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**PORTRAITS OF BRAVERY** – Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis and Mrs. Patricia Minnis are pictured with the Cancer Survivors who were recognized by the Hope Ball Committee for their bravery and courage in the fight against the deadly disease. Each survivor was presented with a portrait, done by local artists from the GB Artist Association. The gala event took place on Saturday October 21 at the Grand Lucayan Ballroom. Pictured from left are Pam Whyllly – Ferguson president if the Hope Ball Committee; Patrice Johnson, survivor; Annie Williams, survivor; Ramada Seymour, survivor; Prime Minister Minnis and Mrs. Minnis; Carleta Carolina, survivor; Minerva McIntosh, survivor; Stephanie Higgins, survivor; and Shantell Lundy, survivor.

PHOTO BY JENNEVA RUSSELL. (SEE OTHER PHOTOS FROM THE HOPE BALL ON PAGE 9).

# Seven Cubans apprehended by U.S. Coast Guard vessel

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The Bahamas Immigration Department continues to work closely with the United States Coast Guard and recently took into custody seven illegal Cuban migrants. They were apprehended in waters off Anguilla Cay in the Cay Sal Bank, according to a report provided *this daily* by Immigration Officer Naphthali Cooper.

“United States Coast Guard (USCG) Officers aboard the *USC Margaret Norvell* this past Thursday afternoon called into the Lucaya Harbour and handed over seven Cuban male

migrants to Bahamas Immigration officers.

“The men reportedly left Cuba aboard a rustic vessel destined for the United States of America several days ago. However, it would appear that they only got as far as Anguilla Cay in the Cay Sal Bank before being spotted by USCG personnel in the afternoon of Wednesday October 18, 2017,” revealed Cooper.

Upon being taken into the custody of the Bahamas Immigration officers, the Cuban migrants were transported to department headquarters for processing and medical examination by a team from the Surveillance and Infectious Disease Control Unit of the Public Hospital Authority (PHA), Cooper informed. He

also revealed that the men would be flown to New Providence where they would be detained at the Detention Center until they are repatriated to Cuba.

In other news from the Bahamas Immigration Department, reports disclosed that a lone Haitian male was arrested while both Immigration and Royal Bahamas Police Force officers conducted inquiries at an apartment complex in Freeport. He was unable to produce proof of legal status in The Bahamas. Cooper said the man admitted to arriving in the country illegally by way of a boat from Haiti shortly, before being apprehended by authorities.

The Haitian national was also (Continued on Page 3)



**ILLEGAL CUBAN MIGRANTS** - Seven Cuban migrants were apprehended by the United States Coast Guard in waters off Cay Sal Bank and handed over to the Bahamas Immigration Department after a failed attempt to illegally gain entry into the United States of America. (PHOTOS COURTESY OF BAHAMAS IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT)

# Commonwealth Union praises PM, Govt. for “hotel” decision

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In the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew a year ago, negotiations between Hutchison Whampoa and Paul Wynn, CEO of the Wynn Group of Canada for purchase of the Grand Lucayan Resort fell through. The Tourism & Hospitality business

sector on Grand Bahama has suffered, affected by a dramatic reduction of stay-over tourists. With that backdrop, the Government of The Bahamas is being proactive and a union body is in a complimentary mood.

Commonwealth Union of Hotel Services & Allied Workers President Michelle Dorsett has commended Prime Minister the Hon. Dr. Hubert Minnis for

“boldly stepping up to the plate and offering to purchase the Grand Lucayan Resort in his approach to restore, refurbish and revitalise the resort properties in Port Lucaya, while helping to secure the employment of hotel workers until a suitable buyer can be identified.”

“Union officials had great confidence that the government would make every effort to en- (Continued on Page 3)

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