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Green Turtle Cay Celebrates Its Heritage Island Roots Festival Draws Crowds to Enjoy Homecoming



The Royal Bahamas Police Band entertained the crowds at the Island Roots Festival held on Green Turtle Cay on May 7-9. Many activities showcased the rich heritage of the community, and the "sister city" relationship with Key West, Florida, was rekindled. Junkanoo rushouts, demonstrations, displays and lots of old time foods kept everyone entertained.

By Jennifer Hudson

Come Celebrate Things Bahamian was the invitation to the Island Roots Festival held at Green Turtle Cay on May 7 to 9 and what a celebration it was. Co-chairmen Karen McIntosh and Alton Lowe and their committee are to be greatly commended for their vision and very hard work which culminated in this extremely enjoyable, educational and successful historic event.

The distinctive and colourful Royal Bahamas Police Force Band under the direction of ASP Sylvester George added pomp and pageantry to the occasion. At approximately 3:30 p.m. the band was heard making its way from the Administrator's Office to the Bandstand for the official opening of the festival.

The National Anthems of both the United States and the Bahamas, beautifully sung by Bryan Thompson and Kayla Lockhart Edwards, began the official opening ceremony.

Mr. David Bethell, Town Committee Chairman, welcomed everyone to the event and stated his delight in welcoming our brother and sister 'conchs' from Key West. "New Plymouth has been declared an historic district by the Ministry of Tourism for its rich heritage of folklore, architecture, music and culture," he stated.

The Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, Prime Minister of The Bahamas, was in jovial mood as he took the microphone and, while waiting for the Police Band to finish playing a

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PM Opens Dundas T. Clinic



The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, officially re-commissioned the Dundas Town Community Clinic on May 6 which will now be known by its new name, the Miriam Cornish Community Clinic. Shown here is Mr. Cay Mills addressing the crowd while the Prime Minister and the Minister of Health, the Hon. Dr. Marcus Bethel listen.

By Portia Jonsson

It was indeed a very proud day for the family of the late Miriam Ann Cornish, affectionately known as "Mother Cornish." On May 6th the Ministry of Health officially re-commissioned and named the

Dundas Town Clinic in her honour. Attending this ceremony was the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie;

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HT Garbage Contract Is Signed



Hope Town residents turned out to hear Mr. Ron Pinder, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Health, announce that a contract has been signed to barge garbage from the island to the mainland. He is shown here greeting Mr. Walter Sweeting, Chief Councillor for the Hope Town District Council. See story on page 26.

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Clinic

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the Minister of Health, Sen. the Hon. Dr. Marcus Bethel; together with a contingent of senators, local government officials and health officials. The Miriam Cornish Community Clinic is the sixth clinic commissioned by the government since taking office in 2002. Last year the clinic in Fox Town was completed and officially opened in March.

The Prime Minister mentioned that health is blind to wealth, politics and color and that fundamental health care was the right of all people. They heard the plea of Mr. Cay Mills. Although it was small in size, the people will receive quality care. Government is committed to the transformation of The Bahamas which will be accomplished with Bahamian people working together.

Mr. Christie told of his time as Minister of Tourism in 1983 when he saw tremendous growth potential which we are

seeing. The opportunities are a constant challenge to the health system. If we have a successful tourism industry, the government must be capable of developing the infrastructure and provide the necessary services for both locals and outsiders. The economic thrust on Abaco is causing the government to look at its needs and to see how soon it will move to the next level.

Mr. Christie was pleased that the Minister of Health was naming the satellite clinics after members of the community who have achieved greatness but who often fell through the cracks. He would like to see a record of history of the small islands. The history of the a community is based on the lives of the important people within that community. Naming the clinic after someone like Miriam Cornish is recognizing people for what they have done and is an example for the next generation. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who have enriched our lives. He

urged the group to record the stories of these people.

Dr. Bethel spoke about the fact that health care is a forerunner of development. Quality health needs to be affordable and accessible and that is why his government is developing satellite clinics such as the one in Dundas Town. Abaco now has two main clinics in Marsh Harbour and Cooper's Town. With the opening of the Dundas Town clinic, Abaco has seven satellite clinics.

Dr. Bethel spoke highly of Abaco's efforts in conservation, stating that the people were active in protecting the environment. He announced that a site of 27 acres for a sanitary landfill had been chosen near Snake Cay and that the survey will soon be completed. It will be one month until they put it out to tender and the work should be complete by the end of the year. The site will accommodate the solid waste for the entire island including all the cays. Additionally, he announced that a contract to remove waste from Elbow Cay had been signed. The Dundas Town Clinic had been closed

since mid-2001 after it was ramshackled and vandalized. In 2003 when the Minister of Health visited Abaco, Chief Councillor for Central Abaco Cay Mills asked him to have the clinic renovated and reopened to serve the people of Dundas and Murphy Towns.

The renovation of the clinic cost approximately \$36,000 and now has a waiting room, two bathrooms, storage supply room and shared office for the doctor and nurse. A central air-conditioning system was installed and the floors retiled.

Mr. Mills spoke about the honest, hardworking and proud people of Dundas Town. He remarked how it saddened him to see his family members, in need of medical attention, so close to the closed clinic but having to travel so far for help. He is happy that the Prime Minister did not look at politics but the need. He was honoured and proud to welcome all to his little part of the world that he loves very much. He thanked everyone involved for their hard work and being a part of this very special event.



The Prime Minister, Mr. Perry Christie, greeted nurses and clinic staff on his visit to Dundas Town to re-commission the Dundas Town clinic. He was accompanied by the Hon. Dr. Marcus Bethel, Minister of Health, and several senators.

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South Abaco News

Cherokee Sound

By Lee Pinder

Get Well Wishes

Get well wishes go to Ms. Millie Russell, who broke her wrist and went to Nassau for treatment and to Marinus Schutemaker, who has been to Nassau for tests. Both seem to be doing better, but a timely visit from a few friends would probably help them recuperate a lot quicker.

Bridal Shower Is Held

A bridal shower was held for Ashley Neilly in the new community center on April 30th. Many family, friends and well-wishers came from all over the island and the bride-to-be received a wide variety of lovely gifts to help her and her new husband set up housekeeping. Ashley is the only daughter of Larry and Norma Jean Neilly and the bridegroom is Lucas Albury of Man-O-Way Cay. The wedding is set to take place on July 17 at Epworth Chapel in Cherokee Sound.

New Electrical Poles Are Ready for Installation

BEC promised the Winding Bay project that they would have electricity brought to them via the main road before December 2004, and we see that the poles are piled up and ready for installation. As we are only one more mile down the road, Cherokee is anticipating being hooked up to the more direct lines since we suffer with so many interruptions of service through the present set up which comes to us via Casuarina Point under the water. There are many more homes and prospects for building in the Yellow Wood area that have been waiting pa-

tiently for this service to come down the road to them. Besides the project at Winding Bay there is another 80-acre subdivision just east of Cherokee with brand new roads just waiting for new home builders. But, besides the electricity, what we really need is water piped into our settlement as we are so close to sea level and there are many who cannot obtain a sweet water well. This also was promised to our residents by government and the Winding Bay developers when the project first started. We are still patiently waiting.

[Editor's Note: BEC expects to extend the land line into Cherokee. This will put both Cherokee and Winding Bay on a loop, allowing power to come from either source.]

School News

Thanks to Mrs. Joanne Bradley, our students have a volunteer teacher to finish their school year. It is too bad there is not a pool of substitute teachers to fill in when illnesses occur. Why is it whenever we are "in need," there is never anyone to help us out. We are left to make do as best we can. Thank goodness for our local residents and mothers who help in times of crisis. However, this should not be the norm, but the exception. The District Education Officer should have qualified teachers here on Abaco or at least, be able to get one from Nassau when they are needed.

A Evening of Music

An evening of singing and musical performers took place on May 7 in our new community center to a packed house. There was a wide variety of entertainment from several different participants coming from

many of the other settlements. Unrehearsed and spontaneous in context, it brought the people together in their mutual love of music and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

Third Annual Sea Shell Show and Exhibition

Cherokee will be having its third annual Sea Shell Show and Exhibition on May 31 at the new W.W. Sands Community Center from 11 a.m. til 4 p.m. with all proceeds going to the Cherokee Primary School to help it get a new ceramic tile floor.

We are looking for weekend collectors as well as conchology enthusiasts. First and foremost, our goal is to show natural shells just as they come out of the sea, but we are looking for the largest and the smallest, the most beautiful and the ugliest as well as anything that is

unusual or unique. As before we will have displays of craft items, coins, stamps, bottles, sea glass and many other things related to the sea. We want to keep improving and find new and different things to exhibit. We need your help. There are guidelines for entries posted in several different places throughout the community so be sure to look them over. The date we have set for the show is on a public holiday so we are hoping that we will also attract lots of people from other parts of the island to come and see the exhibition as most of the other settlements are also along the seashore. Maybe someday this could become an island-wide event.

If you would like to enter an item or items in the show or need further information, you can call Lee Pinder, Michelle Lowe or Joanne Bradley.

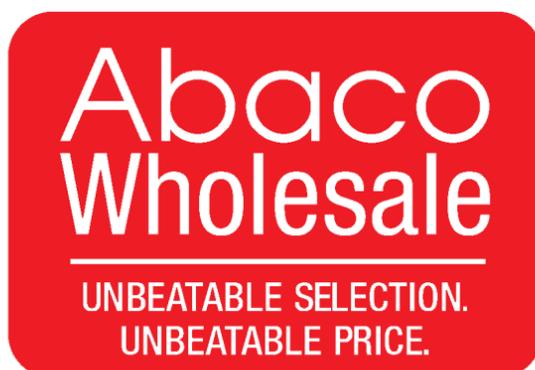


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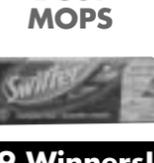


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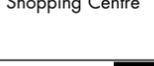
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News of the Cays

Man-O-War

Congratulations to Shawn Roberts, son of Buddy and Tiffany Roberts of Man-O-War Cay on successfully completing Club Carts' Experienced Technician Program for Golf Carts in Augusta, Georgia. His parents are proud of him.

Other Community News

Students from Man-O-War All-Age School participated in Earth Day celebrations held by Friends of the Environment in Marsh Harbour on April 30th. Man-O-War won an award for recycling in the small school division. Aaron Albury took first place in his division for the song and poster contest. Third grader Kyle Hoarde placed second in his age group for the song contest.

Man-O-War School is hosting an evening reminiscence with recitations from the Royal Readers and songs from the past on Empire Day, May 24th. All are invited to attend.

A recent visit to the island by Mr. Alan Bolton and Ms. Karen Bjorndal of the Archie Carr Center for Turtle Research led to a meeting with other sea mammal researchers currently working in Abaco. Abaco presents itself especially well to researchers because of the diversity of aquatic environment. The turtles studied on Abaco can live well over a 100 years and range thousands of miles. Certain species face extinction as a result of bi-catch and other fisheries. Together with Friends of the Environment researchers hope to find ways to enlighten the public to the importance of these creatures in our ecosystem.

