deveaux, Tyrone and Jeffrey Anderson; aunts Margaret Lewis, Gwen and Marie Hanna, Catherine Hinsey and Eufenie Coakley; uncle Leroy "Pemmy" Hanna; brothers-in-law William Albury and Alexander Archer; sister-in-law Caroline Anderson; nieces Patricia, Theresa, Sherelle, Michelle, Brenda, Karen, Natasha, Monique, Sharon, Tiffany, Charmaine, Camille, Stacey, Evanya, Crystal and Jody; nephews Vandyke, Chaz, Desmond, Ricardo, Jason, Cameron, Alex Jr, Herbrell, Kevin, Edwin, Alec, Dwayne, Taj and Jasmine; grandnieces; grandnephews; and many other relatives and friends.

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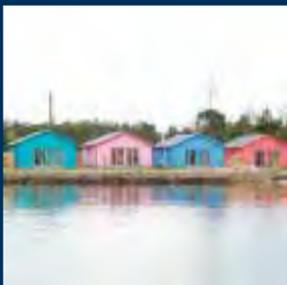
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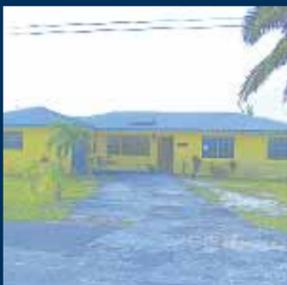
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Abaco Honours Hubert Ingraham

Abaconians together with supporters from New Providence and Grand Bahama took part in a weekend of celebrations honouring FNM Leader, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham - the highlight being a gala banquet Saturday celebrating Mr. Ingraham's contribution to Abaco and The Bahamas.

Nearly 400 persons attended the gala banquet held at the Great Abaco Club in Marsh Harbour on May 27..

"Abaconians just wanted to show our gratitude to Mr. Ingraham for all he has done for us and for the country," said Melvern Cornish, one of the weekend's organizers.

Throughout the evening Mr. Ingraham was showered with gifts and was praised not only through the kind words of various speakers, but also in song by some of

Abaco's local artists.

Mr. Ingraham thanked Abaconians for their unwavering faith in him - a faith he credits with making him the person he is today. "I am really what you have made me, Abaco," he said to those in attendance. You made me believe that I could be somebody. I am your product; I bear and wear your trademark. Together we have been places and together we have more places to go.

"Abaco told me I should run for the House; it wasn't me; it grew on me and I came to believe I could do it. That's how my political career was shaped by ordinary people but very wise people who knew the value of decency, integrity and honesty.

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The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham and Mrs. Ingraham on the right were guests of honour at a banquet held at the Abaco Beach Resort on May 27. They are seated next to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sweeting. Mr. Ingraham is MP for North Abaco while Mr. Sweeting is MP for South Abaco.

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"I want to thank you for your abiding faith that I can help to make things better for our country," Mr. Ingraham said.

The FNM Leader went on to remind Abaconians and those present about the

current state of affairs in the country, and of what they need to do to turn the tide.

"Abaco we have got a lot of work to do in the months ahead," he urged. "Abaco needs improved education and technical and vocational training for our people to ensure that we can man and do

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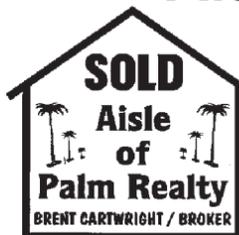
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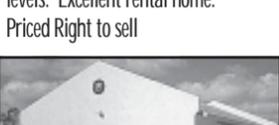
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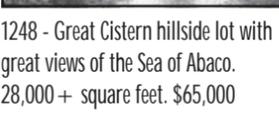
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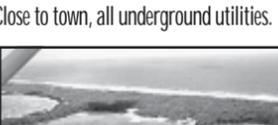
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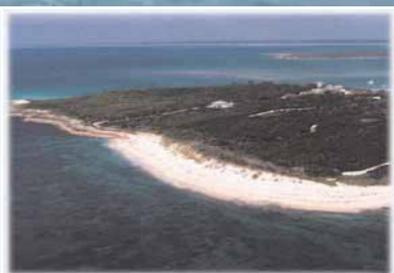
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School News

School *From Page 1*

God's creation can make life interesting, spectacular, energetic and educational. Mrs. Albury described the class of 2006 as beautiful, mischievous, lively, capable, angelic (at times), mysterious, tough and terrific. It is her prayer that they will let God show them what He has for them and let Him carry them beyond their imaginations.

In his brief remarks to the graduates, special guest speaker, Mr. Peter Brind, admonished the class to let God do the building in their lives and rejoice in the Lord always. Addressing the graduates' career choices - teaching, fishing, banking, construction and nursing, Mr. Brind told them that when they soar beyond their imaginations remember that God is able to do more

than they can ask or imagine.

The evening was filled with tears of joy and numerous trips down memory lane from teachers, graduates and parents. In addition to subject awards, certificates and trophies were awarded for Bible Memory, Perfect Attendance, Honor and Super Honor Rolls, Outstanding Students in Bahamian High Schools, Most Improved and Behavior Honor Roll.

**Agape Breaks
Ground for a Gym**

By Jennifer Hudson

The joy surrounding the groundbreaking service for the Caitlin Grace Albury Gymnasium (Grace Gym) for Agape Christian School was not dampened at all by the torrential downpours of rain on the afternoon of May 7. The programme was scheduled

to have been held on the site of the future gymnasium, but due to the inclement weather was held instead in the sanctuary of the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel which was packed to capacity for the occasion.

This was both a memorable and very moving occasion because, not only was there much joy and thankfulness that a gymnasium/auditorium was at last ready to be built on the Agape Christian School grounds, but in the fact that the building is to be named in honour of former student of the school, Caitlin Grace Albury, who sadly lost her life in a plane crash three years ago.

Administrator of Agape Christian School, Troy Albury, said that much had already been done during the previous years to prepare for the construction of this gymnasium, but that "the groundbreaking is symbolic and the service is being held to ask God's blessing on the construction itself and the people who are building it." Mr. Albury explained the reason for naming the building the Caitlin Grace Albury Gymnasium, saying, "After God called Caitlin home early, her mother requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the school.

The naming of the building after her is to both celebrate her life and a new beginning and is especially appropriate, since Caitlin's dream was to become a physical education teacher."

It must have been very hard for Caitlin's mother to get up and speak in front of the congregation as she did. She said, "It was a wonderful privilege and I felt compelled to do it." Mrs. Albury spoke very emotionally and from the heart, saying, "I am both honoured and overwhelmed that the gym is being named for my daughter. Though it was hard to give up Caitlin, God gave up his Son for us. Through the miracle of grace my heart has been healed, and I have now broken away from the terrible grief I had for three years and can now give thanks always for all things. Though I did not want to thank God at the time for the crash that took Robin and Caitlin, now I am a different woman, more spiritual, and with an intimate relationship with the Lord, which was not there before the crash."

Please see School Page 8



On May 7 the administration of the Agape Christian School broke ground for a gymnasium. It will be named the Caitlin Grace Albury Gymnasium (Grace Gym) in memory of Caitlin who lost her life in a plane crash three years ago. Shown are Mrs Cecile Albury, Principal; Mr. Troy Albury, Administrator; Mrs. Janet Albury, Caitlin's Mother; Mr. Keith Stratton; Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sawyer; and Pastor David Cartwright.

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#1926

Ocean View Cottage
Lubbers Quarters



\$518,000

Ocean view Cottage is a one of a kind tree house secluded in Lubbers Quarters Cay. On the side of Ocean view Cottage is a hill that is 50ft above sea-level. The living room w/ hardwood floors & 6 French doors which open onto a screened porch is on the main floor. The porch wraps around on 3 sides w/ an enticing view from every door to window. This charming cottage is a must see!

