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Plane Crash Kills 9

R & B Star Aaliyah Was Aboard the Fatal Flight

By Alice Bain

On August 25th there was a terrible accident at Marsh Harbour International Airport. A twin-engine Cessna 402-B carrying the popular R&B singer Aaliyah and seven of her crew crashed on takeoff, claiming the lives of the pilot and all eight passengers.

Exactly how Aaliyah got the name and number of Blackhawk International Airways from Pembroke Pines, Florida, is unclear, but her group chartered the company to pick her up from Marsh Harbour on Saturday evening rather than wait for the scheduled charter company, Sky Limo, to pick her up on Sunday. The charter plane landed at approximately 6:30 that evening in Marsh Harbour flown by pilot Luis Morales III, originally of Puerto Rico.

There is no indication that any of the luggage was weighed before it was loaded on the plane, and there are varying reports of arguments between Aaliyah, her entourage and the pilot overheard by baggage handlers at the airport. In any case the plane took off from the runway at about 6:50 p.m. and crashed immediately after takeoff.

Claude Sawyer, a pilot for Cherokee Airways and a volunteer fireman, was working at the site of Cherokee Airways' new hangar at the airport, moving earth around with large machinery. "I didn't hear anything because of the diesel engine noise,"

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Volunteer rescue workers from the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department and Trauma One ambulance service prepare one of the victims who survived the initial crash to be transferred to a stretcher to be removed from the crash site. He later succumbed to his injuries. Three survivors were taken to the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic although one died enroute. The two remaining survivors were later flown to Nassau.

Sept 1, 2001

Clean Up Begins at Snake Cay



A major clean-up effort at Snake Cay began on August 24 initiated by the Nickelodeon program Big Help 2000 Wetlands Clean-up Program. Businesses and individuals along with 25 school children and their teachers launched the clean-up which will continue this fall.

By Alice Bain

A clean-up of an area of Snake Cay was staged by various organizations and carried through on August 25th. Nickelodeon, the children's cable TV channel, created the Big Help 2000 Wetlands Clean-Up Program and expected to be at

the Snake Cay site that day, filming the efforts of the volunteers. In spite of the absence of Nickelodeon's cameras, the clean-up went as scheduled and further

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Freeport's Bell Wins Triathlon

By Isobel Sherman

The annual Great Abaco Triathlon was held on September 1st at Abaco Beach Resort where 123 triathletes from the United States and The Bahamas competed in the different age and weight categories. For the second consecutive year a Bahamian, Otto Bell of Grand Bahama, won overall in the competition.

The Great Abaco Triathlon is one of a series of triathlons held yearly in southeastern United States. The competition consists of a half mile swim, a 15 mile bicycle ride and a 3.6 mile run. Full points are given in the Triathlon series which is sponsored by Coca Cola, Publix and other American companies. Exclusive Sports Marketing of Boca Raton,

Dale Hill of Marsh Harbour has competed each year for the past eight years of the Triathlon's history.

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Fire Engulfed Victims

Crash

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said Mr. Sawyer, "but I saw her go down the runway. She rotated and took off, and when she was about 200 feet in the air, she took a sharp bank to the left and I lost sight of her behind the trees." The plane, in fact, ended up facing 180 degrees from the direction of takeoff. Mr. Sawyer realized a crash had taken place and, as he saw two other volunteer firemen converging on the scene, decided to get the fire truck from the fire department headquarters in Marsh Harbour.

Of the two other volunteer firemen who were at the scene, one went out to the site immediately with a hand-extinguisher and the other drove back to the terminal to gather

up what portable fire extinguishers were to be had at the airport. The airport fire truck was unavailable, as the crew had left already for the night and the flight had been unscheduled.

Two Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department trucks arrived at the scene quickly and put out a fire in the brush to the south of the wreck. The airplane did not burn, only the area around the plane where fuel was spilled. At this point there were three remaining survivors of the crash and two of these were very badly burned. All three were taken to the Government Clinic in Marsh Harbour as soon as they could be moved. One of the survivors died en route to the clinic.

The two remaining survivors were stabilized and transported by Trauma One ambulances back to the Abaco Air hangar where they were loaded into Abaco Air's charter planes and flown to Nassau, with one other member of the entourage who had not been involved in the plane crash but who was in Marsh Harbour. The bodyguard, Scott Gallin, died about ten minutes into the flight to Nassau and the remaining survivor, Anthony Dodd, was transported to Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau. He passed away at approximately 3:20 on Sunday morning.

It was not at first understood who had been in the plane crash. Not many Abaconians had been aware that Aaliyah had been on the island in the first place filming a video for her song *Don't Rock the Boat*, and many of those who knew had taken no notice of the fact. Stars come and go anonymously on Abaco, and celebrities are not part of the daily life of most Abaconians.

The fire and ambulance crews who were at the scene were unaware that a celebrity had perished in the gruesome crash. However, knowing who was aboard the plane would not have altered the care given the survivors nor the outcome.

The wreck of the fuselage was situated

at the western end of the runway, about 200 feet into the bush next to a swampy pond. Most of the passengers had been ejected in their seats from the craft as it crashed, and the fuel tank in the aircraft's right wing ruptured spewing burning fuel into the same area where the passengers landed. At 8:30 that night crews were still bagging the bodies and moving them from the scene. The volunteers did not leave the crash site until after midnight.

The media descended upon Marsh Harbour early the next morning, and Civil Aviation Authority investigators began probing the site for clues to the cause of the crash. During the next few days they were joined by investigators from the United States Federal Aviation Authority, the National Transportation Safety Board and Cessna and Continental Engines representatives.

The wreck was removed from the swamp and transported to Abaco Air's hangar for initial analysis. At a press conference on August 30th the investigators announced that they had not yet been able to find any evidence that either of the engines failed, a statement which goes contrary to reports at

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Volunteers from the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department, Trauma One, Customs officers and Police officers are shown carrying one of the survivors of the crash out to an ambulance. The three survivors later died from their injuries and burns.

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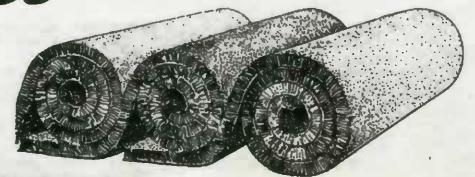
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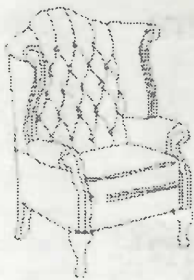
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Aaliyah Is Remembered

By Alice Bain

Aaliyah Haughton, the R&B star who died along with eight other people in the tragic crash of a charter airplane at Marsh Harbour International Airport on August 25th, was only 22 years old. Aaliyah's name is Swahili for "best, highest, most exalted one" and it appears that she was fated for fame from an early age. Born in Brooklyn,

New York, she moved to Detroit, Michigan, when she was five years old. She began performing at an early age, and by the time she was eleven years old she was singing on stage in Las Vegas for a five-night show with Gladys Knight's troupe. She had her first hit record at the precocious age of 15 in 1994 when her album *Age Ain't Nothing but a Number* sold a million copies. She

followed up this success with the album *One in a Million* which was released in 1996 and has now gone platinum. Aaliyah contributed a song to the soundtrack of Disney's movie *Anastasia* and sang on the first *Dr. Doolittle* soundtrack with Tim Moseley, aka *Timbaland*. Her latest album, the self-titled *Aaliyah* was released in July of 2001 and met with similar success, debuting at number 2 on Billboard's Hot 200.

which is due out early in 2002. She was cast in two forthcoming sequels to *The Matrix* with star actor Keanu Reeves.

Aaliyah was on Abaco shooting a video for a song called *Don't Rock the Boat*. The footage was shot in various locations around the island and featured dancers on a specially-modified catamaran with a dance floor. Her death has sent shock waves through the international music community; Quincy Jones issued a statement from her record company. "Blackground Records is devastated with the loss of our Queen. I loved and respected her." She will be missed.

Aaliyah launched her film career with an acting role in the movie *Romeo Must Die* and contributed a Grammy nominated hit *Try Again* to the soundtrack. Aaliyah plays the title role in the film version of novelist Anne Rice's *Queen of the Damned*,

Abaco Reefs Will Get Moorings

By Ron Pagiaro

Since the successful Reef Ball of early April, Friends of the Environment has worked to coordinate the installation of additional small boat moorings at the Sandy Cay Reef in the Pelican Cays National Park and at Fowl Cay Preserve. These additional moorings will help to protect these reefs from anchor damage and provide easy and safe access for both visitors and local divers. This project will benefit our community for years to come. It was made possible through the generous support of local businesses and concerned community members.

On September 30th a group of commercial divers will team up with local divers to install up to 30 new moorings. In addition to new boat moorings along the reefs, there will also be demarcation buoys installed to clearly mark the park boundaries. All moorings will be drilled into the seabed, marked with international regulation size and color balls and reflective tape. These moorings will replace the older concrete block models that have been moved by large storms in the past and could potentially cause more damage to the reefs.



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Central Abaco News

Little Miss Abaco Pageant Planned

Hope House will be sponsoring the Little Miss Abaco Beauty Pageant at 8 p.m. October 13 at the Great Abaco Beach Hotel. The pageant will be under the patronage of Evangelist and Mrs. Rex Major and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sweeting. Miss World Bahamas for 2000-2001, Miss Latia Bowe, will be present.

Prizes for the winner of the title of Little Miss Abaco will include a crown, one year tuition at Agape Christian School or the money toward education, a tour of Atlantis and many other gifts.

Hope House is a non-profit organization committed to helping people in the community. They are having this beauty pageant to raise funds for financing their food distribution program and for buying a piece of

land to construct a building.

Participants in the Little Miss Abaco Beauty Pageant must be between the ages of five and 10 years. They will be judged on their beauty, talent and costumes. Twelve judges will decide the winner. The entrance fee is \$25. Contact Mrs. Gracie Knowles at Victor's in Marsh Harbour for further information.

New Arrivals Are Twins

Mr. and Mrs. Terrance and Leigh Davis are the proud parents of twins born June 18, 2001. They are Leota Aria and Talia Patricia. They were born in New Jersey. Congratulations to the new parents.

Little Miss Abaco Contestants



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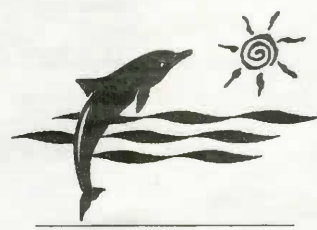
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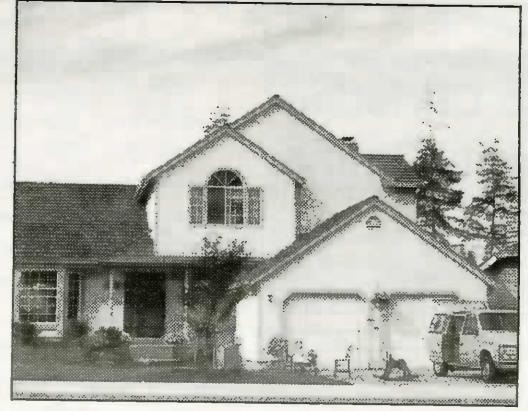
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School News

Abaco Christian Academy Opens

By Isobel Sherman

Scheduled to open on September 3rd, Abaco Christian Academy has been putting the finishing touches on their preschool facility. Mr. Quentin Bastian, owner and director, said in an interview that all was ready. The school uniform will be a green, brown and yellow plaid that is available at Lowe's Pharmacy.

An after school program will also commence on the 3rd of September and will be from 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. The daily rate is \$5. If homework help or tutoring is provided, the rate is \$7 per day. In addition, they will pick up children from the local schools in the Marsh Harbour, Dundas Town and Murphy Town area. The cost for this service is \$3 per day or \$10 per week.

Children up to age 12 will be accepted into the after school program. Interested persons can call Abaco Christian Academy at 367-4987 or visit them on Tamarind Drive off Forest Drive in Dundas Town.

Abaco Central High School Textbooks

By Isobel Sherman

Students at Abaco Central High are expected to purchase their own textbooks for some courses. Most of the courses are BGCSE courses and the textbooks can be

used from grade 10 through 12. The textbooks are expensive but if you divide the cost over three years and consider your success in a BGCSE exam increases greatly because you have your own book, it is worth the cost. Many books are available at Abaco Treasures if the teacher has asked them to order them.

There was a meeting for parents on August 28 and at that meeting a parent suggested that the BGCSE Food and Nutrition textbook was not in print any longer. However, the new edition is red and is available at Abaco Treasures.

Head Boy and Head Girl Are Named

Abaco Central has selected their Head Boy and Head Girl for the 2001/2002 school year. Grade 12 student Devaughn Edgcombe was selected as Head Boy and Michelle Thurston of grade 12 was selected as head Girl. Congratulations to both.