Hope Town

Celebrity Wedding

By Jennifer Hudson

Hope Town hosted a celebrity wedding on May 8th when Miss Nancy Mack and Mr. Chad Smith were married in a candle-light ceremony in the St. James Methodist Church. Chad is drummer with the U.S. super group *The Red Hot Chili Peppers* and has many platinum records under his belt. He is described in international music circles as "having a personality as big as his drum sound which makes him a favourite with drummers all over the world." Nancy, an architect with Trump Enterprises in New York, is the daughter of boating visitors Jim and Fay Mack, who spend a large part of each year on their boat in Hope Town Harbour.

In a traditional ceremony Nancy and Chad exchanged vows which they had written themselves in front of their families and friends who had traveled from afar to share with them on that special day. The church, which was liberally strewn with hundreds of deep pink and orange rose petals, was filled to capacity with well wishers who, when asked by officiant, Mr. Vernon Malone, "Who gives their blessing on this union?" all responded with a resounding, "We do!"

Family and friends also participated in a very personal and meaningful way as each person present was given the opportunity to bless the wedding rings as they were passed from guest to guest during the ceremony before being exchanged by the bride and groom.

In the tradition of "Something old, something new, something borrowed and some-

thing blue," the bride had in her shoe as something old a sixpence given her by Mrs. Bobby Malone, which was just one year younger than the groom. The something borrowed was the ring pillow borrowed from co-wedding planner Bernadette Hall, who was married the previous week. The something new was obviously her dress and the something blue remains a secret between the bride and her groom.

Classical music was played prior to the ceremony and for the wedding processional and recessional by violinist Jennifer Hudson. The recessional chosen by the bride was Beethoven's *Ode to Joy* and as the bride and groom reached the door to exit after the ceremony, the church bells took up the theme begun by the violin.

In completely contrasting style, the music for the signing of the register was performed by very famous Rock vocalist/bass player and songwriter, Glenn Hughes, who is a very

close friend of the bride and groom and with whom Chad, the groom, often appears in concert. Mr. Hughes, who gained fame as lead singer with the bands *Deep Purple* and *Trapeze* has earned worldwide super stardom and a place in rock history. He now tours internationally as a solo artist and guest performer. He performed two numbers, much to the delight of the guests, the first of which he had written himself and the second had been chosen as a personal favourite by the bride.

A joyful reception was held at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge when guests danced the night away to the music of a Reggae band which had been specially flown in for the occasion.

After a short honeymoon at the Lodge, Chad and Nancy left for Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, where Chad and Glenn were scheduled to perform together in concert the following weekend.

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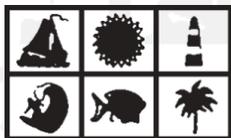
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The Editor Says . . . Our Changing Way of Life



Abaco's economy has been on a steady climb since the island was opened up by the airport in 1958 and a road network beginning in 1959. Growth then was slow and without any forethought or planning.

Several small inns preceded this development, the New Plymouth Inn and the Hope Town Harbour Lodge, but they did not create much movement of the economy. They did start the process of exposing Abaco to new persons. The Guana Harbour Club was another small hotel dating from the early 1960s.

The Owens-Illinois pulpwood operation and the Scott Mattson (S & M) farm were the biggest commercial ventures on the island. Abaco's inhabitants have come a long way since their awakening in the 1960s.

Growth, development and change are coming at an ever faster pace now. Cherokee residents are nervously watching the Abaco Club at Winding Bay and wondering how this will affect their town and way of life.

Guana Cay is anxiously waiting for further word on a 500-acre or more development on the northwestern end of the island. Details have not been released but something big is in the planning stages.

Then we get tantalizing messages from the Prime Minister and other senior Cabinet members of a huge development somewhere in South Abaco. This has been mentioned in several separate instances but without further comment.

More recently we are told by senior politicians of a development coming to Angel Fish Point north of Cooper's Town and of another project at Boiling Hole on the coast near Fire Road.

On the agricultural front, there appears to be a large dairy farm being planned vaguely in the vicinity of the Abaco Big Bird chicken farm south of Marsh Harbour. This made headlines in the Nassau papers in February. It was originally announced by the Prime Minister at the PLP convention last fall.

At a recent Hope Town meeting related to its garbage problems, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Environmental Health inferred that a 27-acre landfill site inland from Snake Cay might have to be relocated due to a pending development at

Snake Cay. Subsequently, it has been announced that the landfill will be constructed as planned inland from Snake Cay. Does that mean that Snake Cay is no longer in line for development?

It was mentioned that Snake Cay might be used as a shipping point, either incoming or outgoing, for garbage and trash. It was suggested that Snake Cay's relatively deep water dock could be used for commercial freight without jeopardizing its tourism potential. Perhaps the landfill is far enough away to avoid any conflict with Snake Cay's potential.

Add to this mix the improvements to Marsh Harbour's airport and they are coming some day. Advertisements were recently placed by government for control tower staff. Even if a new airport is built from scratch, it is several years away with a myriad of details to be resolved before construction begins. It is conceded that in any event the present one will be improved.

Some of these developments may fail to materialize but the handwriting is plainly there for all to see. Abaco is positioned for great things, whether we want them or not.

The problems on Exuma from the Four Seasons development should be a wake up call to government and us on Abaco to engage in some long range planning to ease the burdens of development.

Foreign workers will probably be needed. At least foreign in the sense that they come from somewhere besides Abaco,

and they will not necessarily come with our values. Exuma is now experiencing this. Bimini is just beginning a recruitment program for a large development. Although some families are willing to move to another island, the bulk of the work force in Nassau does not want to leave the comforts or neighborhood they now enjoy.

New workers and their families will put additional demands on housing, schools, medical facilities and other services. Additional families and projects will require expansion of some of our utilities - electricity, phone and water.

Along with this will come some social disruptions, hopefully minor. Exuma has had crime problems, much of it minor but it still stresses the resident population and police.

Development will spur Haitian refugees to locate here in hope of finding work. This will put additional pressure on the Haitian settlements as they absorb more persons.

We can use expanded educational facilities, particularly aimed at teaching trades and clerical skills. We are at a cross-roads of needing additional skilled workers but not having enough demand of aspiring students to warrant a scheduled class. At this time, several new tradesmen would get jobs while other graduates would be discouraged at not being able to find employment using their new skills.

One study is underway to plan strategies for Abaco's future at meeting and fostering

tourism. This is a new venture initiated by Abaco's Tourism Director, and it is not clear how far the group's vision will extend beyond traditional tourism issues.

A second study on Abaco land use was alluded to by the Prime Minister recently. A developer on Eleuthera began a land use study there which government expanded to cover the entire island. Mr. Christie told a gathering at an Abaco Chamber of Commerce luncheon that an a similar study will be made for Abaco.

Planning for Abaco's growth will reduce the inevitable growing pains which we will be exposed to. Too often developers look only at potential investment returns while overlooking the social disruptions to surrounding communities.

Abaco is fortunate in having many attributes that visitors find appealing and our proximity to Florida makes us an easy destination. Whether our arrivals come by air or boat, Abaco Sound and the barrier islands figure prominently in our attractiveness.

The Abaco way of life is one of the chief reasons investors want to come here. Changes are not visible on a daily basis. However, looking at the Abaco way of life on a decade-by-decade basis shows a steady change and not always for the good.

Good planning can minimize these undesirable changes and their impact on our way of life.

Letters to the Editor

Money Problems

Dear Editor:

At a Public Meeting several months after Hurricane Floyd a statement was made regarding the washed out section in the White Sound area of Elbow Cay, Abaco.

The Bahamas government had acquired monies for restoration from the International Development Bank and \$350,000 had been allocated for reconstruction or repair of this particular section of the road. A couple of months ago a representative from the International Development Bank was in Hope Town for inspection of the area reconstructed. As of today nothing has been done.

Now that the Bahamas government has signed a contract for repair of the roads on the south end of Elbow Cay and this area is included in the contract, please would someone confirm if this money has been included (in the contract). If it has not, please would Mr. Roberts see that the money is released so that the roads can be properly repaired without the community of Hope Town having to contribute. Contributions to the Public Treasury from Elbow Cay far exceed many other communities that have reconstructed, repaired and built roads and sea walls since Hurricane Floyd. It is now time

for our community to receive that which is due to us.

Individual correspondence with the Minister would result in individual information. An open letter to the community of Hope Town, published in The Abaconian, would inform the entire community.

Inquisitive Citizen

Need Action

Dear Editor,

In your publication of the 1st of April, 2004, you published a letter of encouragement for the community of Hope Town, Elbow Cay, written by Mr. Samuel David Albury, a resident of Man-O-War Cay. He stated that help and hope is on the way.

Mr. Samuel David Albury spoke from experience, I suppose, as the roads on Man-O-War Cay were recently paved; in fact, the new road comes right up to the wall surrounding his residence, money granted by "the Bahamas Government," not by any political party. How then can he say to the Hope Town community that help is on the way when we are being asked to provide almost half the cost to have the roads paved properly. As for hope, there is a common expression in the Bahamas, Live in hope - die in despair. Hopefully, we will not die in despair.

I do agree with Mr. Samuel David Albury that bad roads do get worse - patching only helps for a short period of time. Some of the same people who patched roads in 1995 were still patching until recently when new roads were promised. This was not done politically but for the safety of motorists.

His concern for family members and his loving care for his wife of 35 years (Happy Anniversary in July) is to be commended. Maybe somehow he can help them by recognizing that politics is not the issue here. Bad roads are!

Sincerely,
A Cyclist

Complaint Against BEC

Dear Sir,

I've dealt with local government on Abaco, with government officials in Nassau, never a problem. But my dealings with BEC have been a nightmare. It took a year to get them to give the specifications on the transformer required. On March 23, 2004, I paid BEC the deposit to install a meter in the unit as I am using temporary power. The meter was promised three days later. I AM STILL WAITING. Is this the treatment this company gives to customers like me who come into Abaco, of course, looking for a profit but providing much needed work for the locals.

If someone is ready to die in the area, I suggest they order their death through BEC. They will live a lot longer.

Congratulations on your wonderful newspaper, continue the good work.

Henry Quintana

Once Again Locals Suffer

To the Editor,

I am referring to the new park or no take zone that has been proposed from Sandy Cay to Little Harbour including Old Robinson's Bight. As most people will tell you, this is the only place left between Whale Cay and Little Harbour where locals can go camping or spend a weekend on their boat without being overrun with people or being told they cannot use a beach.

My point is why do we locals have to give up all we enjoy. Yes, I know that we need to do things to insure the future of our waters and fish but why us in this case. The only way to enforce this is to find more staff for the Fisheries Department. This takes money. Would it not be better and cheaper to just go up the street in Marsh Harbour and catch people that are catching and taking out hundreds of pounds of fish and crawfish every year.

I have a lot of friends who come here

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every year and I have no problem with visitors getting fish and crawfish while they are here as long as they stay within the law. (After all what would happen to me if I were in the U.S. and got caught catching fish.) But there is a growing number of sportfishing boats as well as smaller boats that come into our waters and mark our traps with GPS and work them every year. This has been going on for a long time, and many fisherman here have had run-ins with some of them time and time again. And when we do find time to fish our traps or even just trying to get around, we are waked to death, swamped and almost run over by the boats coming in from fishing, loaded with two and three times the legal catch limits.

Now, you can see why I am so upset. Why do I have to give up catching fish at the place I and many of my friends enjoy to let the real poachers get away with it.

The people who should be doing the right thing are, well, I do not know what they are doing and someone behind a desk in Nassau who never saw a fish wants to tell me I need to give up mine. You be the judge.

