

Money, greed and Tiger Woods

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It is said that money is the root of all evil. For the most part, this is true. There are those who have become “rich quick” and as we say in the Bahamas “dey ain’ use”, and make fools of themselves; they have money but no background or sense. They pretend to be somebody they aren’t; they demand things that they shouldn’t. They really think that they are something special and that no part of their body gives out an odor.

These people can be understood and pitied, because they “ain’t use”.

But a man like Tiger Woods should be different. He’s a talented man, he is smart, and has come by money through hard work and talent. He should remember his past, where he came from and what he had to contend with.

He is a black man, and where he came from and the racial environment at the time was not conducive to black people. He was unfairly treated; he was discriminated against. At first there was a big debate as to whether or not he would be accepted into this “white” game called golf. After all to advance in the game you had to compete at golf courses which were in areas that did not allow black people.

But he was good, he was smart, and he persevered. He should not have been locked out, but he was, and he broke in!! He was not like so many of his contemporaries who became CEOs of failing companies and went home with millions of dollars as a “package”.

So it is amazing that today Tiger Woods wants to discriminate against a nation, and insist that they be locked out of a community so that he could enjoy his “privacy”.

Regardless of the cries of “stop” the Albany developers press on. It is said that the fresh water lens runs the risk of being breached because Tiger Woods wants to berth his yacht outside his house. He, by his association with Albany, condones cutting through the beach to make the inland marina. After all, beaches make the Bahamas “The Bahamas”.

Fresh water lenses....the biggest and most productive on New Providence.....must be breached because Tiger Woods wants to build there and have a golf course there. If anyone were to read this morning’s paper you would see that the Government hasn’t paid the folks in Cayman who own the Reverse Osmosis plants here and they have threatened to cut the water off!! But we are prepared to give up our natural fresh water table because Tiger Woods wants his privacy?

Does Tiger Woods realize that the Bahamian people are being deprived of a huge chunk of their land when a wall is constructed around Albany? Does he know that a historic African site which dates back hundreds of years will, for the most part, be destroyed by the development of

Albany?

Does he not know that he is helping to enslave the Bahamian people by demanding his “privacy” and pushing them off a large portion of their land? Does he know that the developers of Albany have offered to sell a piece of the development to the Bahamas Government for the Bahamian people? This sounds generous until we are told by experts that this particular piece of land is swamp land? Does he remember the American Indians being pushed onto reservations? It was discrimination then, and it is now.

What can Tiger Woods do about this? If he is the man that many of us think he is he could put an immediate stop to the breaching of the beach and the fresh water table which is being destroyed until a public hearing can be had and all the facts made public. This is the least he can do.

Will he?