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More School News

School *From Page 6*

Pastor David Cartwright spoke of how Sister Janet (Caitlin's mother), Keith, her brother, who is on the Board of Deacons, Troy Albury, who is on the Board of Elders, and his wife Cecile, Principal of Agape School, and Kevin and Cathy Sawyer, had been working on putting the plans for this auditorium together for the past 12 years and all are trusting in the Lord for this venture as they trusted in the Lord for the groundbreaking for the school.

At the close of this service of hymns and Scripture readings of thanksgiving, a prayer of dedication was offered asking a blessing on the property and the building programme, and prayers were offered for the safety of all concerned in its construction.

By this time the rain had ceased and the congregation was able to make its way down the hill to the site of the new gymnasium where the six people who had been instrumental in planning its construction broke ground and Pastor David Cartwright asked the Lord's blessing.

Following the groundbreaking ceremony the congregation returned to the sanctuary to enjoy a programme performed by the

choir and drama club of Agape School. This excellently executed programme portrayed the whole of the Easter story and was previously performed by the students during Easter. The programme opened with some delightful bell-ringing with which the choir accompanied their first song as a prelude to the dramatisation. The actors were very confident and sincere in their portrayal of the characters, and their director Sister Rhonda Bill, a music teacher at the school, is to be commended for her excellent work with the students.

St. Francis de Sales Tornadoes Compete in Nassau

The Tornado Primary Track Team traveled to Nassau for the Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Track and Field Meet held May 2 - 4. A contingent of 20 athletes competed in a two-day competition against sister schools in various events from ages 7 - 13. This year's team was a young one with most athletes experiencing their first national competition. The athletes who took part were Sheila Martinez, Deanza Cox, Diajha Cox, Parrisias Wallace, Sashoy Campbell, Fieasha Johnson, Delon Edgcombe,

Tysherson Williamson, Shaquille Telci, Abidemi Simon, Johniece Knowles, Hayley Thomas, Natalia Moxey, Christopher Smith, Cameron McIntosh, Malek Diehl, Kadeem Gibbs, Dashane Knowles, Robyn Miller, D'Andre Vilmar, Farrah Johnson and Jevaughn Brown.

- Top Finishers were:
- 2nd Place: 50 M Sprint 9-10 Girls Fieasha Johnson
 - 3rd Place: High Jump Junior Boys Shaquille Telci
 - 3rd Place: Lime and Spoon 9-10 Boys Dashane Knowles
 - 4th Place: High Jump Junior Girls Parrisias Wallace

- 4th Place: 400 M Junior Boys Delon Edgcombe
- 5th Place: 800 M Junior Girls Sheila Martinez
- 5th Place: 50 M Sprint 7-8 Girls Robyn Miller

The athletes were accompanied by their coaches, Mr. Shawn Diehl and Mrs. Jessica Brown, as well as by parents. All the athletes gained experience and are looking forward to next year's competition. The St. Francis de Sales family is very proud of the athletes.

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The Tornado Primary Track Team of St. Francis de Sales School competed in a track and field competition in Nassau and came back with many trophies.



On May 19th a raffle drawing was held at St. Francis de Sales School in Marsh Harbour. The raffle fund raiser was organized by the PTA to aid in the purchase of new computers for the school's computer lab. The lab has computers presently but all are not in good working condition. Each student was given responsibility for one raffle book and was given one free ticket for effort. This was a great event and the PTA as well as the school administrators were very pleased with the amount of money raised.

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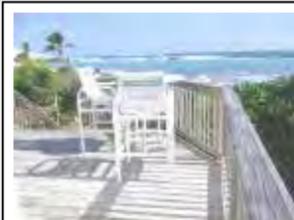


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More School News

School *From Page 8*

The school is very grateful to the many individuals who helped make it possible for the athletes to participate in the meet, including Mr. Andrew Albury, Mr. Robert Sweeting and parents for their generous donations.

Abaco's Outstanding Sixth Graders Were Recognized Nationally

By Anita Rolle

The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation, which recognizes students for excellent academic achievement, leadership ability, campus and community involvement and good citizenship, recently honored several students from Abaco. The Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program is a national awards

recognition program for sixth graders in The Bahamas and was the idea of Mr. Ricardo P. Deveaux, Distinguished Charter President of the Nassau, Bahamas Pan-Hellenic Council.

In November 2005 the Foundation presented each primary school in New Providence, Grand Bahama and the Family Islands with application packages to nominate students deserving of national recognition as top students in the country. Eighty-two primary schools accepted this opportunity to have their students recognized.

This year 158 students were nominated to represent their schools in the 10th annual Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program. These students represented New Providence, Grand Bahama, Abaco, Acklins, Andros, Bimini, Eleuthera, Inagua and Long Island.

Students representing Abaco included: Laura Albury, Hope Town Primary School; Aly Boyce, Hope Town Primary School; Ieisha Cornish, Cooper's Town Primary; Barbrianna Dawkins, Central Abaco Primary; Tremiece Martin, Central Abaco Primary; Jaleesa Russell, Fox Town Primary; Antwanee Smith, Cooper's Town Primary; and Tamerah Rolle, Fox Town Primary.

Each applicant was required to submit a completed application form; a 300 word essay on the topic *Why I Should Be Chosen Primary School Student of the Year*, a copy of his report card for the past two years; photos; newspaper clippings, copies of awards and certificates for the past two years; and three letters of recommendation.

Since its inception the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Program has provided recognition for over 500 outstanding students and presented over \$70,000 in scholarship and prizes.

The 2006 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year overall winner was announced on May 20 at a National Student

of the Year Awards Ceremony held at the Diplomat Center. Abaco and the other Family Island students were guests of honor at a medal presentation and reception held at Government House on May 19. The 2006 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year, George Zonicle, a student of Bahamas Academy in New Providence, received a \$5,000 scholarship and a new computer. In addition, all the 2006 nominees will share nearly \$50,000 in scholarships and prizes.

An independent panel of judges headed by His Excellency Dr. Davidson Hepburn, former United Nations Ambassador, reviewed the application packages submitted and determined the overall winner.

Two Hope Town Students Are Honored

By Lindsey Delaplaine

The Bahamas Primary School Students of the Year Foundation honored two Hope Town School students this spring. Aly Boyce and Laura Albury were chosen to be



Laura Albury and Aly Boyce were honoured by the community of Hope Town for being recognized as outstanding sixth grade students. They traveled to Nassau where it was announced that they placed 12th and 24th in a group of 158 students who were nominated.

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in the top category of 30 to receive a medal, a trophy and scholarships. Laura placed 12th and received a \$1,000 scholarship and Aly placed 24th and received \$500. Only one other school in the Bahamas had two students selected for this honor.

The students were nominated by Principal Candace Key, who put together portfolios for each of them. The girls flew to Nassau with their families and Principal Key the weekend of May 20th for the awards. On Thursday night, at Government House, the Nassau finalists were awarded trophies and medals; Friday night the Family Island students were honored with the same. However, Saturday was the big night when the

top 30 students' names were announced. "There was a lot of nervous anticipation," said Laura. "We knew that we were finalists, but neither of us knew if we were in the top thirty."

Principal Key said of the night, "The whole experience was thrilling. The ceremonies were done so professionally. Going to Nassau, meeting the delegates and ultimately having both girls receive scholarships was the highlight of an already exciting year."

When the students returned to Hope Town, they were surprised by a golf cart parade through town honoring their achievements.

Both students will be attending Forest Heights Academy next year.

Local Teachers attend National Trust Marine

Workshop

By Candace Key

Mr. Jim Richards, representing Forest Heights Academy and Friends of the Environment (third row), and Mrs. Candace Key (second row) from Hope Town school, recently traveled to Nassau to attend a marine education workshop sponsored by The Bahamas National Trust and The American Museum of National History. The workshop was supported by the Ministry of Education's Science and Technology Division.