I can see myself a few years from now trying to tell my daughter why she can't catch a fish because I do not have the money to buy a million dollars sportfishing boat which seems to let people do whatever they want.

I would like to say that I know the Fisheries Department staff in Marsh Harbour and I know they do as well as they can without the help and funds they need from higher up.

I plead with you all to call the head office of Fisheries in Nassau and tell them not to do this to their own.

Capt. Randolph R. Albury

Responding to MP Letter

Dear Editor,

It was shocking to me that our MP would stoop so low as to publish a letter in your paper directed to me using comments such as "Totally dishonest" and "My brain not being in gear."

First of all, in my previous letter in which I proudly signed my name, I never addressed that letter to the MP, neither did I degrade him or his position. My comments were based on my personal opinions concerning the lack of consideration given to the community of Hope Town by the previous administration. I've always heard the saying, "If you can't stand the heat, then get out of the kitchen." If my comments rubbed a sore spot in the MP, then maybe he should consider the other famous quote, "The truth hurts."

Second of all, my head is on perfectly straight and, fortunately, my brain is still in high gear. I feel that I have been a very successful man and have been greatly blessed. I'm not dishonest, as the MP passed his judgement down on me. I respond only by saying the only judgement facing me is when I reach the other side and that I made straight long ago.

Thirdly, I must say I don't recall carrying a broom on my shoulder back in 1977 but I find it totally irrelevant whether I supported the PLP or not back then. But I'm proud to admit that in our 2002 election I wore the colours of bright yellow, turquoise and black and was blown away by the "fresh wind" that swept through our country. Thank God that in our great Bahamaland we have the right to choose any political persuasion during any election. This should not result in the victimization or degradation of one's character!

Thanks,
Samuel D. Albury

Doesn't Want to See Abaco Ruined

Dear Abaconian,

My wife, Joyce, and I have returned from our third magnificent trip to Abaco aboard our trawler *Sleeping Bear*. We have thoroughly enjoyed your tranquil and picturesque islands to the extent we plan on returning for many years to come. What a great life you have living within this jewel.

You are so fortunate to have kept your islands in local hands thereby maintaining the island's landscapes from being taken over by high rise, glitzy businesses with absentee ownership. They so often destroy the very treasure they are trying to exploit. It is delightful to be in an area so enjoyed by the local people and who are so proud of their home land and it's life style.

We are, however, very concerned that a rumor about developing Baker's Bay might be true and that a casino and a 200-slip marina is being considered as a part of that area's development. The Baker's Bay area is a treasure unto its self and needs very thoughtful development. This kind of development would destroy the existing environment needlessly and attract a type of person who is not compatible with the environs Abaco was built on. It would be a travesty for and a burden on the local community. A pristine area of your great country would be forever changed and lost. I so hope that refrain and good judgment will prevail and such a development does not go ahead but rather a less intrusive and more "Abaconian" community be considered.

Thanks again for sharing your jewel with us and we look forward to many visit in the future.

Joyce and Tony Parker
Aboard Sleeping Bear

Thanks for All the Help

The Editor,

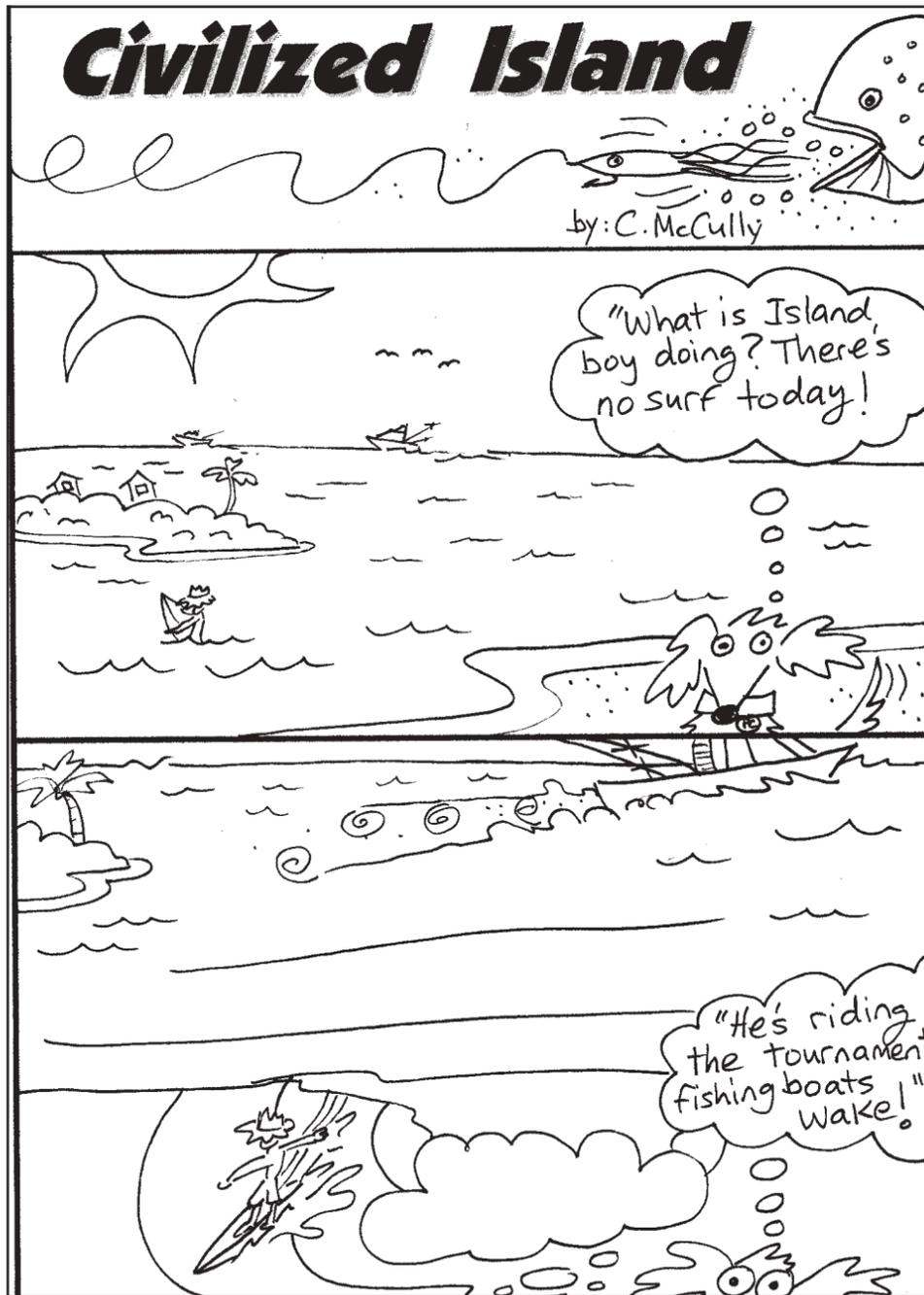
"I get by with a little help from my friends..."

Allow me to explain.

On Friday, April 2, I was at home in Bahama Palm Shores moping around the house due to an attack of the flu. Sometime around mid-morning my wife called me from Marsh Harbour to say that there was a fire in Bahama Palm Shores. My response was something like - "...I don't think so, 'cause I don't smell no smoke. But I'll go and check it out anyway." Turns out that there was, in fact, a fire raging out of control and making its way into the main entrance to Bahama Palm Shores.

In the days following, especially the next three days, the fire continued to make its own decisions as to where it would go next, and in that process, there were several houses threatened. And, of course, the natural vegetation was completely consumed. I share all of this for one reason.

During those first four or so crucial days



that we battled this fire, there were numerous individuals that came to our assistance, and I was moved by the unselfishness that I saw demonstrated by so many people, most of them not even residents of Bahama Palm Shores. It is this fact that has motivated me to write this letter, so that I might publicly recognise some of these people. It is especially meaningful to me that so many came to our defense because having the flu, I wasn't of any real help to anybody, and I am a resident of Bahama Palm Shores.

Harlin Johnson and Bahamas Hot Mix, along with Shannon Albury's Big Cat Equipment provided D8 bulldozers with operators who worked hard in going ahead of the fire to remove sources of fuel to the fire such as dry and dead vegetation.

Winding Bay sent a water tanker/sprayer truck that discharged huge quantities of water, under high pressure, in mere minutes. In their case, the names that I have are as follows: Nate, Peter, Dan, Herman, and Michelod. Well done, guys!

Curtis Sands also provided us with some help with his D3. Virtually all of the Casua-

rina Point Volunteer Fire Department appeared to be on site. This fire department consists of residents from Bahama Palm Shores, Casuarina Point and Cherokee as far as I know. I cannot name every one of them, but they know who they are, and they should know that we Bahama Palm Shores residents really do appreciate their help.

There seemed to be dozens of other Cherokee residents helping out. In one or two instances, these volunteers from Cherokee consisted of entire families. There was also a man from Sandy Point, I don't even know his name, who brought his little farm tractor to help in any way he could. I am told that even the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department made a visit to Bahama Palm Shores, and they already had their hands full. As I said, I can't possibly remember every single person by name who helped us out.

The fact is, D8 tractors by their very presence make an impression, and certain individuals from various organizations are more readily recognized than others, especially if they are

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Three-Day Green Turtle Event Draws Hundreds

Island Roots

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song they struck up in his honour, joked that he would not be dancing that afternoon. He began by welcoming visitors from abroad, then noted the wonderful display of history in the buildings of Green Turtle Cay. In recognizing the connection between the twin cities of Key West and Green Turtle Cay he noted how after the civil war hundreds moved from the cay to Key West and said that he, in fact, has four ancestors who migrated to Key West between 1898 and 1907. He raised much hilarity in the audience when he decided to close with his Junkanoo shuffle and requested the band to provide him with a little Junkanoo rhythm.

The Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham brought greetings from the people of North Abaco and said that he hopes this will be the first of many such occasions on Green Turtle Cay. "These events teach us to value ourselves and our cultures and teach tolerance towards each other," he said and noted, "Mixed races get on better in Green Turtle Cay than anywhere else in The Bahamas." He urged the visitors to keep coming to Abaco and noted, "We can celebrate the past while enjoying the present."

Two representatives from Key West, Ms. Sandy Higgs and Mr. Ed Swift, brought greeting on behalf of Key West and said that the twin cities are culturally very close. "Roots that took place here," they said, "went to Key West and created a great mix of people there. The wonderful tolerance of colour, race, and religion came from the Bahamas." They then presented a memorial of historic symbols connecting the two cities to Mr. Bethell.

The Hon. Obie Wilchcombe stressed the importance of this cultural event for the Bahamas and people of Key West and stated, "Today represents the future."

Closing remarks were presented by Karen McIntosh who said, "I have breathed a big sigh of relief on seeing the event finally come to fruition." She thanked the sponsors, her hard working committee members, visitors from near and far and the community for "bringing something together to share with the younger generation."

Other dignitaries present included the Chief Archivist Gail Saunders; Director of Tourism for Abaco, Ms. Jeritzan Outten; Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Mr. Colin Higgs; Minister of Transportation and Aviation, Mrs.

Glenys Hanna Martin; MP for South Abaco, Mr. Robert Sweeting; President of the Bahamas Village Association of Key West, Mr. Joe Schroeder; and the President of the Key West Chorale, Ms. Emily Parsons. Master of Ceremonies was Don Cornish from the Abaco Tourist Office.