Exam Results Show Improvement

In the BGCSE Examinations taken in May and June of this year the results in English Language rose to an average grade of C+. All grades in Typing and Office Procedures were A, B, and C. Biology had a 90 percent pass rate of C or better. Other subjects which had high pass rates were Clothing Construction and Food and Nutrition.

Prime Time Winner Top BGCSE Student

Keora Brown, winner of the Prime Time Foundation scholarship at Louisiana State University, was the top student in the BGCSE Examinations at Abaco Central High School. Keora had three A's and five B's. Keora was Head Girl of the Class of 2001 and was Valedictorian.

New Principal Is Named

A new principal has been named for Abaco Central High School. Expected to join the school early in September, Mr. Benjamin Stubbs has been the Senior Master at St. Georges High School in Freeport, Grand Bahama, for the past few years. Expected to be working with him will be Mr. Huel Moss, Jr., as Senior Master and Mrs. Nadene BENEBY as Guidance Counselor and Senior Mistress. Mr. Stubbs was part of the team that Mr. Cecil Thompson, District Superintendent for Grand Bahama, brought to Abaco last year to talk to students, particularly the boys, to redeem their lives.

New Teachers Join High School Staff

Four new teachers will be joining the staff at Abaco Central this coming school year. Mrs. Michelle Bailey will be joining the Science Department and will be teaching Biology and General Science. She is coming from a school in Nassau. Her husband is Dr. Bailey, the vet at Community Animal Hospital. Ms. Fontille Rolle is coming from S.C. Bootle High School in Cooper's Town and will be in the Social Studies Department.

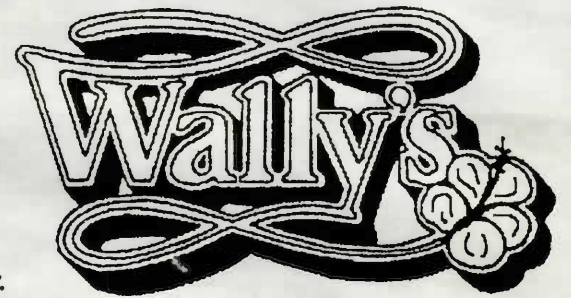
Mrs. Laurie Thompson is the new Art Teacher. She is coming from D.W. Davis High School in Nassau. Mr. Jonathan Lavarick will be joining the Math Department. He comes from Great Britain.

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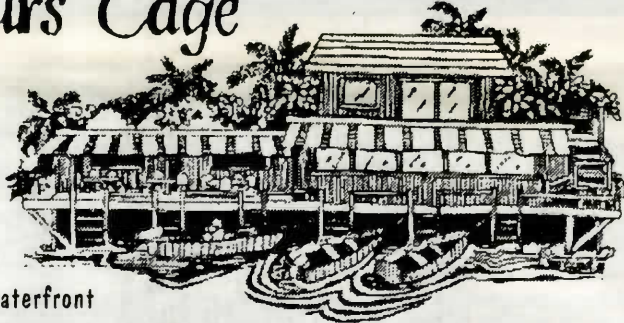
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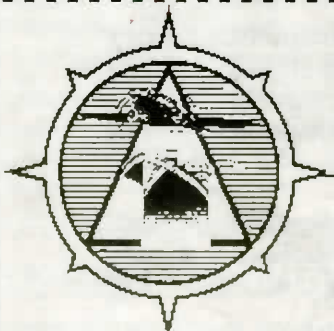
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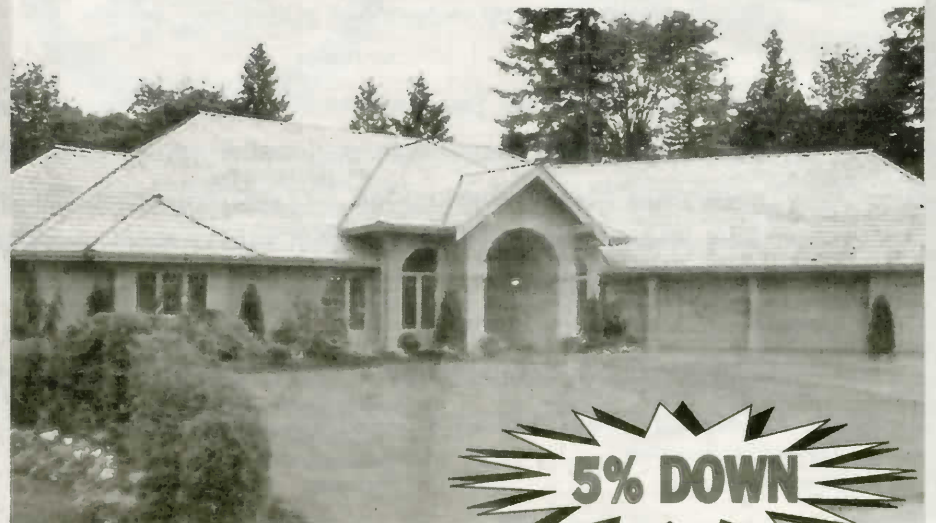
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Contract Is Awarded for Freight Dock

American Bridge has been awarded the contract to construct the freight dock in Marsh Harbour. They will probably begin work within the next couple of months. Work will begin simultaneously in several areas. Dredging will begin in the turning basin as that will provide material for filling in the

area to be reclaimed from the sea for the dock. The sea wall will have to be constructed as the dredging begins to contain the fill. An engineer will begin evaluating the work very soon. The construction is being done as a design build contract. American Bridge has a good rapport with the Ba-

hamian government and they appreciate that they do not have petty interference from government people.

One of the delays was caused when the bids came back much higher than government wanted. Eight million dollars was budgeted but the lowest bid was about \$12 million by American Bridge. The two parties have been finding ways to change the plans to bring the costs more reasonable. One of the points under consideration is the location of the channel. The existing channel, dredged out in the 1960s, is longer than an angled channel from the harbour's entrance. However, the shorter channel would require dynamiting whereas the existing

channel would only need to be dredged out deeper.

American Bridge has done other major projects in The Bahamas including extensive work at Gorda Cay, now known as Disney's Castaway Cay. They recently completed a ship repair facility in Freeport. They are appreciated by the government in that they use mostly Bahamian labor. They sub-contract work to Bahamian firms and hire Bahamians directly. During their time on Gorda Cay they trained Abaconians as operators of heavy equipment and have several Abaco people working now on one of their projects in Tampa, Florida.

All Abaco Challenge Cup Regatta

The All Abaco Regatta Committee is completing their plans for the 2001 regatta which will be held on September 20-22. The sailing competition between Bahamian work boats will take place in the waters between Green Turtle Cay and the ferry dock at Treasure Cay. Shore activities will be at the Regatta Village located at the Treasure Cay ferry dock. This year the regatta participants are by invitation only. Qualifying boats had to place in races in the Exuma Regatta, the Long Island Regatta and the New Providence Regatta. A total of 21 boats qualified for the three classes, A, B, and C. Sailors are expecting great competition again this year, Abaco's fifth year for hosting the regatta series. The trophies and prize money are eagerly anticipated.

The *Abaco Rage* which represents Abaco will again be competing in Class A. She has had a good year in competition. *Lonesome Dove* which represents Abaco in Class B will be missed this year as she is not able to make the race. This year has been a great one for her as she has won several honours. She is skippered by Capt. Ivan Stuart of Moore's Island, who will be racing in September on another boat.

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The Editor Says . . . Disaster Tests Our Reponse



rendering help may be difficult for untrained persons.

Those first persons at this crash site felt helpless, frustrated and overwhelmed, even with their training, in their inability to materially change the outcome of the disaster. As other firemen and medical technicians arrived, there was little more that could be done. The fire was put out when the fire truck arrived but the intense gasoline-fed flames did not leave much hope for two of those who initially survived the impact.

One survivor crawled out of the fuselage on the far side from the flames and he seemed to be the most likely to survive. It is tough to lose those who you have worked so hard to save. The sight of death will remain in the minds of all those on the scene

for the rest of their lives. It was very hard on those who first arrived on this terrible scene to accept that, despite their efforts, they were unable to alter the outcome.

At a disaster scene our firemen and the medical volunteers are frequently the first persons who actually begin working to untangle the mess. The firemen and medical people frequently encounter situations that are beyond their ability in controlling the outcome. However, when the alarm sounds, they leave their jobs or homes, respond from sound sleep and have even left during church to give service.

We take these volunteers for granted. We must remember that the members of these organizations are not paid but donate their time and often their money toward these causes which they believe in.

No small community with only volunteer services is ever totally prepared for a disaster of this magnitude. And for our men and women to have done so well, even under the scrutiny of international media, is to their credit.

We have pondered what the long term effect of this disaster will be on Abaco. In the absence of any errors on our part, the effect can only be positive. Millions heard the name Abaco for the first time. If the music video which was filmed here is ever released, the exposure can only be beneficial.

Last week's airplane crash killed nine persons and is the worst disaster to happen to Abaco recently. In this calamity it was fortunate that three of our area volunteer firemen happened to be at the airport on other business. They saw the doomed aircraft climb, then dive. Trees prevented them from seeing the actual crash. They were at the scene within a minute and the three men made separate and quick decisions leading to the suppression of the fire and the evacuation of the survivors.

Our volunteer fire and medical crews were on the scene for several hours. To our knowledge there have been no allegations either locally or internationally that these people were ineffective or that they acted improperly in the rescue efforts.

It is a tribute to the sincerity of these people that they performed their jobs that evening with dedication and professionalism. Although the police arrived at the scene at the same time as the fire engines, it was the volunteer firemen and medical personnel who initiated the rescue efforts.

At the time of the accident and for several hours afterwards, none of those at the scene was aware that a celebrity was aboard the plane. They just worked together intent on saving as many lives as possible. It did not matter who the victims were.

Due to the severity of the impact, it is doubtful that a quicker response by a fire engine or the presence of more highly trained persons would have changed the outcome. In this particular incident and the resultant death of an international celebrity, we could have been portrayed as bumbling and inept amateurs, giving Abaco a bad image worldwide. If the international press had caught any inadequacies in our efforts, it would have had serious repercussions to our reputation as a tourist destination. This was not the case and we believe our image stood the test during and after this crisis.

Accidents or disasters causing death have mostly resulted in a single fatality. It is only an occasional accident that claims several lives. Persons stumbling onto a highway accident must frequently decide whether to render assistance or go for help. It can be a difficult choice. Going for help may mean leaving injured persons while

In My Humble Opinion . . . "Why I Vex?"



By Stephanie Humblestone

Yes, I borrowed the title for this column from *The Tribune* in Nassau! I couldn't resist it. It is amazing just how much you can glean from the community by simply asking people what vexes them. I can honestly say that every time I posed the question, it elicited a laugh, a giggle or a humorous sigh. No one told me to get lost or mind my own business. Some gazed heavenward as if the list was too long to recite and some buried their heads in their hands and muttered words like "everything" or "everybody." A few just stayed silent and grinned and left me to fill in the blanks. "I'm not saying," said one man. "Is that because you don't know?" I replied. "Oh, no!" he retorted. "I know exactly what peeves me but it's not for your ears?" I am still pondering that one.

"I can't stand people who suck their teeth while you are talking," said a young girl in Marsh Harbour. "And," she added, "people who say I hear what you are saying." I, too, find that annoying.

As I was walking away she cried after me, "I don't like people who don't turn off the shower mode so that when you turn on the faucet you get drenched." Yes, I can

relate to that one, too.

"Where do I begin," said a fellow traveler on the ferry going from Marsh Harbour to Hope Town. He thought for a while and then said, "You know what really irritates me is taxi drivers who take up all of the road on that bend near Captain Thompson's house in Marsh Harbour so that you are forced off the road." This was obviously his most recent bugbear.

"I hate all that loud music," said a cashier in a local food store. "I can't stand loud people," a lady told me as she was getting into her car. I immediately thought of the words of the *Desiderata* which read, "Avoid loud and aggressive persons: they are vexatious to the spirit." So true.

"So what is your pet peeve?" I asked a long time member of the Abaco community. "If you want someone to dislike you, do them a favour," he said. "It happens that by some perverse quirk of human nature you often end up being shunned," he added. "The road to hell is paved with good intentions syndrome." I concurred.

A government official was quick to share his minor annoyance with me, "When people take my parking space." Being blocked in by a vehicle was a common moan. "On the subject of driving, one man said, "I can't stand drivers who pass on the inside."

Being kept waiting was another common peeve. "I don't like it when people break appointments without notice, just leave you

standing and then offer no explanation later," a lady on Elbow Cay said. Her friend added, "And people who don't know the meaning of punctuality. They say 8 o'clock and then they come thirty minutes later and think it is acceptable."