The two Abaco educators were joined at the National Trust's Retreat by educators from other islands, Ministry of Education officials, representatives from The Nature Conservancy, the BEST Commission and officers from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The members worked on critiquing and providing feedback on a soon-

to-be-published teacher resource manual for teaching grades 2-6 (although material included could be adapted to any level) about marine conservation. The manual titled *Treasures in the Sea - Our Bahamian Marine Resources*, uses economically important resources - grouper, conch and crawfish - in specific lessons to help teachers explain important marine concepts and conservation strategies.

The manual has been carefully engineered to complement the Ministry's Primary Science Curriculum with thorough integration throughout all subjects. This *Treasure* will be a welcome addition to all primary teachers' resource material.

Interactive Music Workshop

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Teachers from all over The Bahamas gathered in Nassau to work on a manual for teaching marine conservation for students in grades 2-6. Abaco teachers who attended were Mr. Jim Richards and Mrs. Candace Key.



Sometimes teachers return to school as students. These Abaco teachers attended a workshop under the direction of Mr. Enzil Cooper, the music teacher at S.C. Bootle High School, who instructed them in how to teach music education to their students. They learned to play instruments that students can use in the classrooms and learned music theory.

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Excites Teachers!

By Candace Key

This workshop was so lively that even the picture of the school on the cover of the workshop program was dancing and singing a tune! The hall of St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Dundas Town was filled to capacity by teachers anxious to participate in what was billed as *An Introduction to Music Education for Primary Teachers*. The excited presenter, Mr. Enzil Cooper, the music teacher at S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town, wasted no time getting right to the subject. In short order he had the teachers up and parading around the room singing, dancing and laughing out loud. Those attending learned how to in-

struct students in the use of several instruments, a background in music theory, creating songs, understanding rhythm, vocal lessons and a practicum session in the afternoon.

During the workshop teachers learned some very important facts about music. Reports show that children who are exposed to music education and have an interest in that subject have improved test scores in all areas. Other studies show it helps to improve self-esteem and emotional health and helps students better understand other subjects. Music involvement uses a different area of the brain than oral subjects which may help to explain why music students have been shown to attend higher levels of education than students not involved in music. Teachers' time is very precious and there

never seems to be enough of it. This workshop received high marks in the area of integration. By involving several subjects into one lesson, better use of time is possible. Mr. Cooper gave us lessons to use that took music education information easily into subjects such as social studies, language, spelling, writing, math and classroom educational games.

Reluctantly, teachers left at the end of the day, sorry to part from such a lively, educational day, yet fueled with knowledge gained from a subject we all had wished we knew more about. It was clearly evident that Mr. Cooper "knew his stuff" and was capable of imparting it to others, the indelible mark of a great teacher. Teachers who participated were grateful to Mr. Enzil Cooper and to the Ministry of Education

on Abaco for making the workshop possible.

Abaco Central High Students Hear about Discipline

By Mirella Santillo

Youth Coordinator, Mr. Stretch Morley, and Pastor Silbert Mills addressed Abaco Central High School's assembly on May 22 on the subjects of discipline and making the right choices.

Mr. Morley talked about discipline and respect for the teachers. "Listen to your instructors." He explained how the lack of discipline at school can lead to lack of discipline in life, further leading to the possibility of a life of crime. He warned the students that crime was not something to be

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WINDWARD BEACH ESTATES

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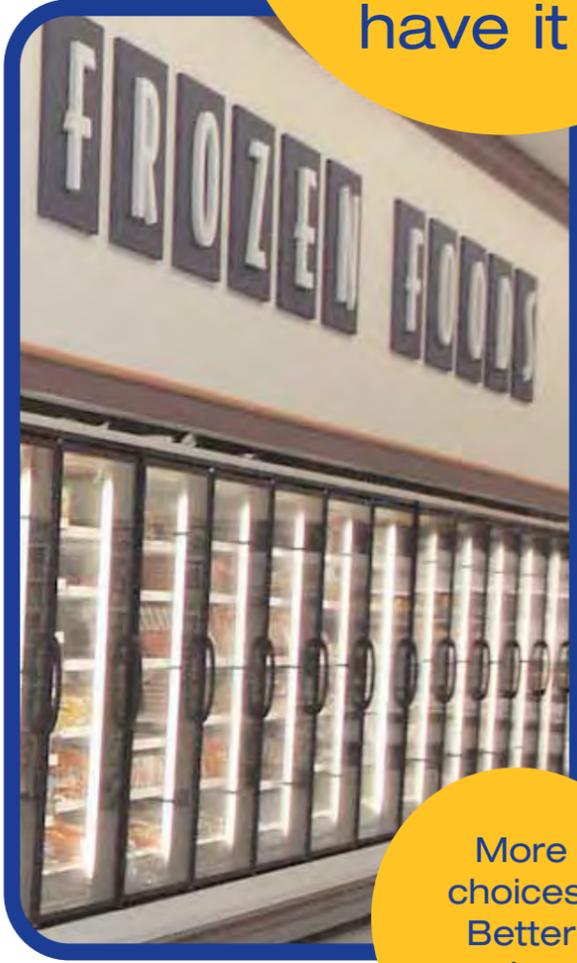
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taken lightly. By choosing that way, you alienate yourself from your friends and society. "Do not expect anybody to visit when you are in jail, except perhaps your mother," he said.

Following Mr. Morley's speech, Ms. Anita Rolle of Radio Abaco, showed the assembly the reward plaques reserved for the deserving students who went to Nassau to take part in the high school competition. Two students from North Abaco were mentioned as well as Ms. Samantha Pinder from Abaco Central High School who was taking examinations at the time.

Pastor Silbert Mills also addressed the students. "We are concerned with the young making the wrong choices and not being disciplined," he said. "Today we want to reflect on two basic principles of life: right and wrong." Quoting the Bible, Proverbs, Chapter 14, verse 12: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death," he warned the young people about choosing the wrong way. Explaining the motto chosen for this youth month: *Empowering youth for the eradication of poverty and AIDS*, he said, "When we say we empower you, we mean we give you the right

tools to resolve problems and to go ahead. As long as you are alive, you will face problems."

He deplored the fact that young people are being so destructive these days, many of them making the wrong choices. "When you make the wrong choice you have to face the consequences. Through my life's travels," he continued, "I came to the conclusion that the best way is the way of God." He then approached the subject of sex and AIDS and warned them. "If you are not careful, your names will be on the Thursday paper's obituary column." He reprimanded two unruly students, having them stand on the stage with their back to the audience.

Ms. Samantha Evans, the Youth Council's secretary for Central Abaco, praised the students who went to Nassau



Three high school boys were honoured by a fraternity in Nassau for being outstanding students. They are Jamal Wells, Jude Vilma and Romeko McIntosh. Jamal and Romeko are students at S.C. Bootle High School and Jude attends Abaco Central High.

and reminded the assembly that scholarships usually accompany graduating with honors.

Three Male Students Received Top Honors

By Samantha V. Evans

Over the weekend of May 19th, three male students were honored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at Government House in Nassau. The students were Jude Vilma, Head Boy of Abaco Central High School, Romeko McIntosh, Deputy Head Boy, and Jamal Wells, Head Boy of S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town. The theme for this year was *Young Men: Soaring For New Heights Against All Odds*.

The top male students from high schools across the Bahamas met at The College of the Bahamas on Saturday morning to sit a General Knowledge exam. The three top students received scholarships at the Honor's Day Convocation held on Sunday.

On Sunday morning, the students gathered at St. Matthew's Church for a church service after which they met at Government House for the Convocation. The top male students were honored in the areas of Family Island Scholar, Salutatorian and Vale-

dictorian for 2006. All students received trophies and the top students received scholarships from Nassau Underwriters, Cole Albury Insurance, BEC, J.P. Morgan Trust Bahamas and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. The top awards were won by Grand Bahamas, St. Andrews's and St. Augustine's students respectively.