Green Turtle Primary School Excels

There was so much to see, learn and eat during the festivities but the booth

which really attracted my attention on opening day and deserves a "most outstanding booth award," was the Green Turtle Cay Primary School's historical booth. Every one of the 62 children in the school participated in the presentation of the history of the cay. A time line of artwork depicting scenes from the 900s to the present day was produced by the students of Grade 6 while the other grades depicted national symbols, buccanniers and the preservation of the coral reef. Also proudly displayed was a portrait of Amy Isobelle Roberts, who lived from 1910 to 1993 and after whom the school was named. She be-

came a school monitor at the age of 12 years and was a pupil teacher by the age of 15. She went on to further studies and eventually became beloved principal of the school. The present principal, Mrs. Ann Bootle, is deservedly proud of her students and commented that each one had become fully absorbed over the past few weeks in the research to discover their rich heritage.



The Prime Minister, shown at right, was the key note speaker at the opening ceremony at the Island Roots Festival. During the ceremony Key West representatives presented a mounted display to David Bethell, Green Turtle Cay Town Committee Chairman, to commemorate the "sister city" designation of the two towns. Mr. Bethell is on the left with Mr. Alton Lowe in the center. Mr. Lowe instigated the first Island Roots Festival held in the 1970s and is co-chairman of the committee organizing this year's festivities.

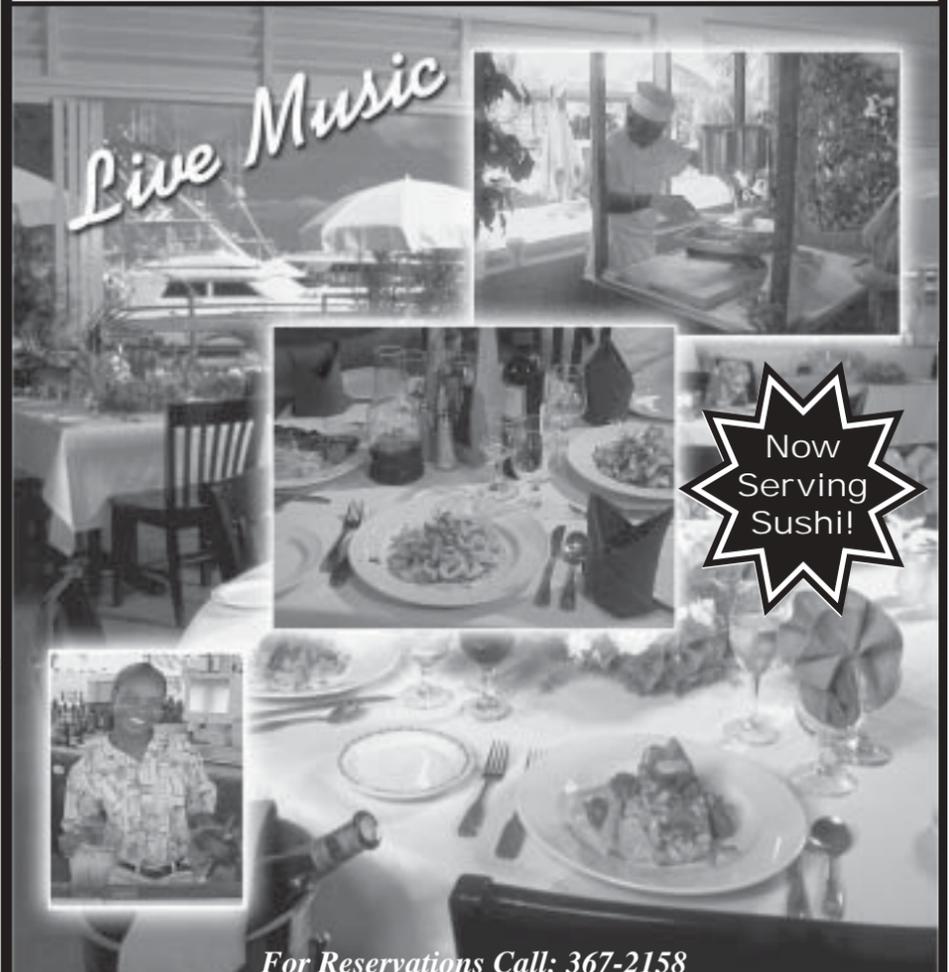


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Keys Chorale Provides Delightful Evening

By Jennifer Hudson

As part of the Island Roots Heritage Festival the 60-member Keys Chorale, under the direction of Emily Boyd Lowe, presented a concert in the delightful setting of the Garden Theatre at Black Sound, Green Turtle Cay, on the evening of May 7th.

The Keys Chorale, which is affiliated with the Florida Keys Community College, consists of a team of dedicated singers who were delighted to bring their music to Green Turtle Cay on this historic occasion and strengthen their ties with their sister city.

The Chorale is ably led by Mrs. Lowe, who brings out the very best in her singers, blending their voices with great sensitivity. She served for 30 years as Professor of Music at Eastern Michigan University, has taught voice, directed many choral groups and has personally sung in many voice recitals at home and abroad.

Assistant Conductor is Dean Walters, an accomplished singer and conductor, who has performed throughout the United States and Europe.

Many of the performers hold very close relations with Green Turtle Cay through an ancestry which goes back many generations. Donald Scott Lowe,

husband of Emily Lowe, is a fifth generation "Conch," having descended from the Saunders and Currys of Green Turtle Cay and Sarah Pinder of Cherokee.

Three sisters in the Chorale, President Emily Harris Parsons, Mary Harris Cruz and Lanny Harris Skelly, are great great granddaughters of William Curry of Green Turtle Cay, who emigrated to America as a young teenager and later became Florida's first millionaire. He married Euphemia Lowe and the couple had several children, one of whom named Louise, married Dr. J.Y. Porter who became Florida's first Public Health Officer. To celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary the couple went from Key West to New York by steamer, which was quite a trip in those days, and William Curry gave his wife a solid gold set of flatware by Tiffany. These three great granddaughters of the couple still have among their treasured possessions some of that solid gold flatware.

Prior to the commencement of the programme Kayla Lockart Edwards, who, as a former executive with the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, has been responsible for many heritage festivals in Nassau, spoke on the importance of heritage festivals such as this one be-

ing celebrated in Green Turtle Cay. She envisions each island eventually having its own heritage festival as all of the islands have something special and unique to share. Two visitors from Key West shared their feelings and Ed Swift was very emotionally moved as he spoke of the heritage of the two cities and how the lives of the people are so richly intertwined. A special gift of historical significance was presented to Alton Lowe for display in the Albert Lowe Museum.

The musical programme, which began with the singing of the Bahamian National Anthem followed by that of the United States, was most interesting and varied and there was certainly something to satisfy all tastes. What could be more appropriate for an opening piece in that

magical outdoor setting under a canopy of stars than *The Heavens Are Telling* from *The Creation* by Joseph Haydn. This was followed by selections from Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. The remainder of the programme was filled with lighter, more contemporary music such as music from the shows *Chorus Line*, *Carmen Jones*, *Chicago*, *Titanic*, *Prince of Egypt*, *42nd Street* and *Les Miserables*. Many of these songs were performed in costume and accompanied by well choreographed dance routines which were a delight to watch as well as listen to.

American spirituals and folk songs were also represented. A *Sixties Medley*,

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The young women of Green Turtle Cay showed creativity as they plaited the Maypole at the Island Roots Festival. They plaited it in three different designs and thoroughly enjoyed their obviously well rehearsed dance routine.



The 60-member Key Chorale gave an outstanding performance at the Garden Theatre located at the home of Alton Lowe. The program offered a variety of music, something to appeal to everyone.

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Central Abaco News

New Water Company Opens

By Isobel Sherman

North Rock Water Company is a new water company in Central Abaco located in Dundas Town. A friend told me how good the water tasted and the price was reasonable.

I visited the facility and was given a wealth of information from partners Burnell Parker and Fred Parker. The facility is capable of producing 3000 gallons of water per day. The water is purified by reverse osmosis, ozonated and treated under ultra violet. Mr. Fred Parker, who took two courses in Nassau, a Standard Operations Procedures Course and a Hazard and Sanitation Course, said that it is the total dissolvable solids found in water that are harmful to humans. Government has set a standard of a total of 100 total dissolvable solids in water or TDS but North Rock goes a step further and will not allow water to have more than 20 TDS. On the day I visited, the reading was 15 TDS. These are solids such as calcium and other dissolvable solids that in the words of Mr. Parker "can kill you."

The facility allows customers to see the whole operation through a plate glass window. Mr. Parker told me when they are

bottling the water, they do it with gloves, head coverings and masks to keep the water as free from contamination as possible.

The CEO of the company is Mr. Shannon Simmons, who holds a degree in engineering and in business administration. Mr. Simmons is in the process of relocating from Nassau.

Mr. Parker says they will deliver in the Marsh Harbour area. They welcome customers to come and buy directly. North Rock water is sold in Price Right, Price Busters, M&R Grocery, Roderick's, A&A and Bahamas Family Market. The water is sold in outlets in Treasure Cay and all of North Abaco.

Mr. Parker stated it is a humble company that just wants to provide customers with the best quality water possible. Even though Mr. Parker pointed out that there is really no taste to water, I have to agree with my friend that North Rock water tastes really good.

Marsh Harbour Has New Buoys

By Pat Bowlds

Many cruisers have followed the freighter channel into Marsh Harbour instead of the unmarked channel for noncommercial traffic. When they realize their mistake and head toward the marinas, they often find

themselves aground on the shoal near the commercial channel.

Working with the Marsh Harbour Port Authority, members of the Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club were given permission to add marker buoys for the recreational

channel. The stainless steel cables used to secure the channel markers were donated by the Fish House.

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A group of pilots of 21 Cirrus aircraft flew into Abaco on May 13 for a weekend of activities. The Cirrus Owners and Pilots Association organized a fly-away which chose Abaco for a second time. The group of 51 persons was hosted by Abaco Beach Resort. The Cirrus Association with 1200 members offers seminars, provides technical expertise and organizes fly-aways. The group came from destinations as diverse as California, Maryland, Kansas City and Wisconsin. The trip was coordinated by Martin Kent. The Cirrus aircraft is a high performance, single engine, four-place, fixed-gear plane.



The Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club set out buoys to mark the channel for cruising boats going into Marsh Harbour. The "buoy setters" shown here with one of the buoys are, left to right, Bob Runciman, Dave Bluto, John Mitchell, and Milt Sales.



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School News

Youth in Parliament

By Isobel Sherman

Central Abaco was represented at the Youth in Parliament held at the House of Parliament in Nassau on May 5-7 by Ms. Farrington, a teacher at Abaco Central High School. The Youth Committee of Abaco selected her to represent Central Abaco at this session. She debated against a proposed law that would require teenagers to take a two-year driving course before they could get a learner's permit or driver's license.

In another matter Ms. Farrington will take part in a discussion about what changes should be made in the Bahamian Constitution.

Choices Are Important

By Isobel Sherman

It is the time of year when students in grade 9 choose the subjects they would like to pursue during their last three years of high school. Many subjects are mandatory for most students but students can choose option subjects. Choosing these subjects can affect their career choices or post high school education choices. If a student wishes to go to college, his choices should be subjects that are accepted by colleges and universities. These are the academic subjects: history, literature, chemistry, physics and combined science., English language, biology and mathematics are taken by every student.

