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Marsh Harbour Airport Will Not Close

Min. Bradley Roberts Says No Need to Close Airport



The 33rd celebration of Bahamian Independence on July 10 will include festivities throughout Abaco. Marsh Harbour has already decorated for the occasion and is planning a dedication of the Marsh Harbour Memorial Garden on the waterfront. This new park will honour 15 past leaders of the community.

The Hon. Bradley Roberts, Minister of Works, and the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, Prime Minister, contacted individuals on Abaco on June 23 and stated that the Marsh Harbour airport will not be closed during planned construction work. Plans will be put in place to accomplish the work without disrupting the schedules there. Mr. Roberts said, "There is light at the end of the tunnel. There will be no need to close the Marsh Harbour airport." This was good news for the business community of Central Abaco and airlift companies flying into Marsh Harbour.

On June 16 a notice was sent to several airlines that the Marsh Harbour airport would be closed for 10 weeks from September 10 through November 20 for upgrading the facility. The runway is to be lengthened by 1000 feet and re-surfaced and a new parallel taxiway constructed. The cost of these improvements is expected to be \$3.5 million. The contract for this work was signed with Bahamas Hot Mix at the airport on March 13. Work was to have begun the first week of June and surveyors have completed preliminary work. The Ministry of Transport and Aviation notified the public that the timing of the work was arranged to minimize the disruption of the Abaco economy.

Many in Central Abaco were very upset with the announcement of the clo-

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Independence Schedule for Central Abaco

July 8 • Memorial Garden Dedication 4 p.m.

July 8 • Independence Celebration Goombay Park
8 p.m. - midnight

Treasure Cay Hosts 23rd Billfish Tournament



A blue marlin is brought to OSPREY, a sportfishing boat, in the Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament held on June 11-16. This annual event is anticipated by anglers as a great time. A total of 43 billfish were caught and released and three were boated. See story on page 4.

Goombay Features Youth Band



Goombay Festival on June 23 featured the Central Abaco Community Youth Band organized by the Royal Bahamas Police Force. Dancers, a Junkanoo rush-out, an Abaco teen talent competition and calypson music entertained the crowd on the second night of this season's festival celebrating Bahamian culture. See story on page 2

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Police Youth Band Steals the Show

By Jennifer Hudson

Abaco's Junkanoo Summer Festival opened its 2006 season on June 9 when the ever popular Royal Bahamas Police Force Band was on hand to get the celebrations off to a rousing start. This band always has a way of stealing the show with its repertoire of lively music, precision drills and colourful uniforms but the show stealer during the second evening of Junkanoo on June 23 was a much younger band. While the Police Force Youth Community Band, casually attired in jeans and sparking white logo T-shirts, could not compete with the colour and pageantry of their senior counterparts, they nevertheless put on a display which would make any Abaconian proud. Indeed, they received much applause and I even overheard one spectator shout out,

"Watch out Police Band, these young people will soon be catching you up!"

This young band put on an outstanding performance which is all the more impressive since they have only had their instruments for one year. During the first year they were only able to practise their marching drills until instruments arrived for them in 2005. On Friday night the 40 young members of the band, playing saxophones, trumpets, trombones, clarinets and flutes and led by a strong drum and percussion section wowed the audience. All their months of drill practice paid off in the many intricate precision drills performed with not a step out of place. ASP Miller, who started the band, and his two assistant trainers, WPC Miller and DC Smith, must indeed be very proud of these young people who range in age from six years



Ashley Riley

to teenagers and several of whom had never played a note until joining the band one year ago.

Visitors once again enjoyed the captivating rhythms of the Junkanoo band which is

always a highlight of the programme. This time the colourful group was the Spring City Stingers, a break off from the Spring City Rockers which had performed the previous week. The visitors, who were out in large numbers, were in good spirits and many were willing to put themselves on display doing the various Bahamian dances encouraged by MC Shelley Austin and assisted on stage by Michelle Mikula from the Ministry of Tourism.

The Teen Entertainer of the Year competition continued with a young vocalist being selected to perform in the finals. The big

names of the evening were three entertainers who have now made very successful careers for themselves in Nassau but all of whom are originally "Abaco boys." Jay Mitchell of Dunda Town, Eugene Davis of Moore's Island and Colin McDonald of North Abaco took to the stage later in the evening with their own individual styles to the enjoyment of all.

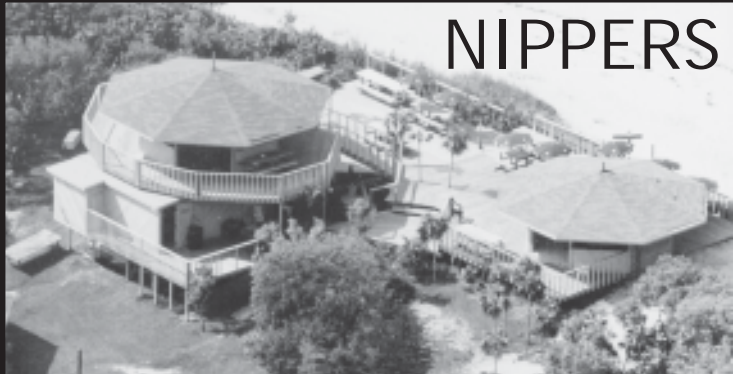
Everybody appeared to be having a great time dancing, socializing, enjoying the entertainment, sampling the many delicious Bahamian foods and generally soaking up the atmosphere of fun which is Junkanoo. The next celebration will be on July 7.



Shaquilla Thompson



A boardwalk now joins the booths at Goombay Park in Marsh Harbour. The Abaco Club on Winding Bay provided the materials while the Marsh Harbour Town Committee provided the labour. It makes much more seating for the crowds who attend events there. Picnic tables are between most booths.



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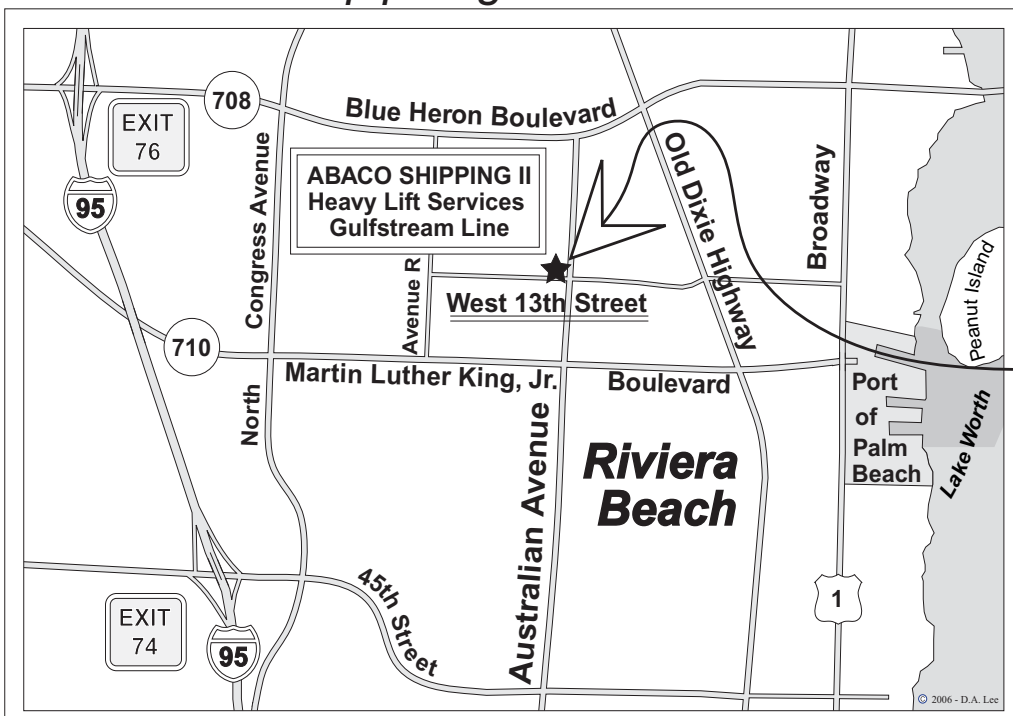
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44 Boats Compete in Billfish Tournament

By Vernique Russell

The months of waiting were finally over and the time arrived. Anglers came from far to claim the top prize at the 23rd Annual Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament. The scores have been tallied and *Big T's* took top honors at this prestigious tournament. Held June 11-16 at the Treasure Cay Hotel Resort and Marina, the tournament offers world-class billfish competition as well as fabulous social events. Fishing was active during the four days of competition with 44 boats catching and/or releasing 37 blue marlin, five white marlin and four sailfish.

Along with a sailfish and blue release, *Big T's*, a 48-foot Ocean sportfishing boat from Sarasota, Florida, owned by Bob Wolsey weighed in two blue marlin at 545 and 542 pounds to take first place with 1,462 points. Wolsey was also Top Angler. Team *Sea Hunter*, fishing from a 40-

foot center console, gave *Big T's* a fight to the finish with four blue marlin and one white marlin release for a total of 1,300 points. Third place team was *Reelxcape* with 975 points, which also won the Top Release Team award.

The Top Junior Angler award was presented to Jesse Secord of *Pandemonium*. Top Release Angler went to Bucky Wright on the *Reelxcape*. Lisa Flack of *Kilowett* nailed Top Lady Angler. *Cajun Queen* took first place dolphin with angler Augie Wampler weighing a 42.1-pound fish. Damon Smith of the *Cerveza* took top Wahoo with a 29.6-pound fish.

A qualifier for the Rolex/IGFA Offshore Championship, this modified release tournament offered four days of fishing, parties, dinners and fun competitions. Renowned for its great food, camaraderie and events families can enjoy, the Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament raised funds for the

Guy Harvey Research Institute and the Treasure Cay Primary School. The school received \$4150 part of which was donated by Robert Meister. He contributed \$100 for each point the German soccer team scored in the World Cup Championship.

Congratulations to *Big T's*, and to the rest of you, get in shape for the 24th Annual Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament scheduled for June 10-15, 2007. Mark it on your calendar to be there.




Big T's took First Place in the Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament on June 11-16. Shown celebrating their win are Bob Som, Green Turtle Cay; John Wolsey, Sarasota, Florida; Susan Wolsey, Sarasota, Florida; John Shedd, Treasure Cay; Carl Shark, Green Turtle Cay; and Anne Sonn, Green Turtle Cay.



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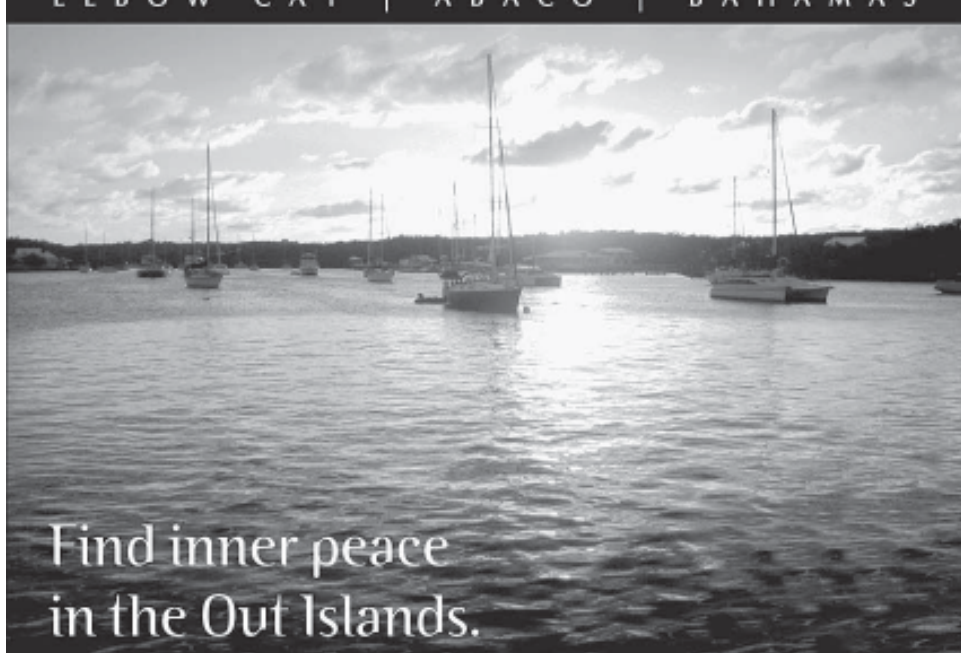
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The event which was held on the beautiful Caribbean island of Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, attracted some 600 members of the Telecommunications Industry in and throughout the Caribbean. BTC's Acting President & CEO, Leon Williams, serves on the CANTO Board of Directors as Chairman and leads a team of 8 Directors on the road to ensuring the Caribbean remains at the forefront of technology and the Telecommunications Industry.

The Caribbean Association of National Telecommunication Organizations (CANTO) was founded in 1985 as a non profit association of telephone companies in the Caribbean. CANTO's objective, then and now, is to establish a forum through which Caribbean Telecommunication Organizations may exchange information and expertise in the telecommunication field.

THEME: PARTNERS IN TRANSITION

During the 4 day conference numerous issues were addressed including New & Emerging Technologies, Human Resources, Finance and Advisory, Marketing, Communications and Disaster Recovery Planning. BTC was well represented by a delegation of 12 who focused on BTC's new initiatives as well as the Bahamas Domestic Submarine Network International (BDSNi). BTC's exhibition booth as the conference showcased a map of the BDSNi, HELLO, Blackberry and several other products offered by BTC.

Williams address to the CANTO members at the opening ceremony he stated, "When the rate of change for the outside environment is in excess to that of the rate of

change with in an organization, the end is near". Mr. Williams focused on a plan of action that included New Discoveries in Technology, Globalization and Multinational Corporations (many nations one voice). BTC also sponsored the luncheon that was held on the final day of the conference, during this time Mr. Williams extended the opportunity for CANTO participants to learn more about BTC and made a brief presentation on BTC and Nortel's extended partnership. This partnership will positively affect Global System for Mobile Communication (GMS), and General Packet Radio System (GPRS – internet access via mobile phone) therefore, extended the capability of both services throughout The Bahamas and the Caribbean. This partnership triples the capacity of the current wireless network and extends

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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Sign of the Times

Travelers and tourists won't have any trouble finding their way to Cherokee Sound now with the new sign that has been erected just after the Snake Cay turn-off, thanks to Michael Jorgensen of J & J Electric. Our last sign was lost to the 2005 hurricane season. We are hoping that Abaco Big Bird will also soon replace their sign, as these two signs are the only land marks to be found on that long stretch of road after you pass Spring City.

Congratulations

Out of a class of 24 graduates Donna Albury was the only student attending Forest Heights Academy this year from Cherokee Sound. Many family members and friends made the trip to Marsh Harbour to witness the graduation services on Wednes-

day the 14th of June in the school auditorium. Donna received a First Place in her Art and Geography courses and received Honourable Mention in Culteral Science, English and History. Donna is an animal lover and hopes to go on to college and be able to find a career where she can work with horses. Congratulations Donna on your graduation and a job well done, we wish you much success and feel most certainly that you will achieve your ultimate goal in life.

Kid's Korner Holds Achievement Awards Night

Reverend Carla Culmer handed out awards for perfect attendance to two of the children who didn't miss a Kid's Korner Meeting all year long. In addition, 12 other children received prizes for being able to recite their bible verses by heart. The children also entertained

the audience of proud parents, grandparents and friends by performing some very difficult but meaningful children's songs. As an added bonus a small group of the older children also gave several selections on the bells.

A collection was taken up to be added with the children's weekly collection and is always given to a special charity. This year Reverend Culmer said that she and

her assistant, Margaret Schutemaker (who was off the island and unable to attend the event) had agreed to send the monies on to a very needy orphanage in Bulgaria where the children are lucky to receive one slice of bread a day. Ordinarily the monies are given out to per-

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Epworth Chapel in Cherokee Sound organizes a Kids' Korner activity for their youth. The yearly awards night is eagerly awaited by the children as well as their parents and friends.

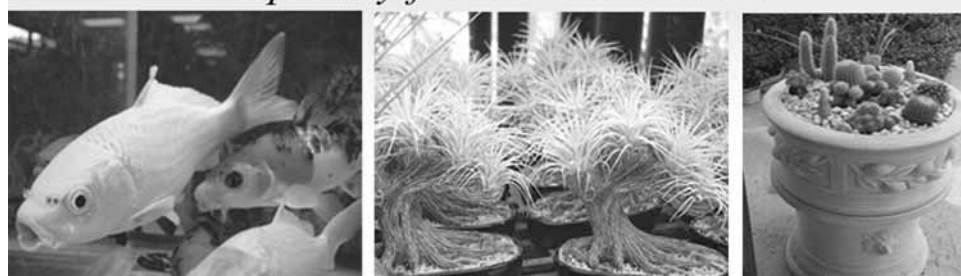


The old Cherokee Road is a very well constructed rock path joining Yellowwood Creek with O'Neal's Creek by Little Harbour. It was a way for people in Cherokee and the lighthouse keeper at Little Harbour to have contact with one another. We do not know when it was constructed but it was used until 1954 when J.B. Crockett bulldozed a road through to Big Mangrove so a vehicle could drive from Marsh Harbour. The path crosses a swampy area at the head of the Yellowwood Creek before crossing over higher land to O'Neal's Creek. A sailboat was kept on the Cherokee Sound side and a sculling dinghy was kept on the Little Harbour side. A fence paralleled the path which was to keep the wild hogs from destroying the farms of the Cherokee people. Fence posts are visible in this photo. The path and fence represent hundreds of hours of hard manual labour.

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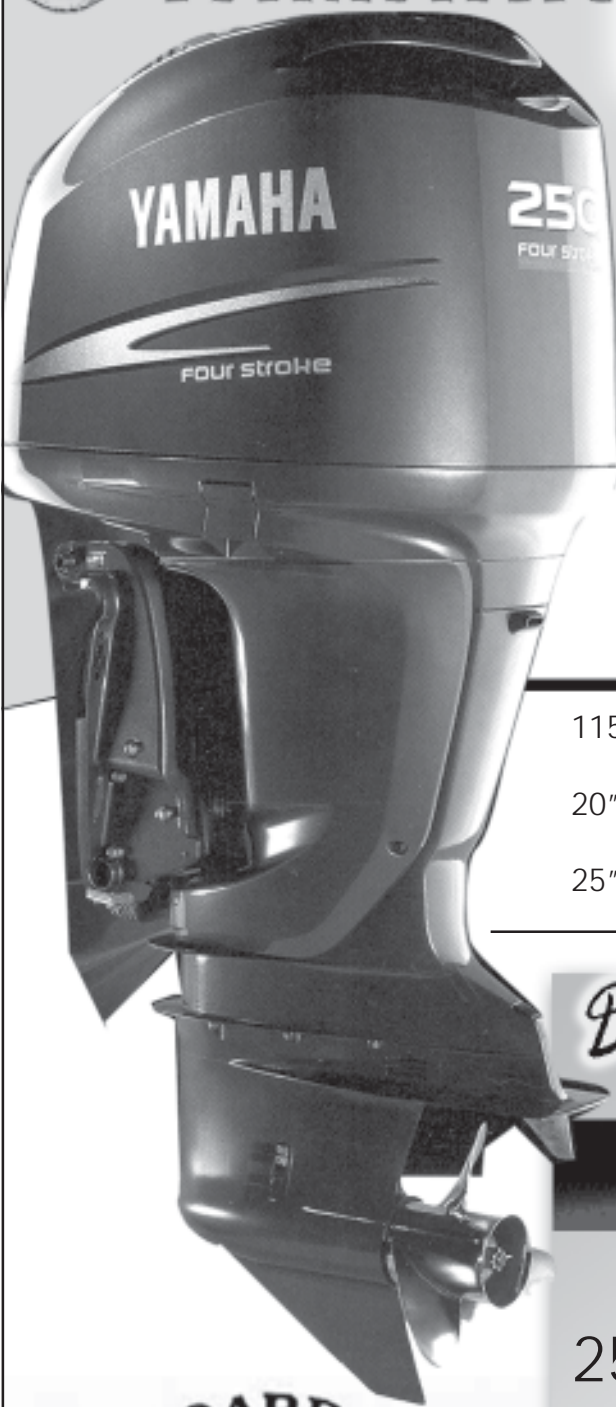


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The Editor Says . . . Abaco Needs to Be Consulted



We received word late in the afternoon of June 23 from Minister Bradley Roberts that airport improvements will be carried out in a non-disruptive way. He said, "There will be no need to close the Marsh Harbour airport." Furthermore, a public meeting will be held to explain the project. No schedules were given for either the improvements or the meeting. However, we believe that the meeting will be sooner rather than later.