One annoyance I heard more than once was when staff in offices and restaurants continue conversing among themselves while you await service. A lady loading a shopping cart was eager to share her pet peeve with me. "This food store and its lack of produce." The manager was standing nearby. "Sh-sh," I said. "Oh, he knows. I am always complaining."

And "complainers" was one storekeeper's pet dislike. "If people don't like it here, go somewhere else," she said pragmatically.

A tourist was prompt to share with me what was niggling her but I suspect it was very much of the moment. "What annoys me is having no coffee filters in the rental unit we have for three days. I have had to go out and buy a box of 50" Well, I thought, either drown your sorrows in caffeine or leave some of the bags for the next tenant. If that is the biggest problem of her vacation, then she is surely doing well.

In one store one of the staff told me he could not tolerate people who do not listen

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All About Town

By Isobel Sherman

Parent Orientation

I got many comments about my article of taking our daughter to begin college. We got through it although it was hard. However, Palm Beach Atlantic College has not only a four-day orientation for the freshman, they have a two-day intensive orientation programme for parents. My husband and I along with about four hundred other parents found our way to different buildings to attend sessions that are designed to help us with the transition from having a child in high school to one in college and to ease our minds when we left our children.

The main thing I got from one of the sessions was that college students enjoy receiving mail. A speaker told us that the saddest room in the college is the mail room. Despite being part of a high tech generation, college students apparently want the old fashioned letter in their mail boxes. One speaker sent four children to college and he wrote each one of them every day (today is

the first day I have not written our daughter . . . yet).

One joint session with our freshman was on *Making College Count*. Many tips were given such as how to figure out how many pages to read in a week, If you average five textbooks of 400 pages each, you need to read 125 pages per week so you do not end up cramming the reading in before exams.

Ms. Fisher told them to sit in the front of the classroom or where the professors know you are interested and wanting to learn. She told them to ask questions and not be afraid or intimidated by the professors. Ms. Fisher also gave them tips on note taking and setting goals for themselves. Many of these suggestions would apply to our students still in high school.

The last event was a cookout when we were supposed to say farewell. Did we? No, why? Our daughter did not wish to say goodbye because she said it was so final. I honoured her wishes as she has a great adjustment to make, maybe even more than her parents.

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Letters to the Editor

Comments on Boys With Toys

The Editor:
As a very frequent visitor to Abaco I was most interested in *The Abaconian* and impressed by the contents of letters written in your July 1st Edition entitled *Tourists/Get out of The Way* and *Boys with Their Toys*.

Hope Town is indeed changing rapidly with the new experience of downtown traffic which is certainly taking away from the ambiance of the settlement as well as the boys with their toys seemingly to be taking the fish with them as well.

On our last visit our group finally found a restaurant which was not out of fish but the fish was in the form of a fish sandwich which really should have been entitled a mayonnaise fish sandwich. This we found at Guana Cay! I could only presume that most of the fish in the area are now safely in the freezers of visitors who have now returned to Florida, or perhaps in a town called Dunwoody, Georgia, where I was invited by a friend to go to a barbecue at another home. I was impressed to recognize dolphin on the grill. Then extremely saddened to be taken to a six-foot-tall freezer packed full with dolphin and told, "Go to Cat Island every six weeks and get all you want!"

By the way . . . in the August issue of *Florida Sportsman* there is an article pertaining to rule changes for the 2001-2002 Bahamas Wahoo Championship. Quote, "His words are welcome to many Bahamas wahoo fishermen. Last year during the series competitors caught 14,000 pounds of wahoo in 11 days of trolling. "What is going on?" As indicated in the letter *Call It Paradise and Kiss It Goodbye*.

As to the fishermen with their boat toys, I was jokingly told by a resident that they wished they could, with permission, speed around Boat Harbour or Treasure Cay for five minutes and let these sportsmen see how it feels. It is so true when these rather large impressive boats roar around uncaringly, passing other smaller boats, creating tremendous waves and passing docks at almost full speed without a care in the world. The ones that pass even Lubbers Quarters create a problem, much less than the accident that will happen soon sometime in the middle of Tilloo Cut.

These boaters just come in and to hell with any rules of the sea . . . take over. I wonder how much they really do for the economy of Abaco other than dockage fees and fuel. I was told the other day by a visitor that although they had collected a lot of conch, no one on the boat knew how to clean them and they were being wasted. But since

they had bought all their food supplies and beverages from Florida, they would not go hungry. Thanks a lot!

I have seen Abaco change in the past few years but I hope with the implementation of local government that these situations can be tempered a notch or two downward, or soon it will not be the paradise that we once had.

Act Now To Avoid Disaster

Yours truly,
Colin Stark

FNM in a Sorry State

Dear Editor,

Contrary to what supporters of the FNM have deluded themselves into believing or being brainwashed that Hubert Ingraham was the reason the PLP was kicked out of office, they were wrong and this writer suggests that they open their eyes and ears and see and hear of what is happening to a once great party.

The voting public in 1992 had decided that they were through with the former Prime Minister and his government. So voters made themselves heard the only way they could: through the ballot.

And now we have a leader of government who is determined to have his way, no matter the consequences.

Well, this writer is a man of the streets and listens to the voting public. The candidates for the FNM are in for a very rude awakening from their "Rip Van Winkle" slumber, according to the talk on the streets.

I attended the steak-out at AID park and I have never seen so few people at any function for the FNM in the years I have been on Abaco. It tells me something.

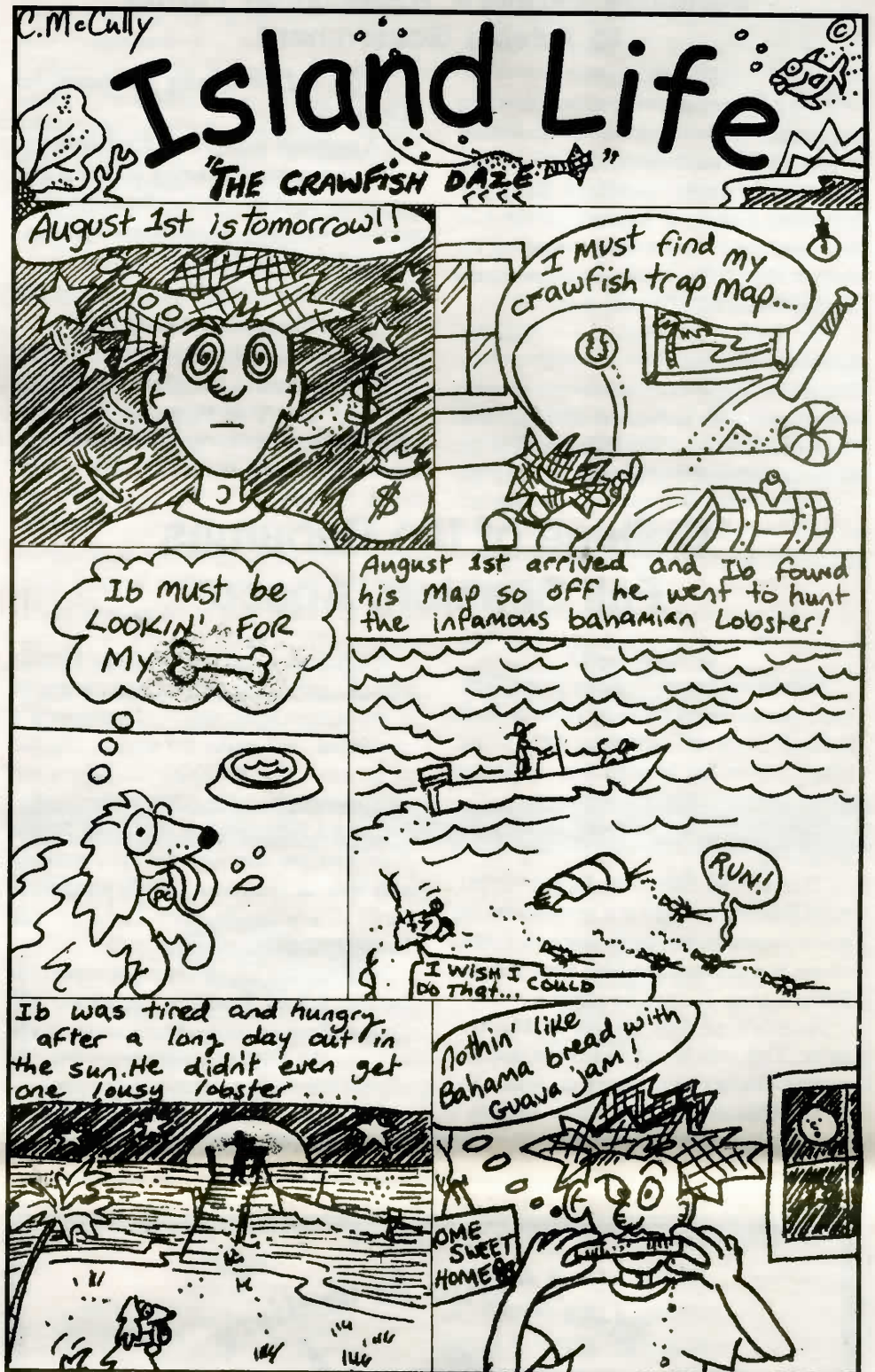
I have just heard on ZNS News that Hubbidity has fired Minister Allen. Well, so long to the "one man" government, so long FNM

Jim Hall

[Ed: It should be pointed out that at the beginning of the FNM rally Mr. Hall re-

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World Trade and Our Economy

Bahamas Farmers' Association Forms to Advise Government

By John Hedden

As a result of growing concerns about the impact of globalisation, the growth of single market economies, the era of free trade and the protection of local Bahamian industries, a group of farmers, nurserymen and interested parties held a meeting on August 31st, 2001, to discuss the problems and methods of challenging them.

The intent of the meeting was to form a Bahamian Farmers' Association (Abaco Branch) to begin to represent the farming community with respect to dialogue with the Government of The Bahamas and the Bahamian approach to the free trade agenda.

To this end the meeting was successful in initiating:

- A proposal to present a position paper to the government outlining concerns and requirements of the local agribusiness community concerning negotiations in the upcoming FTAA meetings.
- A steering committee to oversee the formation of the Farming Association.
- The basic terms of reference for the association to act as guidelines for ongoing activities as well as short and long term approaches to challenges facing the Bahamian Agricultural Sector.

College of the Bahamas Fall Session, Abaco

By Hugh Cottis

Enrollment for the College of the Bahamas courses continues to increase as more and more young, and sometimes not so young, people realise the benefits that can accrue from continued intellectual growth.

In September the following courses will be offered:

Bachelor of Education Degree in Primary Education. This is a programme for trained teachers and takes place on Friday evenings and Saturdays. This term Religion 300 and Math 310 will be offered.

Associate of Arts Degree in Management. This will be the first time that this programme has been offered on Abaco and should appeal to those persons seeking a career in business.

Pre-School Auxiliary Teachers' Certificate. A course designed for those engaged in pre-school work which, if successfully completed, will make the student eligible to go onto the Bachelor of Education programme.

College Prep English and Math. These classes are pre-requisites for those students who lack the minimum college entry standards. Classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays between 6 and 10 p.m.

Applications are still being accepted for the Pre-School Teachers Certificate and College Prep courses. Applications made now for the Degree programmes may be eligible for classes starting in January.

For further information and registration call Hugh Cottis at 367-3477.

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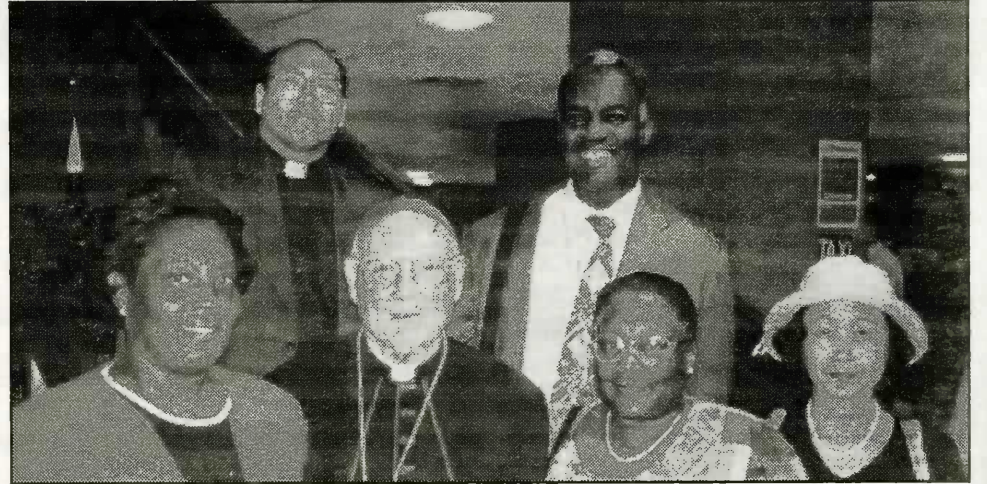
By Nadeen Beneby

The 18th World Methodist Conference was convened in Brighton, England, on July 25-31. Four thousand representatives from 108 countries were present. The Conference theme was *Jesus, God's Way of Salvation*.