The guest speaker for this event was Dr. Valentines Grimes II, who received the Valedictorian Award in 1988. He told the students not to get corks because they have received this top honor. It is important that they remain focused so they need to find someone to help steer them towards their dreams. He told them that he had to work harder after high school to get where he is today. Graduation is not the end for them but the beginning.

He encouraged them to listen to wise counsel especially from persons who went before them like Dr. Martin Luther King and Sir Lynden Pindling. He reminded them that knowing the history and struggles of their forefathers is very important. He en-

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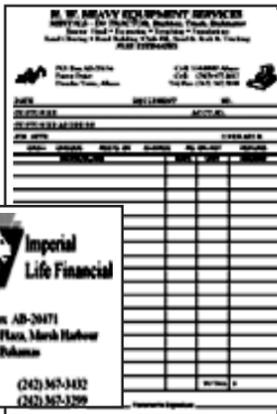
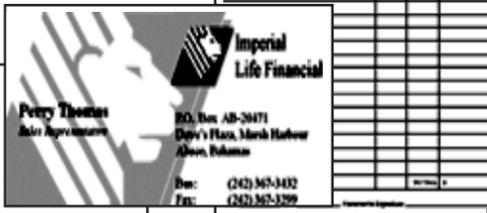
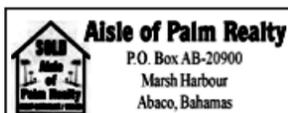
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couraged them to learn about the history of The Bahamas so that they will be aware of the legacy they have to follow. Dr. Grimes is an orthopedic and spine surgeon. He is also a fraternity member. A reception followed at Government House.

Even though the students who represented Abaco did not win the top three awards, they are to be commended because they are the top male students at their respective schools. It is important that we honor students when they do well. It is hoped that their schools will honor them in a special way.

Youth Lead Clean up Campaign

By Samantha V. Evans

On May 20th young people from across Central Abaco met at the Ambassador Inn to begin cleaning up Murphy and Dundas Town. Both the front and back roads were cleaned. A team began cleaning at the junc-

tion of Murphy Town and the other team started at Ambassador Inn. Both teams worked until they met each other. They cleaned the streets, side walks, the park and the vacant lots.

The students were accompanied by Central Abaco Youth Council Members and Urban Renewal Task Force Police Officers. Other departments and schools represented were Ministry of Youth, Youth in Action Group, Urban Renewal Office, Wesley College, a student from St. Francis and one from Central Abaco Primary School. Abaco Central Boys Club members showed up in full force and joined the clean-up campaign. There were 54 males and 2 females present. Ms. Elaine Martinborough of Urban Renewal arranged for a truck from the Ministry of Works to collect the trash. Thirty-seven large bags of trash were collected. Once the clean up was done, the group met at Ocean View Park.

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Cpl. Minnis, third from right, is with Mr. Hiram and Mrs. Vernetta Davis of Dundas Town. They were the first recipients of the Senior Citizen Yard Cleaning Program, a program of the Boys Club of Abaco Central High School, a behavioural class to assist male students. Three of the students are on the left.

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This event was organized by Ms. Martinborough in conjunction with the Central Abaco Youth Council.

Pastor Mills Speaks at Abaco Central High

By Samantha V. Evans

On May 22nd Pastor Silbert Mills spoke to the student body of Abaco Central High School telling them that many youth are making wrong choices and that this shows that they are undisciplined. He stated that as long as they live they will be met with challenges. The only people who are without problems are dead. They need to ensure that they are equipped with the right tools for the job.

Youth today are being disruptive. This type of behavior will only lead to death. He

stated that once they have a criminal record that their travel privileges to the United States will be taken away. No longer will they enjoy the freedom to leave the country and travel. Hence, choosing wrong will destroy their future.

He reminded them that the country needs them to take the place of the adults who are working today. One day he will be dead and gone so it is important that they get a good education so that they can take his place. He stated that the only way to ensure that they make right choices is to do things God's way. No matter what needs to be done or where you have to go, you need God. He concluded by saying that there is a right and wrong way to live so it is important that they consider the things that they are doing wrong and change them so that they can have a future that is blessed.

Also present for the Assembly was Anita Rolle and Mr. Ishmael Morley from Central Abaco Youth Council Board. Mr. Morley encouraged the students to pay attention to detail and make the best of their high school years. He told them to listen to their instructors at school because they are trying to help them prepare for life.

High School Students Debate on Radio Abaco

By Samantha V. Evans

The Youth Council from Central and North Abaco banded together to prepare four young people to visit Radio Abaco to debate the theme for youth month *Empowering Youth for the Eradication of Poverty, HIV/AIDS, and Crime*. Present for the one hour talk show were Clarice Young, an eleventh grade student from S.C. Bootle, Colton Russell, a senior student at S.C. Bootle, Kettlyne Duroscas, Head Girl at S.C. Bootle, and Samantha Pinder, Head Girl at Abaco

Central. Accompanying the students from the North was Mr. Freddie McIntosh, Chairman of the Youth Council Board for the North, and representing Central Abaco Youth Council Board was Ms. Samantha V. Evans, Secretary, and Mr. "Stretch" Morley, Youth Coordinator for Abaco.

Two of the students read their essay which were very frank and on point. It was clear that they did a lot of research before writing. Colton began by saying that in order to eradicate poverty, HIV/AIDS and crime, we need to first eradicate ignorance. It appears as if we are living in a country where a good number of the youth seem oblivious to the dangers of poverty, HIV/AIDS and crime. And for this reason, there is a surplus of youth living with either HIV/AIDS, in poverty or engaged in criminal activity.

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Pastor Silbert Mills spoke to the students of Abaco Central High School about the importance of making good decisions and the danger of making bad decisions which can follow you for the rest of your life. This program was part of the Youth Month activities organized by the Central Abaco Youth Council.



These students of Central Abaco Primary were awarded Student of the Month for March 2006. Every month the school rewards its students for their academic achievements, good behaviour, good deeds at school, attendance and class participation. Congratulations, students, and keep up the good work

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He added that the first case of HIV/AIDS was reported in The Bahamas in August in 1985 when antibody testing became available. Other factors that contributed to the spread of this disease in the early years were crack cocaine, multiple partners and addicted persons using dirty needles. Adolescents and young people account for the fastest growing group of new HIV infections.

He talked about the increase in crime amongst juveniles and the fact that most of them are committed by males. For those young people who insist on getting involved in criminal activity instead of getting an education, there are Juvenile Remand Centers where they can be sent - Simpson Penn

and Willa Mae Pratt Schools.

Samantha Pinder added that young people have an opportunity to make a positive difference and make The Bahamas a better place. She stated that the youth are the future and we have an obligation to educate our peers about the dangers of engaging in criminal and sexual activities.

She added that poverty in The Bahamas is not as serious as in other countries. But if we continue to ignore this problem, then we will see a major increase in the number of people in our country who live in poverty. She stated that the solution to this problem is not a difficult one. In fact, all we have to do is to help those persons who live in poverty by ensuring that we have sufficient shelters for them to live in and equip

them with skills so that they can get a job that will stabilize them financially.

She ended by saying that crime is everywhere in The Bahamas and has taken a turn for the worse on Abaco. It is important to educate young people about the consequences of their actions with hopes that they will make better decisions. She stressed the importance of schools having programs that can assist young people by teaching them new skills that can properly prepare them for the future.

After this the four students engaged in dialogue and spoke of the reality of HIV/AIDS, poverty and crime where youth on Abaco are concerned. They stated that youth here are for the most part out of control and many of them are controlling the parents rather than the parents raising the children. Clarice stated that parents need to be role models for their children and stop trying to be their children's friend. They need to focus on setting good examples and stop competing with their children.

Kettlyne stated that young people need to take their education seriously because they will need it to have a successful life. Samantha is concerned by the number of youth who are out of control and thanked her parents for always encouraging her to pursue her dreams. Colton feels that this experience has had a positive effect on his life and looks forward to influencing his

peers and helping them to follow their dreams.