This announcement came after a week of intense lobbying by local interests when it became clear that a ten-week closure was scheduled. An earlier notice stated that the airport would be closed in the fall with minimal disruption to the Abaco economy.

That initial notice raised a lot of eyebrows and set the stage for objections by the Abaco business community. It was the second notice giving the closure dates of September 10 through November 20 which brought a concerted response.

By the Friday morning, June 23, the phone calls, emails and personal contacts to Nassau officials had increased dramatically. Some individuals took it upon themselves to go to Nassau and explain the importance of the airport to the Abaco economy.

The Abaco Chamber of Commerce held a special meeting to assess the economic impact resulting from an airport closure. A plan was to assemble a small delegation to make a pilgrimage to Nassau to present the concerns of the business community and the impact of a ten-week closure.

As the day wore on and information was gathered from concerned individuals, it became apparent that sufficient noise was being generated to cause the Chamber to delay action as a response was expected. The Chamber's response was appropriate and the assurance that the airport would not be closed was welcome news.

This may mean that a runway to the south is now under consideration. Fourteen years ago, in 1992, a survey was completed for constructing a second runway south of the present airstrip. Those plans were put on hold and the available money was used to pave the road to Sandy Point.

All of this commotion and expressions of concern could have been avoided had there been public meetings with local people

to explain the government's options and costs. Getting local input on government's proposals should have been sought at an early stage. This would have allowed local ideas to have been incorporated, rejected or modified for use as appropriate.

A statement has been made that we are getting a 14,000 square foot addition to the present terminal with work starting in August. However, there has been no other public information on this addition except that it will cost \$4.5 million. An enlarged terminal will be welcome; but if planes cannot land safely, there will be no need a larger terminal.

Besides not asking for local input from residents and businessmen, government agencies and departments appear to leave each other in the dark. The original notice on the airport closure stated that work would begin in June after consultation with tourism officials to determine a suitable time. Tourism officials here found that statement incredulous as it is well recognized here that summer is our busiest sustained tourist season.

There have been other instances of government agencies carrying out major projects without consulting local people.

The Water and Sewerage Corporation expanded its wellfield several years ago by starting at the airport round-about and extending the wellfield south along the highway. As Marsh Harbour expands in the next

10 - 20 years, it can grow is to the south. That wellfield may become an obstacle to orderly growth.

At a slight inconvenience, it could have been put farther out in the forest away from the highway, where civilization would impose less encroachments. The easy way today may prove to be more expensive tomorrow as the area grows.

BEC, our electric company, is looking for acreage for expansion. A logical choice is somewhere inland from Snake Cay. This would allow tankers to dock at Snake Cay and pump hundreds of thousands of gallons of fuel to inland storage tanks. One hundred thousand gallons is presently only a five-day supply. A pipe line delivery direct to the generating plant would eliminate the constant tanker-truck deliveries now being made by highway.

This as another case where public consultation would be in order as ideas are needed for the orderly use of Snake Cay which has a lot of potential. It should not be used for anything less than to realize its fullest potential.

Another area ripe for public exposure is the Central Pines Estate expansion into Phase II which is now underway. This expansion is probably quite logical and well thought out, but no public explanation or layout of the project has been made.

If our memory is correct, there was pro-

vision for a government complex on the eastern edge of this development. Space was provided for buildings to house government offices, police, post office, a mini-hospital and perhaps other government facilities. It would be appropriate for Abaconians to see what can be expected of this government complex.

The Phase II overall plans should be displayed for public review. Those who live in an area can sometimes add important input overlooked by distant planners who are not intimately familiar with the specific situation.

Then lastly, there is the issue of genuine long range planning for this area. Abaco is growing faster and faster, but seems to be making less progress in orderly growth. Bigger buildings at the expense of adequate parking seem to be acceptable to local authorities.

A couple of years ago government spoke about an international land planning company which developed impressive plans for Eleuthera. Exuma and Abaco were to get this same consideration, but we have heard nothing since.

A master plan could be a big asset for local boards and government agencies to work toward as the area grows. It would also be a guide for potential developers.

The Bahamas' third largest economy deserves more attention.

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 w w w . b a h a m a s m e d i a . c o m . (larry@coralwave.com).

For the past several years, some business and labour leaders have been seeking a consensus on how to fix our failed education system so that ordinary Bahamians can continue to engage in the economy.

We know our public schools have failed because of the poor grades most students get, as well as the collapse of discipline on many campuses. And also because, as the Inter-American Development Bank said, there are "acute skills shortages at all levels of the Bahamian economy." Our awareness of that failure is also based on everyday experience with young people who can't write simple sentences, do basic arithmetic or work comfortably with computers.

As the IADB put it, "Economic prosperity and growth is underpinned by the capacity of the education and training system to prepare a skilled workforce.... (and) there is a deficit of basic work skills among secondary school graduates" in The Bahamas.

Those who run our schools also know there is a crisis in education. They say so plainly on the Ministry of Education web site: "The MOE will need, as a matter of urgency, to undertake the necessary reforms to re-tool Bahamian education... to prepare students for the needs of the country and its economy." In fact, the public sector staged a big conference last year to talk about "transforming" the education system.

And there's no shortage of money for this. The government spends well over \$200 million every year on public education. And the IADB will pump another \$60 million into education reform programmes over the next few years.

But the problem has been getting steadily worse for years, with little overt attention being paid to it by the education bureaucracy. So concerned business and union leaders created something called the Coalition for Education Reform. They included hotel union leaders and hotel employers, representing the nation's largest business sector.

Although some argue that, as a wasteful government monopoly, public education is an inherent failure and - like Bahamasair - should be scrapped, the Coalition project is based on the notion that public education exists and can be improved significantly.

Last year the Coalition contributed a well researched report to the national education conference. Named after our failing students - it was called "The Untapped Resource." And it promoted the bold objective of raising the academic and business capabilities of school leavers so that by 2020 Bahamians would be among the 'best in the Caribbean.'

Taking a hard look at the facts, the report painted a dismal picture. All those millions of dollars we spend on education managed to produce an overall 'D' grade in 2004 (reflecting public and private results for 26 subjects) and an 'F+' for the public high schools on New Providence.

Fully 21 per cent of 22,000 students got grades of F, G and U in their BGCSE exams. And the five subjects with the lowest grades were English, Maths, Biology, Economics and Bookkeeping. More than half

of those taking the math exam earned an E grade or lower.

But according to the education establishment, this does not mean that they failed, because no one fails in the current system. Everyone passes, whether they have learned or not, which is by definition "social promotion." A U grade, for example, simply means that the student does not demonstrate any knowledge of the subject.

The Coalition identified 14 strategies to reverse the decline of our public school system and tried unsuccessfully to arrange a meeting with the political directorate to present their research and suggestions. You would have to ask the education authorities to explain this snub - it doesn't make a lick of sense to us.

But the Coalition doesn't want to drop the issue, which it sees as critical to the country's future. And at a recent Rotary Club meeting, veteran Bahamian hotelier Barrie Farrington (one of the group's leaders) presented a brief update to last year's 22-page education report.

Farrington acknowledged a half-grade improvement in the English exam, but said the math result was unchanged from 2004. "This means that while there was improvement in 2005, it is too early to say that there has been a fundamental improvement in what the average student knows, understands and can do after completing high school.

"No subject describes the crisis in education more graphically than the test results in mathematics, because it is considered to be an important basic education skill for the technologies that are likely to dominate the rest of this century. One cannot take the poor math scores lightly, especially when one knows that the average grade on the bookkeeping exam was also an E."

So what subjects do Bahamian students do best in? The answer is probably much as you would expect - religious studies scored at the top of the list followed by Spanish, food and nutrition, art and music. And religion was also the exam taken in

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the greatest numbers, with students achieving a mean average grade of C.

From the Coalition's 14 strategies to improve education, good governance, good parenting and good teaching topped the list.

Governance was seen as a major barrier to improving education in the Bahamas. For many years, the government has not even bothered to report to parliament (as it is required to do by law). And without a meaningful discussion of the output of the system (students) and its inputs (teachers and administrators) how are we to measure progress?

"Good parenting is critical to learning," Farrington told Rotarians recently. "The Fox Hill Prison reports that 70 per cent of the 1,503 inmates are the product of single parent households; 93 per cent are males; 80 per cent are between the ages of 15 and 29; and 50 per cent are illiterate. These numbers make it patently clear that single parent households, dominated mainly by women, are a psychologically damaging environment in which to raise young males.

"Somehow Bahamian society must create a 'good parenting script' . . . a set of commonly held expectations that promote

good parenting. Political, education, religious and civic leaders must join in this effort."

Farrington said the Coalition also supported the creation of an all-male primary and secondary school like the old Government High. "Two threats to Bahamian society are the disengagement of the Bahamian male from school and the state of public schools in Nassau. One solution is a high-quality, all-male primary and secondary laboratory school that operates like a private school.

This is seen as a practical first step that would be followed by an all-female primary and secondary high school. They would be high-quality, high-expectation, high-performance laboratory schools where public school kids could excel. They would also produce techniques and experiences that could be applied to the rest of the system.

Farrington called on the Education Ministry to adopt the flexible management techniques of the private sector in order to produce "a better end product...namely, what students know, understand and can do.

"The Ministry must be judged on that end product; and it must be allowed to do its job free from political interference. Sustained success will inevitably require an administrative restructuring."

Letters to the Editor

Save our Generation Land

To Local Government in Hope Town
Dear Sir,

It has been brought to my attention that legalized Bahamians (foreigners) are in the process of attempting to gain ownership of generation property in Hope Town, Abaco, by quieting title. Personally, I am opposed to this, being a Bahamian and having a valid interest in generation property being protected for Hope Town people.

Many Bahamians like to consider themselves as "poor" and consider generation property a burden and not the valuable resource that our ancestors intended it to be. However, for many like myself, it represents something even more basic than wealth. It represents, for those of us who are lucky enough to be connected with it, the foundation of our identity; it's what makes us Bahamian. As generation property is passed on to generations at birth, it should be prohibited for outsiders to have

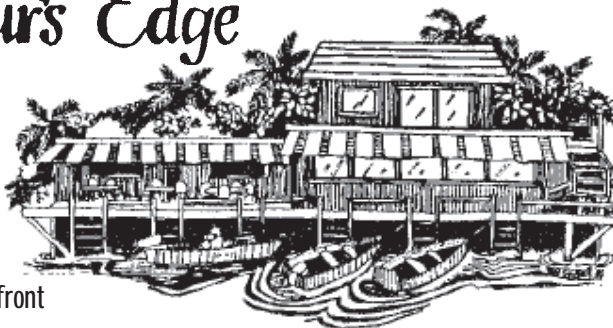
the ability to claim ownership of this property.

On the most part, foreign investment into our country is welcomed, as that is one of our main industries. Incidentally, the same foreigners I am referring to have already obtained Crown Land on Abaco from the government for little or nothing for business purposes. There are also two acres in the same area, which are located between the Nigh Creek and Back Creek that the foreigners have already claimed. Obviously, they are not satisfied with that; they now want to take from Bahamians what they legally or morally have no right to. The government is helping them by not having anything in the Constitution or Quieting Title Act that protects Bahamians against this. I am looking to you, our local government, to assist in whatever way possible to protect what is rightfully for the people.

Yours truly,
Basil Russell

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sons in Abaco, but when they heard about this need they were moved to try and help someone in another country on the other side of the world where the children are not as fortunate as our own.

This twice yearly event is much looked forward to by the children as well as the parents and everyone seems to have a good time. At this time of the year, immediately following the awards services, there is ice cream for everyone served at the church manse which brings the whole evening to a very enjoyable conclusion. Congratulations to all the children, we are all very proud of you.

Sandy Point Students Learn about the Environment

By Olivia Patterson

Sandy Point Environmental Camp is back in action! This summer the eager minds of Bahamian youths will be challenged to learn about and appreciate the full importance of The Bahamas' most prized national possession - our environment.

Sandy Point Environmental Camp (SPEC) was started in the summer of 2003 as part of a community outreach program run by the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey (BMMS). Since then, SPEC has offered seven camp sessions to the children of Sandy

Point. This includes two expeditions to Inagua, five open house presentations, and approximately 62 classroom and field trip activities. Parents and other community members have also participated in the camp.

Last month, at the close of the 2005 camp season we took a field trip to Great Inagua. Campers Lanair Bain, Virgil Bain, India Burrows, KeAnu Pinder and Kenesha Pinder were privileged to go. Chaperones along for the ride were mom Claudia Pinder, and president of J.A. Pinder Primary School PTA Shawn Roberts. Camp Director Olivia Patterson served as trip leader. The trip was designed to spark the campers' interest in new habitats and to make comparisons between Inagua and Abaco. The camp was well received by the people of Inagua, and we were shown the best parts of the island by Colin Ingraham of Great Inagua Tours.

We were fortunate to see flocks of West Indian flamingos, have close encounters with Bahama parrots, and after a day of worrying, finally saw some wild donkeys! The kids were given a tour of

the Morton's Salt factory where they learned about the long process of making salt from sea water. We all walked away with a new understanding of the topic and with the sound of sample salt crystals knocking in our pockets.

Afterwards, we climbed to the top of the Matthew Town lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the island. The lighthouse is similar in many ways to Elbow Reef lighthouse in Hope Town, except it has an electric light that rotates on a bed of mercury instead of a hand lit mantle.

On our last full day we visited the Union Creek Reserve, which is part of the Bahamas National Trust park system and a great spot for turtle research. The campers were able to see green and Hawksbill turtles as well as some very large southern stingrays. After our tour of the creek we walked along the beach to identify shells and compare coastal plants to those in Abaco. Shawn Roberts described Inagua as having "the most

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Students registered in the Sandy Point Environmental Camp are studying the birds of the pine forests. The camp is a project of the Bahamas Marine Mammal Survey and is organized by Olivia Patterson. It requires a commitment of one year during which they do classroom studies, go on field trips, develop open house presentations and other activities. This group is just concluding their year's experience.



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beautiful beaches I have ever seen." Claudia Pinder helped cook hamburgers and hotdogs, which we enjoyed under the shade of a sea grape tree – the perfect end to a wonderful trip!

One of BMMS' goals is to expand its efforts to reach a greater number of children of all ages and from all over The Bahamas. The newest addition to our curriculum is a weekend camp for children from Crossing Rocks. This year the organizers of SPEC plan to run four different camp programs. The first will be a Junior Camp for 7-9 year olds in Sandy Point. This session is designed as an introduction to the concepts of ecology

and conservation, with a special emphasis on Bahamian flora and fauna.

The second program is a Basic Camp for 10-12 year olds in Sandy Point. The Basic Camp will also concentrate on ecology and conservation, while challenging the youths to think critically about current environmental issues in The Bahamas. The Crossing Rocks Weekend Camp will focus on Bahamian National Parks and Marine Mammal Conservation. The finale of the 2006-2007 camps will be an expedition to Inagua.

SPEC is grateful to our major contributors: The Lyford Cay Foundation, Friends of The Environment and The Disney Corporation, without whom these endeavours wouldn't be possible. To find out more

about Sandy Point Environmental Camp and how you can become involved, call us at (242) 366-4155, email spec4fun@hotmail.com, or write to us at:

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Spanish Club Receives Donation

By Shawn Roberts

June 17 was a magnificent day for the Buenos Amigos Spanish Club of Sandy Point. Three of its members

were privileged to attend a meeting which included a beach picnic hosted by the members of the Amistad Spanish Club in Nassau. The great event took place at Coral Harbour. A number of Hispanics were on hand who are regular visitors at the Amistad Club meetings which are held monthly in September through June.

It was quite a rewarding experience for us as we were able to converse in Spanish and learn new words and phrases throughout the day. Pollo a la brasa, hamburguesas, ensaladas, pastas, dulces, vino, cervezas y gaseosas were just some of the delicious treats there. Lots of music and dancing to

the sound of different Latin American artists added to the enjoyment.

It was truly a pleasure to become more acquainted with Dr. Rhonda Chilman-Johnson, who serves as the vice president of the Amistad Club, also vice president of the College of The Bahamas, and Ms. Donella Davis, President of Amistad Club, also senior Education Officer of Modern Languages at the Ministry of Education.

Plans are being made for a future meeting here in Sandy Point with the two clubs as we become more acquainted with one another. We say to the Amistad Club, Muchas gracias y hasta otra vez!



Three members of Buenos Amigos Spanish club of Sandy Point attended a beach picnic of the Amistad Spanish Club of Nassau. This picture shows Ms. Donella Davis, Shawn Roberts of Sandy Point and Dr. Rhonda Chipman-Johnson.

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The Conch Pearl Gallery Presents Artists

By Mirella Santillo

New to Abaco but not new to the art scene, Anyes and Michael Adams presented their work for the first time in Marsh Harbour at the Conch Pearl Gallery on June 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams moved to Great Guana Cay from Breckenridge, Colorado, nine months ago. A photographer by trade, Anyes was immediately inspired by the natural beauty of their new surroundings and started to create photographic compositions. On several of her photographs, she has superimposed scenes from Paris, (the Louvre Museum), Venice and Colorado with Bahamian landscapes and nude poses taken on Guana Cay. *Bahamian Myths*, the

theme of the exposition, takes one to a surreal world of human beauty, sunrise and sunset, sea and sand in a timeless atmosphere where art is the only real thing. The professional model is a Mexican Indian who, Anyes said, "is beautiful. She reminds me of the Lucayan Indians, hence the theme's name." She presented 18 photographs in black and white and color.

Michael Adams is a sculptor who trained in Paris from 1992 to 1995 under a Master Sculptor and continued at the Silvermine Art Guild in New Canaan, Connecticut. His moving to Colorado in 1999 gave him access to the foundries and craftsmen of Loveland and Denver. There he founded the co-op *Arts Alive Gallery* in Breckenridge as well as the annual *Sculpture on the Blue* show. Michael uses two mediae, bronze and forton. The latter a fairly recent media with



Meeting the artists and admiring their work was not the only entertainment at the Conch Pearl Gallery on June 16th. Guests were treated to wine and hors d'oeuvres cooked by Chef Terrell, while pianist Garnelle Stuart, played music ranging from Beethoven to Gershwin, a perfect musical background to accompany the art pieces on display.

a stone base. "Forton is as hard as marble, weatherproof, lighter and not as expensive as bronze. It is also more versatile," explained Michael. "Forton is perfect for Bahamian gardens," he said. Four of his forton sculptures, two of which, Lydia and Athena, will be dedicated at a location in Breckenridge in July 2006, were on display Friday evening at the Conch Pearl Gallery as well as three bronzes, *No regrets*, *Moving Mother* and *Rites of Spring*. "My sculpture celebrates the expressive power of the human figure," said Michael. "I choose themes that affirm life-energy, ranging from family to music to dance."

Between entertaining visitors, Michael demonstrated the first step of a sculpture, the clay mold. As people watched, the red clay soon became the head of a horse under the deft fingers of the artist.

Black Pearl, Black Marble?