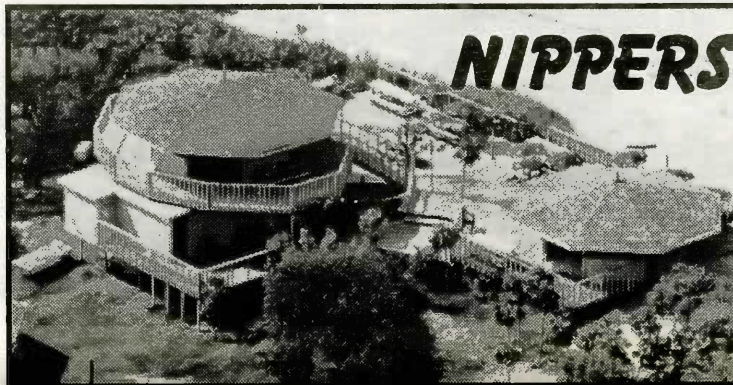
Abaco sisters Patricia Campbell and Nadeen Beneby attended, representing the Nassau Methodist Church and Ms. Julia Mills represented St. Andrews Methodist

Church in Dundas Town. In all 43 Methodists from The Bahamas attended.

The World Methodist Council was organized in 1881 at Wesley's Chapel in London. It meets every five years and the purpose is to renew and strengthen world Methodism. This was achieved through thirty workshops, seminars, worship service and the professional musical group *Hopes and Dreams*.



Several delegates from The Bahamas attended the 18th World Methodist Conference in England. Shown above are Ms. Brenda Simms, Mrs. Nadeen Beneby, Rev. Carl Campbell and Chinese delegates with His Eminence, Cardinal Edward Idris Cassidy, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity at the Vatican.



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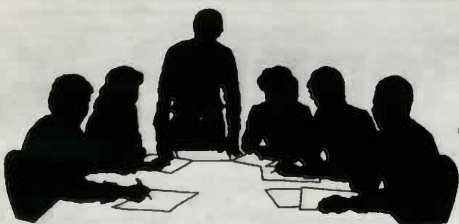
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Local Government at Work

Central Abaco Town Planning 20 Aug 01

Town Planning members reviewed twelve building permit applications with a total value of \$1,647,890.

A Great Cistern resident submitted a copy of the original conveyance for the subdivision showing that deed restrictions only allow single family residences. Senior Deputy Administrator Alexander Flowers said if the original development was done properly under the Subdivision Act, then the restrictions would be valid. However, if the land was merely cut up and sold with restrictions on the original deeds, then subsequent deeds could have different restrictions than originally stipulated.

He suggested that towns advise the Council of their zoning desires which Council must approve, then submit to Nassau for approval and Gazetting.

Board member Colyn Curry felt alternative housing such as duplexes must be allowed somewhere in the communities.

Mr. Flowers echoed this saying that as many as 35 percent of the area residents are not homeowners and their needs must be met. He felt that medium and upper scale

duplexes must be considered and should not be a detriment to the neighborhood.

A discussion followed on different qualities of duplexes and apartments without conclusion.

A meeting was suggested by Mr. Flowers between Town Planning and Council to ensure that both groups are working in harmony on this topic. Since Council has the final word on Town Planning matters, the two groups should be working toward the same goals.

Sketch plans for the replacement Golden Harvest supermarket were approved by Environmental Health. The project is now fully recommended and detail plans may be prepared.

A food facility at the Triple J Marina was tentatively approved pending an approval by the Port Authority for the minor elements extending beyond the shore line.

It was reaffirmed that individuals may draw their own plans for a single story residence of less than 3,000 square feet. However, when plans are obviously submitted by other persons, not the applicant, they will be rejected. The applicant's signature over someone else's signature is not valid. Building plans must be designed and drawn by either an architect

or an architectural technician. The one exception allows qualified individuals to draw their own house plans for a single residence.

Central Abaco Council 30 Aug 01

Building permit plans were approved as recommended by Town Planning at their August 20 meeting.

Contracts for the maintenance of the dump and garbage collection at the two public schools have expired and tenders were reviewed.

Bids for the maintenance of the dump ranged from \$60,000 to \$360,000 for the year. The dump has been maintained for two months without a contract.

It was decided to contact E & D Waste which now manages the dump to see if they would continue at their same rate. Council was pleased with their handling of the dump site and felt they were due consideration as they have been managing the clean-up with out a contract for the past two months.

Service collecting school garbage must begin Monday September 3.

E & D Waste offered to continue with school garbage collection three times a week for \$800 per month with containers being supplied. This total includes both

government schools.

Alexander Archer offered to do the job for \$700 a month with a similar plan.

It was decided to contact Mr. Archer and award the contract to him if he was prepared to begin on September 3. Otherwise it would go to E & D Waste who now has the facilities in place.

A third bid for \$800 per month with collection being twice a month was dismissed as being inadequate.

Appointments were considered for Hotel Licensing as that board is under-staffed.

Twenty two applications were submitted for three janitress openings between the airport, Abaco Central High School and Central Abaco Primary School. Interviews are being arranged.

Council was advised by Nassau that bids have been requested for paving side streets in Dundas Town, Marsh Harbour and Murphy Town. Marsh Harbour's front street is included in this exercise.

Council received a notice that stipends for elected local government officials have been increased. Council and Town Committee members got a 50 per cent raise from \$50 per month to \$75 effective October 1st. The complete schedule will be published later.

Sir Lynden Is Featured on New Currency

New one dollar bills with the portrait of Sir Lynden O. Pindling, former Prime Minister of The Bahamas, were officially initiated on August 22. In a ceremony in Central Bank the new bank notes were unveiled. The first editions of this series were presented to Sir Lynden's widow, Lady Marguerite Pindling and other family members.

They were put into general circulation on August 23. Thirty million of the bank notes were printed. Government anticipates that there will be a second printing by 2003.

Sir Lynden was honoured because of his great contributions to The Bahamas including the establishment of the Central Bank of The Bahamas.

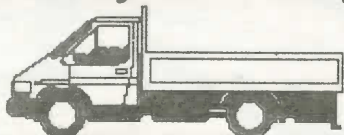
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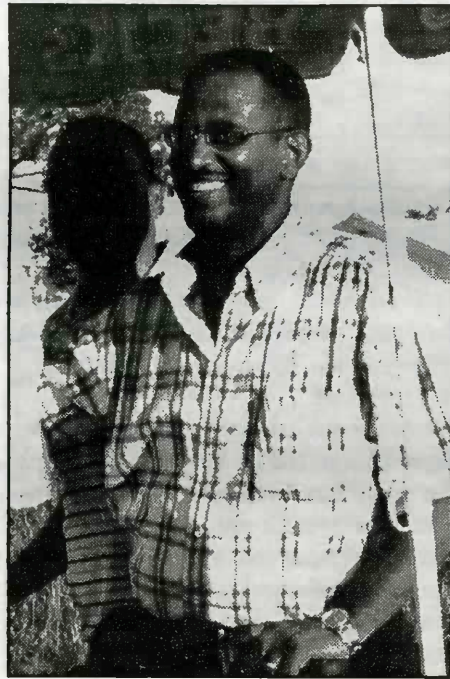
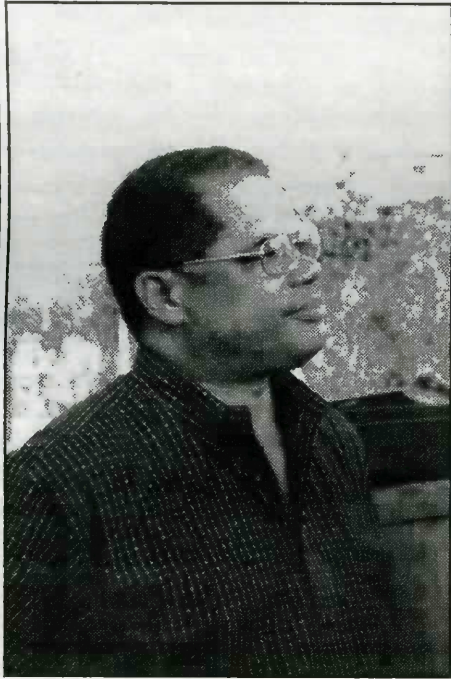
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Crash Interrupts FNM Rally



The Free National Movement rally held in Marsh Harbour on August 25 was interrupted when two fire engines rushed by on the way to an airplane crash at the airport. Leader Designate Tommy Turnquest, right, and Deputy Leader Designate Dion Faulkes, left, along with many other government officials spoke to the faithful while the large crowds were assembled at the airport and government clinic waiting for news of the victims.

Police Report

The vacant 41-foot sailboat *DREAM CHASER* was discovered on fire while on anchor in the harbour of Marsh Harbour just before sundown on July 23. The owner, Mr. Stegall of Colorado, reported that arson was suspected and preliminary investigations supported this. Subsequently, Troy Mills of Dundas Town was arrested and charged with causing damage and was arraigned in the Magistrate's Court on August 8.

A Hope Town resident reported on August 17 that her daughter-in-law assaulted her and punched her in the face and beat her about the body.

A woman living in the Mud complained on August 18 that she was punched in the

face by her husband and then threatened with having her house burned down.

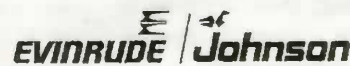
Dangerous drugs were found on August 18 on Stanley Saintvil of Marsh Harbour and Arnold Jean Lewis of the Mud, who were then arrested.

An eleven-foot dinghy and a 25 HP engine valued at \$12,000 were stolen on August 14 from a 50-foot Sea Ray anchored at Baker's Bay in Guana Cay. The owner, Mr. Richard Citron, was anchored for the night and discovered the boat missing about 1 a.m.

An American owned house in Cherokee was reportedly broken into between midnight and 4 a.m. on August 19. Ms. Vashiti Sawyer filed the report.



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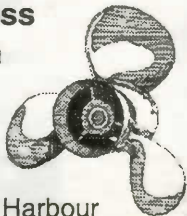
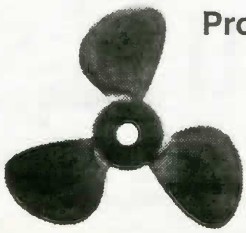
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Viewpoint

The Media Frenzy

By Alice Bain

It's been a pretty grim week. As I write the first line of this article, it has been exactly a week to the very minute since the charter plane containing the R&B star Aaliyah and eight others fell out of the sky at Marsh Harbour International Airport. I signed up as a part-time reporter for the Abaconian once again just over two weeks ago. I was expecting a long, slow August and September . . . typical hurricane season in Abaco, nothing much going on. I certainly never expected to end up at the far end of the airport runway on a Saturday night tagging along behind an ambitious freelance photojournalist through poisonwood and ankle-deep mud as he got the first digital shots of that terrible crash. "Do a story on the media frenzy," my boss, Dave Ralph, instructed me - well, technically I am the media, so here it is in viewpoint.

Certainly, it has been a very trying week for anybody with a phone and a name and title accessible to the world press. I asked the Ralphs, the editors of this newspaper, if they could give me a list of who called them as they were also a target of the nocturnal media barrage. "Oh, I have no idea," said Mrs. Ralph. "There's been so many of them, I couldn't possibly remember all the names." The memory usually isn't at its best at three in the morning!

The day after the crash out at the site once more I was sort of expecting a horde of reporters surging around with cameras and microphones. In fact, there were very few of them, and they were basically well-behaved. There was a crew from Channel 7 (NBC, who had their own helicopter), a crew from Channel 10 (CBS, who didn't), and a lone CBS radio announcer wandering around with headphones and some sort of recording device getting sound bites and trying to translate the scene of the crash into the spoken word. In addition, we had the Bahamian press; ZNS, Radio Abaco, reporters from the Tribune and the Guardian and Mr. Ralph and myself as representatives of *The Abaconian*. The networks used their long lenses to film the Civil Aviation Authority investigators poking around in the swamp and we were all given a statement by ASP Russell. A couple of the Fire Rescue volunteers gave interviews for the cameras and

that was basically it.