It is important to make wise choices because there are scholarships available that require passes of C or better in BGCSE subjects.

The Prime Time Foundation offers a full four-year scholarship to Louisiana State University. One is awarded to a student from Abaco each year. The basic requirements of

this scholarship are financial need and C passes in five BGCSE academic subjects. Other scholarships including Abaco Pathfinders Foundation and Abaco Scholarship Fund also require good grades in the academic subjects.

Choosing subjects that will be taken for the last three years of high school is a serious matter and there should be discussion between the student and parents before choices are made. If needed, parents should discuss choices with the respective school. Many may feel making this decision before grade 10 may seem too early. But once subjects are chosen, students are locked in for three years with that subject. So, think through the choices before you choose. Your future is at stake.

Coaches Ready Primary School Track Team

By Isobel Sherman

On the track on Saturday Coaches Vogel Williams from Treasure Cay Primary and Jeffrey Victor from Central Abaco Primary were running their team through the track events in preparation to go to Nassau for the National Primary Schools Track and Field Meet. The team of both boys and girls were practicing very hard and their enthusiasm was high. Good luck in Nassau.

General Knowledge Competition

By Portia Jonsson

The Ministry of Education held its annual General Knowledge Competition for Grades 5 and 6 at the Learning Resources Centre on April 30th. The competition consisted of individual and team questions in five subjects: science, mathematics, social studies, religious

studies and language arts. The questions were submitted to the Ministry by teachers and used during the competition.

A tiebreaker was held for 3rd place between Agape Christian School and Treasure Cay Primary. Agape Christian School emerged victorious. The competition winners were: 1st Place-Central Abaco Primary, 2nd Place-St. Francis de Sales and 3rd Place-Agape Christian School.

The team of Central Abaco Primary will travel to Nassau to compete in the National General Knowledge Competition.

All competitors including substitute students received certificates of participation. The trophies were sponsored by Frederick Gottlieb & Co.

The other schools taking part in the competition were Treasure Cay Primary, Long Bay School and Amy Roberts.

GLAT Tests Are Given

On May 10-14 students in grades 3 and 6 throughout the Abaco were busy "sitting" the Grade Level Assessment Test (GLAT). The GLAT is designed to assess the progress

of primary school students at two grade levels, grades 3 and 6.

It enables teachers to diagnose the strengths and weaknesses of students in order to select appropriate teaching strategies and provides information that would assist in the proper placement of students. The test improves evaluation practices and promotes uniformity in classroom assessment throughout the school system. A standardized end of year measurement system, which would generate information for permanent records can also be provided.

The 2004 test measures students' competency in language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

Forest Heights Behind the Footlights

By Leslie Kennedy

Live theatre is a rare treasure here on Abaco, and there is so much Bahamian talent waiting to be tapped. So it was a great

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The Ministry of Education General Knowledge Competition was held April 30th at the Learning Resource Centre in Marsh Harbour. Six schools took part in the competition. The students are proud of their trophies and certificates.



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More School News

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thrill to see our spring musical at Forest Heights Academy transition from a script to a reality on stage.

Forest Heights has been blessed with a particularly talented group of seniors this year. We have watched them grow as actors and singers from the Read 2000 play about aliens who discover books in a library on Earth, through several loveable Christmas plays to truly discover themselves as actors in *Annie*.

Love Letters Lost was the final performance at Forest Heights for many and the culmination of years of exposure to drama in their schools, churches and communities. Ovens Altidor, who played an aging actor looking for his first love, put it well when he said, "In this play we have really learned to act."

And this was apparent as Destiny Cornish left hardly a dry eye after *Memory*. And the antics of Brittany Symonette, Tonya Patterson and Justine Sands as star-struck teens set the scene for the chemistry between Shane Cash and Rebecca Risberg, the secondary love story.

Throw in a little comic relief and a mix-up created by Tia Knowles, Claire Basden and Roxanne McIntosh and the formula is complete. The nervous auctioneer, Bradley Albury, shoppers, Stephanie Russell, Nellie Risberg and Celisha Russell and even a cameo role by Silbert Mills added to its charm.

But is that all it takes? Obviously not, and many thanks are due to the staff of Forest Heights Academy and many of the students in Grade Twelve who took this on as a class project in January. The cast along with Directors Ms. Alana Carroll, Susan Parotti and myself rehearsed tirelessly after school and

during any spare moment learning lines, music and dances.

But one of the most exciting moments was when we began to see the backdrops of the setting come together. The stage and setting is the first level of the illusion of theatre. And Ms. Parotti, assisted by Amy Key, Kaleigh Sands and Ashlee Russell, created two wonderfully realistic sets of an actor's mansion and a village bookstore with Vidalia Knowles sewing bits of material into set dressing and Pinewoods Nursery adding the greenery. And, of course, everyone enjoyed watching the scene changes done by the stage hands Roland Roberts, Lonnie Key, Kurt Key, Bradley Albury, Gavin Knowles, Alex Wilmore and Josh Pinder.

As for the music and dance of this play, it had a life of its own as everybody seemed to have a hand in it. Winter resident Claire Kanter recorded our background music on our computerized piano with Renee Hoard showing us all the buttons to push. Cleveland Dawkins, a senior, adapted *Side by Side* into a jazz piece, and Destiny sang to a Sara Brightman CD for months before rehearsals. Ms. Hoard, Ms Kanter, Bob Kilroe and I all added our bits and pieces to an already talented group of singers. Jane Ubeereiter, the choreographer from *Annie* worked with the students before she left Abaco in November. In her spare time Ms. Parotti choreographed *No Business Like Show Business*, counting off the steps on Wednesdays during lunch.

But I am not finished yet! Lights and sound can be a nightmare and Garrett Kemble from Hope Town volunteered to help Wayne Olmstead and Ron Kawalaram work the sound board and those pesky microphones and lights. The ticketing and programming

were organized by Ashley Sands when she and Amy Key weren't prompting the actors. During the performance it was nothing to see Ashley making sure everything was in place and ready to go, and a special thanks goes to Celisha Russell who became Ms. Carroll's and my right hand, taking care of the details we were too busy to deal with.

At one point we were not sure where we could have the play, and I was feeling discouraged. Ms. Carroll kept our spirits up and she and the actors vowed we would have it on the grass and blankets if we had to. Principal Paul Vernall then decided to build a stage even if he had to pound nails himself. With volunteers from the students he oversaw this event to create our "Garden Theatre" and made sure we had all we needed to make the play a success. Ms. Chaplin, Assistant Principal, was a rock, always there to help make good decisions and lend support. She, Laura Davies, Bernie Kidd and Nikhil

Shaw all helped on the evening of the performances to make sure everything ran smoothly. And finally, there is you, the audience who makes it all the great fun it is. Thank you for your leading role as the "audience that lifts us when we're down."

So you see, behind the footlights there are more than just actors. A whole world of theatre is populated by all kinds of people, each one integral. This is our thanks to you all... who all realize *There's No Business Like Show Business*.

FHA Joins in Earth Day Celebration

The Abaco Science Teachers Association in partnership with Friends of the Environment sponsored Abaco's Earth Day on April 30 with many Abaco schools participating. This day was actually the culmination of several months of study in the field of eco-

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Reach Out To Live Is Theme of Opening Service

By Jennifer Hudson

On May 2nd a service was held at the Central Abaco Primary School to officially open a month of rallies celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Rex Major's conversion to the Christian faith on May 30th 1954.

A sizeable group of well wishers gathered to show their support for Mr. Major as he begins this outreach in gratitude to God for His mercy, love and grace. "Reach Out To Live" is being supported by concerned churches of Abaco, and clergy from many of the churches were present.

Mr. Major opened the occasion with reminiscences of 50 years ago on Abaco and recognition of outstanding people in the community at that time. He stated. "When deciding how best to celebrate this milestone, I felt it only fitting that the celebrations should take place in Marsh Harbour where my conversion actually took place."

On hand for the occasion were Rev. Carlton Dorsette, President of the Christian Council, Mr. Robert Sweeting, Member of Parliament for South Abaco, Mr. Hezekiah Dean, District Education Superintendent, Mr. Edison Key, very close friend, and several of Mr. Major's former students.

Mr. Sweeting read a letter which had been sent to Mr. Major on this occasion from Rev. Lehman Longenecker, the man who was responsible for leading Pastor Major to the Lord. Rev. Longenecker regretted that he was unable to be present at the service due to physical limitations but wrote of the hospitality he had received on

Bus Service Begins

By Isobel Sherman

The Islander Express Bus Service has begun service between Sandy Point and Marsh Harbour. Owned and managed by G. Knowles, the Islander Express will offer three round trips daily between Sandy Point and Marsh Harbour. Stops along the way include Crossing Rocks, Long Beach, Bahamas Palm Shores, Casuarina Point, Cherokee Sound, Abaco Big Bird Farm, Spring City, Forest Drive Roundabout and Marsh Harbour Community Library. Fares differ as to the destination. A trip from Sandy Point to Marsh Harbour is \$15. The fares are based on the mileage from either Sandy Point or Marsh Harbour depending on the final destination and where the trip originated. The bus is equipped to handle passengers with physical handicaps.

The Island Express will offer charter bus service from Sandy Point to Pinder's Ferry in Crown Haven. Ms. Knowles said because of the distance and the fuel this service will only be offered as a charter service and will not be a regularly scheduled run.

Abaco on the arrival of his family in 1953. In his letter he remembered the night of Mr. Major's conversion when he said, "I want to get to get this thing settled tonight." They went up to Rev. Longenecker's study and prayed together. A few weeks later Rex Major received water baptism to reaffirm his faith.

The message was proclaimed by Pastor Allan Lee, Senior Pastor of Calvary Bible Church in Nassau, whom Pastor Major led to the Lord just three months after his own conversion. Pastor Lee stated, "More men are needed like Rex Major because it is through men like him that God has decreed to reach the world for Jesus Christ." He used as his text Romans, Ch.10 v.13 - 16 and said, "Rex is a man shod with the Gospel of peace."

The service, which was broadcast live on Radio Abaco, was truly one of rejoicing with special music by saxophonist Charles Wallace, vocalist Kevin Sawyer and some rousing congregational singing.

After the service Mr. Major spent time greeting and conversing with the people and was photographed with students he had taught in Marsh Harbour. Much interest was shown in the large photographs which were on display of some of Marsh Harbour's residents of 50 years ago.

Mr. Major held a Just for Men Dinner at Mackerel's Restaurant on May 10th. Upcoming events in the *Reach Out To Live* schedule are:

- One Day with Jesus rally at Central Abaco Primary School on May 22nd for young people ages 12-25..
- Rally for Youth on May 24
- Rally for Youth, Businessmen and Women and Leaders on May 25
- Rally for Families on May 26.

Prayer Day every Wednesday at the Assemblies of God Church in Marsh Harbour and the Church of God of Prophecy in Dundas Town.

Grand Finale on May 30 at Central Abaco Primary School.

Rex Major invites you "to benefit from

insights that will improve the family" and "to discover principles for dynamic personal living and experience the hope and excitement of a new lifestyle."

Further information may be obtained by calling phone/fax 367-0201, 367-5858 or 367-2188.