By Mirella Santillo

In March we were informed by the owners of the Conch Pearl Gallery that a rather large "black pearl" had been found in a

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Anyes and Michael Adams were the guest artists featured at the Conch Pearl open house on June 16. As a photographer Anyes has found Abaco's beauty quite stimulating. Her husband, Michael, is a Master Sculptor who works with marble and forton, a stone base media.

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clam in Sandy Point by two children looking for shells. The pearl had a rather glassy appearance and the gemologist at the Gallery, Mr. Peter Bradley, who was not convinced of the composition of the object, advised the people who found it to send it to the Gemological Institute of America to

be evaluated at the expense of the Gallery.

The report came back from the institute with the determination, unfortunately, for the finders, that the pearl was in fact glass.

"The finders' parents were not happy," said Mrs. Jo-Ann Bradley. They informed her that they would send it elsewhere to be re-examined.

Ed Note: We regret that we made a mistake

in the March story related to the pearl. The story should have mentioned the Gemological Institute of America, the world's foremost authority in gemology, not the Geological Institute of America. And Mr. Bradley is a gemologist, not a geologist as this paper reported erroneously.

Dilapidated Building Will Be Torn Down

By Samantha V. Evans

When you drive through various communities in Central Abaco, you cannot help but see many buildings and homes that have been left unattended for years. Some have even been overgrown with weeds and vines from bottom to top. They have, indeed, been eye sores for years since none of the owners seems to care enough to tear the dilapidated structures down. Due to this, the Ministry of Works in partnership with the Department of Urban Renewal began

an aggressive campaign to tear down these hazardous structures at the beginning of June.

The Ministry of Works has identified some funds to assist with the demolition of the buildings. Mr. Ronald Bevans, Works Controller for Abaco, and his team are prepared to clean up the Central area which includes Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town and Murphy Town. They plan to move to North and South Abaco in the near future.

The Ministry of Works wants residents to know that when they let their buildings or homes deteriorate, they become breeding grounds for rodents, making the community they live in unsanitary. They also become fire hazards and hiding places for criminals and drug addicts as well. Many concerned citizens have called into the of-



This is one of the dilapidated buildings that mar our town. The Ministry of Works will be tearing them down. They have already notified owners preparatory to cleaning away the eyesores.

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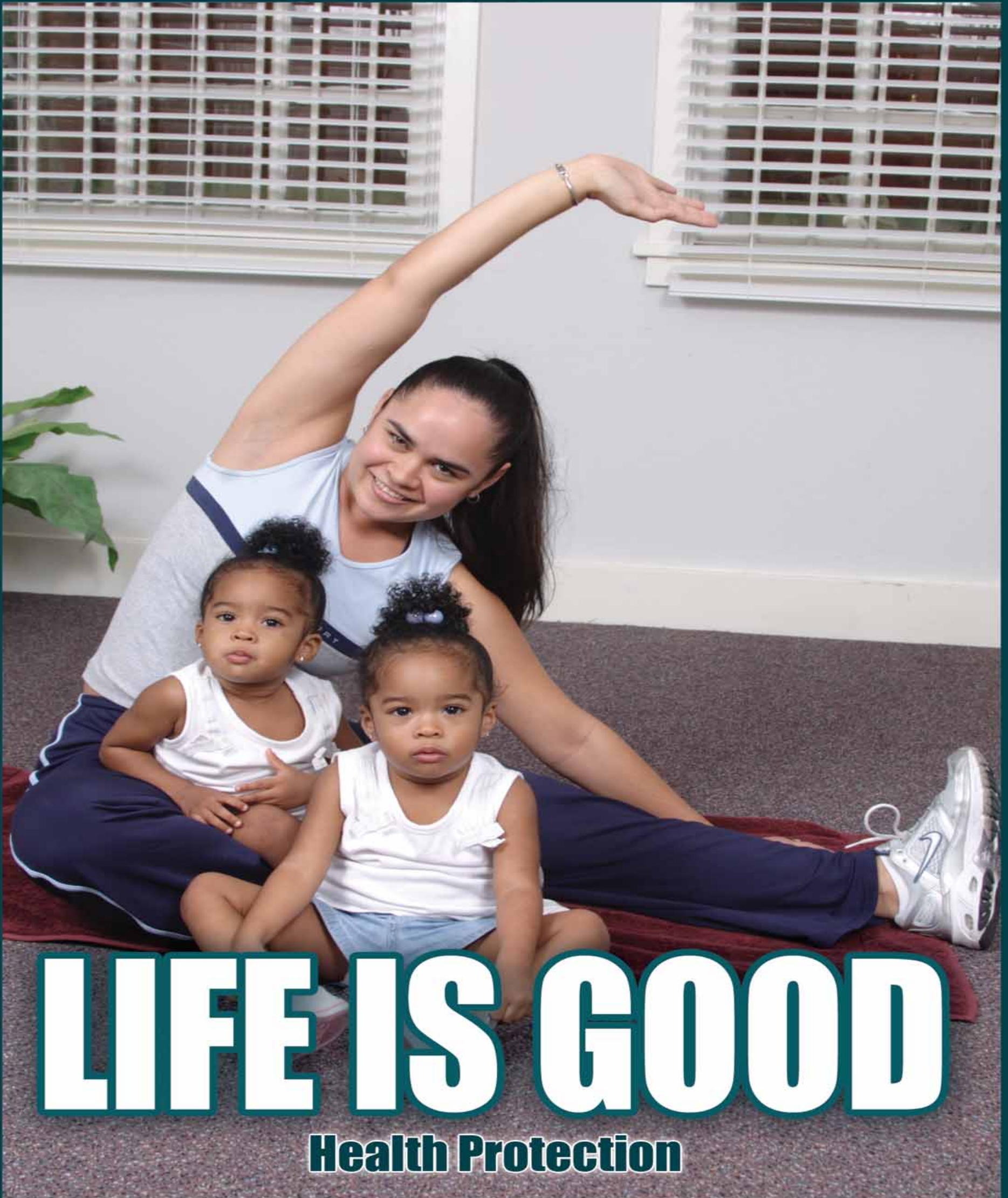
Marsh Harbour has developed phenomenally during the past half century. The dramatic growth is seen with these two photographs taken by Colin Rees. The black and white shows one boat in the harbour, possibly belonging to J.B. Crockett as it is anchored off his property on Pelican Shores. Mr. Crockett developed a productive farm to the southwest of Marsh Harbour that later became the S & M farm.

The cleared area and dock on the extreme left is believed to be the shipyard operated by Mr. Crockett and is now the Royal Harbour subdivision. The town itself covers a very small area of the current area of Marsh Harbour. Now, 56 years later, Marsh Harbour is a bustling little city sprawled over a large area, occupying almost the entire land area going toward the airport.

The photographer of both pictures is Mr. Colyn Rees, a pilot who saw the tourist potential of Abaco and turned an old residence on Green Turtle Cay into New Plymouth Inn in 1954, the first hotel on Abaco. He brought many people here, both visitors and Bahamians, with bonefish and other fishing as one of the main attractions.

Mr. Rees' photographs of Abaco communities in the 1950s are priceless. As a trained photographer, he was able to portray vividly life as it was in those days. At 84 years, he has now undertaken to resume his photography with a digital camera, has learned to use a computer to produce his own pictures that are also works of art. He has taken his passion for photography into a new dimension using digital technology.





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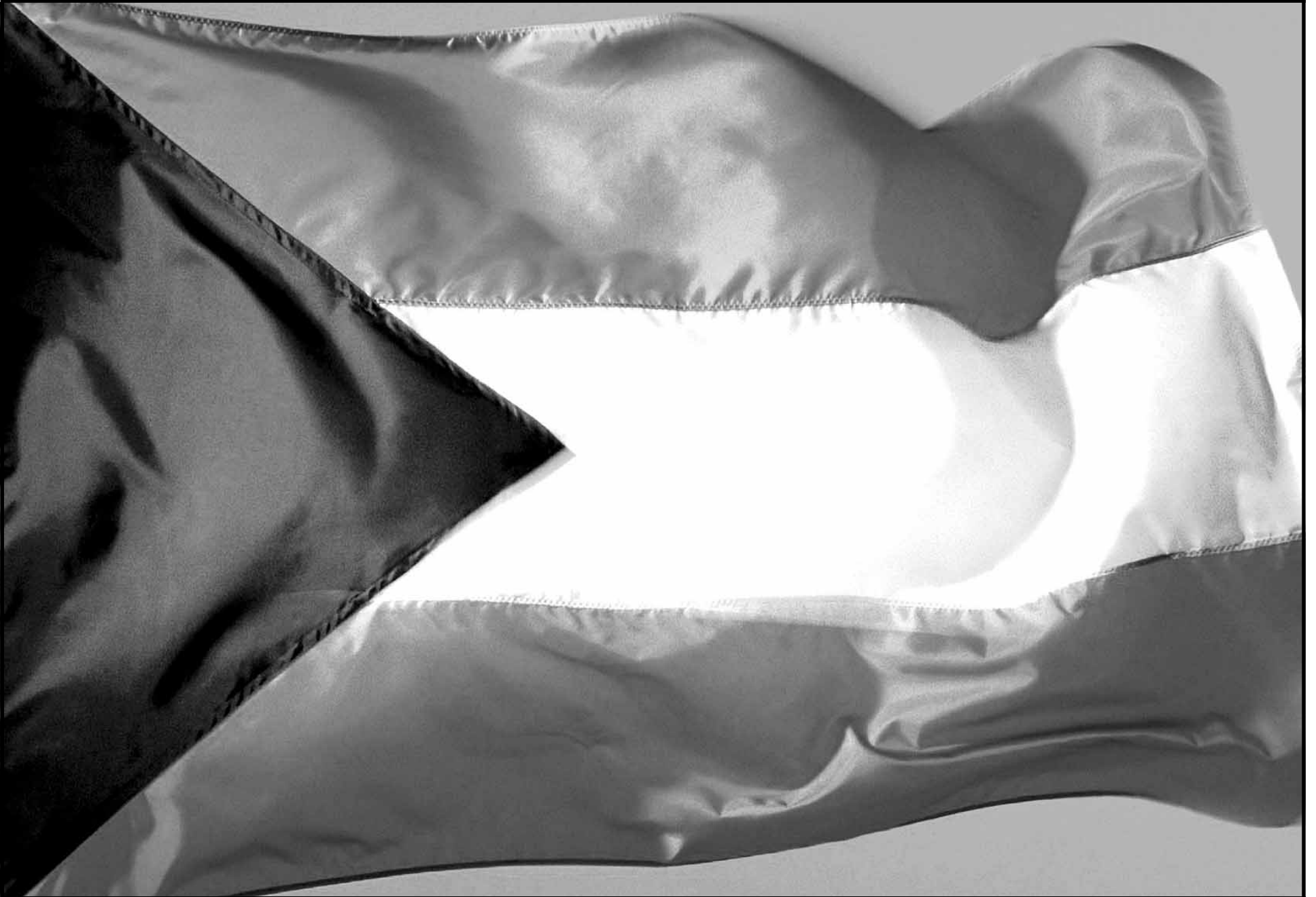
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fices complaining of drug addicts and dealers using these abandoned structures for illegal activities. To date, 12 buildings have been identified so far and the owners notified. Once the owners contact the Ministry of Works, plans will be made to tear the buildings down. All of this is in an effort to make Abaco communities clean, green and pristine as well as free of illegal and illicit activities.

Recycling Moves Forward

By Lindsey Delaplaine

Friends of the Environment has recently formed an exciting new relationship with Everett Rolle of Caribbean Recycling in

Nassau. Caribbean Recycling is now the location where Abaco aluminum cans are shipped for recycling.

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

Shipping the cans to Nassau has been

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The Marsh Harbour Committee is working to make a Memorial Garden on the land next to the BEC substation. Government has leased the land to the Marsh Harbour Sporting Association for a park and the Marsh Harbour Management Board has cleaned the land and will have lovely plantings in place by the time it is dedicated on July 8. The Garden will celebrate the lives of 15 leaders of the community who helped make the town what it is today. Shown here are Ms. Candy Pinder and Mrs. Yvonne Key going over the plans for the area.



On June 13 fire destroyed the home of John and Jennifer Hudson. Jennifer's name is well known to readers of The Abaconian as she was one of our reporters. The house was completely consumed and the Hudsons lost almost all their belongings. Unfortunately, she will be residing in Florida for several months and we will all certainly miss her. They were away at the time of the fire.



Preparation of Phase II of Central Pines Estates is underway. Roads are under construction and the area will soon be ready for utilities to be put in. Phase I is completely sold out and those reselling their lots in that area are selling for several times the original cost of the lots.

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made possible by the generous assistance of Mr. Dean of the *Legacy*. The first shipment of cans filled a 20-foot container, and two more shipments were scheduled for the last week of April and the first week in May to unload the backlog of cans that were stored while Friends researched recycling options in The Bahamas. That means 3,450 cubic feet of cans will be recycled and reused instead of taking up precious space in Abaco's landfills.

Friends has exciting plans for the fu-

ture of their recycling program. As the relationship with Caribbean Recycling grows, there are a number of items that are options for recycling including abandoned vehicles, batteries, engine blocks and scrap metal.

Airline Expands Service

Vintage Props and Jets has begun service to Abaco from Fort Lauderdale. It operates nine-passenger King Air 100's and a 19-passenger Beechcraft 1900 aircraft. The company offers two flights daily, departing Fort Lauderdale at 11:45 a.m. and 3:25 p.m. going to Marsh

Harbour and Treasure Cay. It departs Marsh Harbour daily at 9:35 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. and depart Treasure Cay at 10:15 a.m. and 1:55 p.m. Reservations

can be booked online or by calling their reservation office at 800-852-0275 or

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The Marsh Harbour Town Committee was allocated \$25,000 for small capital projects this past winter. Two projects that they undertook was to build the wood extension on the dock and to build a boat launching ramp at Goombay Park. The only other ramps in Marsh Harbour are both private. The one most used is at Iron Point west of Snappas and vehicles launching or hauling boats there cause traffic problems. Another improvement to Goombay Park is a wooden walkway joining the stalls which also provides seating for those attending events at this location.



Goombay Park in Marsh Harbour had a wooden extension added to the cement dock that was originally constructed. Very soon the workers' ferries to Guana Cay and Scotland Cay will leave from this dock instead of the Union Jack dock where they are currently based. There is not adequate parking at the Union Jack for the traffic.

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More Central Abaco News



The Royal Bank of Canada hosted their business clients at a reception at Abaco Beach Resort on June 9. Shown here are Mr. George B. Roach, VP Commercial Operations; Mrs. Joyce Coleby Riviere, Manager, Marsh Harbour Branch; and Mr. Ross McDonald, Vice President Bahamas and Caribbean.

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sure. Nassau government offices concerned with the airport construction, the Ministry of Transport and Aviation and the Ministry of Works, were deluged with e-mails, phone calls and individuals even traveled to Nassau to speak to the authorities. The Chamber of Commerce called an hasty directors' meeting to lay the ground work for a delegation to go to Nassau.

Mr. Roberts said there would be a public meeting in Marsh Harbour to inform the public of the intentions of the government but a date for this meeting has not be set.

Phase 2 of the project is scheduled to begin in August with work on the construction of a new \$4.5 million terminal.

Bank Hosts Reception

At a recent reception for commercial clients hosted by Royal Bank of Canada, an announcement was made that a new Royal Bank facility will be constructed in Marsh Harbour to accommodate their expanding business. Clients can look forward to this becoming reality in 2007.

Making the announcement was Mr. Ross McDonald, Vice President Bahamas and Caribbean of Royal Bank. He was introduced by Mrs. Joyce Coleby-Riviere, Manager of the Marsh Harbour Branch. Other Nassau bank staff present were Mr. George B. Roach, VP Commercial Operations, and Mr. Keith Wells, Area Manager Family Islands, who will be overseeing the expansion program.

About 40 clients attended the early evening function at Curley Tails restaurant on June 8.

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Three Bodies Were Found on Abaco

By Jennifer Hudson

During the past three weeks three skeletal remains have been discovered in various areas throughout Abaco.

On June 12 the skeletal remains of a human were found by a bonefishing guide at Norman's Castle in an isolated area at the back of Treasure Cay road. The remains were clad in blue jeans and white T-shirt and the skull appeared to have a large hole in the rear.

A team of Police Officers including Detectives, Scenes of Crime Officers and Forensic Experts, from Grand Bahama, Nassau and Abaco went to the scene where they retrieved the remains and brought them to Marsh Harbour. They were transferred to New Providence where the assistance of anthropologists is being sought to determine age, sex and exact cause of death. The present estimate is that the remains had been there for a little over a year.

On June 18 the Police were called to the area of Coconut Tree Beach in Murphy Town where a decomposed body had been found approximately 20 feet in from the shore line. Though the body was unrecognizable, the Police were able to retrieve fin-

gerprints from a hand which was still intact. These were sent to the Criminal Records Office on Grand Bahama where positive identification was made, and the fingerprints were determined to be those of Rudolph Saunders of Murphy Town. Forty-eight-year old Mr. Saunders had been missing since June 12. He was known to be in poor health and foul play is not suspected. His body was discovered by a gentleman walking on Coconut Tree Beach.

At approximately 6 p.m. on June 21, Police Officers in the Marsh Harbour area discovered a set of skeletal remains after receiving a report of the sighting of a human skull in the area of Tilloo Cay by local fishermen. Detective Officers from the Marsh Harbour and Grand Bahama Detective Units traveled to the cay and discovered a human skull with the lower jaw unattached. The officers were able to dig around the skull and in so doing discovered that it was part of the skeletal remains of a human buried in what appeared to be a shallow grave. After successfully processing the scene the officers were able to remove the skull, two femur bones, two tibia, the lower jaw, humerus and various other

bones which were brought to the Marsh Harbour Police Station and later sent to the Forensic Lab in Nassau for DNA examination to determine the age and sex. According to Chief of Police, ASP Miller, the skeletal remains appear to have been there for a very long time.

Grievous Harm

On June 17 grievous bodily harm occurred when a young lady in a jealous rage attacked another young lady, stabbing her about the body and inflicting severe injuries. The victim was airlifted to New Providence for medical attention. She was admitted to the ICU unit where she remained

for a few days until she was moved to a public ward. The suspect has been remanded in Her Majesty's Prison at Fox Hill.

The Police Speaks

Remember to listen in to Radio Abaco every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. to the programme *The Police Speaks* in which Chief of Police, ASP Miller, addresses the most pressing issues affecting many people's lives such as drugs, domestic violence, sexual abuse among children and computer crimes.

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Cancer Society Held Book Sale



The Cancer Society Marsh Harbour Branch held a book sale on June 3 to raise funds. It was held on the porch of Wrackers at Abaco Beach Resort. The group raises funds to pay the airfare for cancer victims to travel for treatment and for cancer screening each year for prostate and cervical cancer. Additionally, the group opens a thrift shop once per month selling donated housewares and clothing.

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Malaria Outbreak Is Over

The Ministry of Health has announced that 16 cases of malaria have been diagnosed on Exuma. Some of these people have been hospitalized while others are completing their treatments without hospitalization. However, no new cases have been reported since June 13. The government feels that the outbreak on the island is over.

Malaria is not endemic in The Bahamas but occasionally cases are diagnosed. Usually these have been persons coming into The Bahamas bringing the disease with them.

Public health officials have increased surveillance on all islands following this discovery. A representative of the Pan American Health Organization is assisting in the surveillance and preventive efforts. Government is fogging ponds and other areas where water is standing and using chemical larvicides reduce the mosquito count.

Malaria is transmitted by the bite of only one species of mosquito, the female *Anoph-*

eles. This is not a common species of mosquito in The Bahamas but is sometimes found. Our common mosquitos do not transmit malaria.

This is a reminder to empty any containers that are holding water as standing water is where mosquito larva develop. This is the rainy season so water can collect in pots, old tires and ponds that form after rains. It is advisable to wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when out at night or early morning. Applying insect repellents to exposed areas will also reduce being bitten by mosquitoes.