It was evident that this group of young people is focused as a result of the positive influence of their parents and other relatives. They encouraged their peers to help each other out and to not be selfish, to focus on learning and not boyfriends or girlfriends and, finally, to put God first.

Senior Trains to Become an Executive Chef

By Samantha V. Evans

Richardson Pata is a senior student at Abaco Central High School whose goal in life is to become an executive chef. He has a passion for cooking that started as a child. He believes that his dream can be achieved as long as he works hard at it. To him the sky is the limit.



Richardson Pata

He has had a lot of exposure to cooking as he is presently employed at Abaco Inn in Hope Town where he is a Sushi Chef. He has attended a number of



These students of Central Abaco Primary were awarded Student of the Month for April 2006. Congratulations, students.

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training sessions at Winding Bay and Mangoes Restaurant. He stated that Mr. Sam, an executive chef, trained him to become a sushi chef by working with him at the Abaco Inn.

At Mangoes he learned how to cook different kinds of dishes by working different stations. Lisa Scott stated that for a young man not yet in the career field, they found Richardson to be very knowledgeable and teachable. She was so impressed with him that she stated that if he was in the job mar-

ket, they would have hired him based on his performance. He is to be commended for receiving such high praises especially since he is still in high school. Richardson has great leadership skills on the job as well as off as he was a Police Cadet in Freeport, a JROTC in North Miami Beach, and is now a Police Volunteer in Hope Town. When he is not cooking, he is playing football. He is very skilled on the computer as well.

Richardson plans to attend The College of the Bahamas in Freeport in September to study culinary arts. After completing his

degree there, he plans to attend the Culinary Institute of America in New York. His ultimate goal is to own his own business one day.

He realizes that his life could have taken a different turn a few years ago but attributes his present success to his mother who has encouraged him never to give up, to Mr. Euthal Green, Abaco Central High School principal who gave him a second chance, his teacher Mrs. Chu for encouraging him, and to the counselor Ms. Evans, who through her constant talks with him and exposing him to new things, helped him to see that his goals can be achieved if you believes in yourself. Other persons who have supported this dream are Mr. Davie Sands, who taught him about cooking initially, and Mr. Norris of Munchies in Hope Town.

Central Abaco Primary Students Go on a Field Trip

By Ms. Owen, Ms. Wallace and Ms. Kemp

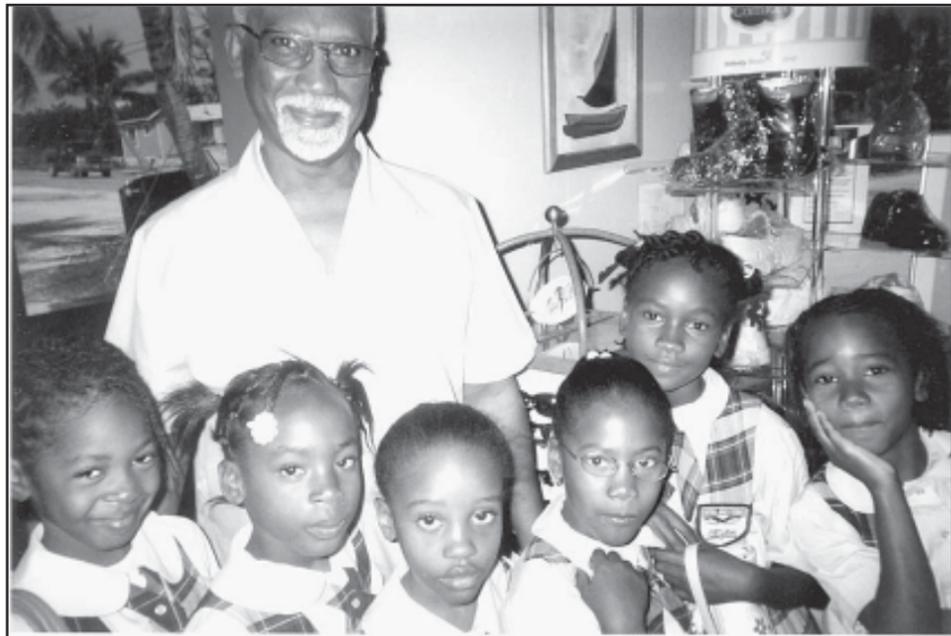
The Rockers, Grade 2 students from Central Abaco Primary School, soared throughout the Abaco community as they launched their social studies expedition that was out of this world.

Do you know that Abaco has a community of helpers that possess a wealth of knowledge and information? These community helpers are readily willing to share information with students. For that reason, students of Grade 2 at the Central Abaco Primary School grasped the opportunity to meet these vibrant, helpful and friendly community helpers. On March 29 about 70 students and their teachers ventured out on a social studies field trip. The theme for the trip was *People who help us in our community*.

The students visited the Auskell Medical Centre where they were warmly greeted by Mrs. Angie Collie. She introduced the stu-

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Second grade students of Central Abaco Primary visited with various community members to see how they help our community. They visited the Auskell Clinic in Marsh Harbour where Dr. Francis Biney talked with them.

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dents to other staff members and then gave them a brief history of the clinic. The students were taken on a tour of the facilities and shown the X-ray room, the eye examination room, as well as many different pieces of medical equipments. The students were ecstatic.

The students bid their farewells and said thank you and were off. Their next stop was the Customs Department and Immigration Department. They were given a tour of the Customs building by Mr. Gary Smith, Superintendent of Customs for Abaco. He gave the students much food for thought as he explained to them how important customs is to the economy of The Bahamas. Mr. Smith told the students by collecting

taxes, the government is able to pave roads, pay salaries and help communities.

The students then went to visit the Marsh Harbour Police Station. They were given a brief tour by Cpl. Minnis and P/C Ellis. Cpl. Minnis spoke to the students about the importance of a good education and keeping away from gangs and drugs. The students were given a special treat when he took them to meet the two police dogs, Bob and Kado.

After bidding farewell, the students were off to lunch. While enjoying the delicious Kentucky Fried Chicken at the Crossing Beach, the students met Mr. Terrance Davis, a local fisherman. He told the students how important fishing is to the economy of The Bahamas. He showed the students his fishing gear and explained to

them how to use the rods for fly fishing.

The last stop for the day was at Abaco Air. There they met Capt. Edrick Symonette, who carried them on a tour of the airport facilities. He spoke to them about airport and flight safety. Needless to say, the field trip was successful. The teachers and students enjoyed themselves. The venture was a wonderful learning experience.

A Wonderful Surprise

By Mary Balzac

We stand to applaud these children who are putting on a program to honor young authors from primary schools throughout The Bahamas whose stories, poems and skits are included in the newly published book *Around the Archipelago*, a book of Bahamian student writings. Proudly we clap for all the children and especially for our Abaco students. Moore's Island All Age School's Sasha

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Abaco Club Staff Takes Service Course

Seventy-five staff members received certificates of completion for Dr. Samuel Heastie's training course FACE at the Abaco Club on Winding Bay. The award ceremony was held on May 17 at the Clubhouse at the Abaco Club with many employees from various departments in attendance.

In its continued effort to provide first-class customer service, the Abaco Club on Winding Bay, invited Dr. Samuel Heastie to conduct a three-day training course for its employees. This training course is one

of many courses provided to employees at the Abaco Club to better equip them with the necessary tools needed to meet the high standard and top-quality service that the Abaco Club provides for its top-notch clients.