Pastor Rex Major is having several services and rallies on Abaco during the month of May. Mr. Major is shown with some of his students while he was the headmaster of the Marsh Harbour All Age School during the mid 1950s. He is at the back on the left with John Hudson. In the front row are Andy Moss, Eddie Sawyer, Peggy Curry, Evelyn Sawyer, George Albury, Billy Albury and Gary Smith

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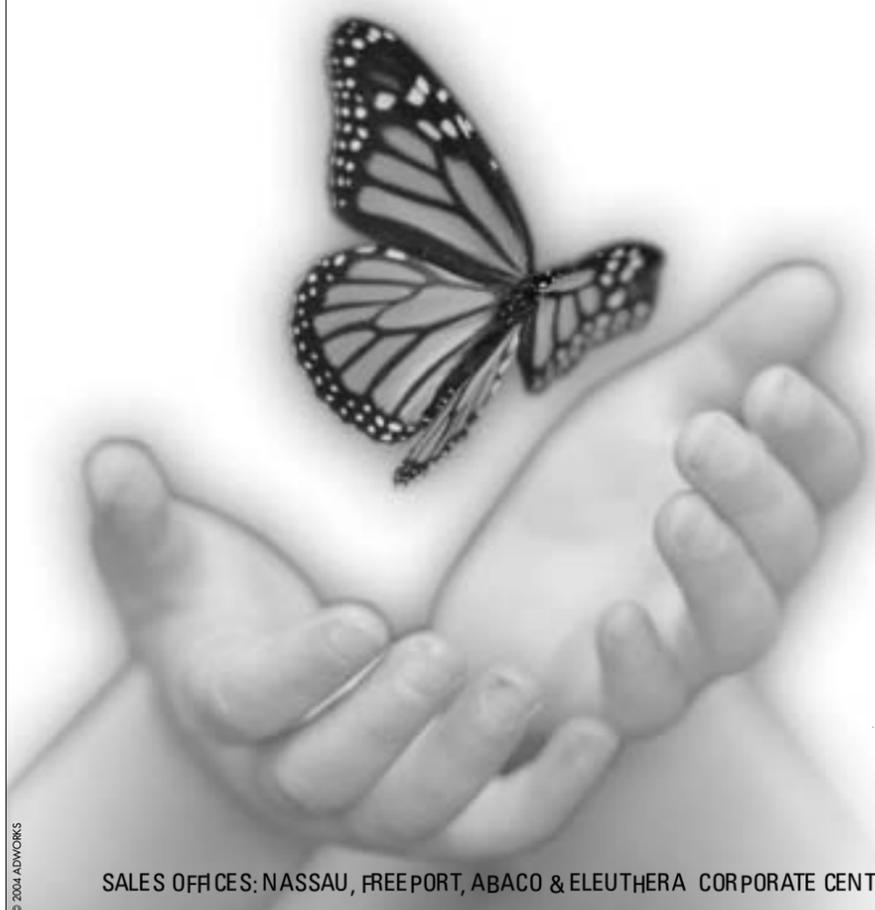
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Sports News

Abaco Hosts Bahamas Darts Association Masters 2004

By Malcolm Spicer

The 16th annual Masters Darts tournament took place on Abaco this last weekend, and as usual the competition was high and the play was once again top of the line. Some surprises and some expected results topped the list of those competing for a national team position.

The Sea Shells Restaurant in Marsh Harbour provided the backdrop for this prestigious tournament with the cream of the crop from Nassau, Grand Bahama and Abaco taking part in this arduous tournament to sort out those who will represent the Bahamas in the Caribbean Cup and the Americas Cup in Fort Lauderdale in June and July of this year.

Topping the list this year, as last year, were Steve Harris and Trudy Johnson from the Nassau Darts Association, showing once again their consistency and skill in becoming the 2004 National Masters. Surprises this year was the appearance of several rookies who took the place by storm with their expertise. Topping the list of surprises was women's second place winner Cindy Russell of Abaco who, in her first season of darts, has quickly risen to the top with some outstanding performances. Etoilke Pinder of Nassau also surprised everyone with her skills as she made the cut in third place. Pepper Russell from Grand Bahama and Laurastine Moss from Nassau rounded off the women who made the national team.

The men's positions were hotly contended all weekend with Nassau's Steve

Harris and Barry Payne vying for top spot with the men. But eventually it was last year's Master, Steve Harris, who took the credits, beating out Barry by only 7/2 points to take the spoils for the fourth consecutive year.

Past Master Wayne "Fish" Copeland came in third following surprise and "most-improved" player Anderson Lewis from Grand Bahama. Veteran Tony Moree was fourth followed by Harry Brown and Ken Brathwaite from Nassau and in eighth position was Lloyd Deveaux from Abaco. These eight men make up the national squad.

In June the national team will travel to Fort Lauderdale to defend their Caribbean Cup title and make it three in a row and this is followed by the America's Cup which involves the national teams from the U.S. and Canada. As the Bahamas is #1 seed again this year, we are looking to cement our top position in the region once again.

The standard of darts was very high once again with both Lloyd Deveaux and Ken Brathwaite checking out from 160, 180's abounded and lowest darts games were 16 darts with 17's 18's and 19's abounding. The stuff to win championships! With over 500 games played in the two days, the cream was always destined to reach the top, which it did and all went away happy and ready to play again! Donald Burrows of the Abaco Darts Association was selected as national team manager, Byron Johnson from Grand Bahama was elected team coach and Howard Hepburn from Nassau elected team captain.

Malcolm Spicer, President of the Bahamas Darts Federation was on hand to dis-

tribute trophies and run the judges table and will be accompanying the national team in their quest for glory. He commented after the games that this looks like one of the best national teams they have had in a number of years and they are looking forward to bringing home the spoils in June.

Abaco had four competitors in the Men's division. They were eighth place Lloyd Deveaux with a score of 129.5, ninth place Anselm Woodside with 120.0, fifteenth place Wayne Bastian with 48.5 and sixteenth place Shane Sawyer with 45.0. Two women represented Abaco. They were Cindy Russell in second place with 61.5 and Louise Maury in seventh place with 27.0.

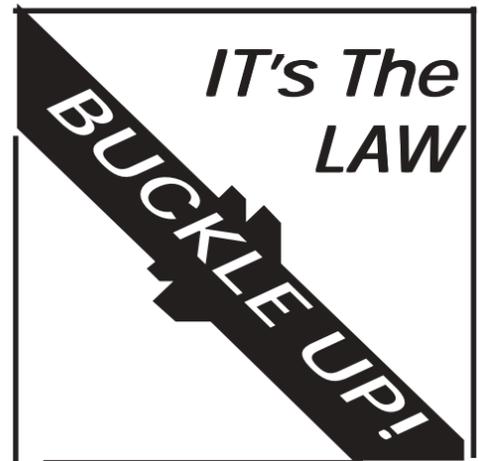
Abaco Youth in Action

By Isobel Sherman

The skills of baseball and T-ball continue on May 8 at the park in Murphy Town. Abaco Youth In Action is holding a month-long skill session each Saturday in these sports. According to Mr. Lynden Davis at the end of the month teams will be picked to compete in a tournament in Grand Bahama. Sixty to seventy boys and girls ages 5-14 were enthusiastically participat-

ing in the sessions. Assisting Mr. Davis is Ishmael "Stretch" Morley, Elva Davis and Sophie Miller.

In a brief conversation Mr. Morley told me he wished more parents would come out and help their children with sports. He is giving back to the community because he loves sports and he loves working with children. He said parents should be more interested in helping their children in sports and other positive activities.



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Viewpoint - Appreciating Our Teachers

By Portia Jonsson

When I think back to my school days, so many memories rush forth, including late nights cramming for an exam, endless practice sessions for music class and lifelong friendships. I also remember the teacher who helped me see right from wrong and who challenged me to do my best.

There are few professionals in our society who touch the lives of so many people in a lasting way as teachers do. We're fortunate to have dedicated, caring teachers in our schools. There's no doubt that the teacher is the most important person in the classroom. There's also no doubt that teaching is one of the most difficult, demanding jobs.

To celebrate their hard work for our children, teachers are honoured during National

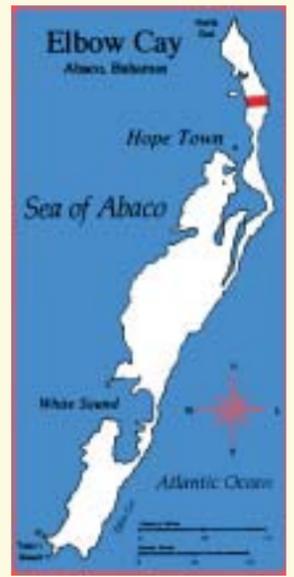
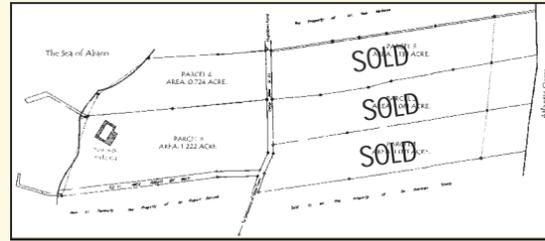
Teachers Appreciation Week, which takes place this month.

I encourage parents to write notes of appreciation to add a personal touch for the teachers and staff who have made a difference in our child's life. It is important to remember that our teachers sometimes spend more time with our children during the day than we do, and their time and support prove beneficial in helping each child to reach his or her potential. Although we appreciate our teachers every day; we must try to make this week as special as possible for each of them.

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Trainer Holds Dog Obedience Seminar

By Jennifer Hudson

Nassau Dog Trainer, Tonya Sturup, presented a Dog Obedience Seminar in Marsh Harbour on May 1st and 2nd. Beginner Obedience classes were held on both days with the addition of an Agility class on Saturday and a Rally Obedience class on Sunday. Eight dogs and their owners participated in the Beginner class which was for dogs who had never had any obedience training. They were taught to follow the commands of "Sit," "Down" and "Stand," walk on the lead properly and begin to learn to "Stay." Four dogs were entered in the Novice class where the dogs had some previous basic training and progressed to "off lead" work with some retrieving, heeling, staying and recall. This training in basic competition obedience will help familiarize people with dog obedience and prepare them for competition at the Bahamas Kennel Club's Dog Show in Nassau in November.

The Agility class was an interesting class for spectators and also a fun class for the owners and their dogs who enjoyed facing new challenges in learning to negotiate various obstacles. At the conclusion of this class dogs and owners were presented with an obstacle course which included jumping through a tyre and over a series of jumps, going through a tunnel, weaving in and out

of stakes, sitting on a pause mat for five seconds and finally conquering the "dog walk" which entailed the dogs walking up a ladder then across a bridge and down the other side. While some of the dogs were amazingly confident with the last obstacle, it proved to be rather mind boggling for a few what had to receive much encouragement from the trainer in the form of doggie treats.

Classes were kept small so that dogs and owners could receive more personal instruction from the trainer who also gave an insight into dog behaviour and clear explanations as to why the methods are effective.

Ms. Sturup is a qualified dog trainer, who owns her own facility Follow the Leader Dog Training in Nassau where she gives private training and group classes. She has trained dogs for several movies, the most recent being a Chesapeake Bay Retriever for the movie *Into the Blue* which was recently filmed in Nassau. Tonya says that dogs really look forward to and enjoy obedience training, and it is a good way for owners to develop a good relationship with their dogs.