Malaria causes bouts of fever, chills, body aches, pains and headaches. Anyone having these symptoms should see a doctor.

The Hon. Bernard Nottage, Minister of Health, feels that there will be no further active transmission of malaria. However, he reminded the public to remain vigilant as the incubation period is between seven to 14 days, so other cases may still present themselves over the next few weeks.



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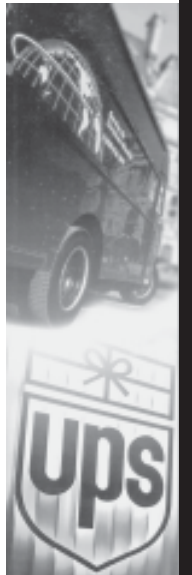
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Voter Registration Is Underway

By Samantha V. Evans

On June 17th representatives from the Administrator's office in Marsh Harbour were registering voters at Solomon's SuperCenter from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. They reported that once the response is good, they will continue to come out into the community. They register at the Methodist Church in Dundas Town on Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. and at the Burial Society Hall in Murphy Town on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m.

So far approximately 900 persons in Central Abaco have registered for the next election. Central Abaco includes Hope Town, Man-O-War, Guana Cay, Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town, Murphy Town, Spring City and surrounding areas. Abaco residents are to be reminded that in order to be eligible to vote, they must be listed in

the current registration book. Only the following documents will be accepted when registering to vote: a Bahamian passport, an old voter's card, valid citizenship documents or a birth certificate from persons born before 1973.

To vote, one must be duly registered and must have been a resident in his constituency during the six months immediately preceding the day of election. If the voter moved to a new constituency and has lived there for less than six months, he is entitled to vote in his old constituency if he was registered there. In accordance with the Constitution, the next general election will be by May 2007. The Constitution, however, provides for an earlier election if the Governor General, on the advice of the Prime Minister, dissolves Parliament and

calls for a general election.

Abaco residents are reminded that they can register at the Sandy Point or Cooper's Town Administrator's offices as well. Persons living in the areas of Moore's Island, Cherokee Sound, Bahama Palm Shore, and Crossing Rocks can register at the Sandy Point office. Residents living in the areas of Cooper's Town, Treasure Cay, Fire Road, Blackwood, Little Abaco and surrounding areas can register at the Cooper's Town office. It has been reported that persons who live in the North or South but work in Central Abaco have been registering at the Marsh Harbour office. This is allowed once you follow the proper procedures and provide proof in the form of any of the documents listed above.

Officers from the Administrator's Office want to encourage residents to register early as Cabinet can decide at anytime to cease voter registration. Once this call is made, no one else will be allowed to register. Yes, there is a cut off date for you to register! This is your country. Let your voice be heard. Register to vote. Take advantage of

the various booths set up in the community to ensure that you do. Your country is counting on you.

AA and Al Anon Meetings

The AA (Alcoholics Anomymous) group of Marsh Harbour meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Marsh Harbour Community Library.

The AlAnon group of Marsh Harbour meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Marsh Harbour Community Library.

The AA group in Hope Town meets Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at the Hope Town Library.

The AA group and the AlAnon group meet in the Treasure Cay Community Center on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Please call 357-6511 for additional information.



Personnel from the Administrator's office in Marsh Harbour were registering voters at Solomon's SuperCenter on June 17. As a national election nears, registration will take place in each community at convenient times for the residents. Everyone eligible is urged to register. You still have the option of not voting if that is your decision but you should register. Voting is a right that should not be taken lightly.



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Obituaries of Family and Friends

Ferris Pierson, 78, of Dowagiac, Michigan, passed away on May 25 at his home surrounded by his family.

Ferris and his wife Donna enjoyed 26 years at their second home in Sandy Point. His garden will be missed by many island friends.

John Henry Russell, 85, formerly of Cooper's Town, was held in Nassau on June 17. Interment was also in Nassau.

He is survived by his wife, Althea Louise Russell; sons, John Milton and Leron Thomas Russell; daughter, Althea Patricia Butler; grandchildren, Janet Louise and Lovonia Patrice Russell, Everett Russell, Jr., Jeremy and Jamal

Major, Latoya Williams, Enrique and Lorraine Butler; great-grandchildren, Leron Jr., Olivia, Rechea, Jeremy Jr., Dalena and Erinique; brother, Betram Wilson; sister, Ethlyn Hanna; nephews; nieces; sister-in-law, Gretchen Wilson; brother-in-law, Kermit Hanna; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Rosalie Rolle**, 77, of Cooper's Town was held on June 24 at the Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town. Bishop Archileus Cooper and Rev. George Rolle officiated. Interment was in Cooper's Town Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband Capt. Edward "Bulls" Rolle; sons Jackson,

Alphonso, Cecil and Edward Jr.; daughters Roselyn Cooper, Olga Pritchard, Bernice McIntosh, Delsene Rolle, Jordan and Nancy Saunders; grandchildren Ebony Rolle, Amanda Pyfrom, Nerissa Heild, Shonell, Vanessa, Lucas, Lorenzo and Lauryn Pritchard, Sheena, Archileus III and Kelly Cooper, Latacia and Petra Russell, Jonathan, Orayshawn and Oryan Rolle, Wiltesha Saunders, Kendra and Dillon Jordan, D'Ondre Pinder, Shannon and Yontalia Sands, Charlotte and Christopher Rolle; great-grandchildren Latoya Rolle, Trajan Bootle, Terry Franks, Shaiyan Pyfrom,

JaQuan Sands; step-grandson Shanoan Pyfrom Jr., brothers Benjamin and Donald Cornish; sister Alvera McIntosh; sons-in-law Joseph Pritchard, Kent Jordan, Archileus Cooper II, Wilton Saunders and Philip McIntosh; daughter-in-law Cleopatra Rolle; grandsons-in-law Pernell Heild and Shannandoah Pyfrom; brothers-in-law Alexander, George and Ronald; sisters-in-law Vivian Cornish, Winifred McDonald, Louise Wright, Orlean Rolle, Beverly Smith and Shirley Kemp; nephews; nieces; and many other relatives and friends.

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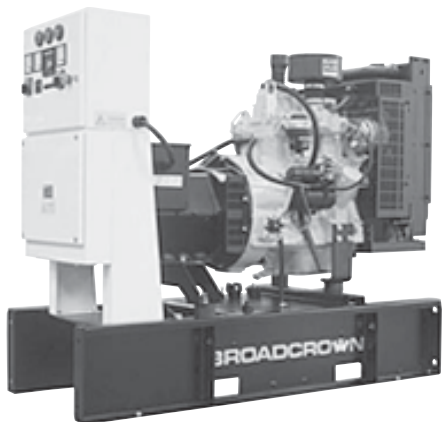
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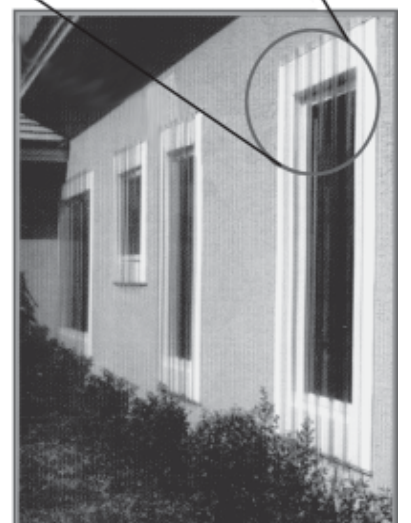
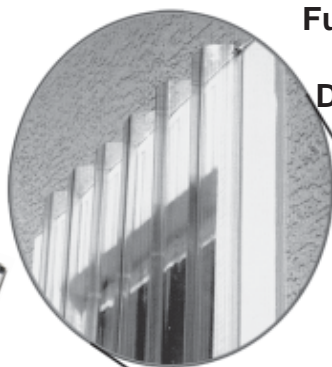
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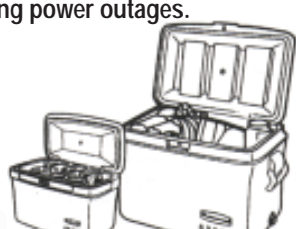
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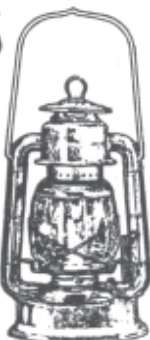


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Tourism Hosts Wives at Reception

By Mirella Santillo

The second annual BBC luncheon and art auction was held this year on June 19th at Government House in Marsh Harbour. It was organized by the Ministry of Tourism, more specifically by its People to People program led by Mrs. Bernadette Harding. She explained, "The spouses of the men taking part in the Bahamian Billfish Championship are invited to have a taste of Bahamian culture and meet Bahamian people."

Going up the long flight of stairs leading to Government House and the gardens where the luncheon was to take place, guests could hear the Bahamian rhythms of Estin Sawyer providing soft

background music. The garden of Government House is the perfect setting for an outdoor function. It offers a 360 degree magnificent view of Marsh Harbour and the cays and is adorned with a lush tropical vegetation. There under a large tent food and drinks tables were set up as well as several dining tables. Approximately 30 people were expected.

The function was introduced by Mrs. Harding and the welcome pronounced by Senior Administrator Revis Rolle, who had graciously lent the grounds for the luncheon.

"Let me invite you to this hill, to Government House," he said. "Traditionally, Government House belongs to the people.

I want to make sure that the people of Abaco make use of these premises." And, praising the environment and the climate of Abaco, he added, "I want to invite you to come back again and again to this place where God lives."

Among the guests were second home owner Mrs. Cheryl Crain, a frequent visitor from Austin, Texas, whose husband usually participates in the fishing tournament. Also present were the producers of the tournament, Brenda Fletcher, Liz Forde, Sheri Raining, Jennifer Dudas, who have been coming to Abaco for years and first time visitor Vanessa Darling. They are all part of the BBC committee located in Fort Lauderdale and helped organize the event.

Soon the guests were partaking in typical Bahamian dishes such as fish fingers, baked chicken, conch fritters, macaroni and cheese, salad and delicious desserts like guava duff, rum cake and coconut pie, graciously served by the staff of Every Child Counts which was to benefit from the proceeds of the silent auction following lunch.

Lunch over, the guests went inside to put their bid on the art work to be auctioned. The art was varied and attractive: a beautiful quilt donated by Dawn Design; a sterling silver bracelet representing shells, gift of the Conch Pearl Gallery; a straw bag from Lovely Island Tings; an oil painting by Karen Hewitt Hagan; a handcrafted necklace of silver and sea glass from Silver Moon Design; an art glass vase and a satin evening purse donated by Travel Spot. Everything was sold and the sum of \$925 was handed over to Mrs. Lynn Major, the Director of ECC by Mrs. Jo-Ann Bradley at the end of the auction.



While the men fished in the Bahamas Billfish Championship, the women enjoyed a reception at Government House hosted by the Ministry of Tourism. A silent auction was held to benefit the Every Child Counts program. Students and staff from that school for special students served the lunch and later the school received a check for \$925.

Royal Poinciana Is in Bloom

By Portia Jonsson

It must be summer because the royal poinciana is in bloom. Just take a drive around town and you will see what I mean. This tree is my favorite in the whole world - a flamboyant tree in flower, some say the world's most colorful tree. Other names for it are Flame of the forest, forest flame and flamboyant.

The royal poinciana is striking when it is in full bloom with exuberant clusters of red and oranges flowers. Each flower has four spoon shaped petals and one upright slightly larger petal, which is marked with yellow and white. Royal poinciana grows tall, but its elegant wide-spreading umbrella-like canopy can be wider than its height. It makes a wonderful shade tree and is used a lot in landscaping along the highway.

Each tree has a unique shape. It never gets boring looking at them, even if they are not blooming. In some Caribbean Islands the pods are used for fuel and called "woman's tongue" because of the rattling noise they make when the wind blows them.

Virtually everyone falls in love with this tree at first sight. So it is easy to see why I love it so much. It is so loved in Miami that the city has an annual festival to celebrate its flowering.

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Urban Renewal Partners' Workshop Held

By Samantha V. Evans

This past spring a workshop was held in Nassau for the partners of Urban Renewal. The theme for the workshop was *Strengthen, Create, Coordinate*. Attending the workshop from Abaco were local partners from Social Services and the Police Force. Ms. Elaine Martinborough stated that the workshop was intense but very rewarding. Prime Minister Perry Christie gave closing remarks stating how happy he is that Urban Renewal is changing the lives of Bahamians for the better and giving them a spirit of belonging. It is important to note that persons will protect and preserve what they value.

The vision of Urban Renewal is to mount a successful national transformation strategy that will result in a safe, secure and contributory involvement of youth, the working class and the aged. It is dedicated to reducing criminal and disruptive behavior and to increase a sense of security and hope throughout the communities of the Bahamas. It is able to do this by partnering with other agencies such as Social Services

and the Police.

Urban Renewal on Abaco is run somewhat differently from the programs in Nassau and Freeport but the objectives are the same. The Urban Renewal office has a Manager, Ms. Martinborough, who has been assigned by the Prime Minister's Office and is not a Police Officer. The Police Department has a task force that performs various tasks as do other agencies. This concept may take a while for persons to grasp especially those who are familiar with the programs headed by police officers.

So far, under the Urban Renewal umbrella are many partners on Abaco. The Police Task Force has done a great job partnering to assist the schools and community by patrolling the grounds to deter crime and encouraging residents to remove garbage, debris and abandoned vehicles from their property and mentoring students. Assistance has been given by the Urban Renewal Office to remove garbage from the communities of Murphy Town, Dundas Town, The Mudd and the Peas. Children

and teenagers have volunteered their time on weekends to assist in this effort.

However, the department is in need of volunteers to make these programs operate more smoothly. Volunteers are needed for the following specific tasks:

- To assist with after school tutoring
- To mentor youth
- To act as support to seniors
- To assist in organizing wholesome community activities
- To assist with repairs to houses of seniors and the indigent
- To act as resource persons in various aspects of Urban Renewal initiative.

Transforming communities will take the

support of all of us working together to achieve this common goal. The Urban Renewal Department has been trying to establish pocket task forces in various areas, but this requires us to work together and not in isolation. This program allows individuals and organizations to contribute to the physical, emotional, spiritual, economic or social transformation, depending on their interest. They can assist at a level that works for them, while having a clear picture of how their input contributes to the transformation of the country as a whole. The initiative, therefore, creates opportunities for individuals and organizations to collaborate and for community groups to restore national pride.



Cleaning up this field of derelict vehicles is typical of projects tackled by Urban Renewal to make our communities a safer, better place to live. Many groups contribute to make it successful.

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Reunion Brings School Friends Together

By Larry Smith

On June 17, the Queen's College class of 1967 enjoyed "an evening of memories, music and merriment" at the Buena Vista Restaurant. A number of Abaco residents were among those who attended the reunion, including Linda and Julie Lowe, Mary Reckley and Stephen Knowles.

The event was open to all "old" scholars in their 50s, and well over a hundred turned out to swap stories with former classmates. The emcee for the evening was ex-QC vice principal Roger Kelty, who now runs the Lyford Cay Scholarship Foundation. Mr Kelty, attired in a traditional Scottish kilt, read messages from former principal Rev. Neville Stewart and other teachers and students living abroad who were unable to attend. But many from overseas did attend. In addition to Abaco, Exuma and Grand Bahama residents, some came from the United States, England and the Cayman Islands.

A private reunion weblog was set up by Tribune columnist Larry Smith for classmates around the world to post pictures and comments, as in this example, "It was great to see so many old friends and somehow comforting to know that despite the passing years we're all essentially the same. Let's keep the web site going! It would be wonderful to do

it all again next year so that those unable to make it this time can get here."

The organising committee included Michelle Nottage, Christine Pemberton Lawrence, Anne Knowles Lever, Anne Wilkinson Higgs, Felicity Johnson, Sherry Albury and Debbie Albury Krukowski. According to Mrs. Lever, "Perhaps our success will inspire other classes to hold similar reunions and set up web sites for their respective years. It's a great way to keep in touch."

As well as catering to baby boomer nostalgia, the reunion also set out to raise funds for the Queen's College Foundation, chaired by Sir Durward Knowles. The QC alumni registration website (www.qchenceforth.com) notes that donations are used to improve the school's physical plant and to sponsor teacher training, especially in science and technology subjects.

The 60s was a time of transformation and turbulence everywhere, including the Bahamas. And during those years QC students experienced significant growth and changes at the school.

"Hopefully, your memories are happy ones and your experiences equipped you for your place in the exciting future that lay ahead," Rev. Stewart wrote in a special

reunion message. "For my family and me, we have no doubt that we were greatly privileged to have been chosen with others to lead the forces of change that affected the lives of so many Bahamians."


Rev. Stewart now lives in Wales and suffers from Parkinson's disease. He was posted to QC in 1964, replacing Rev. Geoffrey Litherland, and was succeeded in 1971 by Hayden Middleton. The first Bahamian principal was Rev Charles Sweeting (1979-1993). Bahamian Andrea Gibson is the current principal.

Queen's College is the oldest private school in the Bahamas, operating under the auspices of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist

Church. Its history goes back to 1870, when Bahamians petitioned the Methodist Missionary Society in London for "a superior kind of educational institution for boys and girls with a Methodist minister as principal."

As a result, the Rev George Terry became the first principal of the Bahamas Wesleyan Propriety Institution in January, 1871. Sixteen years later the foundation stone of Victoria Hall was laid on property acquired between Frederick and Charlotte Streets adjacent to Trinity Church.