The Abaco Club is now in partnership with the Ritz Carlton, which is owned by Marriott; therefore all employees must be able to perform their job at an even higher standard than before. Hence, the intensive training of FACE was conducted to improve customer service. The acronym FACE stands for Focus. Attend. Combine. Engage,

and it is a customer care module that is designed to help individuals in the hospitality industry learn how to improve overall customer care particularly by focusing on how to remember names and faces. "One of the hot items in the hospitality industry currently is the term "name recognition." FACE moves name recognition beyond just calling someone by their name when you read it on a credit card or because you see it on a reservation form, but it moves it to the next level. It helps individuals understand what memory is and how it works so that even when you do not have the person's name in front of you, you would have gotten it at an earlier time. So whenever you see their face you are able now to recall their name. "This gives quality customer care a completely different feature," stated Dr. Heastie.

Dr. Heastie has over 20 years of experience in field of psychology and has a wealth of knowledge and experience. He maintains

that the words of his father, "Think not just of the invention, think of being the inventor" was instrumental with his formulating this training program. FACE, a unique approach to customer care, came into effect in summer of 2004. Since then, Dr. Heastie has trained 1100 employees from Atlantis and the One and Only Ocean Club, trained employees at the Graycliff Hotel and Restaurant, Green Turtle Club, the Abaco Club and more currently the Pinehurst Resort in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Mr. Stone McEwan, Mrs. Bernadette Hepburn as well as Mr. Freddie Munnings were the key persons involved in getting Dr. Heastie to the Abaco Club.

Brief remarks were given by Ms. Gina Guttuso; Ms. Bernadette Harding from the Ministry of Tourism; and Mr. Rudolph Smith, Ministry of Education Superintendent for Abaco.

School

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Davis and Kerianm Stuart and Hope Town Primary School's Laura Albury and Aly Boyce.

Laura Albury and her mother, Mrs. Christine Albury, Aly and her mother and father, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Boyce, Mrs. Candace Key, Principal of Hope Town Primary, Mrs. Carol Beachy, school volunteer, and I, Mary Balzac, Aly's grandmother, catch the Bahamasair flight to Nassau. We are to attend "something," but we don't know what. All we know from Mrs. Key is that "we will be thrilled." Obviously, this has to do with Laura and Aly, but what? Mrs. Key has kept the secret of our children's writings being accepted in the book for nearly a year while it was being finalized and published.

We go to the Center for Performing Arts. We read the program, now knowing a book has been published with writings of primary school students from around the archipelago. The program includes a rake and scrape band dances, a skit, a rap, all dancing to or acting out a passage from the book, all done by primary school students other than a short address from the publisher from England and remarks by the Hon. Alfred Sears, Minister of Education, Science, and Technology. We are all especially proud of the final student presentation, Laura Albury doing a live reading that she had only practiced twice. She receives a standing ovation as she officially presents a copy of the book to Mr. Alfred Sears.

We happily fly home to Abaco, landing after dark. Mrs. Key mentions to the pilot that this is the first time ever that she has

landed in Marsh Harbour after dark. The pilot's response, "Me, too." A very late ferry ride home and soon gratefully to bed after a very long day with wonderful memories of a special program put on by Bahamian primary students, and especially sharing Aly's and Laura's moment of becoming published authors in a lovely new book.

Student Wins Silver

Blair Johnson won the Silver Medal in the 1200 meter race in Nassau last week. She was one of about 1500-2000 kids competing in the 25th Annual Primary Schools Track and Field Nationals. There were over 45 schools participating. She also ran in the 400 meter race and placed 3rd in her heat and the 4x400 relay, placing first in their heat. Blair is very proud of her accomplishment and is ready to train harder to start winning gold. Blair won first place in the 400 meter and 1200 meter races in the Abaco competitions.



Blair Johnson



Abaco Club employees received training in giving good service. On May 17 they were recognized with certificates that they had completed the FACE course offered by Dr. Samuel Heastie, who is shown in the center of the front row. At the far left in the front row is Bernadette Harding of the Ministry of Tourism and second from right in front row is Rudolph Smith, Abaco's Superintendent with the Ministry of Education.

Thank You

We, at Coconut Telegraphs (Cotel) wish to offer our valued loyal customers a heartfelt "Thank You" for being with us during all the problems we have experienced over the past two years. These unavoidable problems were caused by natural disasters; hurricanes, lightning and the loss of our dear friend and colleague, Sinclair Fredericks. Those dark days are now behind us and we look forward to a continued and mutually beneficial relationship from hereon in. Again Thank You.

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Sailing Traditions Are Maintained

By Liann Key Kaighin

The venue for this year's memorial tribute to Mr. Homer Lowe was sailed on a beautiful sunny day in Marsh Harbour, with the gracious use of Snappas as base for pit stops, liquid fuel and carb loading. This sixteenth annual memorial regatta was also the first in which two classes of sailboats were raced. Sunfish has long been the boat of choice for the Marsh Harbour Sailing Club. This year's event saw the Optimist class represented by two boats, alongside the larger sunfish, to everyone's delight. With the knowledge that the Hope Town Sailing Club has engaged a vibrant junior sailing program with the Optimist class, the MHSC looks forward to next year and a much larger fleet of Optis on the line to compliment the Sunfish.

Sixteen sailors participated in the one day sail fest, with ages ranging from four years

old to the over 65. Sailors traveled from Nassau, Hope Town, and California, USA, as well as entrants from Marsh Harbour. The six races were sailed weaving through anchored boats in the harbour, mostly with well wishes given by the on-lookers. There were a few worried boaters unfamiliar with the skill and prowess of world class Bahamian sailors, some of whom were judging their tacks with fine line precision. The entire six races were sailed with no protests lodged or brushes with any spectator boats. All in all, it was a very civilized event by the rules of the day.

The winds remained light and in some races, almost calm throughout the day. Lunch was enjoyed by all at Snappas, and the sailors were already asking if the races would be held in the harbour next year. The Race Committee was skillfully handled by Mr. Thierry Huguenin of Nassau, along

with the able assistance of George and Sue Holloway of the Hope Town Sailing Club, Mrs. Lynn Key of Marsh Harbour, and Shelley Lightbourne and Francisco deCardenas of Nassau. With the one minute rule in effect for all races, every start was a clean one, with no boats over the line early. This made for a very happy race committee.

Races were won by Lori Lowe, Jim Kaighin, and Donnie Martinborough. With Donnie having four firsts, he was unbeatable, and he captured his sixth Homer Lowe Memorial title. The trophy presentation was held at Snappas during the dinner hour, and was attended by a large crowd.

The trophies were representative of Abaco, with photographs of the Bahama parrot by local artist Tuppy Weatherford. All participants were proud to pose alongside Mr. Homer Lowe's wife, Mrs. Sadie Lowe, who was on hand to award the prizes. Also in attendance at this 16th Annual Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta were three more generations of the Homer Lowe family, Mr. Jimmie Lowe, Mr. Jodi Lowe, and Master Ethan Lowe,

sure to be an up and coming Optimist sailor in a few more years, at least when his teeth come in.

Thanks go to Snappas for allowing the use of their water front facility, and also to Island Delight Ltd for provisions of ice and drinks on the race course for the sailors and race committee.

The next big calendar event for Sunfish will be the Bahamas Sunfish Nationals, scheduled for August 26 and 27, 2006 at the Staniel Cay Yacht Club in the Exuma Islands. Any Bahamian Sunfish fleet member is eligible to sail in this regatta which will be the qualifier for the Sunfish Worlds to be held in Charleston, South Carolina, USA, later in the year.

Any interested persons are welcomed to contact Mr. Jim Kaighin for more information regarding this Sunfish event, information on how to become a member of the Bahamian Sunfish class, or for information on the RC Laser class also sailed by the Marsh Harbour Sailing Club. 367-3086(w)

Please see **Sailing**

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The 16th annual Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta was held in the harbour off Snappas Bar and Grill. This year Sunfish dominated the races but there were also two Optimists competing. Sixteen competitors enjoyed two days of racing which included six races. The champion was Donnie Martinborough from Nassau who is frequently the overall winner.