Although Tonya has been to Abaco before to help a few people prepare their dogs for shows in Nassau, this was her first official seminar. She looks forward to dog obedience training growing on Abaco. Inter-



Basic obedience training and competition obedience training were taught at a recent seminar held in Marsh Harbour. Some dogs were ready for the Agility class and a couple of those dogs are shown here. Those dogs had to crawl through a tunnel, jump through a hoop, navigate an obstacle course and climb a ramp to walk a beam. The dog owners shown here are Austin Koepp on the left and Gil Stratton.

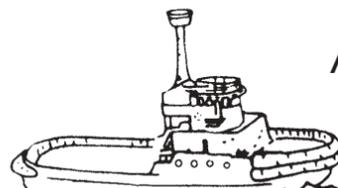
ested persons may contact Tonya at 242 394-3086.

It is hoped very soon to begin an Abaco Kennel Club under the auspices of the Bahamas Kennel Club. The main focus of the club will be to promote training and the proper care of dogs and, hopefully, get chil-

dren educated and involved in caring for their dogs. It will make it possible to hold sanctioned dog shows on Abaco where dogs will be able to receive titles and will then be qualified to compete in sanctioned shows in Nassau and the United States.



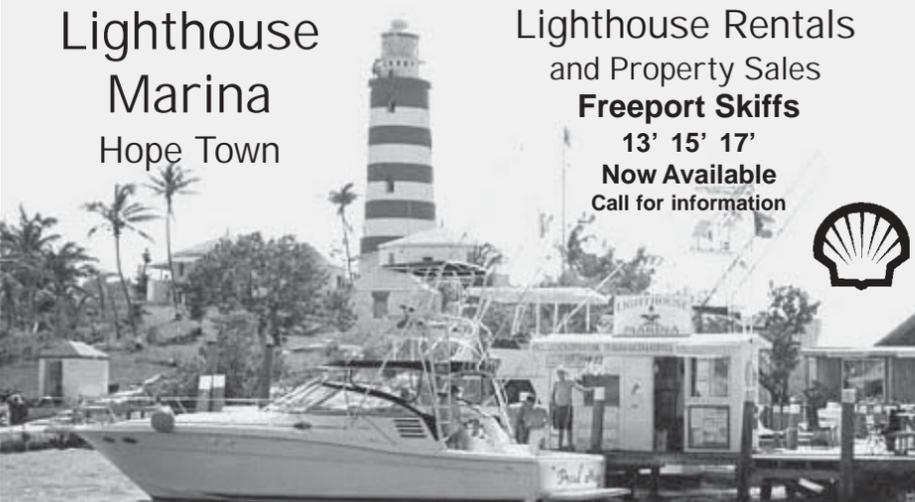
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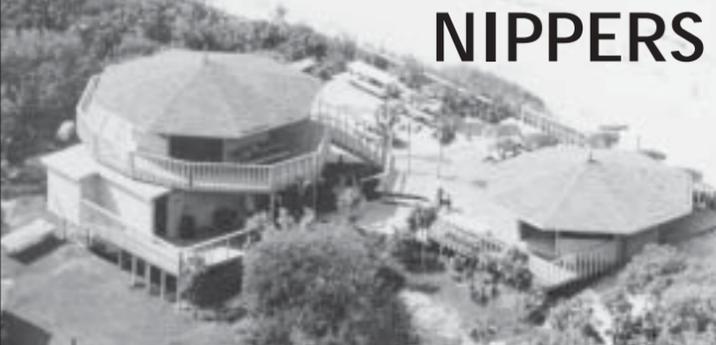
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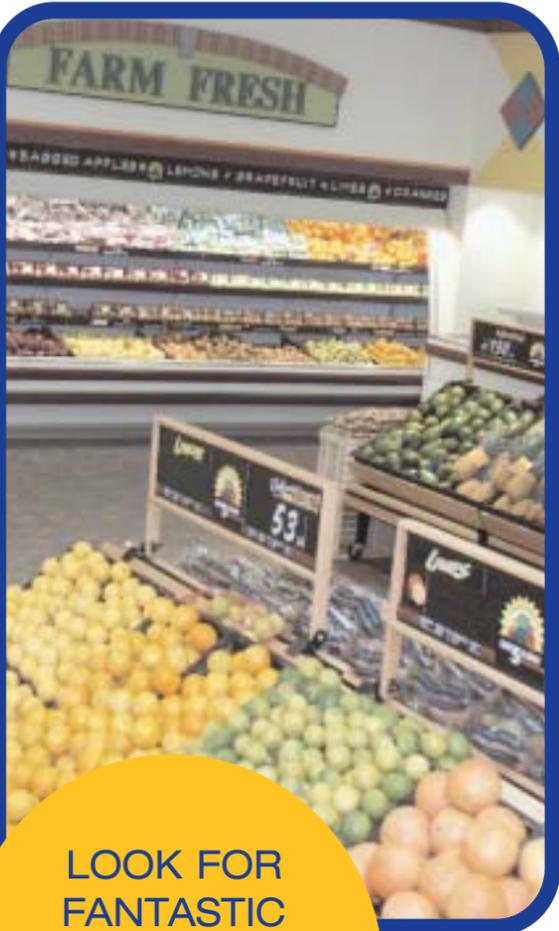


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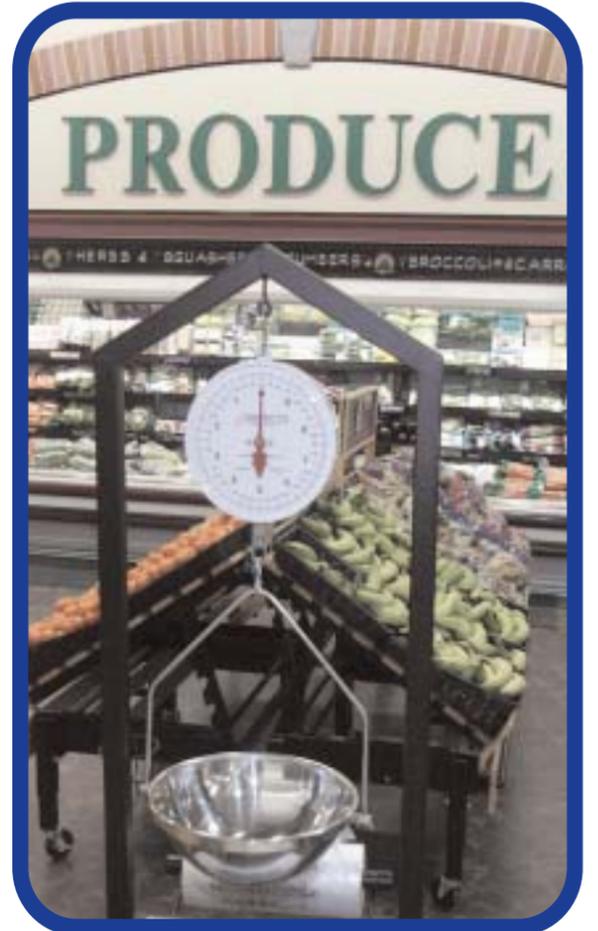
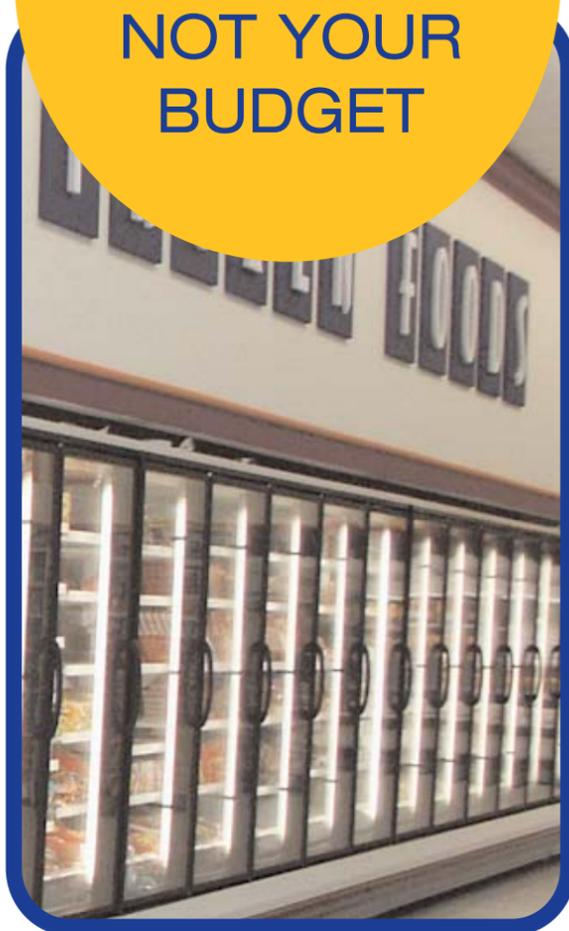
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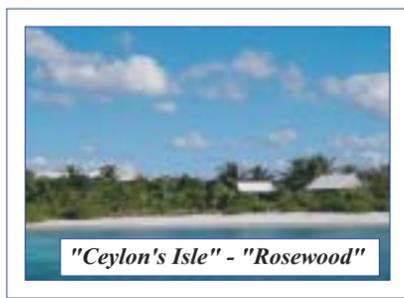
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- ☆ **Elbow Cay** - "Marnie's Creek" - 1/2 acre hillside building sites, a private dock slip for each parcel Fabulous Sea of Abaco views - # AB5114 - from: **\$230,000.**
- ☆ **Green Turtle Cay** - Coco Bay Area - "Madera Hill" - 1.497 Acres - 312' x 209' - Waterfront access super views. # AB5143 - **\$395,000.**
- ☆ **Green Turtle Cay** - "Coco Sound" - 28 prime residential buildingsites - between Coco Bay and White Sound from 1/4 - 1/2 acre # AB5090 - from: **\$59,000.**
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Obituaries of Family and Friends

The funeral for **Mellanie Michelle Lowe**, 31, of Fire Road was held at the New St. Andrew's Baptist Church. Pastor Jollian McIntosh officiated assisted by Rev. Eulin McIntosh. Interment was in the Public Cemetery in Fire Road.

She is survived by the mother Hortence Bootle; sisters Judymae Neymour, Ruth Jones, Arlene Cornish, Althea Rolle, Daisy and Ellaine Ward, Claudine King, Samria and Norma Lowe; brothers Basil Bootle, Anthony Armstrong, Freddie Ferguson and Joel Thompson; nieces Janelle and Brianna King, Denise Duncombe, Sharran and

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Eddison Cornish, Harrison King, Edmund Rolle, Michael Neymour, Manuel Tennasaca and Lington Jones; sister-in-law Terry Armstrong and many other relatives and friends.

Jeremiah Duncan Lowe, 61, passed away on May 8 after a long illness. Jerry and his wife, Annie, moved to Abaco in 1966 where they opened and operated



Kelly's Hardware Ltd for 21 years until the company was sold in 1987. Jerry then commuted weekly to

Freeport where he managed Kelly's Lumber Yard for five years.

Jerry is survived by his wife Annie; daughter Lisa Sawyer; son Todd Lowe; son-in-law, Perry Sawyer; granddaughter Chelsea Sawyer; sisters Janet Parks, Eleanor Bethel, Retta Thomas, Myrtie Lowe and Cheryl Cooke; and brother Michael Lowe; brothers-in-law Roy Parks, Thomas Bethel, Geraint Thomas, Scott Lowe, Murry Sumner and Anthony Pinder; sisters-in-law Kathy, Cleo, Margaret and Joanie Pinder; many nephews and nieces and very special

and faithful friend, Mike Lightbourn.