I am told that Aaliyah's family and friends heard about the crash, for the most part, as a result of the media coverage. "Isn't that sad?" people say, "These reporters must have no feelings. The media is a terrible thing. Can't these people have any privacy?" I'm afraid the answer today must be no, there is no privacy. Famous people these days trade their privacy for fame. A singer uses the media to earn her both fame and money, but the media is a two-edged sword. People like you and me are the fans, the basis for that fame, and we buy into the image that the media has created at the behest of the artist. We create a market, a demand, which takes on a life of its own. All the media do at this point is supply that demand, even when it goes beyond the bounds of decency.

The night of the crash I was shocked at the behavior of the photojournalist. He was

aggressive and pushy. Personally, I was feeling completely over my head wondering how in the name of Pete I had ended up out there in the first place and feeling extremely intimidated by the magnitude of the tragedy. I was predisposed to see this man's actions as ugly, adding to the trauma that those at the crash site were dealing with already. Two nights after that, partly in the interest of "examining the media" for this article, I spent a few hours chatting with the three men from CBS. They were a little hyperactive, but they didn't seem psychologically twisted. When I brought up the subject of the photojournalist, the table got quiet. The cameraman said to me, with a little awe in his voice, "That guy made his career that night." The others nodded in agreement. Later that week I had dinner with a friend and found that her sister was acquainted with the photographer. "He's a nice guy," she said. "He's got a wife and baby daughter .

. . . he probably made enough in that one night to send his daughter to college for a year. That's what he was thinking of when he went out there, and I can't blame him."

I find that I can't blame him either. I don't want his job, and I am quite clear now after this experience that my journalistic ambitions do not reach further than the bounds of Abaco's small-town, small-island existence. Abaco is still a place where a relative amount of privacy is available . . . which is part of the reason why Aaliyah and her crew were here in the first place. I'm told all sorts of celebrities come through Abaco every year, but I have seen no proof of this. My cousin claims to have rented a boat to Michael J. Fox! I have never seen a celebrity here in Abaco, neither have I sought them out. I wish them all the best, and if my disinterest in their activities pleases them, then that's all to the good. The tragedy remains that nine people were killed in a terrible plane crash, and it would remain a tragedy no matter what their names were.

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Bahamians Do Well in Triathlon

Triathlon

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Florida, organizes the triathlon series.

Many Bahamians competed with competitors coming from Nassau and Grand Bahama as well as Abaco. In addition to individual competitors there were several relay teams made up of Abaco competitors. Abaco Cen-

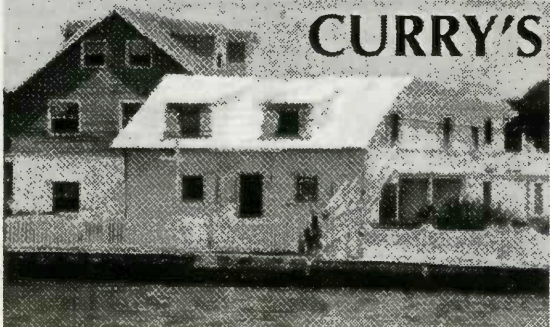
tral High School had a team entered for the first time comprised of Vanessa McPhee, Sharell Carey and McQuail Spencer. Absolute Fitness Gym had a team comprised of owner Brent Cartwright, Maria Sylvester and Layna Cartwright. Three sisters competed: Jane Patterson, Cha Boyce and Lory Kenyon.



The 8th annual Great Abaco Triathlon is eagerly anticipated by athletes from Abaco and from away. The Ministry of Tourism sponsors the triathlon on Abaco as it brings many visitors to our island.



Some of the participants are shown enjoying the awards party. Rhiannon Thomas, second from left, competed alone while the other three are, from left, Lory Kenyon, Cha Boyce and Jane Patterson who together formed a relay team.



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White Crowned Pigeons Are Banded



By Ron Pagliaro

In an effort to get a better handle on white crowned pigeon breeding populations in Abaco, a team led by Michael Albury, local representative for the Bahamas National Trust, headed out early one morning in mid-August. The destination was Cormorant Cay, a small island just west of Sandy Point, in close proximity of Disney's Castaway Cay. This is the second year such an expedition has been executed and the results look promising.

Some 2500 birds were counted as they flew from their rookery (nesting site) on Cormorant Cay to neighboring cays. The point of the effort is to establish real data on just how many birds are breeding in this area and for how long they stay here on Abaco. Accord-

ing to Scott Patterson, the team's coordinator, getting counts over a period of years will give a good base line for how these populations change over time. This information could assist the Department of Agriculture in setting proper dates for hunting seasons, bag limits, and/or possible protected breeding areas.

It was after the adult birds left the nest to forage for food that the team could go in, seek out nestlings and band them. They banded just shy of 200 chicks. Hunters play a significant role in the banding process. You might call them the final act in the loop, by turning in the bands. This provides researchers with the information to determine the bird's age, average life span, place of birth, etc. Answers to these questions play an important role in the conservation of this game bird that with proper management will be with us in healthy numbers for years to come. Bands can be sent to: Bahamas National Trust, c/o Lynn Gape, PO Box N4105, Nassau, Bahamas.

BEC Will Host Open House

Bahamas Electricity Corporation Abaco will officially open their generation expansion program on September 14 between 3 and 6 p.m. The ceremony will take place at their generating plant on S.C. Bootle Highway.

The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham and BEC's General Mmanager, Mr. Bradley Roberts, will both be in attendance along with BEC executives from Nassau. The Abaco Central High School choir and the Wesley College Band will entertain the guests.

After the ceremony guests will be given a tour of the facilities and light refreshments will be served.

Nancy and Michael Albury of Man-O-War lead the survey team to Cormorant Cay west of Sandy Point to count and band White Crowned Pigeon in an on-going study to learn more of their habits. This will lead to better management of this species to guarantee their successful breeding.

Sailing School Will Open

By Alice Bain

Castle Harbor Sailing School is opening a branch on Abaco at Club Soleil on Elbow Cay. They will be using Ensign 23-foot sloop-rig boats with a three-foot draft for their basic classes and a Pearson 33-foot daysailer for cruising courses which will include navigation skills. Their classes are part of the U.S. Sailing Certification Series. Matthew McCoy is a certified sailing instructor and will be holding four-day courses in sailing. Most of the time is spent on the water with the exception of four hours spent in the classroom to acquaint the students with the basic terminologies and concepts they will need to know on a boat. Mr. McCoy anticipates his market to be mostly students from northern sailing schools in the winter and spring. He expects the school will begin here next February.

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Wetlands Preservation Is Goal for Snake Cay

Snake Cay *From Page 1*

clean-ups of the area, during which the cameras will be present, are scheduled for later in this year.

At ten in the morning on August 25th volunteers met at the site on the southern side of Snake Cay. The area is commonly used as a launch-site for boats and has suffered a great deal of garbage dumping. Volunteers from Friends of the Environment, the owner-operators of Abaco Outback kayak tours, marine biology students studying under Huel Moss at Abaco Central High School, Boy Scouts under local Scout leader Alfred Dean and students from Central Abaco Primary School, St. Frances de Sales School and Smith Memorial School joined forces to rake garbage out of the bushes and pick litter out of the water. Abaco Outback

donated the use of their kayaks to access areas of the shoreline and mangroves that would not be accessible by foot and Bertha McPhee, an Environmental Health Officer on Abaco, was present.

An astounding amount of garbage was found and bagged; within the first half hour of the cleanup there were probably twenty bags full and yet more garbage to be picked up! People had evidently been dumping bags of household waste in the bushes; in addition to kitchen trash there were dining room chairs, old tires, car parts, bits of hose, boxes, bottles, inner tubes, old clothing, plastic motor oil bottles and even the tailgate from somebody's pickup truck. There was a large pile of knocked conch shells, most of which were immature and therefore illegal to harvest. At the end of the ramp road to the west there were two small sharks, a nurse shark and a lemon shark

which had been killed, their carcasses left to rot.

In spite of the hot sun the volunteers were cheerful in their dedication to the task at hand. Brad Curry, a marine biology student from Abaco Central High who had never been to Snake Cay before, said the garbage was disgusting and he wanted to see the area properly cleaned up. Michelle Thurston, another volunteer, said "Snake Cay is very pretty. I want to be a marine biologist when I grow up and I feel like this is my start."

Erin Lowe Pagliaro of Abaco Outback told us about the value of the mangrove estuary. "The mangroves are a nursery for marine life and birds. The stilt roots of the mangroves give a protected environment for baby fish, turtles and lobsters which move to the reef outside when they are fully grown. Therefore, it is important that we conserve the mangroves so that our reef fish stocks remain healthy." Huel Moss told the assembled volunteers, "In the future when

Snake Cay is legally made into a park, we can say that we were part of it at the very beginning. Also, when Nickelodeon does arrive with the cameras, people who were here today will have first chance at being on TV!" Mr. Moss said that the proposal for Snake Cay to be made into a park is presently in the Office of the Prime Minister and encouraged all present to write letters supporting the proposal. The letters should be sent to the President of the Bahamas National Trust, who will take them to the Office of the Prime Minister.

The plan is to put a new face on Snake Cay both for visitors and for locals. Historically, the area has been seen as an industrial zone and installations were left there after the company pulled out in 1970.

Garbage attracts more garbage. People figure that adding a little to the pile al-

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Abaco Outback provided kayaks for the school children to enjoy as a reward for the hard work they did picking up trash at Snake Cay. That area is a critical nursery for replenishing marine life in the region. It is a popular area for residents and visitors alike to appreciate the varied wetlands that we have.

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Viewpoint

Town Planning for Abaco

By Tim Neill, Architect

It seems that there is much discussion on Abaco these days concerning Town Planning and it has come none too soon as it is easy to look around and see that we have grown very rapidly in the last ten years and that what should have been progress really is not.

Most are aware that our towns have "progressed" in a manner that has resulted in more congestion and additional problems in many cases due to lack of foresight, poor planning and inadequate infrastructure to sustain the growth causing some to cry for a building moratorium. Much of what has been built does not enhance our communities. Marsh Harbour in particular is considered by many as an eyesore and other communities are not far behind. It is a sad commentary since we are a tourist destination and people come from all over the globe to see how we live. It might be a fortunate thing that many tourists of the Caribbean expect to see a "shanty town." Still most do not choose to spend any time amongst those conditions. These problems detract from our tourist economy and unless we make an effort to change we will further erode our major industry.

The location of our new port comes down to a popular vote and will be built in an already badly congested area while the airport expands in the middle of the residential section. The roads are too narrow without any plans for expansion. There are no sidewalks and not enough parking spaces for the cars that dangerously back out into flowing traffic. Our guests, the tourists, are constantly subjected to being run over. New buildings are built without any architectural character and warehouses abound bringing more of an industrial look. The lack of

landscaping produces a harsh, hard, hot, environment. Bars are being built next to churches and schools. Buildings are occupied while incomplete giving the town a ghetto look. These kinds of problems put an enormous burden on residents and business alike and will result in the towns further decay until the populous eventually evacuate and the buildings become abandoned to crime.

The common response to these problems is for citizens to take matters in hand and make rules to deal with the problems. The Town Committees think that they have the authority to fix the town to their personal ego's vision. While some say buildings need to be "colonial" or Bahamian in nature and some say we need "zoning," neither is the answer. The problem is much larger and towns are far more complex than the layman can imagine. The answer is in town planning.

Town Planning is a profession that has been around for most of the century and one can go to college to become a "Town Planner." Generally, a planner does a comprehensive study of the physical and social aspects of an existing town and its relationships to its surroundings, assesses the current needs and future growth patterns taking into account the desires of the community and the direction that they want to develop in and creates a plan for the town that will facilitate the growth over a specified period of time in a planned manner. This involves the layout of all traffic patterns considering vehicle, pedestrian, freight including public

transportation, airports and sea ports and their respective relationships and needs. The "use" patterns of the town are also studied as certain "use" types do not mix well. These might include private residential, multi residential, commercial, light industrial, heavy industrial, agricultural, recreational or public park reserves. In each of these "use" areas there are guidelines that are outlined to help architects when designing buildings so that there is a harmony between buildings and a connectedness in the neighborhoods. This is the stuff that makes a neighborhood successful.

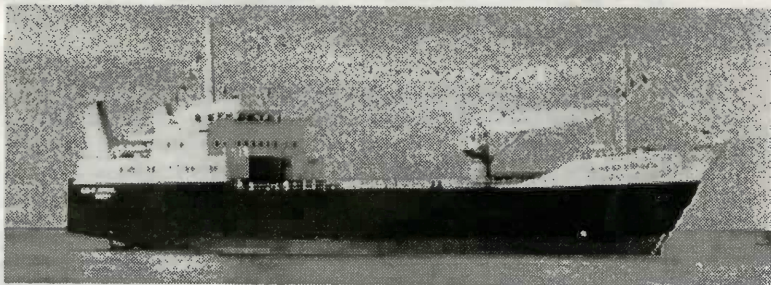
Many confuse Town Planning with the failed attempt at building some of the "new towns" in the United States and Europe. It is not about the building of towns and more about the guidelines that help towns to develop in a rational cohesive manner. A very successful example of planning is that of the community of Seaside on the west coast of Florida. Seaside is a private real

estate development that has been recognized the world over for its very successful development plan. It is a new town that has been built with the help of many different architects that have followed the guidelines of the development's planners. Seaside somewhat has the flavor of an Abaco island town with its wooden verandah homes.