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People in the News

Realty Company Adds Agents

Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty has expanded its sales force to Cherokee Sound and appointed a new agent to its Marsh Harbour office. Mike Lightbourn, company president, announced the appointment of Lee Pinder as an agent in Cherokee Sound and Claudius Rolle, a CPA, as an agent in Marsh Harbour. This doubles the number of Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty agents on Abaco to four.



Lee Pinder

Mrs. Pinder moved to The Bahamas many years ago to manage an off-shore bank, living first in Nassau before moving to Freeport. In 1985 she moved with her husband, Dan, to his birthplace where they made Cherokee Sound their home. The

Pinders helped restore the hurricane-damaged long dock to its original length of 780 feet and helped raise funds to restore and turn the old schoolhouse into a community centre. Mrs. Pinder is a contributing writer for *The Abaconian* newspaper and a member of the local Methodist Church.

"I think Lee is a wonderful addition in Abaco. She has always been a community-minded person who has gladly pitched in and helped wherever there was a need. Her new career in real estate is an extension of what she's been doing for many years," Mr. Lightbourn said. Mrs. Pinder will work out of her home office in Cherokee.

Mr. Rolle, a CPA for 17 years, comes



Claudius Rolle

from a family with an entrepreneurial spirit. His parents started a farm and profits from the sale of produce paid for their children's education. In selling farm produce, Mr Rolle developed a passion for sales. Although the number of realty agents has increased significantly on Abaco, he is optimistic "because success in this business comes from hard work and referrals from friends, family and associates. I believe there is a market niche in the real estate market in Abaco that I can fill with perseverance." Mr. Rolle is president of the Pilot Club of Abaco and is a member of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce.

"Claudius is one of the most outgoing people I have known," Mr. Lightbourn continued. "He has a wonderful personality and enjoys helping people. He's a natural for the real estate business." Mr. Rolle will join Mailin Sands in the Marsh Harbour office. The fourth Abaco agent, Chris Farrington, the company's second top producer in 2005, is based at Coldwell Bankers office in Green Turtle Cay.

Lightbourn Realty is part of one of the oldest and most highly respected real estate franchise networks headquartered in the United States. Mike Lightbourn, a former Member of Parliament for Abaco, has been a broker and appraiser for 40 years.

Lightbourn Realty has offices in Nassau, Abaco, Bimini, Harbour Island and Exuma

and sales reps in the Berry Islands and Eleuthera.

Student Awarded Scholarship

Another Abaco student, Amanda Sawyer, was awarded a Reuter Scholarship from Florida Southern College. This scholarship rewards students who maintain a 3.5 GPA and have the potential to represent the best in the liberal arts tradition. Amanda is a senior with a psychology major and is the daughter of Trevor and Jennifer Sawyer of Cherokee Sound. Congratulations to Amanda.



Jennifer Sawyer

Two Students Receive Degrees

Two students from Abaco graduated with a bachelor's degree from Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. Erika Kristin Lowe received her diploma with a major in sociology and psychology. She is the daughter of Scott and Myrtie Lowe of Green Turtle Cay. Jamie Jorday Benjamin received her degree in elementary education and is the daughter of Derek and Terry Benjamin of Marsh Harbour.

Road Has Been Bulldozed



Part of the water front road connecting Calcutta to the Stede Bonnet road in Marsh Harbour has been bulldozed. A nearby property owner claims to own water front land there and is upset that the road passes through his property. The road has been in use and is on land plats going back to 1925. About 400 feet that was bulldozed had been paved a few years ago. The rest was not paved - perhaps a quarter of a mile. Legal advice is being sought from the Attorney General's office. It is now passable only with a very substantial vehicle.

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Basketball Jamboree Shows off Abaco Skills

By Anita Rolle

The month of May was declared National Youth Month in the country and several activities were held locally in commemoration, highlighting the youth of Abaco. Early in May a very successful youth church service was held in which Minister Jason Roberts of Zion Baptist Church Sandy Point exhorted the word.

Among other activities, a basketball jamboree was held on May 19-20 in conjunction with the Abaco Youth in Action program. Participating were teams from Sandy Point coached by Jimmy Green; Treasure Cay coached by Godfrey Rolle Sr.; Urban Renewal coached by Remy Minnis; and of course the Youth in Action teams coached by Ishmael "Stretch" Morley and Mr. P. Charles.

The jamboree saw two exciting days of keen competition between the youngsters, with the Abaco Youth in Action

team clearly dominating, as they won all but one of their games.

The winning teams in each age group took home sparkling trophies. Scorekeeper for the two nights of competition was Anita Rolle. The Ministry of Youth and the Central Abaco Youth Council Board wishes to thank the parents for their support by encouraging their children to participate.

May 19 (Friday Night Games)

Game 1 - Treasure Cay 9 vs Youth in Action 12
Top scorer - Charo Williams 5 pts Kenneth Murray and Kevin Deveaux 5 pts each

Candice Murray of Youth in Action scored the first basket

Game 2 Sandy Point 10 vs. Youth in Action 20

Top scorer - Demario 4 pts Rickeel Brown 6 pts

Game 3 Treasure Cay 17 vs. Youth in Action 41

Top scorer - Basil Gerenus 8 pts David Vilmar Jr. 13 pts

Game 4 Sandy Point 20 vs. Youth in Action 30

Top scorer - George Bain 6 pts Elliot Stuart 11pts

May 20 (Saturday Night Games)

Game 1 Urban Renewal 20 vs. Youth in Action 27

Top scorer - Lavargo Bootle 9 pts Kevin Altidor 8 pts

Game 2 Treasure Cay 6 vs. Youth in Action 13

Top scorer - Loutados Edgcombe 3 pts Kevin Murray 5 pts

Game 3 Sandy Point 18 vs. Youth in Action 16

Top scorer - Ameko 6 pts O'Brien Reckley 6 pts

Game 4 Treasure Cay 17 vs. Youth in Action 24

Top scorer - Ashiel Heild 5 pts David Vilmar 10 pts

Game 5 Sandy Point 30 vs. Treasure Cay 16

Top scorer - Derrick Gaitor 9 pts Taran Russell 7 pts

Game 6 Urban Renewal 8 vs. Youth in Action 36

Top scorer - Lavargo Bootle 4 pts Don 'Whopper' Simms 10 pts

Game 7 Championship

Sandy Point 19 vs. Youth in Action 27

Top scorer - George Bain 6 pts Elliot Stuart 6 pts

Ingraham

From Page 4

the things needed for our economy. Abaco needs to accelerate its preparation for its destiny - a major economic centre and a major employment centre for Abaconians and other Bahamians. We need real planning of our townships and our communities. We are no longer what we use to be; we are on our way and those who stand in our way must be moved out of the way." he stressed.

Mr. Ingraham was accompanied by his wife Delores, as well as FNM Deputy Leader Brent Symonette, South Abaco MP Robert Sweeting and Mrs. Sweeting, MPs Kenneth Russell and Alvin Smith, Senator Tommy Turnquest, former Deputy Prime Minister Frank Watson and former PLP Senator Edison Key.

Sailing

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The results are as follows:

Sunfish Class

Position	Name	Total
1	Donnie Martinborough	6
2	Jimmie Lowe	13
3	Andrew Wilhoyte	19
4	Jim Kaighin	22
5	Lori Lowe	25
6	Dwayne Wallace	28
7	Fernando de Carde	31
8	Jason Robertson	32
9	Jerry Thompson	40
10	Lee McCoy	42
11	Jody Lowe	45
12	Joe Thompson	61
13	Liann Kaighin	64

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Price Right *From Page 1*

Nathan Key Drive in Marsh Harbour, previously known as Pole Line Rd, two blocks south of the Solomon's SuperCenter. Plans were underway to build a new and expanded Price Right sometime in the next 12 months. Buying Solomon's SuperCenter lets Price Right expand without the headache of building and furnishing a new facility.

Mr. Sawyer is on vacation and presently unavailable for details. Local information suggests that there will be no visible changes for at least six months. It is not known if the Price Right store will remain in operation.