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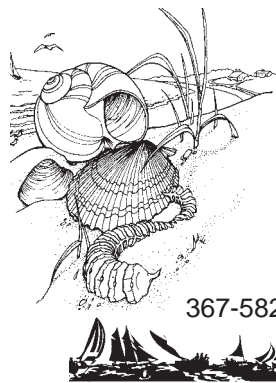


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Marsh H. > Guana Cay (& Scotland Cay with advance notice) 40 min. from Conch Inn	
6:45am‡	10:30 1:30 pm 3:30 5:45
Return 8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45 6:30	
Same day fare • Adult oneway \$15 / Round Trip \$20 • Kids 6-11 half fare Free under 6	
* From Union Jack Dock * Except holidays * Hope Town late trips Fri & Sat only	

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 • VHF Ch 16	
Green Turtle Cay to Treasure Cay Airport	
8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30	
Treasure Cay Airport to Green Turtle Cay	
8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5	
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	
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Wed 9:30 am, return 4:30 pm \$35 RT	
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	
McLean's Town to Crown Haven - Daily 8:30 am & 4:30 pm	
Fare \$45 OW / \$90 RT • Children half fare • Call Abaco 365-2356 for information	
Bus between Freeport and McLean's Town • Rental automobiles at both terminals.	
Bahamas Ferries Sandy Point to Nassau under 4 Hr. Call Sandy Point 366-4119 or Marsh Harbour 367-5250 for sailing dates • Adults \$95 RT, \$55 OW • Cars & trucks	
Islander Express - Bus - M Harbour & Sandy Point -call 366-4444 or 457-9958	
Enovahs Bus Service - Hourly bus through Murphy Town, Dundas Town & Marsh Harbour to Ferry dock. Spring City early morning & late afternoon.	
The Great Abaco Express Marsh Harbour bus to N Abaco • Call 367-2165	
Lv Marsh H. 5 am & 12:30 pm, connect with ferry to Grand Bahama & bus to Freeport	
Lv Crown Haven 9:30 am & 5:30 pm bringing ferry passengers to Marsh Harbour	
From Freeport take cruise ship to Ft. Lauderdale or ferry to West Palm Beach	

Points of Interest	
Albert Lowe Museum	Green Turtle Cay
Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits	Green Turtle Cay
Memorial Sculpture Garden	Green Turtle Cay
Wyannie Malone Historical Museum	Hope Town
Elbow Cay Light Station	Hope Town
Walk to & swim on Mermaid Reef off M Harb. Pelican Shore Drive to & swim in Blue Hole off Treasure Cay farm road	

Abaco Marinas - Slips Fuel Phone	
Walker's Cay	
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
Treasure Cay	
Treasure Cay Marina	150 F 365-8250
Man-O-War	
Man-O-War Marina	26 F 365-6008
Marsh Harbour	
Boat Harbour Marina	183 F 367-2736
Conch Inn	75 F 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36 F 367-2182
Marsh Harbour Marina	52 F 367 2700

Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	16 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6 F 366-0154
Sea Spray	50 F 366-0065
Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina	75 F 365-0083
Guana Cay	
Orchid Bay	32 F 365-5175
Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour	

Tours & Excursions	
Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Har.	367-2936
Above & Below * Marsh Harbour	367-0250
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0024
Excursion boat • Froggies • Hope T	366-0431

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Sandy Point	Crossing Rocks
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Nicholas Roberts	Cherokee
Derrick Gaitor	Theodore Sawyer 366-2111
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Vernal Burrows	Marty Sawyer 366-2115
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Anthony Bain 366-4107	Junior Albury 366-3058
Floyd Burrows 366-4175	Randy Sawyer 366-2284
Links Adderly 366-4335	Hope Town
Valentino Lightbourne	Maitland Lowe 366-0234
Ricky Burrows 366-4233	North Abaco
Marsh Harbour	O'Donald McIntosh .. 477-5037
Jody Albury 375-8068	Pope McKenzie 477-5894
Terrance Davis 367-4464	Ortnell Russell 365-0125
Buddy Pinder 366-2163	Alexander Rolle 365-0120
Justin Sands 367-3526	Edward Rolle 365-0024
Danny Sawyer 367-3577	Green Turtle Cay
Jay Sawyer 367-3941	Ronnie Sawyer 365-4070
Man-O-War	Jeff Survance 365-4040
David Albury 365-6059	Ricky Sawyer 365-4261

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Restaurant Guide	
Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper	
(Based on dinner entree range)	
+ Picnic tables & restroom only ‡ Provides ride from town	
Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
Conch Crawl	\$ 367-4444
Gino's	\$ 367-2002
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
Hibiscus Cafe	\$ 367-2782
Hummingbird	\$ 367-2922
Jamie's Place	\$ 367-2880
Jib Room	\$\$ 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken (lunch-5pm)	367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Pop's Place	\$ + 367-3796
Sapodilly's	\$\$\$ 367-3498
Sea Shells	\$ 367-4460
Snack Shack	\$ + 367-4005
Snapps	\$ 367-2278
Subway	367-2798
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074
Dundas Town	
Ambassador Inn	\$ 367-2022
Mother Merle's	\$
Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$ 366-0247
Harbour's Edge	\$ 366-0087
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$ 366-0095
Munchies	\$ + 366-0423
Sea Spray	\$ ‡ 366-0065
Man-O-War	
Pavilion	\$ 365-6185
Hibiscus	365-6380
Island Treats Snack Bar	365-6501
Guana Cay	
Blue Water Grill	\$\$\$ 365-5230
Guana Seaside	\$\$\$ 365-5106
Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
Orchid Bay	265-5175
Treasure Cay	
Florence's Cafe	\$
Coconuts	
Harbour Cafe	365-8635
Hudson's Delight	\$ 365-8648
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$ 365-8195
Traveller's Rest	365-8654
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ 365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$ 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$ 365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill	\$\$ 365-4389
Laura's Kitchen	\$ 365-4287
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$ 365-4625
Plymouth Rock Cafe	365-4234
Rooster's Rest	\$ 365-4066
Sundowners	Open Nights Only 365-4060
Wrecking Tree Restaurant	
Harbour Café (ferry dock) .	\$ + 365-8635
Sandy Point	
Big J's	\$ 366-4020
Nancy's	
Veil's	366-4139
Pete & Gays	\$\$\$ 366-4119
Seaside Inn	\$\$\$ 366-4120
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Exclusive Listings



FAR NIENTE, North End, Elbow Cay
 4 bed / 4 bath on the Sea of Abaco North End, Elbow Cay. Large open floor plan, fully furnished, beautiful beach **\$3,900,000**

White Sound - Hilltop lot adjacent to Aunt Pats Bay in White Sound. 1/3 acre with private dock slip and views of the Sea of Abaco and Atlantic **\$355,000.**

CONCH QUEST - Ocean front villa, 2 bedroom, 1 bath with room to expand. Open deck overlooks excellent surfing location. Just steps from marina and restaurant, rental history available. **\$795,000.**

JACKS JUNGLE - Lubbers Quarters waterfront west side over 1/2 acre with deeded dockslip. **\$240,000.**

WHITE SOUND - Rare Ocean front find in White Sound, large lot with Dock on White Sound Bay. 150' on the ocean and White Sound Bay, 129' on North Boundary, and 94' on South Boundary. Ideal spot to build second home, or income producing rental **\$899,000.**

OCEAN FRONT WHITE SOUND Lots #13 & #14 with dockage on White Sound Bay **\$499,000** each.

DORROS COVE Lot #18 **\$335,000.** and Lot #20 **\$362,000.** **UNDER CONTRACT**

LYNARD CAY 3 acres on Sea of Abaco, north of pond **\$730,000.** 1 acre north of pond on Sea of Abaco **\$365,000.**



CROWS NEST, North End, Elbow Cay
 Ocean front North End Elbow Cay - large 1.5 acre property, 2 bed / 2bath villa, generator room, can be subdivided **\$4,460,000**



MAGNUSON HOUSE, North End, Elbow Cay
 Quiet North End Elbow Cay, 3 bed/3 bath (detached master efficiency) overlooking white sandy beach, large wrap deck, sold fully furnished, great art work, boat, golf cart included **\$1,485,000**



FINDERS KEEPERS, White Sound, Elbow Cay
 Great rental cottage one lot from ocean, 2 bed 1.5 bath, excellent rental history **\$465,000**



HIGH HOPES, North End, Elbow Cay
 Atlantic Ocean, North End Elbow Cay 3 bed 3 bath, large ocean side deck, excellent history **\$1,450,000**



KIWI HOUSE, White Sound, Elbow Cay
 Newly custom built Bahamian style home, 2-story, 3 bed, 2.5 bath. Expansive decking Pool, central AC, generator. Spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean **\$897,000**



BLEST NEST, North End, Elbow Cay
 High on ocean dune at North End. 3 bed / 3 bath (detached guest cottage) panoramic views, excellent rental history **\$1,425,000**



PINEAPPLE BEACH HOUSE, White Sound, Elbow Cay
 Oceanfront home with POOL, 4 bed / 3 bath, open kitchen on top floor. Efficiency cottage adjacent to main house, rental history **\$1,800,000**

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SECTION B



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High School Seniors Move On Students End One Stage to Move to Next Stage

By Samantha V. Evans

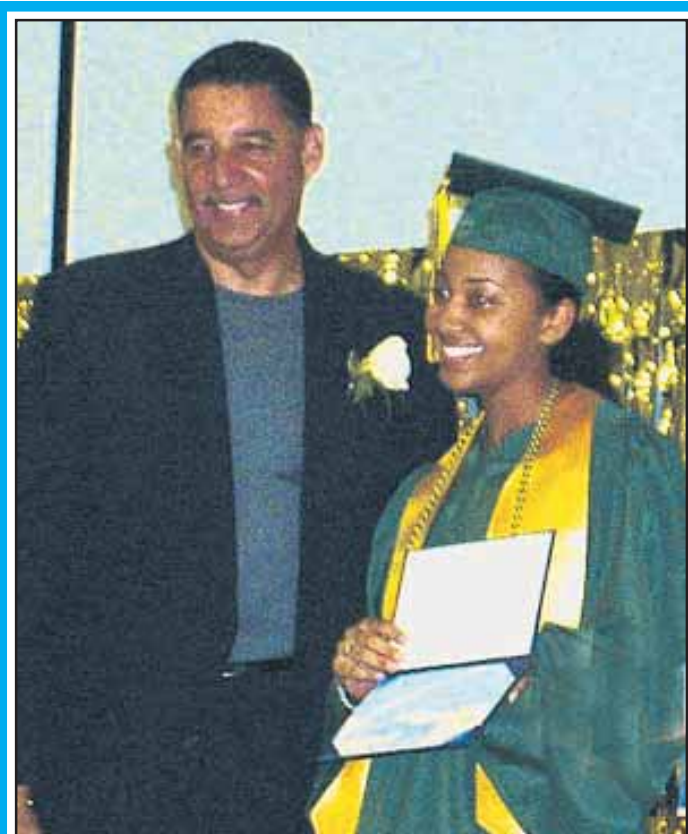
Students in government schools all over the Bahamas ended the 2005-2006 school year recently. After working hard, competing academically, culturally and in sports, and learning new skills this school year, students were required to sit end of year exams over the week of June 19th-23rd to determine whether they mastered the lessons taught. Whether they sat exams for mathematics or computer science, students are aware that they must master the year's work in order to be promoted to the next level.

Gone are the days when students can look forward to being promoted whether they learnt everything or nothing. The Ministry of Education has made it clear that in order for The Bahamas to compete effectively in the global economy, it is necessary for them to produce literate and numerate Bahamian children who are competent to move successfully through the educational system and then into the world of work. It is our hope that with this new trend of thought in mind that the national grade will soon improve from a "D" to at least a "C". Then and only then can we truly say that we can compete with the best of the best the world has to offer.



Junkanoo Festival Featured Independence Theme

Valedictorians Are Named



The valedictorian of Forest Heights Academy, Brittany Benjamin, is shown with her father, Pastor Derek Benjamin, key note speaker at the graduation.

By Portia Jonsson

Family, friends and well-wishers packed New Visions Ministries to share with and congratulate 24 graduates of Forest Heights Academy during their commencement exercise on June 14th.

Principal Paul Vernall asked the class of 2006 how they understood a good life? He told them if they think the good life is filled with money and materialism then they have painted themselves inside a box and a life of frustration. He advised them that their education has given them adequate ammunition against this addiction. Competence, he said, is not a gift but an achievement. The committed person is a happy person.

Pastor Derek Benjamin, keynote speaker, told the graduates that they are at a crossroad in their lives. Some of them are crys-

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Salutatorian Nickesia Jones, left, and valedictorian D'Andra Johnson of Abaco Central High School are pleased that their school days are completed.

64 Graduate from Abaco Central

By Samantha V. Evans

New Vision Ministries was overflowing with people on June 19th as 64 grade twelve students of Abaco Central High School took their last walk before receiving their high school diploma.

Principal Euthal Green said he was proud to see more positive reports in the news and the almost none existence of fights at the school. In fact, there had not been any reports of fights for months. This is commendable and a great accomplishment. He told the graduates to be better than the average person. If they want something bad enough, they have to be prepared to sacrifice something for it.

Samantha Pinder, Head Girl, and Jude

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St. Francis Graduates Assemble

St. Francis de Sales School held its graduation on June 12 at the St. Francis de Sales Church. Sixteen students received their diplomas. Valedictorian was Eden McIntosh and Salutatorian was Barry McKenzie. The Principal's Award went to Lisa Kemp. See story on page 22



Regatta Time in Abaco Draws Sailors

By Rebecca Burg

The 31st annual Regatta Time in Abaco will take place between July 3-11. This event draws more than just sailors. Many come to Abaco for the great social events that are planned each night.

The Regatta begins with skippers, crews, visitors and locals assembling on uninhabited Fiddle Cay that has taken on a party atmosphere. This year's Cheeseburger in Paradise party takes place at mid-day on July 3rd and it's a congenial way to kick off Regatta Time in Abaco. Uncountable boats cluster beyond the roped-off areas of sandy beach. People swap sailing stories and enjoy cold drinks while the tide gently laps at their ankles. The efforts and generosity of Bobb Henderson and his volunteers make this unique tradition possible. (Bobb, a colorful island character and a pilot, is the creative mind behind Stranded Naked

Swimwear.) Later that afternoon, sailors gradually filter toward nearby Green Turtle Cay for the Regatta skippers' meeting held at Settlement Point.

The first race, July 4th, starts near Green Turtle Cay. Participants range from laid-back cruisers who come for the Regatta's exotic and friendly atmosphere to the serious entries who spend lots of time on the racing circuit. Grouped according to rating, all fleets see close competition. Even the most laid back Mother Tubber usually can't resist being drawn into a challenge from a sister vessel.

That afternoon's awards party at Green Turtle's Settlement Point tops off the Regatta's first day. With gift shops, grocery stores, gourmet island eateries, hardware stores and a museum, the settlement is a pleasure to explore.

On July 5th, a lay day allows sailors to

recover from the previous day's excitement, do some more sightseeing and sail the boat to Great Guana Cay. Sink your bare toes into Treasure Cay's world famous beach across the way or join fellow racers at the Blue Water Grill's afternoon party on Guana. This long, slender island offers an excellent opportunity to walk off all those party refreshments. There's a pristine 5-1/2 mile beach and palm tree lined pathways. "Pool rules...No splashing...No diving...No bathing suits after 10 p.m." reads a tongue-in-cheek sign at Sunset Grill's blue swimming pool.

July 6th brings more racing action, the battlefield near Great Guana. By now, a pecking order is noticeable. Before the starting signal, boats strut and flex their sails in front of their closest competitors, hoping

to settle the score. After the lively sailing, some rivals are buying each other drinks at the day's end Regatta party at Nippers. No wonder Nipper, the swarthy, gold-toothed pirate, is grinning.

For the lay day on July 7th, crews get to relax and meander southward on an easy reach to Man-O-War Cay. Refuel, find groceries and marine parts in this small and peaceful settlement. The pace is tranquil and friendly locals nod or smile as you pass them along walkways surrounded by well manicured tropical blooms. Here is the center of quality ship building and the birth place of the highly sought after Albury Brothers boats. Walk to the southeast side of the settlement and you'll pass a tiny, lovingly

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Regatta Time in Abaco has been attracting sailors to Abaco for over 31 years. They come for the sailing as well as for the social events that are organized every night. The five races are held off five different towns, giving the visitors a chance to see several areas of Abaco.



The Abaco Rage, a Bahamian work boat, competes every year in Regatta Time in Abaco and usually wins several trophies. The American sailors enjoy seeing the novel pry used for ballast and the other characteristics typical of Bahamian work boats. Almost 2,000 pounds of ballast is strategically placed on the starboard side.

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■ COMMERCIAL #2513 - Located in town near the Government Dock, 6,525 sq. ft. lot. \$75,000.

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Sailors Will Race off Five Towns

Regatta From Page 2

maintained cemetery and bump into the beach. On the northeast end of town, past the boatyard, is the Sail Shop with must-see canvas creations.

July 8th sees the third race in the series near Man-O-War Cay and an afternoon party at nearby Marsh Harbour's Snappas where awards for races #2 and #3 are presented. Live music energizes the crowd.

A lay day on July 9th gives crews a chance to explore what's known as the Hub of Abaco. Elbow Cay, Marsh Harbour and Man-O-War are all within short distance by local ferry or by your own boat. An afternoon party at Curly Tails in Marsh Harbour concludes the day's relaxed schedule.

On July 10th racers hoist their sails for the Hope Town race. Due to the Regatta's carefully calculated scoring system, Mother Tub competitors who'd just missed the top ranks have an increased chance to tip the scales. Many trophies are awarded through the series and traditionally, these are eye-catching works of fine art by the renowned local bronze sculptor Pete Johnston. His creative headquarters is the fun and funky Pete's Pub and Gallery at Little Harbour. While there's still some energy left after racing, crews convene on Elbow Cay, Hope Town, at the

Hope Town Harbour Lodge party.

Hope Town's settlement is a must to explore. Stretching those sea legs, a leisurely walk under the shade of tropical greenery will whisk you into another time period. Historic homes, the candy cane striped lighthouse, a museum, cozy shops and a glittering sand beach are just a few of the delights to be savored. The popular lighthouse, built in 1863, still uses a kerosene-fueled light and it is one of only three such working landmarks in the world. Visitors are welcome to tour this beloved monument. Nearby and across the water, the island of Lubber's Quarters and exotic Tahiti Beach on the south end of Elbow Cay just can't be visited without a camera. That night, watch for

the fireworks as Bahamians proudly celebrate their Independence Day, the festive atmosphere providing yet another social opportunity for visitors.

July 11th is the final race in the series and there is a grand awards ceremony at Snappas, a relaxed waterfront bar and restaurant in Marsh Harbour. Sailors usually stay a brief time after the race just to explore the areas missed during the Regatta. Shopping centers, marinas, eateries, grocery store, a coffee-internet shop, pharmacies and resorts are just some of the offerings that Marsh Harbour has. Americans exploring by foot or by bike have to remember that locals drive on the "wrong" side of the road. Immersed

in the balmy, tropical ambiance and operating on island time, it's easy to forget.

Weather permitting, there's adventure to be had. The easy pace of the Out Islands and the active buzz of Marsh Harbour offer a variety of unique experiences and things to see and do. For the sailor who's ready to race and take a much needed vacation, the Regatta Time In Abaco offers an ideal combination of cruiser-friendly activity. The magnificent tropical seascapes and the rich Bahamian culture just may cause them to forget the "real world" for while. Peas n' rice, powdery sand beaches, fresh conch salad, rustling coconut palms, cold Kalik and Junkanoo are part of reality now. The memories made during Regatta days will last a lifetime.



One of our regular sailors is Peter Christie from Nassau who enjoys the competition and challenges of the races. He is receiving a trophy here two years ago. The trophies are bronze sculptures on a mahogany plaque created by Pete Johnston of Johnston Studios.



After each race and on lay days, the sailors along with many landlubbers congregate for parties. Since the Regatta is a family-oriented event, wives, children, and young people are all part of the crowd. Here the dinghies are lined up while the people are enjoying the town; in this case it is Green Turtle Cay in 2004.

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North Abaco News

Summer Festival Fund Raiser Is Planned

By Vernique Russell

The North Abaco Summer Festival and Power Boat race committee will host another fund raiser to help defray their expenses for the upcoming event. The fund raiser will be held in the form of a Beach Picnic on July 10th at the beach before the security checkpoint. The committee is once again seeking your support to help make the upcoming festival a success.

The Summer Festival and Power Boat Races will be held July 21st-23rd at the All Abaco Regatta Village site in Treasure Cay.

Austin Mills Is Honored

By Vernique Russell

During the week of Teacher's Appreciation the teachers at the Fox Town Primary honored Principal Austin Mills for 40 years of dedicated services to the education community. Mr. Mills has served as Principal at the primary school in Fox Town for 13 years and has taught at differ-



Austin Mills

ent locations for 40 years. The Appreciation Luncheon was mainly to "give him, his roses while he is alive" says Mrs. Thomas, Vice Principal at the school.

Mr. Mills is well known for his comedians acts and skits at cultural events, especially during the Little Abaco Homecoming. As an educator, he has touched many lives and left footprints on many hearts. Congratulations Mr. Mills! Keep up the good work, your labor is surely not in vain.

Congratulations, Alize Swain

By Vernique Russell

The youngest person in the neighborhood of Dormy Villas is moving up in her education journey. She recently received awards of excellence from the Early Learning Academy (pre-school) in Murphy Town for academics performance.

Congratulations, Alize, and continue to strive for the best. Remember the sky is the limit and you can do anything if you try.



Alize Swain

Death Visits Treasure Cay

By Vernique Russell

On the afternoon of June 21 many hearts were saddened by the passing of time to eternity of Elder Moxey Williams. Elder Williams was the founder and owner of Great Abaco Nursery. Elder Williams is also a founding member of the Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay. For quite a while he has been in a comma and on Wednesday God called him home to rest in peace. He kept the faith and fought a good fight a crown of righteousness was laid up for him in glory.