There are many who react and say, "I will be damned if anyone is going to tell me how to design my house." But it is those very same people that are most upset when the guy next door builds a monstrosity that destroys their neighborhood and devalues their property. It is time that we recognize that the successful communities and towns that are most desirable to live in and that continually increase in real-estate value are those that have a good development plan and a good planning committee that implements the plan and restricts bad development. We must ultimately recognize our interdependence and realize that each building affects more than just its occupants. The building is a part of the environment and that belongs to all of us. The streets of our towns need to be considered as important

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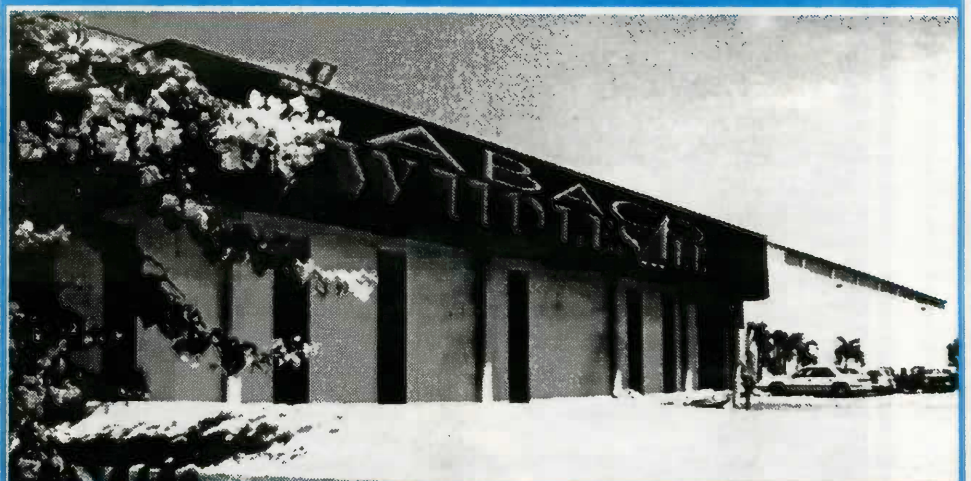
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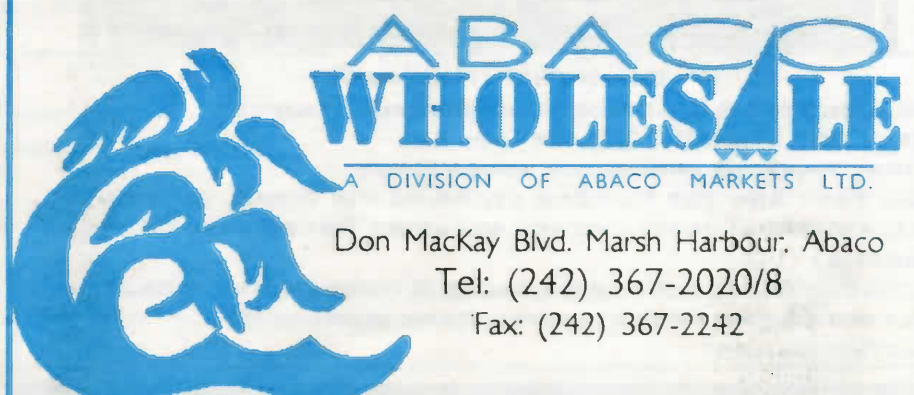


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Obituaries of Family and Friends

Elvis Danny Russell, 43, of Marsh Harbour, passed away on August 18 after a long illness. His funeral was held at the A.B. Apostolic Church on August 19. Officiating was Bros. Bob Cornea, Philip Albury and Warren Albury. Interment was in the Marsh Harbour Cemetery.

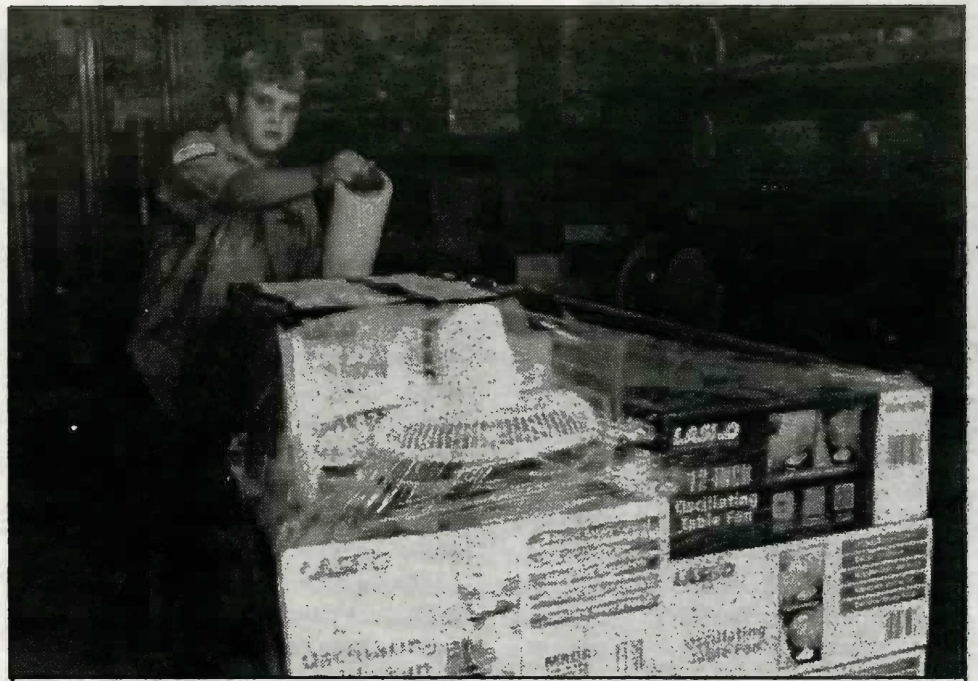
He is survived by his wife Shirley; children Eric, Jessica and Jordana; grandchildren John Claude, Shante, Drayton and

Anthony; brothers Hartwell, Earl, David, Hank, Don and Terry; sisters Christine, Viola, Iris and Jennie; brothers-in-law Marshall, Norwel, Raymond, Kirk, Matthew, Robert, David and Aaron; sisters-in-law Christine, Linda, Nancy, Barbara, Joy, Gwendolyn, Dorothy and Margaret; mother-in-law Parnell Darville and many other relatives and friends.

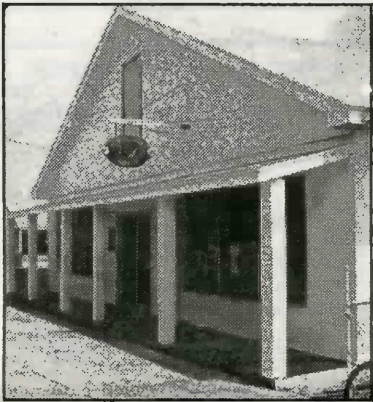
Budget Figures for 2001-2002

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		Green Turtle Cay	\$ 29,700
Central Abaco District		Moore's Island District	
Total for District	\$1,035,039	Total for District	\$201,510
Council	\$ 646,272		
Marsh H / Spring C	\$ 162,266	Hope Town District	
Dundas Town	\$ 113,967	(Includes Guana Cay, Man-O-War and Hope Town)	
Murphy Town	\$ 112,534	Total for District	\$ 326,000



In August Marco Air Conditioning sent a pallet of 15 fans to Cat Island for disbursement to elderly persons there. Shown is Roland Roberts wrapping the fans in preparation for delivery to the Capt. Gurth Dean to be forwarded to Cat Island. Roland had a summer job at Marco Air Conditioning but will be attending Forest Heights Academy this fall.



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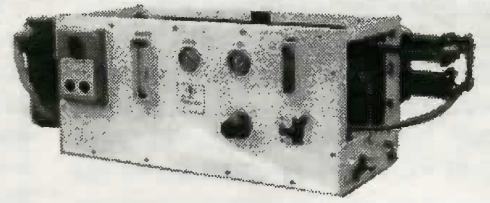
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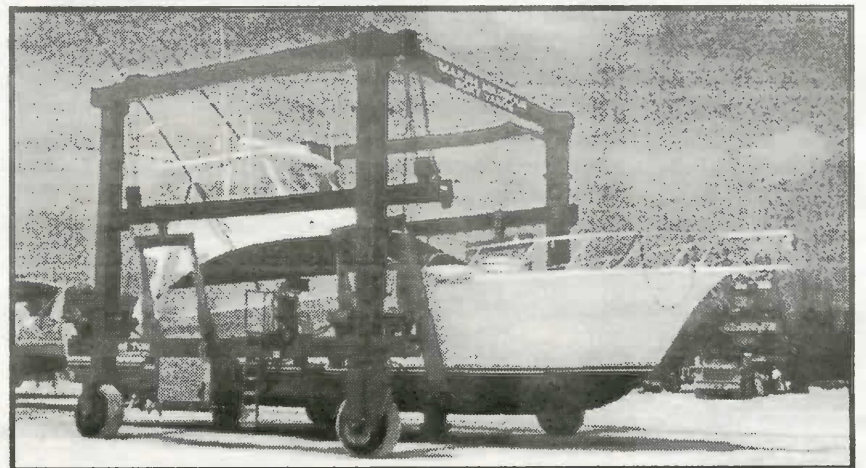
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Parents Hear About School Changes

The parents and teachers of Abaco Central High School were invited to a meeting on August 28 to learn of this year's changes at the school. According to Mr. Jackson MacIntosh, District Superintendent with the Ministry of Education, Mr. Benjamin Stubbs will be named principal of Abaco Central High School and was expected to arrive on Abaco at the beginning of September.

Mr. MacIntosh announced that the school will begin a new program of offering clubs for the students to join. These clubs will meet weekly on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. They will appeal to a variety of interests which may include sports such as swimming, tennis and volleyball, music, acting and dancing as well as grooming, first aid and social ethics. The goal is to develop leadership qualities in the students and to help them acquire skills and community awareness. They are hoping to attract community persons with skills and knowledge in specific fields to become involved, giving the students a broader prospective.

The administration is working out the problems of transportation with both buses

and ferries. The participation in clubs will be required of all students. Since this is a new concept being implemented, the administration will have to work out details and is hoping that community people will be interested in helping.

Mr. MacIntosh discussed the academic records for the school and was encouraged by test results from last spring. Public schools must accept all students and cannot choose smarter or better students as private schools can. The Science Department at the school is one of the best in the country according to Mr. MacIntosh. This year a student received an A in biology in the BJC exam and another student received an A in chemistry. The math department has the highest qualified staff in the country. Many of the students are focused and doing very well.

The school will emphasize the English and math subjects which are critical for students interested in attending colleges or entering any field. Many students can read words but do not comprehend the meaning or get the message. They cannot write an

essay. Reading, writing and comprehension will be stressed.

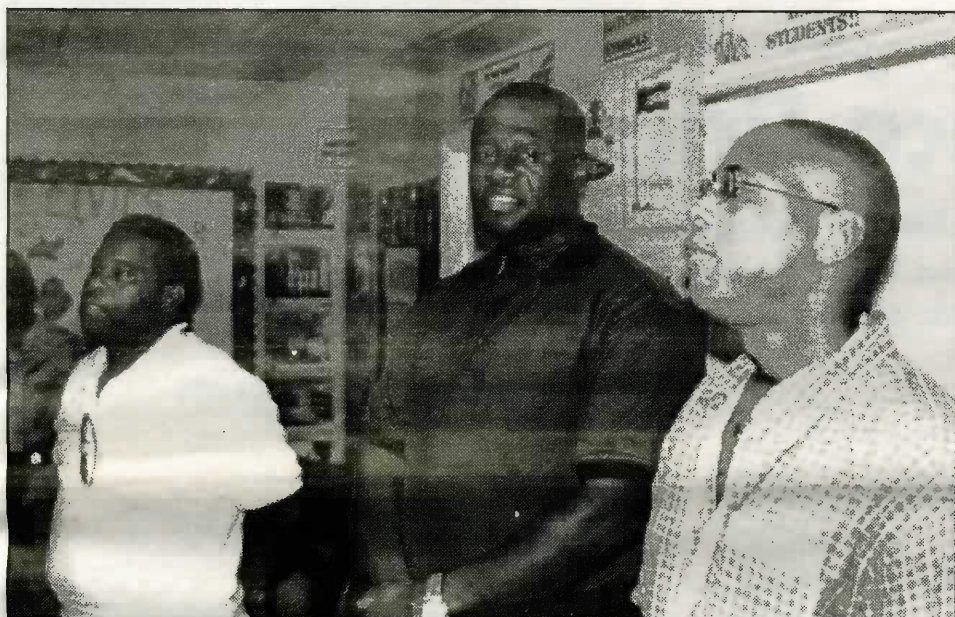
Mr. MacIntosh appealed to parents to support the school. "It is only through support by the parents that the school can continue to improve," he said. Parents need to buy text books and other materials and must see that the students do the required home assignments. Homework frequently accounts for 20 percent of their grade. Parents must see that the television and other distractions are kept to a minimum and that reading is encouraged. If parents want their students to do well, then they must supply materials and support items.