The status of the other two Abaco outlets belonging to Abaco Markets Limited, Cost Right and Solomon's Treasure Cay Market, are believed to remain unchanged at this time. They are expected to continue operation under Abaco Market's management.

The Nassau retail grocery business is in a state of flux as the City Market chain of stores there is up for sale. This is due to a bankruptcy by the Florida Winn Dixie company, owners of City Markets.

There is speculation that the Abaco Markets owners are viewing the Nassau sale of the City Market stores as a growth opportunity.

Airport *From Page X1*

quarry material and keep the final cost down for hauling fill.

The information was that the surveyors began in early May measuring for the taxi-way. On finding that the required 500-foot separation between the runway and the taxi-way would severely impact Abaco Air and the ramp at the main terminal, interest shifted to the wooded area south of the runway. This information was taken to Nassau. Wherever the taxi-way is built, aircraft operations will not be affected.

Sometime during the summer, construc-

tion will begin on a 14,000-square-foot addition to the present terminal. This will be done in such a way that normal operations at the terminal will not be materially affected.

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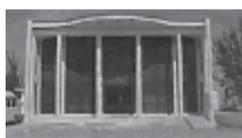
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Local Government at Work

Central Abaco Dist. Council 30 March
An off-the-record complaint by a Council member in last month's meeting about the three-story Sapodilly building was not recorded in the minutes and therefore not appropriate for further discussion as old business. Issues related to proper plans and the permit for this building are still under investigation.

Council members felt that the school groundsmen should provide their own mowers and other tools even if this requires an adjustment to their contract. Mowers and other tools provided by Council are constantly broken or lost.

Changes were suggested to the Road Traffic Board which has only met once in the past ten months.

A question was asked if a section of the fenced but neglected Works Compound could be used as a dog pound. Investigations will be made.

A booth is needed at Abaco Central High School for the guard at the gate so this staff

member can get out of the weather. The cost of this being shared with the Ministry of Education is being looked into.

Town Planning 10 April 06

Town Planning had a long agenda with 21 applications to be reviewed for building permits. The total value of the projects as given by the applicants was \$3.9 million.

Sixteen applications were of a residential nature, houses, apartments or home renovations. The top valued house was a \$600,000 residential unit in Central Pines Estates.

Five applications were for commercial buildings with the highest valued project being a \$534,000 commercial building in Dundas Town.

Marsh H. Town Committee 3 May 06

Nassau provided \$25,000 capital funding for small projects which Marsh Harbour applied to the following:

\$6,500 for a public boat ramp at Goombay Park

\$5,500 to extend Goombay Park dock for

a ferry landing

\$1,000 labour to construct a sidewalk at Stede Bonnet corner

\$2,187 concrete for the above sidewalk
\$7,510 lumber for a boardwalk at Goombay Park

\$ 988.05 to repair the traffic light timer
The remainder, a bit over \$400, will go to Spring City for beautification of their area.

Building a boat ramp at Goombay Park will eliminate traffic congestion caused at the private ramp at Iron Point, about 200 feet west of Snappas and Wally's restaurants. Boats launched and retrieved there cause traffic jams as the process takes up the roadway.

Extending the public dock at Goombay Park is to facilitate the workman's ferryies leaving each workday morning at 7 a.m. with 100 or so workers bound for Guana Cay and Scotland Cay. During most days, this park is empty and can be used for launching boats or parking without block-

ing traffic or disrupting other activities. Typical evening functions occur after the ferries have arrived and the workmen have dispersed. These ferries now leave from the Union Jack dock which does not have adequate parking for this crowd.

Funds were allocated to repair the timing mechanism on Abaco's only traffic light. The timer has worked without major complaint for nearly 40 years but finally succumbed to old age.

A minor discussion was held on the formation of the Marsh Harbour Management Board. This is a non-governmental group looking for ways to finance and deal with issues affecting the town but which are beyond the financial or management capabilities of the Marsh Harbour Town Committee. It is patterned after similar boards on Man-O-War and Hope Town which have been successful in assisting with projects beyond the scope of local government. More should be heard from this group later in the year.

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 - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
 - 1,300 s.f. Residence
 - 300' of Ocean Beach
 - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath
 - Guest House
 - Covered & Open Decks
 - Fabulous Ocean Views
 - Landing Rights
 - Dockslip
 #AB160 - \$2,315,000.



"Coco Di Mama"

Great Guana Cay
 - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath
 - 930 s.f. Residence
 - 750 s.f. of Decks
 - 250' on Sea of Abaco
 - 47,930 s.f. - 1.1 acres
 - Ample space for additional Residences
 - Great elevation
 - Fabulous Views
 - Dock Permit approved
 #TS10559 \$1,385,000.



"Tip O' the Tail"

Man-O-War Cay -
 - 4 Bedrooms, 4 Bath.
 - 1,255 s.f. Residence
 - 768 s.f. Covered Decks
 - 812 s.f. Open Decks
 - Rooftop Skydeck
 - Land - 17,792 s.f.
 - Fabulous Views
 - Furnished.
 #AS10609 - \$975,000.



"Casa Bueno"

Scotland Cay
 - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
 - 1,470 s.f. Residence
 - 124' of Ocean Beach
 - 2,000 s.f. of Decks
 - Central A/C
 - 30,000 gal Fresh Water
 - Fabulous Views
 - Furnished
 - Landing Rights
 #AB161 - \$1,100,000.



"Watch Hill"

Great Guana Cay -
 - 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths.
 - 1,686 s.f. Residence
 - 725 s.f. Open Decks.
 - 80' of Prime Beachfront
 - Over 1/4 Acre
 - Superb Ocean Views
 - Semi-private Dock
 - Fully Furnished.
 - Great Rental History
 #AB142 - \$1,380,000.



"British Colonial"

Man-O-War Cay - Settlement
 - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.
 - 1,400 s.f. Residence.
 - 330 s.f. Screen Porches
 - Land - 16,583 s.f. Parcel
 - 25,000 gals Fresh Water
 - Beautifully Landscaped
 - Furnished
 #AS10596 - \$695,000.



"Bountifully Blessed"

Tilloo Cay
 - 2 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths
 - 800 s.f. Cottage
 - 3.75 Acres Sea-to-sea
 - 109' on Sea of Abaco
 - 106' on Sea of Abaco
 - Boat Basin
 - Protected Dock
 - Dock on Sea of Abaco
 - Fabulous Views
 #AB8118 - \$1,850,000.



"Pura Vida"

Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates
 - 4 Bedrooms, 4 Baths.
 - 2,100 s.f. Residence
 - 670 s.f. Raised Decks.
 - Over 1/2 Acre
 - Great Views
 - Beach & Dock Access
 - Furnished.
 #AS10668 - \$838,000.



"Golden Palms"

Man-O-War Cay - Settlement
 - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath.
 - 1,270 s.f. Residence.
 - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath
 - 400 s.f. Guest House
 - Workshop - Crow's Nest for great views.
 - 0.373 Acre
 - Beautifully Landscaped
 #AS10585 - \$595,000.



"Villa Gladys"

Wood Cay Little Abaco
 - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
 - 1,147 s.f. Residence
 - 9,849 s.f. of land
 - 12' easement to water to build dock.
 #AS10593 - \$211,000.



"Junkanoo Splash"

Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates
 - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths.
 - 1,150 s.f. Residence
 - 760 s.f. Covered Porch
 - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath
 - 490 s.f. Apartment
 - Workshop
 - Great Views
 - Near Settlement
 #AS10689 - \$640,000.



"Jaffa"

Marsh Harbour Great Abaco Club
 - 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths.
 - 2,300 s.f. Residence.
 - On 2 Lots totaling 10,000 s.f.
 - Swimming Pool
 - 90' Of Private Dockage
 - Fabulous Views
 #AB149 - \$1,525,000

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