Footprints are engraved in the hearts of: his wife Sybil Williams; children Peter and Claudia Williams, Steven and Shavonne Williams, Leo Williams, Abraham Williams, Nathaniel and Michelle Williams, Morya and Elva Williams, Patricia and Monique Williams, Clarice Wildgoose, Rosie Forbes, and Ambrose and Ruby Thompson; grandchildren; great-grand children; and a host of other relatives and friends.

May God's grace strengthen you in your time of bereavement and weakness, knowing that the victory is won. He is absent from his mortal body but present with the Lord.

Police Held Town Meeting

By Vernique Russell

The Royal Bahamas Police Force Abaco District held a town meeting in Cooper's Town on June 14th at the Sherlin Bootle High School. The town meeting took place in the form of a forum, and it was to gather concerns from residents and strategize together a plan to restore North Abaco back to safety, security and tranquility.

ASP Wayne Miller, Abaco's police chief, in his address declared that the northern communities, especially Cooper's Town, are a haven for drug trafficking. He along with his team is requesting community help in cracking down on these criminals. It was brought to light that teenagers are being used to distribute illegal drugs. ASP Miller informed the audience that when good people stay silent, evil will prevail, encouraging them to be their brother's keeper.

Another issue that he spoke on was child molestation that is on the increase in North Abaco. Those in attendance were assured that with their help and the manpower of the Police Force Abaco District, persons found guilty will be prosecuted to the full

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extend of the law.

Mr. Miller spoke on the use of the internet among children and parental awareness. He advised parents to be "nosy," and "know who their children are talking to," and not to leave computers in their children's rooms. He informed that the internet is used as a powerful tool for mischief by kids, especially during the summer months as there is a lot of idle time on the kid's hands. He encouraged parents to get their children involve in programs to utilize their time. He suggested starting a band that would be an excellent venue to utilize time. He said that they cannot sit and wait on government but they must take responsibility as a community for the well being of our nation's future.

The Police Force has begun a new era in policing; gone are the days when police thought they knew everything. Instead police officials are creating a partnership with members of the community for more productive and effective policing. Residents in attendance all agreed that with the new era persons will not be reluctant to release information to police as there will be more confidence and trust.

The meeting was well attended by residents in the North and the participation of the residents was exceptionally good. Residents commended the Police Force for the excellent job it is doing and vowed to assist in any way. Other matters of concern from resident ranged from speed bumps in communities, street lights in communities and child welfare among others.

On hand was Mr. Steven Pedican, Chief Councillor for North Abaco, who was able

to address some of the issues. Others will be looked into as soon as possible. More than 90 persons filled the library and others stood outside.

Other police and government officials include Inspector Ferguson, Inspector Barr, Mr. Donald Cash, Administrator for North Abaco, Cpl. Cash, Officer in Charge of Cooper's Town, Woman Cpl. Johnson, Officer in Charge of Fox Town, North Abaco District, and other local government and religious officials.

The Royal Bahamas Police Force is recruiting for new officers; interested persons are asked to contact ASP Miller at the Marsh Harbour Police Station for further information.

Invasion of the Toads

By Vernique Russell

On the June 13at while carrying out her daily gardening routine, Mrs. Theresa Murray of Treasure Cay was paid a special visit by a foot-long frog or toad. After her discovery she called her assistant gardener Tony to take a look at this strange type of frog. She exclaimed, "This is the biggest frog I have ever seen," and admitted she thought it was another animal.

The news spread through Dormy Villas very quickly bringing neighbors to the Murray's residence to get a glimpse of this creature. The frog was killed and then taken to Environmental Health for further evaluation. Since the capture of that frog or toad, other persons in the community have shared sightings of these creatures. Members of the community are advised to contact Mr. David Knowles at Department of Agriculture to report their experiences so a thorough investigation can be carried out in the area. It is



believed that the frogs came in with shipments of plants or they were brought in by tourists as pets and got away. Keep your eyes open. Who knows where the next one is?

Ed Note: It is believed that it is perhaps a buffo toad sometimes called a cane toad that is found in Florida. It can grow to 10 inches and five pounds but cannot jump. Its poison is quite toxic for other animals, particularly dogs and can even cause a dog's death. It is considered a highly invasive species.

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This is a buffo or cane toad which we believe is the same as the toad recently seen in Treasure Cay. Anyone finding one should notify David Knowles, Abaco's agriculture officer. His phone number is 367-2240.

Trumpet Assembly Performs at Youth Fest

By Samantha V. Evans

Sister Wendy Sands and her husband took a large contingent of dancers from Trumpet Assembly of God in Dundas Town to perform during the climax of Youth Fest held at the Abaco Youth Ministries in Dundas Town on June 11th. The group of approximately 30 performers danced to two songs. Sister Wendy stated that this is the season for the youth and any of them that believe it needs to claim it. Youth is not only referring to the young

but to those who are young at heart. She said that for too long all we have heard about the youth are negative things but there are many of them who are making a positive difference in their church, school and the community. It is up to all others to nurture them and help them walk into their season. Sister Wendy kicked off her shoes and took center stage with the dancers. Pastor Emmitt Archer thanked Sister Wendy and the team for helping them to climax their first Youth Fest.

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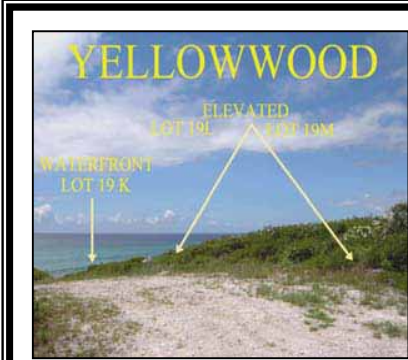
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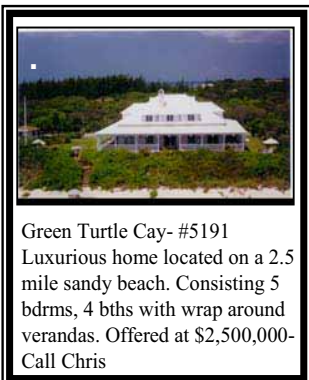
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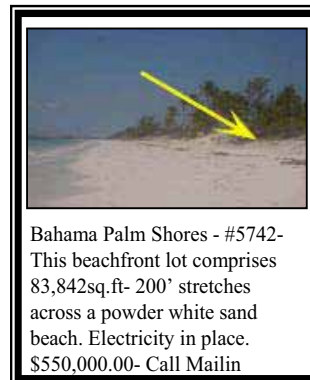
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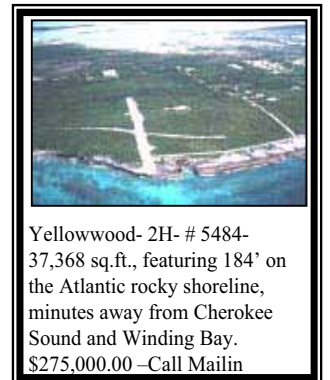
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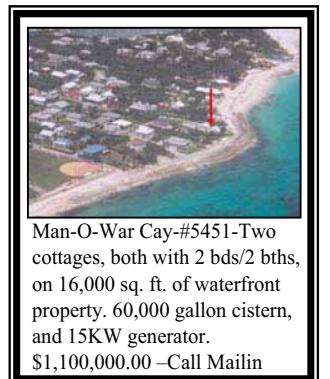
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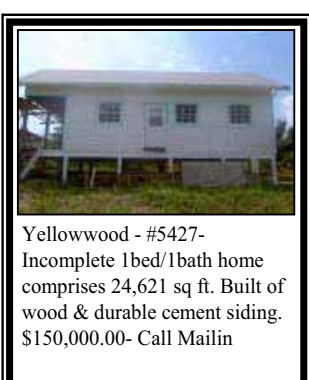
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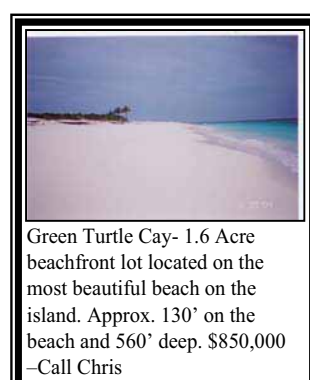
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School News

Forest Heights *From Page 1*

tal clear about what they are going to do while some are not sure. He advised that no matter what they did, they will have life's common obstacles.

Pastor Benjamin shared four points for them to remember. First, they will all experience failure but they must not fear it. The right response to it will make them stronger. The wrong response to it will make them cowards.

Second, they will experience success but they must not let it spoil them. Many people think success will bring them everything, he advised, but success is not what you have but who you are. Third, they will all face change, and they should accept it. Last, each of them will need to discover his purpose.

The Class of 2006 Valedictorian and Salutatorian were Brittany Benjamin and Corenthea Johnson respectively. Other graduates were Dana Albury, Donna Albury, Tony Armstrong, Bonnie Brandt, Adam Cash, Jumenia Davis, Omarh Dawkins, Matthew Duggan, Stuart Lowe, Terrance Lowe, Andrea McIntosh, Megan Mills, Tonya Patterson, Celisha Russell, Cassie Sands, Jessica Sands, Brandon Sawyer, Krystenique Smith, Joel Sweeting, LeeAndra Thompson, Jordan Wells and Nyika Wilmore.

Abaco Central *From Page 1*

Vilma, Head Boy, reflected on their time at Abaco Central. They are both proud to have served this school and are grateful for all that they learned while there. Samantha said that the knowledge learned will be with them where ever they go.

School superintendent Rudolph Smith told them that in order to succeed they need to believe in self and to be committed and dedicated to whatever it is they want to succeed at. He told them to be careful how they conduct themselves, what they say and how they carry themselves.

The guest speaker for the evening was Rev. Carla Culmer, who told the graduates that they are beginning a new phase of life which means that they are now more independent. Not only will their parents and teachers expect great things from them but so will society. She told the parents to speak positively of their children, pray for them and encourage them to discover their talents and to simply be the best they can. Accept them as they are and to not compare them to anyone else.

She encouraged the teachers to hang in there. She knows their struggles because she is a former teacher. It is important that they continue to plant positive seeds in the students. The students may not understand what they are saying right away but one day the seed planted will take root.

The theme chosen is fitting as life is a journey. All of them worked hard to get here. It is important that graduates decide what contribution they will make to the world. If they make good choices, they will have a productive life. Whatever profes-

sion chosen, they must ensure that they make a positive contribution. Do what they do well.

She concluded by telling them never to let anyone limit them and to not be a people pleaser. It is important for them to stand out and make a difference. They must get rid of negative people, habits and way of life. Live each day well and tomorrow will be a better day. Build on the knowledge attained so they can make the world a better place. She said no matter what life brings, decide in their minds that they will succeed. Everyone has challenges so use them as stepping stones.

The valedictorian was D'Andra Johnson, who told the class that they must be persistent in pursuit of excellence. The salutatorian was Nickesia Jones, who thanked all of her classmates for the great memories they created together and for making her

high school days so enjoyable.

Parents are the first teachers for their children. Before they begin school, they are to train up their children in the way they are to go. Once they begin school, they have additional parents who come in the form of their teachers who mold and shape them for the world of work and teach them important life skills. The graduates honoured their parents and teachers in a very special way. Each of the graduates was given a trophy to present to a particular teacher. The trophy was presented to say "thank you" for their sacrifices all of the sacrifices they made over the years. Parents were each given a mug filled with sweets and other goodies.

The students received their awards, spe-

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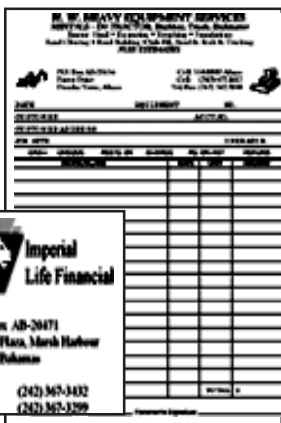


Abaco Central High School held a baccalaureate service on June 18 at the Dundas Town Church of God. Special speaker for the occasion was Bishop Anthony Campbell. These are some of the students who attended the service.

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More School News

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cial gifts and high school diplomas. Twelve students made the honor roll and received the Outstanding Youth Award in Bahamian Schools. It was, indeed, a royal send off for Abaco Central High School class of 2006. We all wish them well.

Abaco Central Baccalaureate Service

By Samantha V. Evans

On June 18th senior students of Abaco Central High School gathered at Dundas Town Church of God to worship one last time before they go their separate ways. Parents, teachers and friends gathered to celebrate with them. Bishop Anthony Campbell delivered the message to the students.

He gave them some solid advice to send them of into the world where life is different and more challenging. He told them that God will open doors for them if they put Him first. They should be proud that they made it this far - he is surely proud of them.

Bishop Campbell told the students to remember the following points as they leave the confines of school and enter the real world. Firstly, if you seek God, He will provide all of your needs. Next, true leadership cannot be born and exist without some sense of purpose.

Thirdly, nurture great thoughts because if you don't, you'll never go higher than you think. If you dress sloppily, that's as high as you'll be. He encouraged the students to make a decision to put down the cell phone, cut off the land phone and study.

Next, he stated that in order to succeed in life you must change your attitude. Attitude dictates your performance. When you have a bad attitude, you will stay at a low point in life. Mr. Campbell reminded them that attitude can be their best friend or worst enemy. Attitude tells us what we expect from life.

Finally, he told the graduates that if they do not know where they are going, then any road will take them there. They must set their standards high. Remember that genuine integrity is not for sale. John Maxwell said that "integrity is a quality most needed to succeed in business and in life." Bishop encouraged the young people to remember that ethical principles are not flexible.

For the students going to work, he told them that he who knows what to do will always have a job but he knows why it is done will always be the boss. To the students going off to college, he said what lies before you or behind you are small things compared to what lies with you if you allow God to lead the way. Hence, seek God first and you will be just alright.

Sherlin C. Bootle High School Commencement Exercise

By Vernique Russell

Proud parents, teachers, graduates and well wishers assembled at the Church of God Cathedral in Cooper's Town on June 22nd to celebrate with the graduating class of Sherlin C. Bootle High School for their Commencement Exercise. Under the theme *Dare to Dream*, graduates ended the journey of their high school career.

This year the graduation ceremony was

historic as it was the first time ever that young men dominated the first top five spots academically. This year's graduating class graduated 80 percent of the students with diplomas and exceptional performances by the entire graduating class educational, socially and morally.

The audience was not disappointed but indeed felt very entertained, excited and proud to share with the graduates their moment in time. The graduating students performed a dance. The class song *Dare to Dream* was written by students under the guidance of Mr. Cooper, music teacher at the school.

During his address, Mr. Lesile Rolle, Principal, admonished the graduates to always put God first wherever they may go. He boasted of the programs that are now offered at the school. This year some 30 programs were offered where students were privileged to chose nine. He informed the audience that hopefully when students re-

turn in September, they will be returning to newly renovated buildings. In fact, the work has already started.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Jack Thompson, Controller of Road Traffic, who brought hope to the hopeless and inspiration to the broken hearted and courage for the dreamers. Mr. Thompson gave the graduates three key points during his dynamic speech to help them make their dreams reality.

Firstly, he advised them to always put God FIRST.

Take character with them and maintain their standards. Have morals, a good reputation, integrity and character.

Lastly, dream and work toward their dreams, not allowing anyone to discourage them. Just keeping working till that dream becomes reality.

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131 Boats Competed in Billfish Tournaments

The Bahamas Billfish Championship has just completed another successful series of tournaments. This Championship is a series of five tournaments held during the spring and moving to various resorts. The series has taken place annually since its first season in 1973. All BBC tournaments are governed by a uniform set of rules. Anglers can fish any or all of the tournaments with cumulative points determining the overall Bahamas Billfish Champion.

Each tournament has four days of fishing and encourages the anglers to catch and release the fish. The catch has to be verified by a digital photograph showing date and time. Each day the anglers are given a different colored ribbon which also has to be visible in the photograph.

The first tournament, the Marsh Harbour Tournament, was held on April 17 to 22. The winner was Palawan. A total of 78 boats competed, catching 100 billfish.

The second tournament was the Harbour Island Championship from April 30 to May 5. *Boomer*, a boat from Manchester, Massachusetts, was the winner of that leg of the Championship. A total of 56 boats caught 50 billfish.

This year for the first time the tournament took the anglers to Emerald Bay on Exuma. There 38 boats fished, catching a total of 26 fish. The first place winner was *Captain Gas*.

The last two legs of the Championship were held on Abaco. The fourth was at the Treasure Cay Marina where 69 boats were registered. A total of 92 fish were caught. The winner of that tournament was once again *Captain Gas*.

The Boat Harbour Championship at the Abaco Beach Resort is the culmination of the five tournament Bahamas Billfish Championship. Because of its critical nature in determining the overall Champion, the Boat Harbour Championship always draws a large

field of top sportfishing teams. The 80 teams competing in the Boat Harbour Championship caught a BBC record of 129 billfish during the four days of fishing. The record catch was made up of 108 blue marlin, 19 white marlin and two sailfish. Time and date stamped digital images verify all catches, releases and species identification as presented by each team using affidavits signed by all aboard. The winner of this leg was *Black Shadow*.

The overall winner of the BBC was *Bodacious* that caught a total of eight blue marlin and two white marlin. Rolex presented this year's Rolex Grand Prize to the skipper overall winner of the series. The Grand Prize from Rolex is an expense paid trip to Queensland, Australia, to fish for black marlin on the Great Barrier Reef. In second place was *Captain Gas* and coming in third was *Black Shadow*.

A total of 131 boats competed in the five



The BBC judges, Jennifer Dudas and Bartow Rainey, are studying the video of a fish being brought to a boat, checking the time and checking the identification that each fisherman was issued.

legs catching in a total of 395 billfish. Of this number 235 were blue marlin, 149 white marlin and 11 sailfish.

Throughout its history, the Championship has been a consistent supporter of billfish research. Biologists from the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Bahamas Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries have monitored the Championship as part of the recreational billfish tournament-sampling program.

In 2000 the Steering Committee and the Championship instituted a Scholarship Program administered by the Lyford Cay Foundation to assist Bahamian students studying marine biology at the college level. The BBC Scholarship Fund, administered by the Lyford Cay Foundation, is supported by voluntary financial contributions from anglers, BBC sponsors and the Bahamian business com-

munity. Contributions to the BBC Scholarship Fund reached \$65,000 this year.

In a major move toward conservation of the species, the Bahamas Billfish Championship established size minimums for billfish that have significantly increased the number of billfish released during the series as well as increasing the overall average weights for boated fish. The Championship has steadily raised the points for released sailfish, white marlin and blue marlin. The change in the release points allows the Championship to call greater attention to the large number of billfish that are released during the series and the change in point structure makes it easier for the top release angler to win an individual tournament. Many well-planned changes have made the battle for the Championship title closely contested each season.



Almost all the billfish caught during the five tournaments of the Bahamas Billfish Championship were released. Verification of the fish caught is by digital camera that records the date and time. The photo must show the fish well enough for the judges to see what kind of fish it is. This fish was caught and released by the sportfishing boat *Black Gold*.



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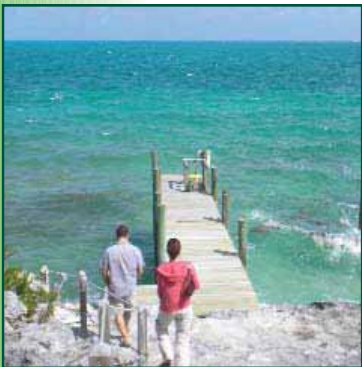
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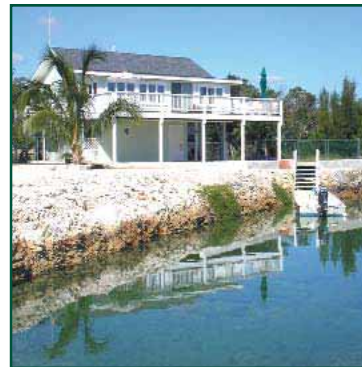
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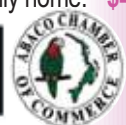
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Police Officers Impact Communities

By Samantha V. Evans

Cpl. Remy Minnis, Coordinator of the Community Programs, and PC Kevin Ellis of the Urban Renewal Task Force Unit, conduct daily mobile and foot patrol of both the Mud and the Pigeon Pea communities and the surrounding areas. The team works closely with the residents in an effort to build a closer relationship between the police and the residents. The officers also patrol the areas of Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town and Murphy Town in an effort to provide increased police presence in those areas for the prevention of crime.