There was much discussion about dress codes. Mr. MacIntosh made it clear that the dress code will be enforced. A school uniform is part of the system but many students are not complying. Adhering to a dress code prepares students for real world rules. It was announced that any electronic device brought to school will be confiscated and not returned. They will be donated to the Ranfurly Home in Nassau. This includes cellular phones, beepers and radios.

Homework must be completed on time. If three assignments in one subject are not completed, the administration will give the student 24 hours to comply, then notify a parent. Students will not be allowed to leave school during the day but will be kept in a study hall if suspended until a parent comes. If a student makes trouble, a parent will have to go to school to give an explanation as notes from home will not be accepted. A student taking a note home will not be acceptable.

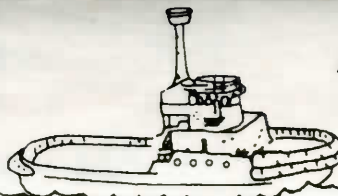
Security will be increased at the school. The fencing is now complete and the iron railing work on the front wall is to be completed soon. Entrance gates are expected by mid-month. Students will remain on the campus all day; they will not be allowed to leave for lunch. It is not known at this time if security people will be on campus during the day.

Improvements have been made at the school. Lights and fans are finally working and, thanks to the PTA, the school now has a very elaborate photo copier.



Parents of Abaco Central High School students were informed of changes which will be in effect for the coming school year. Mr. Jackson MacIntosh, District Superintendent, announced that Mr. Benjamin Stubbs has been named principal of the school, replacing Mrs. Royann Swain, who has moved from Abaco. Addressing the parents were, l. to r., Mr. Leonard Edgcombe, PTA president, Mr. MacIntosh and Mr. Huel Moss, Senior Master.

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ferred to, a plane crashed at the airport. When two fire engines went past the rally, there was a mass exodus of those attending. During and after the rescue efforts there were 500 to 1,000 people at the government clinic awaiting the outcome and status of the survivors inside.]

Corruption Continues

Dear Editor:
Please allow me a little space in your paper just to let the Bahamian people know a thing or two about the blatant visible favoritism and victimization taking place in our police force.

As a businessman, I've had the opportunity to travel the entire Bahamas and I do think that Mr. Paul Farquharson is and has been doing a splendid job as far as managing the work load of the police force. We the well wishers would like to thank him and his fine team for a job well done.

I've reached Abaco and wondered if Mr. Farquharson was aware of the bias, selfish leadership being carried out here. Abaco appears not to be a part of the Bahamas when it comes to law and order because the officers are prevented from effectively executing their duties. I have seen and heard of officers who do a job well done and depending on who the person may or may not be, the superior officers victimize, threaten or remove that hardworking officer. This, I think, is ludicrous. Someone needs to speak up for these fearing officers.

These few faithful, loyal men and women need to be encouraged and/or rewarded instead of mistreated. It is only when one becomes familiar or receives handouts that they are caught in a trap and have to penalize their staff/subordinates as a personal favor for their friends in higher positions. Abaco is the nation's third city and needs to be carefully groomed as one should know that we do not start off wrong and end up right.

Please, Mr. Farquharson, we need you to address Abaco's situation urgently. And to put everything in a nutshell, I don't see the need for any officer to be stationed in any remote area for 10 to 15 years nor in his/her hometown except for Nassau or Freeport for any long periods. This can only breed corruption and favoritism.

Thank you very much.

Did Town Planning Overstep Its Mandate?

Dear Sir,
Please allow my comments in your newspaper.

I read with interest that the construction project at Harbour View Marina has been stopped. I was amazed that it was given permission by Town Planning in the first place. This proposed bar, swimming pool and bathrooms were approved for an area that is the most seriously congested in all of Marsh Harbour. The three neighboring properties are bars and restaurants and there is hardly a need for another.

The proposed buildings will reduce the existing parking in an area that is already short of parking spaces. The proposed bathroom block was without setback on a tight street corner that already has vehicle traffic problems and presents even more serious pedestrian dangers. Due to this congestion the proposed building was placed over the sea. Town Planning must have known it was a matter for the Port Authority to decide.

So many obvious bad planning decisions were made by the Town Planning Committee so why was this project approved? Is it politics and most likely payola? Who will investigate and will this building be truly stopped?

A concerned citizen

Complaint Is Voiced

Dear Sir,
The most informative part of your newspaper is the section on *Local Government* but you fall short in your reporting. Why is it that you only report on the meetings of the Marsh Harbour Council and never report on the meetings of the Hope Town Council, the North Abaco Council and the South Abaco Council. Surely their decisions are just as important to the people of Abaco? Perhaps it is too difficult for you to get to these meetings but then again one of your staff reporters lives in Hope Town. The Councils should be required to provide the press with the minutes of their meetings. You are the only source for the people of Abaco to know what decisions are being made by local government. The people want to know and need to know what is going on - after all, it is news. Until you expand your reporting I will continue to refer to your paper as *The Marsh Harbourion*,

Yours truly,
Herbert Pinder

Appeal for Restraint Concerning Crash

Dear Editor,
On August 25, 2001, The Bahamas, specifically Abaco, experienced the most devastating airplane crash in Bahamian history.

In the aftermath of the very unfortunate tragedy, I have heard all sorts of opinions and speculations as to the cause of the tragedy.

I, for one, will wait for the results of an official investigation. I wish that everyone else would do the same as not one of us was on that ill-fated flight. We do not know what problems, if any, the pilot experienced on take-off.

In the meantime, I hope that all Bahamians, especially us here on Abaco, will show our respect and gratitude for those unfortunate folk for choosing our island for their promotion of their project.

On behalf of myself and all Bahamians (especially Abaconians), I send the most sincere condolences to the families of all the loved ones of the unfortunate victims.

Jim Hall

Let's Don't Allow Opinions Divide Us

Dear Editor,
A difference of opinion is just that; an opinion. It does not mean one is wrong and another is right. It is just an opinion. Please, let's not let our opinions cause division among communities, foreigners and Bahamians.


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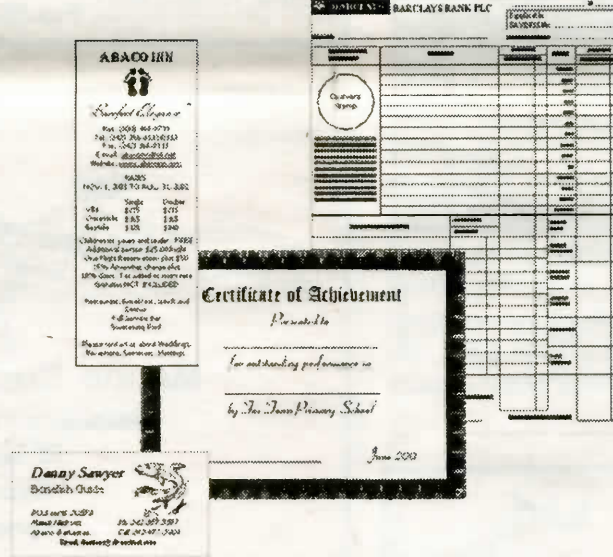
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Hope Town	
Froggies - by excursion boat	366-0431
Treasure Cay	
Abaco Adventures - by kayak	365-8749

Taxi Cab Fares for one or two passengers	
Plus extra for each passenger above two	
• Marsh Harbour Airport to:	
Ferry Dock (to / from airport)	\$12.00 + \$3
Abaco Beach Hotel	\$10.00 + \$3
Airport to Conch Inn	\$10.00 + \$3
Harbour View	\$10.00 + \$3
Golden Harvest	\$10.00 + \$3
BYS	\$12.00 + \$3
Dove Plaza	\$10.00 + \$2
Marsh Harbour	\$10.00 + \$3
Stop light	\$10.00 + \$3
Western Auto	\$ 6.00 + \$2
Dundas Town	\$10.00 + \$3
Government Dock	\$10.00 + \$3
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Hope T. to Marsh Harbour 20 minute trip	
8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 ‡5 (M-F)	
Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War 20 minute trip	
10:30 am 12:15 pm (M-Sat) 2:30 (M-Sat) 4 5:30	
Man-O-War to Marsh Harbour 20 minute trip	
8 am 11:30 (M-Sat) 1:30 pm 3:15 (M-Sat)	
Marsh Harbour to Scotland Cay & Guana 30 minute trip	
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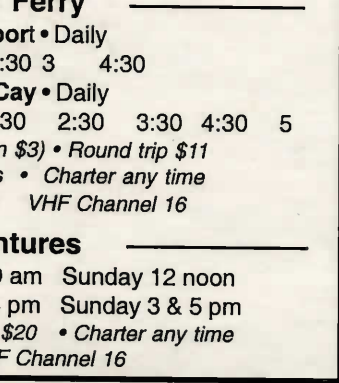
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From someone distressed to see such bickering over such a trivial matter

Rotten Apples on Independence Day

Dear Editor,
 I am writing this letter as a reply to the letter that was published in the paper about one rotten apple.

First of all, I would like to say to the writer of the letter that he or she needs to rephrase "one rotten apple" into "a whole barrel of rotten apples" because it is more than one who feels the way that the first writer felt about this situation.

Now, after talking to all of the rotten apples on the island, we have decided that we all will not be attending your celebration next year for we will take you up on your advice and go conching. So the committee can plan on a very small number of participants next year.

Do you, the committee, think that we as Bahamians would be allowed to join in any other country's celebration and win the prizes. I don't think so.

So any way, I agree with the fact that we should let foreigners participate but just let their scores not count. But I won't have to worry about how it goes next year because I am going conching!

Sincerely,
 One of the barrel full of rotten apples
Must I Go Conching?

Dear Appalled Citizen, Parent, Grandparent,

If you don't believe there isn't a person or persons that think that foreigners shouldn't compete in the games, you better think again.

I am not afraid of the extra competition because I know that I can beat them. I think it is only right for the Bahamians to compete. We can't go to any other foreign country and do what they do in ours. They shouldn't be allowed to celebrate our holi-

days with us because this is "our holiday," not theirs. I don't feel threatened by the competition, but I will take your piece of advice and go conching!

You only heard the good comments, but they were only half of the comments made. The other half of the people were upset with the foreigners competing in the games.

I do compete for fun. I know that I can't come first in everything but the Bahamians would have a lot more chance to win if only Bahamians were to compete.

If you say one rotten apple won't spoil your fun, you're right. But you know they say if you put a rotten apple in a box of ripe apples, all of them will eventually turn rotten. And it is not only me who thinks this way. If you want me to go conching, I will! You won't see me competing next year unless there is a change made in the rules.

Editor, I thank you again for your patience.

A concerned citizen of
 Man-O-War

Karaoke Song Contest Entertains

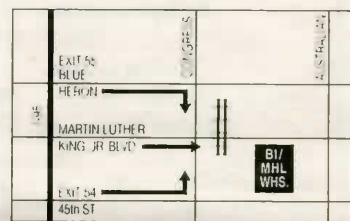


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Viewpoint

Think Before You Speak

By Alice Bain

The charter air crash that claimed the lives of R&B star Aaliyah and eight others is a large tragedy for a small town like Marsh Harbour to bear. Aaliyah was a talented, bright, up and coming young star and her death has set the music world reeling. Think of the grief that the friends and family of all the deceased must be undergoing. But think of this as well: For all of us, this should be a reminder that at any moment, on any day, any one of us might run out of time. Death claims us all in the end and life is a precious commodity. Yet we waste so much of it in petty, small-minded activities and gossip.

I have heard some ugly things said around town about the behavior of everyone involved in the tragedy, from slurs on the characters of Aaliyah and the charter pilot, to harsh judgments on the actions of the police, and the fire rescue and Trauma One volunteers who attended at the crash site. This is absolutely uncalled for. We should all remember that before you judge a man, you should walk a mile in his shoes.

Who knows the truth about the crash? All the people who were in a position to know are now dead; and therefore, we simply cannot know for sure. Speculation is idle and to lay judgment on the character of any of the deceased is morally repugnant.

Before anyone criticizes any of the rescue workers, he should have a care for what those people were facing. The rescue workers saw, and had to deal with intimately, the horror of death that lies within us all. And they faced that horror and worked as hard as possible to save the lives of any

people they could. The crash site was gruesome.

Have a care before you speak and ask yourself truthfully if you could have stood up to the challenge they faced. This is not television where we stop for commercial breaks and change channels at the flick of a remote. This is real and what these people saw and did will be with them for the rest of their lives. We should applaud every last one of them.

Life is a sacred thing. You who were not friends and family of the deceased, you should be grateful. You who were not exposed to the unspeakable horrors of the crash

site, you should be grateful. Sadness and loss are guaranteed in this world and happiness is the greatest gift we can give each other, yet we spend so much of our energy in argument and criticism. Please, think before you speak.

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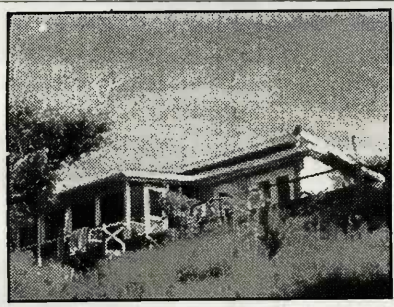
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to instructions. "I am manager of the butcher department so I need meat to be cut properly and I require my assistants to pay attention to detail. But they don't," he said.

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7 a.m." for some technical details pertaining to her line of business. "I don't live to work," she said.

On one of the days I was conducting my "survey" - which was fun- I went out to the airport. It was teaming with people. I was tempted to interview some of them but I would have needed another notebook and besides I knew only too well what their pet peeve was - and I don't want to go there right now!

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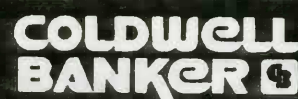
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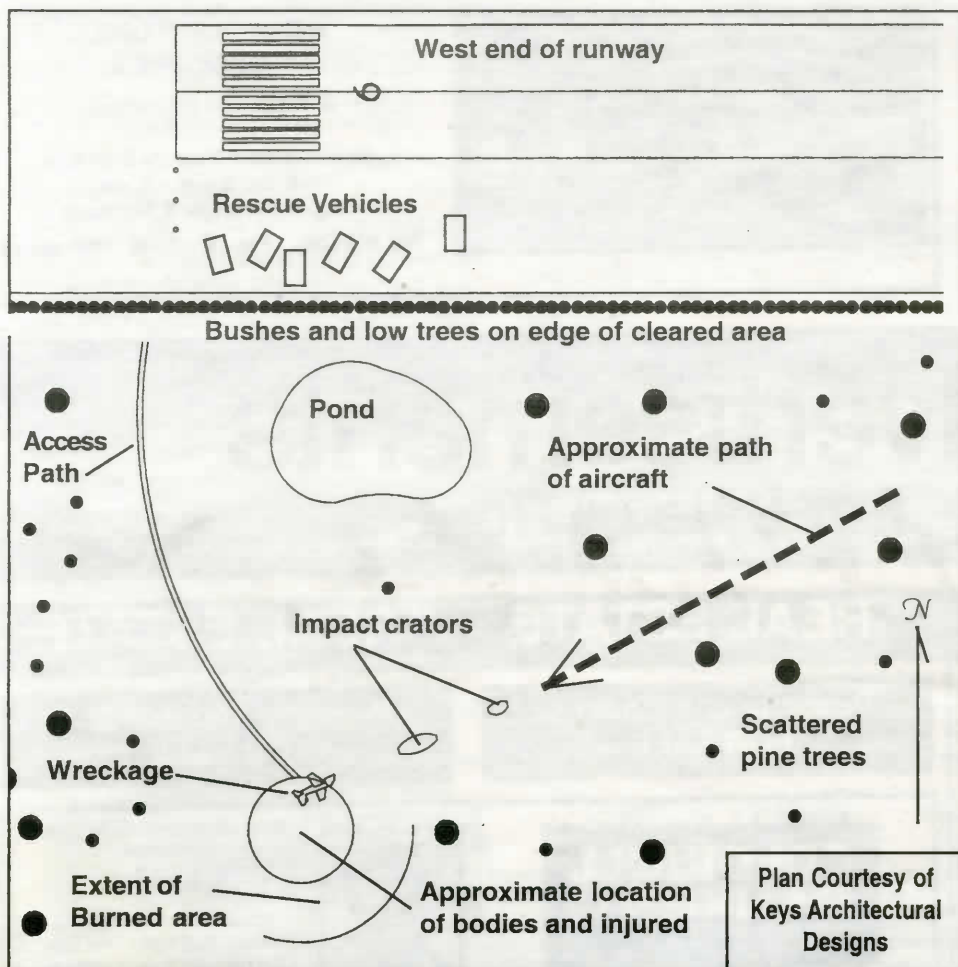
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Site plan of the crash site shows the western end of the runway and the close proximity of the downed plane about 200 feet from the edge of the cleared area..

Crash

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the scene that the left engine had made "a funny noise" before takeoff.

The investigators did, however, release figures which indicated that the craft was overweight. The basic operating weight of a Cessna 402B (without radios, radar antennas etc.) is 4,117 pounds. The maximum allowed takeoff weight of that airplane is 6,300 pounds, which means that it can accommodate 2,183 pounds of passengers, fuel, oil and cargo.

The fuel on the plane is estimated to have weighed 806 pounds, and the baggage recovered, less one bag which at the time of writing was still sunk in the swamp some-

where, weighed 574 pounds. This leaves 803 pounds for accommodating pilot and passengers before the plane is overweight.

There were nine people on that plane. To come in at exactly the maximum recommended takeoff weight, they would have had to weigh 89 pounds each. The bodyguard, Scott Gallin, is estimated alone to have weighed 300 pounds. At this time, information about the weight of the bodies has not been released but it is certain that the craft was overweight, perhaps by as much as 700 pounds.

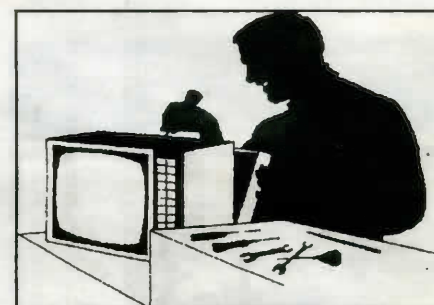
The remnants of the aircraft were shipped to the United States for further laboratory analysis by investigators, and their findings have yet to be released.

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THE BAHAMAS ELECTRICITY CORPORATION – REGULATIONS

Contractor Licenses & Responsibilities

Taken from the Laws of the Bahamas, Revised Edition 1987, Chapter 182 – Electricity

4.-(1) The Corporation is hereby declared to be the competent authority for the issue of licences to all persons before they may be entrusted with the construction, erection, repair or alteration of any installation within the area of supply.

(2) Only persons holding valid licences issued by the Corporation shall be permitted to undertake electrical installation work in the area of supply and any other person performing such work shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) Applications for licences shall be submitted in writing to the Corporation and licences shall be issued in one or other of the forms set out in the Schedule to these Rules. Licences shall be issued for a period of twelve months subject to a probationary period of six months upon the first issue of any licence and shall require to be renewed on or before the 1st day of January in each and every succeeding year upon application for this purpose.

(4) A fee of ten dollars shall be paid on the issue and renewal of each licence.

(5) Every licence shall be exhibited at the usual place of business of the licensee.

5.-(1) The following categories of licences may be issued by the Corporation:-

- (a) general
 - (i) single phase;
 - (ii) three phase (including single phase);
- (b) restricted.

(2) A general licence issued to a contractor shall permit the holder to carry out either single phase or single phase and three phase installations anywhere in the area of supply.

(3) A restricted licence issued to an electrician shall permit the holder to carry out single phase or three phase installations in a specified building or buildings or class of buildings or in a specified area or areas or during a specified period only.

(4) Every applicant for a licence shall first satisfy the Corporation that he is not less than 21 years of age and that he is a fit and proper person satisfactorily to conduct the business of an electrical contractor and shall produce to the Corporation satisfactory evidence of proficiency in electrical installation work.

(5) The Corporation may in its discretion cancel or refuse to renew the licence of any holder who fails, in the opinion of the Corporation, to show or maintain the standard or proficiency required or who is shown to have disregarded the requirements of these Rules or of the Electrical Code:

Provided that any person aggrieved by the decision of the Corporation may appeal within fourteen days to the Minister for Electricity whose decision shall be final.

6. Subject to the provisions of these Rules, the essential requirements and minimum standards for the installation and maintenance of electrical equipment connected to the supply system of the Corporation shall be as set out in the Electrical Code, in so far as the Electrical Code is not inconsistent with these Rules or any further Rules from time to time made by the Minister amending or replacing the same.

7.-(1) It shall be the duty of every contractor or electrician responsible for an installation within the area of supply to arrange for an inspection and test of every such installation by the Corporation in accordance with this rule.

(2) No new installation or addition to or alteration

of an existing installation shall be connected to the electricity supply until it has been inspected, tested and approved by a duly authorised officer of the Corporation excepting only that in the case of additions not exceeding 15 amperes per line, such inspection and test may be waived by the Corporation in its discretion.

(3) An inspection fee of twenty-five dollars shall be charged and shall be payable by the contractor or electrician concerned where any installation fails to satisfy the requirements of these Rules upon initial inspection and test and where an additional inspection is thereby rendered necessary.

(4) The Corporation shall not be responsible for delay in connecting the installation of any consumer to the electricity supply which results from the failure of such installation to pass its inspection or test.

8. Any existing installation which is found upon test or inspection by the Corporation not to conform to the requirements of these Rules or of the Electrical Code may be disconnected and shall remain disconnected until all defects have been remedied to the satisfaction of the Corporation.

9. The Corporation shall appoint fit and proper persons to inspect installations, meters, fittings, service lines or other electrical equipment situated upon private property and shall provide such persons with a suitable badge by which they may be identified as authorised inspectors.

10. Any person who commits an offence against these Rules or who causes or permits any other person to commit any such offence for which no other penalty is provided by the Electricity Act shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.



Viewpoint From Page 17

as the lobby and corridors are to the finest hotels.

Marsh Harbour would do well to ask Central Government to provide a professional planner to consult with the community and to come up with a twenty-five year plan which, when agreed upon, becomes the guideline for the development and the future Town Planning committees become the stewards for the implementation of the plan. The job is intricate to say the least and is not for amateurs who think they can see the problem or for those who think they are gifted with good taste. But it

requires the help of professionals with experience as a half baked or bad plan will be overrun with variances and the town will end up falling back to No Plan at all. A successful plan will produce direction and results will be seen in the pride of the people that use the town.

Snake Cay From Page 16

ready there will go unnoticed, and after thirty years of this treatment the entire area resembles a municipal dump. If the garbage is cleaned up and the area looks pristine again, it will be less likely that people will continue using the area to dispose of their refuse.

Mr. Moss says that they are also considering the installation of brightly-painted garbage cans and initializing a school Art Competition for a sign to be posted at Snake Cay bringing notice to the project.

So far, Local Government has donated \$500 to be used to hire bulldozers and flatbed

trucks to remove many of the old derelict cars and other equipment left to rust in the bushes at Snake Cay. Materials to aid the project, food and snacks for the day were donated to volunteers by Sunset Point Resort, The Rotary Club of Abaco, Abaco Water, Sawyer's Soft Drinks, Burns' House, Roadrunner's Bicycle Store and Treasure Adventures. Dr. Frank Boyce of Abaco Family Medical Clinic donated several boxes of latex gloves to protect the hands of the volunteers.

We hope that future clean-ups will be as successful as this one.

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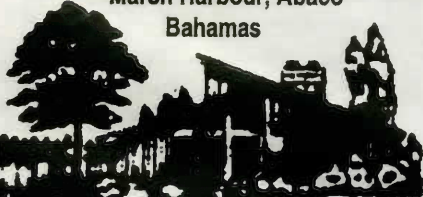
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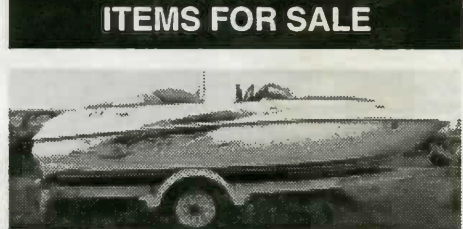
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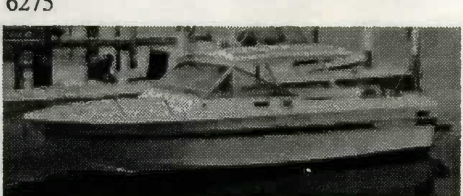
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