They adopted Abaco Central High School which Cpl. Minnis holds dear to him. They have worked closely with the security, faculty members and staff to ensure that law and order is maintained at the school. They worked closely with a group of male stu-

dents on the grounds of the school on Saturdays where they engaged the students in drills, lectures and discipline exercises between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The program had 17 male students from grades 7 to 11 and was an extension of the Behavior Modification program run at the school by the Guidance Counselor, Ms. Evans, that met on Thursday mornings.

The officers then started a Mentoring Program in conjunction with the Guidance Counselor at Central Abaco Primary School, Mrs. Rosalie Stubbs, on Wednesdays. Thirty eight students (37 males and one female) were in the program as they showed disruptive behaviors and anger problems. They were from grades 3-6.

During the last few months of school Cpl. Minnis of the Urban Renewal Department, Ms. Solomie Gibson of Social Services,

Mrs. Sandy Edwards of the Ministry of Education and others held a panel discussion at Abaco Central High School on Incest/Child Abuse and Sexually Transmitted Diseases with students of grades 10-12. Cpl. Minnis, in conjunction with the Department of Social Services and Min. Dion, National Youth Overseer, held a panel discussion at the Church of God in Treasure Cay on Child Abuse and Neglect.

The officers along with boys from Abaco Central's Boys Club cleaned the yard of two senior citizens, Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Dundas Town. This initiative will continue in the future.

The officers will continue to work with schools, business houses and the general community in an effort to ensure them that the police officers only have their safety in mind at all times.

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#9770: Leisure Lee. Lovely, oversized wooded home site containing 18,204 sq. ft. Inland location, road-to-road site with possible views of canal system and the Sea of Abaco if buyer "builds up". A greenway borders one boundary making the site secluded and private. **\$68,500.**

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#9510: Greenland Bay. Gorgeous, unspoiled beach front, dazzling white sand, rolling grassland interior. Parcels encompass 100 to 200 feet on the beach, depth of +/-300'. 30 miles south of Marsh Harbour. Only one parcel may be sold in each instance; the entire acreage is not offered a whole. Starting at **\$120,000.**

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#8928. Secluded 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Located directly across the lane from Eight Mile Bay and its gorgeous beach. Rooftop deck enjoys some of the best views in the area. Room to expand and put your personal touch to this promising home. **\$422,000**

BAHAMA CORAL ISLAND



#9492. Lovely homesite in secluded Bahama Coral island; just 10 minutes north of Marsh Harbour. Elevated and just across from natural wildlife area and 5 minutes to the secluded beach area. Great views if "built up"! Buy now for the future! **\$21,000.**

SWEETINGS VILLAGE



#9073. NEW! Nicely elevated cottage overlooks the Sea of Abaco and catches every tropical breeze. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, hobby room, laundry nook, home is wired for generator power. Tiled living areas, carpeted bedrooms. Sturdy cement construction, tongue and groove ceilings. The perfect first home or retirement cottage! Move in condition! **\$230,000.**

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#10195: One acre Atlantic Ocean front home site adjacent to Orchid Bay. Lovely high rock shore and nice 20' plus elevations. Superb views of the coast to north and south and just 150' from beach access. Densely vegetated, nature coppice and native trees. License to use area that has been set aside for dockage on Sea of Abaco **\$641,000.**

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The Valedictorian was Jamal Wells of Little Abaco, who expressed gratitude to his dad for believing in him and pushing him even when he thought he was too harsh. "I now see because of this I can stand here today," he stated. The Salutatorian was Marcus Josue of Treasure Cay, who gave thanks to his parents and teachers, especially Mrs. Veronica Henderson, his sixth grade teacher at Treasure Cay Primary. Many students received awards of excellence and were rewarded for their hard work and efforts.

Congratulations to you the graduates for all of your achievements. Continue to strive for excellence and may you embrace the world with courage and boldness. Take advantage of every opportunity and maximize your potentials.



The top students of the sixth grade of Treasure Cay Primary School were Terry Hiliare and John Henderson.

Sixth Graders Bid Farewell

By Vernique Russell

Under the theme *Persevere Through Challenges*, the graduates of grade six at the Treasure Cay Primary School bid farewell to one chapter of their lives and prepared to start another. On June 20 the graduating ceremony for students of Treasure Cay Primary was held at the Full Gospel Assembly in Treasure Cay. This year the school prepared and equipped 30 students for the next level on education's highway.

The program was very entertaining, educating, exciting, emotional and inspiring. A girl performed a choreographed dance to a song and the boys lit up the stage with a rendition of the Bahamian music legend Phil Stubbs's song.

During the Principal's address Mrs. Myrtis Russell encouraged the students to continue to strive for excellence, informing them, "The road is your own, walk upon it." She expressed her gratitude to Full Gospel Assembly and St. Simon by the Sea Anglican Church for opening their doors to them in time of need, facilitating them for the entire school year. She informed parents and well wishers that in September students will return to their newly renovated facilities.

The guest speaker for the evening was Cpl. Remy Minnis, officer in charge of Urban Renewal and Community Policing,

Marsh Harbour District. He informed them that "life is just beginning for them," and advised them to "use their efforts wisely. It takes no effort to be nobody, but it takes a lot of effort to be somebody. Push hard," he charged them, "and through it all persevere, stay away from negative people."

He reminded them that perseverance will bring about great success and achievements and their decisions affect people around them. In closing he told the graduates, "You are the future. Who will you be? Reach for the stars and stay focused! Where you come from is not important, it is where you are going. Persevere you must persevere."

The graduates persevered through many

challenges as this year was not easy at all for them but they made it. The Valedictorian was Terry Hiliare and John Henderson was Salutatorian.

Graphical Communication Students Will Train

By Samantha V. Evans

Seven of the 12 students in the grade 12 graphical communication (technical drawing) class at Abaco Central High School are scheduled to get job training at The Ministry of Work and Utilities in Nassau over the summer for a period of four to six

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Seven twelfth grade students will be training with the Ministry of Works in Nassau this summer. They showed great promise and will assist Works staff in an apprentice program.

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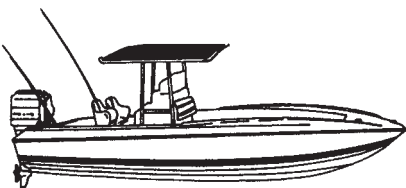
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weeks. The students made a trip to Nassau in October 2005 and impressed Minister Bradley Roberts so much that he promised those who wanted an opportunity to put what they have learned to practice, an opportunity to do so once they graduate and now they are on their way.

The program is scheduled to begin in July and run until mid to the end of August. The students scheduled to take advantage of this great opportunity are O'Neal Charlton, Barron Swain, D'Ashron Arnette, Jerome Dean, Ashley Simms, Akeem Williams, and Achaz Davis. Their class teacher, Ms.

Deborah Deveaux, stated that these young men love the class and have done extremely well this year. They were so excited about the class in the Fall term that she wanted them to see professionals in action. Hence, the trip to Nassau was born. Since then, she has seen her students mature and take a keen interest in her field. She looks forward to all of them doing well in whatever field they chose but hopes to see some of them follow through and make Graphical Communication their career of choice.

Zinnia Shares Her Carifta Experience

By Zinnia Miller

On April 15-17 I represented the Bahamas in the CARIFTA Games held in Guadeloupe. There were 26 Caribbean nations and 22 events. I was the only person that made the team from the Out Islands. There were 25 students and nine coaches.

Excitement and nervousness filled me as we competed in each event. My event was high jump. I competed to the best of my ability, but I did not place in the top three. Instead, I placed in the top eight out of 24 competitors. Other Bahamian male and female athletes competed in high jump, triple jump, 400 meters, 1500 etc. The only events we did not participate in were pole vaulting and the 5000 meters.

The Bahamas made me so proud! Almost everyone placed first, second or third. The 200m runners, 4 x 400m runners and the 4 x 100m runners astounded me when they ran their races. They represented The Bahamas with courage. The Bahamas won 30

medals and placed second after Jamaica that won 62 medals. We were said to be the best CARIFTA team in 10 years! I am proud of our achievements.

I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Gerald Wisdom, owner of Price Busters and coach of the Abaco Flyers Track Club. He was very instrumental in my reaching this point. The track club is in need of much financial support to assist with travel expenses and training gear. Our gratitude goes to Scotia Bank, Family Guardian, Colina/

Imperial, Bahamas Development Bank and others who have contributed.

Long Bay Sixth Graders Cross Over to Junior School

By Samantha V. Evans

Nineteen grade six students of Long Bay School were celebrated, congratulated and ushered into the next phase of their education on June 19th at the school auditorium

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Zinnia Miller



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<p>NEW</p>  <p>"Claire's Beach"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay Dolphin Beach Estates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beachfront Building Site - 30,920 s.f. - 0.71 acres - 117' Ocean Beach - 35' Elevation - Fabulous Ocean and Sea of Abaco Views <p>#TS10565 - \$850,000.</p>	<p>NEW</p>  <p>"Conched Out"</p>	<p>Green Turtle Cay Coco Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3.08 Acres -Total - 225' On Atlantic Ocean - 235' On Coco Bay - 30' Elevation <p>#TS10560 1 1/2 Acres - \$1,393,000. 3.08 Acres - \$2,600,000.</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p>  <p>"Treasure View"</p>	<p>Treasure Cay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Lots offered as a single parcel - 24,140 s.f. - over 0.5 acre - 174' of water frontage - Overlooks entrance to Treasure Cay Marina - Cleared and ready to build - All utilities available <p>#AS10592 - \$642,000.</p>
<p>NEW</p>  <p>"Lost Shaker"</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beachfront Building Site - 36,839 s.f. - 0.845 Acre - ± 65' Beach Frontage - Good Elevation - Superb Ocean Views - Lush Native Vegetation <p>#AS10575 - \$545,500.</p>	<p>NEW</p>  <p>"Parcel # 43"</p>	<p>Marsh Harbour Great Abaco Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beautifully Landscaped Site - 6,927 sq.ft. - Private, protected dockage for 65' and 25' vessels. <p>#AS10718 - \$750,000.</p>	<p>PRIVATE ISLAND</p>  <p>"Carrington Cay"</p>	<p>Sea of Abaco near Leisure Lee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1.4 Acres - 300' from mainland - Excellent Elevation - 8' water at western end - 3 Miles south of Treasure Cay <p>#AB51471 \$375,000.</p>

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under the theme *Carrying the Torch of Perseverance on the Road to Success*.

The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Althea McMillian, who told the students that they have completed the first leg of their lives and for some the second if they graduated from kindergarten. This is a very exciting time for them. She had an opportunity to speak with the valedictorian who stated confidently that she wants to become a surgeon. God has given each of them at least one gift. Therefore, they can



Damara McIntosh, valedictorian of the Long Bay School, is shown here with the guest speaker for the graduation, Dr. Althea McMillian.

achieve anything if they believe and persevere. She encouraged them to dream big and sail on.

The principal, Mrs. Jacqueline Collie, stated that many of these students have been at Long Bay since grade one. It has been nine years since the school opened its doors and they are very grateful to God for reaching this year. This year has been challenging and rewarding. Both the graduates and the staff learned the value of perseverance. She told them that this group of students is very ambitious. They want to be pilots, pediatricians, ophthalmologists but no teachers. They are all good career choices once they stick with them. They should always stand up for what is right and to be people of integrity. She told the parents to continue to encourage and support them as they move to high school where the real work begins.

Special tributes were paid to parents and teachers by Leslie Thompson and Natalie Pritchard. Gifts were also presented. The valedictorian for the grade six graduating class was Damara McIntosh.

Abaco Central High Prom

By Portia Jonsson

A prom is one of the most memorable nights of a high school graduate's life. It is a special night for them to spend with friends and their dates. The songs, decorations and atmosphere will always serve as a remembrance of the happy and carefree days adolescence.

Abaco Beach Resort was the beehive of excitement on June 16th as onlookers gathered outside its gate to get a glimpse of Abaco Central High School prom attendees. Guests arrived in brightly polished and

decorated cars and were then transported to Below Decks by golf cart.

The girls were dressed in beautiful ballroom-style gowns in every color and shade of the rainbow with upswept hairstyles, some complete with tiaras. Some of the young men wore tuxedos with tails while others chose handsome suits.

Samantha Pinder was crowned prom queen and Akeem Williams walked away with the title of prom king.

Field Trip to the Horse Preserve and Carleton Point

By Mirella Santillo

What a better way to end the school year than with an out-of-town field trip? It happened for the students of Cyber Learning Center on June 15th as 16 of them, accompanied by three teachers and a couple of other adults, visited the will horses Carleton Point near Treasure Cay.

Mrs. Glenda Knowles, owner of the

Knowles Bus Service, showed up at the Cyber Learning Center's new location near the airport round about and an excited group of youngsters piled up into the bus. It took a only a short time to reach the dirt road leading to the farm and as much from there to the horse preserve. As the horse farm is now completely fenced and gated with electric wire, it is also the home of a number of rescued dogs. The group was escorted to Mimi Rehor, who was waiting to take the students and their chaperons to the area where the horses were grazing.

A trail through the forest amidst pine trees, poison wood trees, wild guavas and other native vegetation led to a large clearing. There were the five horses, four mares and a stallion, peacefully standing in a sea of emerald green tall grass. They barely stared at the visitors and went back to eat-

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The graduating class of Abaco Central High held a prom at Abaco Beach Resort on June 16, allowing the students to dress for the occasion. The Head Boy, Jude Vilma, is shown here with his date and fellow classmates.

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ing. The setting was idyllic and the children stared quietly, awed by the sight. Mimi explained that three more stallions were kept elsewhere and talked about the horses' diet. Some students took photographs, some asked questions: Where did the horses come from? Why did they become wild? Did they eat poison wood which was quite abundant in their environment? Why were the other stallions not in the same area? Ms. Rehor answered all their questions, telling them about the origin of the horses which are believed to be Spanish, saying that the stallions would fight if they were kept to-

gether and explaining that the horses sometimes eat poison wood once it has burned and the poison has been destroyed by the fire. Soon it was time to return to the bus and proceed to the second part of the trip, a visit to Carleton Point. Reluctantly they turned around.

Carleton Point is located on a rocky point on the shoreline just north of the Treasure Cay beach and is reached by a road just outside the entrance to the resort. A memorial plaque indicates the approximate location of the first Loyalist settlement on Abaco in 1783. The historical impact was lost on most of the students except the older ones, but not on the adults, especially the organizers of the trip, Mrs. Knowles, who

often organizes historical tours, and Mrs. Sharon Green, the Director of the school. Mrs. Green was pleased with the interest the children showed in the horses and stated that they all enjoyed the trip.

Cyber Learning Center Ends Year with a Splash!

By Cristina Abasolo

The students and staff of Cyber Learn-

ing Center celebrated the end of a very successful year with a splash - in the beautiful waters of Treasure Cay. On June 15th the children and teachers went on an outing filled with learning and fun. They began with a visit to see the wild horses of Abaco. Children and staff alike were enthralled at

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Students of the Cyber Learning Center enjoyed a field trip to the wild horse preserve and Carleton Point, the site thought to be where the first Loyalists settled in 1783. The early settlement did not survive long due to a number of factors. Some of the Loyalists moved to Marshes Harbour and Maxwell Town, where present day Marsh Harbour is located. A commemorative plaque is cemented in the rock here.



Students of the Cyber Learning Center celebrated the end of the school year in front of their new school building near the Airport Round-about. They are preparing for a bike-athon from the Cherokee turn-off to Sandy Point

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the breathtaking sight of the beautiful rare creatures. They then drove down to see the historic sight of Carleton Point – the founding city of Treasure Cay. Lunch and water fun then awaited the group at the Treasure Cay beach.

The outing was a fitting ending to a wonderful year. When Keith and Sharon Greene first opened the school's doors a few years ago, it was featured in this newspaper and was dubbed, "the little school that could" in reference to the hardworking little train engine in the popular children's book *The Little Engine That Could*. The school has certainly lived up to this phrase. In April of this year, the school moved to its newer,

bigger location at Tall Pines Plaza to accommodate its growing population and is looking forward to an even bigger group of students in the new school year.

The highlight of the year was its 2nd annual Bike-a-thon held on June 8th. From all known accounts, it is presumed to be the first ever event of this type to be held from the Cherokee turn-off point all the way to Sandy Point! The children, their families and friends pushed themselves to the limit and biked, walked, ran and scooted their way to the Sandy Point picnic area where a picnic lunch awaited them. Kudos goes to Mrs. Fiona Scott, who wowed everyone by completing the entire distance on her bike. Proceeds from the event will help purchase computers and a playground

set.

Starting out as a small, specialized school catering mostly to children with learning challenges, Cyber Learning Center has evolved into a dynamic center of learning offering an alternative to the traditional methods of education available on the island. The school has small sized classes of mixed ages allowing for optimum opportunities for self-directed and self-paced learning. There are four distinct groupings: Kindergarten, Grade 1 to 3, Grade 4 to 6, and Middle School. The Kindergarten class and Lower Elementary group will offer the Montessori method of teaching featuring authentic Montessori materials for hands-on learning, while the Upper Elementary will be Montessori-based. Just like the little

engine in the book whose motto was *I think I can, I think I can*, Cyber Learning has proven that success is possible with the right attitude and a dash of optimism!

Central Abaco Primary Graduation Ceremony

By Samantha V. Evans

Sixth grade students of Central Abaco Primary School marched towards the stage as they prepared to end one chapter of their young lives and begin another. On June 15th the assembly area was packed as family, friends, teachers and staff all gathered to honor 91 students of grade six and to bid them good bye and good luck. The theme

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At the end of every school year grades 1 - 12 at Agape Christian School visit various places and businesses of interest on and off the island for a field trip. This year the grade 2 class visited the Abaco Neem Store near the Airport Round-about on June 19th. The students were given a talk on the neem plant and the importance of healthy eating and living by Mr. Nick Miaoulis.

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Now listing! Two newly constructed three bedroom, two bath 40x36 furnished cottages plus porch on approximately one-half acre of land each on the Atlantic Ocean beach on the north end of the island. "Conch Shell" and "Conch Pearl" are landscaped and feature an 18' vaulted living room ceiling; 9,000 gallon rain water tank; and a ground floor store room for golf cart storage. Use of shared private dock on Coco Bay included. Dock has 4 1/2 ft. draft at low tide. Just 75 yards off shore is an incredible snorkeling reef. Amenities include: Central A/C; W/D; hand painted cabinets by local artist; and storm shutters. \$1.55 million each (closing costs included)

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for the event was *Acknowledging Achievement through Excellence*.

Zandria Wells, valedictorian, stated that the years at Central Abaco Primary were exciting and they learned a lot of new things. The Head Boy, Mark Saintil, joined her as they passed the eagle onto the head boy and head girl for next school year. They encouraged the new leaders to strive for excellence as they did.

The principal, Ms. Eunice Mills, stated that even though this year was challenging, the students still achieved excellence. She congratulated them for a job well done.

Superintendent of Education for Abaco, Mr. Rudolph Smith, thanked all the corporate sponsors and the PTA for all of the help given to this school. He hopes that the students will live up to the name given to them by their teacher Ms. Clarke who called them "precious jewels."

The guest speaker for the ceremony was Evangelist Jason Roberts, Chief Councillor of South Abaco, who began by saying that the students can do all they can to

achieve greatness but true achievement can only be achieved if they seek God first and He will direct their paths. Dream and dream big; then your dream will birth a vision. If you don't have a vision, the Bible states that the people will perish. A vision allows you to see what you want to achieve before it comes to pass.

Finally, he told parents that they have the awesome job of shaping the lives of their children. They must ensure that their children have good manners, are respectful and have good morals and values. What they instill in the children will determine how high or low the crime rate will be tomorrow. He reminded the children to obey their parents in the Lord for it is right. He cautioned parents to not forget what the Bible says, "Parents train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

The following students received top honors at the graduation: Renold St. Fleury, 1st place in *It's Academic*; Olivia Nesbitt, Athlete of the Year; and Terry Russell, Most Outstanding Athlete of the Year. The following students were on the principal's List and received top honors: Shantol Johnson, Mark Saintil, Jordan Larose, Tremeice Martin, Sastrie Adderley, Candace Archer



Michaela Roberts, a fifth grader in the Amy Roberts School on Green Turtle Cay, was given \$200 for winning a poster contest sponsored by a cruise ship company for Caribbean school children. She is shown here with her teacher Marie Schrack on the right and Bernadette Harding of the Ministry of Tourism on the left. Tourism coordinated the competition.

and Zandria Wells.

Community and Corporate Supporters Were Honored

By Samantha V. Evans

Mrs. Moss, a Kindergarten teacher at Central Abaco Primary, presented special gifts to those persons in the community who assisted the school throughout the year. Because of their dedicated service that they have had so many successful events this year. The Manager of First Caribbean Bank,

Mr. Paul Bartlett, was given a plaque for sponsoring *It's Academic* this year and supporting the school in various other ways.

Mr. Bartlett stated that he is pleased that First Caribbean Bank has been allowed to partner with Central Abaco Primary School this year. He thanked the teachers for their resourcefulness and assistance in bringing this program to life.

Also receiving tokens from the school were parents Ethelyn Darville, Ruth Russell, Judith Nesbitt, Sanelia Remy and Nicole Scott for their dedication and commitment. Also receiving plaques for dedicated service to the school were Mrs. A. Seymour a former teacher, Mrs. Diane Williams, and Mrs. Rose Morley.

Top Honor Students Named at Graduation

By Samantha V. Evans

On June 12th 16 students graduated from St. Francis de Sales to begin their next stage of life. The ceremony was held at St. Francis de Sales Church. Mrs. Kumar stated that everyone met the criteria to graduate. She told the graduates to be accountable as it makes them better at what they do. She said that true education has as its goal the creation of character. No matter how powerful you become, always seek to succeed. She told them that the teachers, parents and staff all believe in them and they look forward to them doing well in the future. She ended by saying that she prays that God will continue to be with them and bless them.

Three students of the grade 12 class received the top honors. The first honor, the

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Zandria Wells, valedictorian of the sixth grade class of Central Abaco Primary, is shown here with her mother.

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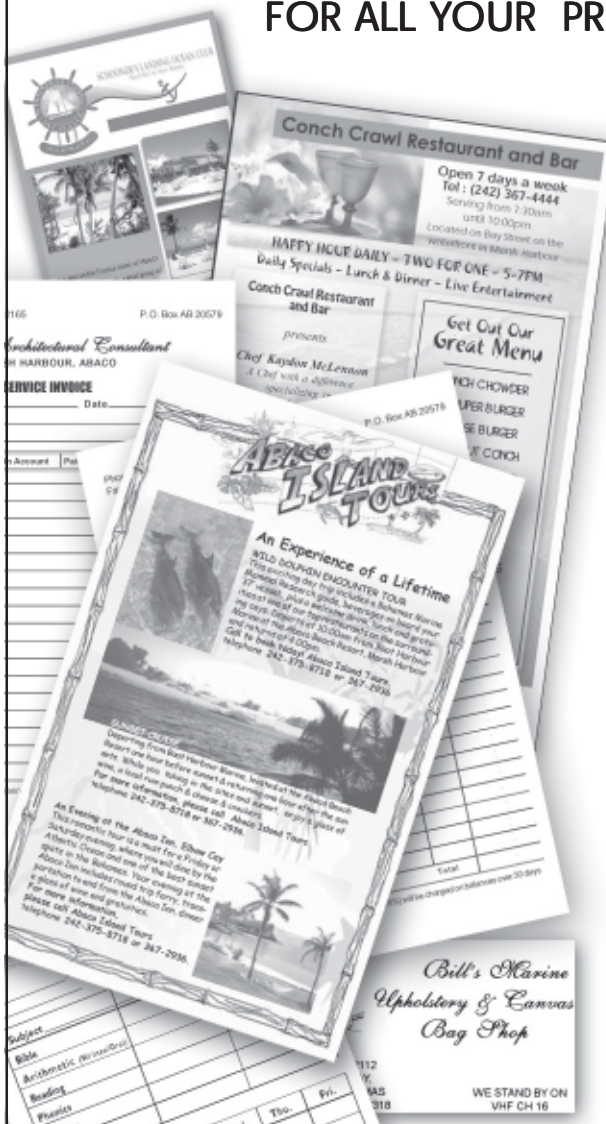
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principal's award, is given to the student who is exemplary, a model example to others, has a keen sense of responsibility, active in school, energetic, has high academic standing, succeeds in the challenges of life and makes a great impact on society by getting involved in civic organizations. This award went to Lisa Kemp, the Head Girl.

The Valedictorian Award went to the top student in the graduating class, Eden McIntosh, and the Salutatorian Award went to the second top student, Barry McKenzie Jr. Ms. McIntosh spoke on behalf of the graduating class stating that they worked long and hard to get to this day but they prevailed. It is time that they leave this place they have called home for so long and begin to work or go to college. She encouraged them to remain focused and to not give up. She told them that Walt Disney did not

succeed when he started to pursue his dream but he persevered; now look at all he has accomplished today. She extended special thanks to parents, administrators and teachers for a job well done.

Mrs. Claudette Rolle, Director of the Bahamas Catholic Board of Education, gave congratulations on behalf of the Catholic Board and the Arch Deacon and stated that their mission is to educate the whole child. By the looks of it they succeeded at achieving this once again. The class of 2006 was told that as they cross the path of tomorrow, they must be a king and listen carefully to their purpose. They need to realize the power of vision and to be strong, courageous warriors. They were reminded that "nothing happens by chance or by means of luck." Defeat all adversaries and always be a first-rate version of self, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else.



Eden McIntosh earned the valedictorian award at St. Francis de Sales School. She is shown here with Mrs. Claudette Rolle, Director of the Bahamas Catholic Board of Education, who came to Marsh Harbour for the graduation.



The Salutatorian Award went to the second top student, Barry McKenzie, Jr. shown here with Mrs. Claudette Rolle.

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(Ref #191) 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2,500 s/f harbour front home, 90' of bulkhead for dock with 8+/- depth, waterfront views through large glass doors, open kitchen, interior decor includes hand painted tropical mural, 2 car garage, 1/3 acre lot with privacy walls, Mediterranean style pool, fully furnished. Price: \$1,265,000.

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House Breaking and Stealing - A Treasure Cay house was broken into sometime between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on March 9 through a sliding glass door. Stolen were an Ipod recorder and a gold watch.

House Breaking and Stealing - A Treasure Cay residence was broken into through a sliding glass door sometime March 9 between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. A sum of money was stolen.

House Breaking - A residence in Murphy Town was broken into sometime between May 18 and 23. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Shop Breaking - The Dickies Store in Marsh Harbour was broken into during the night of May 23 and a quantity of pants and shoes were stolen.

Stealing - Four new windows were stolen from a house under construction in Treasure Cay sometime between May 20 and 23.

Shop Breaking - A construction shed at a house under construction in Murphy Town was broken into during the night of May 24 and construction tools valued at \$4,000 were stolen.

Assault - A Treasure Cay resident was hit in the head by a beer bottle while at a basketball court in the Mud in Marsh Harbour about 11:30 p.m. on May 26.

Assault - A Marsh Harbour resident was punched in the face about 1:30 a.m. on May 27 while at a night club on the S.C. Bootle Highway by a man he knew to live in Pi-

geon Peas. A friend of the assailant brandished a handgun, putting the victim in fear of his life.

Stealing from a Vessel - A visitor returned to his boat to discover that sometime between December 1 and May 27 his boat had been broken into. Stolen were a .357 revolver, an alarm clock, two hand-held radios and a box of cigars. Less than an hour after the incident was reported, five men of the Sand Banks community were arrested in conjunction of the theft.

House Breaking - A Marsh Harbour resident discovered that his client's house had been broken into sometime between the end of April and May 27. Nothing appeared to have been taken although the house was ransacked.

Stealing from a Vessel - A Treasure Cay resident left in January 9, 2006, and returned on May 28 to discover that his boat, docked at the Royal Palm Condo, had been broken into. Stolen were a shotgun and a flare launcher.

Possession of Dangerous Drugs - A search warrant was executed at 6:45 a.m. on May 29 at a residence in the Sands Banks immigrant community and two Haitians were arrested when a bag of marijuana was found.

Damage and Obscene Language - A customer at the Bay View Restaurant in Dundas Town used obscene language and damaged a glass window about 10 p.m. on May 28.

Illegal Landing - Immigration took four persons to the police who were found mid-afternoon on May 29 on a boat at the Marsh Harbour Marina. They were believed to be Americans and their status with Immigration was unclear.

Shop Breaking - The law offices of Callender and Company were broken into during the night of May 29. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Sudden Death - In mid-morning on May 30, the lifeless body of Eugene Bradford Powell was discovered in his room at the Guana Beach Resort.

Death was believed to have occurred several days prior and was thought to be due to natural causes.

Causing Harm and Throwing Missiles - On May 20 in mid-afternoon, a Moore's Island man was attacked by a young man who hit him in the knee with a 2 x 4 causing pain and swelling.

Unlawful Sexual Intercourse - A Murphy Town woman left her minor cousin at her house while she ran an errand at a grocery store about noon on June 6. In her absence, her boyfriend had sex with the minor girl in the bathroom.

Attempted Break-in - A beauty supply shop on Forest Drive in Murphy Town had an attempted break-in during the night of June 6.

Indecent Assault - Social Services in Cooper's Town reported that a 15-year-old girl had been indecently assaulted by her grandfather mid-morning on June 7.

Malicious Damage - Sometime between June 1 and 6, a car in the Cherokee parking lot had its windshield smashed.

Unlawful Sexual Intercourse - A Marsh Harbour man was arrested June 7 at his house for unlawful sexual intercourse.

Multiple Shop Breaking - During the night of June 7 the Mangoes Restaurant office was broken into by someone who smashed a glass door. Nothing appeared to have been stolen. Three shops in the Abaco Shopping Centre had their doors smashed during that same night. Brass and Leather had two handbags stolen and a small sum of money. Island Petals had its door smashed and a small sum of money stolen. A third shop, Betty Ann's Goodies Ice Cream Store and Abaco Security Firm, had its door smashed. Stolen were soft drinks and a small sum of money. A Marsh Harbour resident was arrested mid-morning on June 8 while in the vicinity of the Abaco Shopping Center for stealing and shop breaking.


Stealing - During the night of June 9, the Abaco Petroleum company (Texaco) had 730 gallons of fuel, valued at \$3,500, stolen from one of their fuel trucks.

Stealing - A Murphy Town man left his house in the care of another man while he traveled between June 1 and 10. On returning he discovered that \$400 worth of tools were missing and a \$350 watch was gone.

Threats of Death - While attending an

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Treasure Cay Primary School Is Being Renovated



Treasure Cay Primary School is undergoing extensive renovations. The school had extensive hurricane damage including flooding. Students have had to attend classes in two churches, the Full Gospel Assembly of God and the St. Simon by the Sea Anglican Church this entire school year. Hopefully, the work will be completed in time for the opening of school in September. The improvements are a covered walkway, administrative office and other improvements. The staff and students are eager to be back in their school.

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Police Crime Report, Con'd

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evening baseball game in Cooper's Town, a man was threatened with death by a man from Blackwood putting him in fear of his life. A Blackwood man was subsequently arrested.

Indecent Assault - In the early evening on June 12 while at Snappas Bar and Grill, a Marsh Harbour woman was felt inappropriately by a man she knew. A Murphy Town man was arrested later that night at the same establishment.

House Breaking and Stealing - A Murphy Town resident had her bedroom broken into during the afternoon of June 15. Stolen were two bottles of cologne and

some coins. A suspect was named who had been working at the house earlier.

Drunk and Disorderly Behavior - A resident of Little Orchard in Marsh Harbour was arrested about 10 p.m. on June 15 while at Snappas Bar and Grill when found acting disorderly, possibly while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and he continued acting disorderly when cautioned.

Causing Harm - About 10 p.m. on June 17 a man while he was at the basketball court in the Mud was attacked and beaten about his body by a group of about 30 men one of whom he knew.

Assault and Causing Harm - A Murphy Town woman reported that she was slapped

in the face by one woman and punched in the eye by another woman on June 18 at 2:50 a.m. while she was at a night club on Don MacKay Boulevard in Marsh Harbour. She knew the one woman.

Causing Harm - A Murphy Town woman reported that she was hit in the forehead by a woman she knew while she was at a nightclub on Don MacKay Boulevard on June 18 at 3 a.m.

Causing Harm - A Dundas Town woman reported that she was hit in the head with a pair of shoes by a assailant she knew while she was at a night club on Don Mackay Boulevard on June 18 at 3:30 a.m.

Threats of Harm - A Nassau man re-

ported that at about 4:40 a.m. while at the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic, someone threatened his life, putting him in fear for his life.

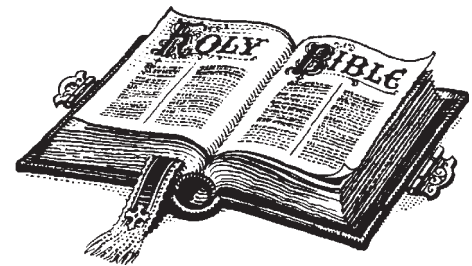
Wounding - About 3:30 a.m. on June 18 an accident occurred on the S.C. Bootle Highway near Government Sub-division involving two vehicles. The passenger in the one car received serious injuries and was airlifted to a hospital in Nassau.

Road Traffic Accident - A traffic accident occurred at about 7:30 a.m. on June 18 on the Queens Highway in

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Skeletal Remains Found - A body was discovered at Coconut Tree Beach in Murphy Town on June 18.

Causing Grievous Ham - A woman of Forest Drive was taken to the Government Clinic in Marsh Harbour on June 19 with multiple stab wounds. The victim was treated, then airlifted to a hospital in Nassau.

Causing Harm - A resident of the Mud was arrested on June 19 while at Solomon's Wholesale for causing harm.

Shop Breaking and Stealing - A resident of Treasure Cay was arrested at about 3:50 p.m. on June 21 at the Treasure Cay staff apartment on charges of shop breaking and stealing.

Shop Breaking and Stealing - A resident of Sand Banks was arrested on June 21 on shop breaking and stealing charges.

Sudden Death - Esther Williams died suddenly at home one on June 21. Her body was taken to the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic. Foul play is not suspected.

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 <p>Hilltop</p>	<p>Dundas Town - Abaco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. - 1,452 s.f. Residence. - 18,000 sq.ft - 0.41 acre of land - 50' Elevation - Great Views of the Sea of Abaco. <p>#AS - \$199,500.</p>	 <p>Junkanoo Splash</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>#AS10689 - \$640,000.</p>	 <p>Far Horizons</p>	<p>Marsh Harbour Great Abaco Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths. - 2,800 s.f. Residence. - Beautiful Landscaping - Private Dockage - 65' & 25' vessels - Fabulous Views of Cays and Sea of Abaco. <p>#AS10717 - \$1,395,000</p>
 <p>Point of View</p>	<p>Elbow Cay - Dorros Cove</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 Bedrooms, 5 Baths. - 3,600 s.f. Residence. - 2 Connected Buildings - Ocean Waterfront - Amazing Views - Swimming Pool - Private Boat Slip - Furnished. <p>#AB112 - \$1,750,000.</p>	 <p>New Plymouth Inn</p>	<p>Green Turtle Cay New Plymouth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 Rooms - 40 Seat Restaurant - Pool - Patio - 12,723 s.f. of land - 0.29 acre <p>#AB27 - Price on Request</p>	 <p>Jaffa</p>	<p>Marsh Harbour Great Abaco Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>#AB149 - \$1,525,000</p>
 <p>Aeolian</p>	<p>Elbow Cay - Hope Town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. - 1,300 s.f. Residence. - 630 s.f. of open decks. - 91' of Harbour Frontage - Superb Views - Great Rental History. - Furnished. <p>#PS10565 - \$1,190,000.</p>	 <p>Viking</p>	<p>Man-O-War - Dickies Cay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths. - 3,360 s.f. Residence. - 1,200 s.f. Covered Deck - 0.84 Acres Sea-to-Sea - Private 136' Dock. - Auxiliary Generator - Superb Harbour Views - Furnished. <p>#AS10693 - \$2,000,000.</p>	 <p>Harbour View Villa</p>	<p>Marsh Harbour Royal Harbour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,900 sq.ft. Residence - In-ground Swimming Pool and Patio - Fenced Back Yard. - Furnished - Immaculate Condition. <p>#AS10604 - \$685,000.</p>
 <p>TreEscape</p>	<p>Elbow Cay - Lucayos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths. - 1,370 s.f. Residence. - 13,600 sq.ft - 0.31 acre of land - Great Views of the Sea of Abaco. - Access to Lucayos dock. <p>#PS10596 - \$875,000.</p>	 <p>Sunsplash</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. - 1,921 s.f. Residence. - 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath - 400 s.f. Guest Cabin - 172' Ocean Beach Front - 1.189 Acres - Beautifully Landscaped - Semi-Private Dock - Fabulous Views <p>#AB150 - \$1,840,000.</p>	 <p>Wings of the Dove</p>	<p>Marsh Harbour Cove Estates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 2,216 sq.ft. Residence - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath - Downstairs Apartment - 14,500 s.f. of Land - Good Central Location <p>#AS10598 - \$491,500.</p>
 <p>Surfside</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths. - 3,000 s.f. Residence - Open Decks. - 100' of Beachfront - Over 1/2 Acre - Superb Ocean Views - Fully Furnished. <p>#AB123 - \$1,271,000.</p>	 <p>Lookout</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - The Creek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath. - 974 s.f. Residence - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath - 268 s.f. -Dock House - Land - over 1/2 Acre - Private 66' Dock. - Superb Views - Furnished. <p>#AB122 - \$1,450,000.</p>	 <p>Summer Camp</p>	<p>Scotland Cay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>#AB160 - \$2,315,000.</p>
 <p>Coco Di Mama</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>#TS10559 \$1,385,000.</p>	 <p>Tip O' the Tail</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. <p>#AS10609 - \$975,000.</p>	 <p>Casa Bueno</p>	<p>Scotland Cay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>#AB161 - \$1,100,000.</p>
 <p>Watch Hill</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>#AB142 - \$1,380,000.</p>	 <p>British Colonial</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - Settlement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>#AS10596 - \$695,000.</p>	 <p>Bountifully Blessed</p>	<p>Tilloo Cay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>#AB8118 - \$1,850,000.</p>
 <p>Pura Vida</p>	<p>Great Guana Cay - Dolphin Beach Estates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 Bedrooms, 4 Baths. - 2,100 s.f. Residence - 670 s.f. Raised Decks. - Over 1/2 Acre - Great Views - Beach & Dock Access - Furnished. <p>#AS10668 - \$838,000.</p>	 <p>Golden Palms</p>	<p>Man-O-War Cay - Settlement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>#AS10585 - \$595,000.</p>	 <p>Villa Gladys</p>	<p>Wood Cay Little Abaco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths - 1,147 s.f. Residence - 9,849 s.f. of land - 12' easement to water to build dock. <p>#AS10593 - \$211,000.</p>

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