The funeral for **Beatrice Mills**, 87, formerly of Moore's Island was held on May 8 in Nassau. Interment was in Nassau.

She is survived by her daughter Merlene Swain; grandchildren Carl, Swain, Maudrena Pickstock, Portia Newbold, Eleanor Okolie, Linda and Joanna Swain; great-grandchildren Anetra, Artana, Franklyn Jr. and Justin Pickstock, Kentisha, Kershaura, Lorrissa, Loyissa and Lloyd Newbold Jr, Obryan, Dominique and David Wright Jr, Brenton Swain and Valentino Forbes; granddaughter-in-law Valencia Swain; grandsons-in-law Franklyn Pickstock, Lloyd Newbold and Christen Okolie; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral for **Byron Prynne Sawyer**, 43, of Spring City was held at the First Assembly of God Church in Marsh Harbour with Rev. Keith Evans officiating. Interment was in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents Joseph and Unamae Sawyer; daughter Felicia Swain; granddaughter Keana Swain; aunts Celita, Sylvana and Florence Sawyer; uncles Leonard, Elvin, Felix and Elmore Sawyer; grandaunt Alice Morley; granduncle Copeland Morley; son-in-law K.C. Swain and many other relatives and friends.

How Long Does It Last?

By Isobel Sherman

We hear the word biodegradable all the time when it comes to debris or garbage. It usually refers to how long a container or item takes to decompose in the environment. This is about debris that is found in the ocean. No one really knows exactly how much marine debris there is but some is dumped into the sea and other debris finds its way to the sea.

In a new pamphlet entitled *Marine Debris: The Ocean Is Not a Garbage Dump, It Does Not Go Away* distributed by the Department of Fisheries, it gives the biodegrading time for certain debris found in the ocean. Some examples are monofilament fishing line 600 years, plastic bottles and disposable diapers 450 years, aluminum cans, 200 years, Styrofoam cups, 50

years and paper towels 2 - 4 weeks.

The other problem with marine debris is that it could contribute to the movement of certain species of life that would then become invading species. This is due to the debris traveling the ocean from one place to another and various organisms could be on the debris and would end up being a new organism in a certain place in the ocean. The invading organisms may not have competitors or predators for food and their population could increase rapidly in the new environment and alter the ecological balance.

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Club News

Pilot Club Inducts New Members

By Jennifer Hudson

It was an historic moment for the Pilot Club of Abaco when, on April 20th for the first time in seven years, four men, Kenrick Chu, Andrew Maycock, Demetrio Hepburn and Ed Armbrister, were inducted as Pilots. A fifth member, Ms. Phillippa Farrington, coordinator for the Anchor Clubs, was also inducted bringing the membership to 27.

The Pilot Club of Abaco, which was founded by its first president, Ms.

Charlmae Fernander, was chartered on April 30th, 1998, by the Downtown Pilot Club of Nassau. President for 2003-2004, Mrs Zally Chu, is encouraging civic minded persons within the Abaco community to join with them in helping to better the lives of the less fortunate.

For more information on how to become a Pilot you can contact Mrs. Zally Chu at 367- 2824, Mrs. Sharon Dorsette at 367- 2914 or any other Pilot Club member.

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Islands Roots Festival Featured All Things Bahamian

Festival

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Opening Ceremony Sets Lively Pace

By Stephanie Humblestone

performed by several of the ladies who looked as if they had stepped straight out of a performance of *Grease* and highlighted by some 60s dance moves, was a real hit with the audience but what really brought the house down were two numbers by a very talented group of men dressed in their own version of "Beach Boys" outfits complete with inflatable lilo in *Beach Boys Salute*. Their *Doo Wop Salute* was a winner and certainly carried the audience back a good many years. The performers obviously gained as much enjoyment from doing it as they gave the audience.

This wonderful programme ended with the singing of *Omnia Vincit Amore* (translated Love Conquers All) but the chorale put their own personal touch on it, making it very appropriate for the occasion by holding up placards with their own translation of "Love Conch's All."

After this final piece the packed audience rose to its feet in a rousing standing ovation expressing their appreciation for a truly wonderful evening.

The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, broke into dance during the opening of the First Annual Island Roots Heritage Festival at Green Turtle Cay on May 7th. Gesturing to the 30-strong Royal Bahamas Police Band to bring on the music, ex-Junkanoo Valley Boy Mr. Christie demonstrated what he called his "signal and trademark dance" as ex-prime minister, Mr. Hubert Ingraham, MP for North Abaco; the Hon. Obie Wilchcombe from Tourism; and the

Hon. Glynnis Hanna-Martin of Transportation and Aviation, smiled in the background.

In fun mode also, Mr. Ingraham made lighthearted and good humoured references to previous professional and political partnerships with the Prime Minister while welcoming him to his "political constituency."

Mr Perry responded in kind. "I am happy that the ex-Prime Minister can have such a level of comfort here because of the fresh wind blowing through this place," he quipped, then laughingly explained that "fresh winds of change" was his campaign slogan.

Addressing a large audience, Mr. Christie commended the theme of the festival which was to celebrate the revival of the "Sister City" exchange programme between Green Turtle Cay and Key West.

Recalling his visits to Key West and his own family ties there, he welcomed the 250 contingency of visitors from Key West, 59 of whom were part of the Key West Chorale scheduled to perform at the home of renowned artist Alton Lowe that night.

Mr. Christie recognized the efforts of Alton Lowe, who originally conceived the idea of bringing the two cities closer and re-establishing ties between families from New Plymouth who emigrated to Key West over a century ago. "Alton Lowe is one of the most prominently defining personalities of this century who have given us added confidence and importance by the manner in which he has expressed his art. This will last for gen-

erations to come and Green Turtle Cay will always play a special role in our history," he announced to a packed audience.

Among other key organizers were the Ministry of Tourism Abaco office, David Bethel and Karen McIntosh of Green Turtle Cay and Veronica Stafford of Key West, all of whom worked tirelessly over the past year to re-activate the festival some 27 years after the initial one in Key West and Green Turtle Cay.

"Arriving in Green Turtle Cay today I was reminded of this wonderful connection between the two sister cities," the Prime Minister said, and then directing his words specifically to those from Key West, he congratulated them on "retaining their past."

"It is interesting to note that Key West became home to scores of Bahamian families of all backgrounds and ethnicity, and it is perhaps true that there are few Bahamian families who cannot point to the fact that they have distant relatives living currently in Key West," he continued.

The theme of the festival *Come Celebrate All Things Bahamian* was clearly expressed throughout the two-day event with marches from the Royal Bahamas Police Band, an abundance of peas n' rice, fried chicken and conch salad served at Settlement Point in New Plymouth against a background of local music which began early in the morning and echoed across the cay throughout the day.



Mr. Perry Christie appreciated the efforts made to celebrate the rich heritage of Green Turtle Cay, featuring Bahamian music, art and food. He is shown here enjoying conch salad while talking with Mrs. Karen McIntosh, co-chairman of the Island Roots Festival committee.

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More Central Abaco News

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There are two red and two green buoys (staggered) that are to the left of those marking the freighter channel when entering the harbour. The marked channel is quite wide and is used to indicate the deeper water. While it is recognized that many cruisers anchor in the marked area, it should serve as guidance to newcomers and help to avoid accidental groundings.

Abaco Youth in Action

By Isobel Sherman

The skills of baseball and T-ball continued on May 8 at the park in Murphy Town. Abaco Youth In Action is holding a month-long skill session each Saturday in these sports. According to Mr. Lynden Davis at the end of the month teams will be picked to compete in a tournament in Grand Bahama. Close to 670 boys and girls ages

5-14 were enthusiastically participating in the sessions. Assisting Mr. Davis is Ishmael "Stretch" Morley, Elva Davis and Sophie Miller.

In a brief conversation Mr. Morley told me he wished more parents would come out and help their children with sports. He is giving back to the community because he loves sports and he loves working with children. He said parents should be more interested in helping their children in sports and other positive activities.

Real Estate Firm Relocates

Damianos Realty is relocated its Marsh Harbour office. The new ground floor office is located on East Bay Street next to their original location. The office is managed by Mr. Leslie Pinder with sales associate Donna Darville. They have an affiliation with Elbow Cay Properties in Hope Town, Kerry Sullivan also services Hope

Town/Elbow Cay area, and Laurie Schreiner is their representative in Lubbers Quarters.

Bahamasair Increases Flights

By Isobel Sherman

Bahamasair will begin flying from Marsh Harbour to West Palm Beach daily beginning on June 3. This will mean that Bahamasair will have a daily flight to West Palm Beach from Marsh Harbour and it will also mean that there will be three flights from Marsh Harbour to Nassau.

The route was Nassau to Marsh Harbour



The new Damianos Realty office is in the ground floor of this new building on East Bay Street in Marsh Harbour.

is one of the best flights for Bahamas air in terms of passenger load and also the flight from Marsh Harbour to West Palm Beach is very profitable for Bahamas air.



After passengers go through the security check at the Marsh Harbour International Airport, they wait outside the terminal building, exposed to the weather. The security check takes so long that the ticket agents must begin the process before the plane has even landed. Passengers wait up to an hour in the hot sun or rain.

The Ralph Moore Science Fund For the Children of Abaco

(Established at the request of Ralph Bishop Moore, Ph.D.)

Ralph B Moore of Ocean Boulevard in Treasure Cay passed away at his home on April 12, 2004. When he moved to Abaco, he had intended to help the children of Abaco by volunteering to teach chemistry in the local schools.

Unfortunately, he became ill and was unable to achieve this goal. He requested that, in lieu of flowers or cards, that a fund be established to assist the children in their education with the hope of encouraging them to continue further studies in science.

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Hope Town Garbage Removal Is Underway

Forty Hope Town residents came to an evening meeting on May 10 in the Methodist Church to hear news of a new garbage barging system to begin within a week. Mr. Ron Pinder, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Environmental Health, announced the signing of a contract to transport Hope Town's garbage to the Abaco mainland. Coupled with this is a ban on burning garbage on Elbow Cay.

The Abacays Freight Company based in Man-O-War was awarded the \$17,000 monthly contract to provide the containers and move them to the Marsh Harbour dump site. Four 20 or 30 yard containers are scheduled initially to be taken twice weekly to Marsh Harbour by barge. A total of eight containers will be used with four empty containers replacing the four full ones taken to Marsh Harbour.

The temporary staging site for the barge on Elbow Cay will be the government property in White Sound where road equipment is presently sitting. Containers will remain at the present dump site to be filled, then be taken to the barge on freight days. The White Sound site is one of several being considered as a permanent transfer location.

A truck will accompany the containers on the barge and move them to and from the dump. The truck is configured to either load a container onto its rails or place a container on the ground or on the barge. No other equipment is needed.

Island-wide garbage collection will remain the same as at present with the new

system used to remove the collected garbage. All persons taking garbage and trash to the dump site will be responsible to place their trash into one of the new containers. The containers are expected to arrive in Marsh Harbour on April 17 or 18 and will be taken immediately to Elbow Cay.

A separate contract is being negotiated for the removal of existing construction debris, junk cars, golf carts and appliances. These items now at the dump site will be taken to Nassau for crushing and shipping to a U.S. recycling facility.

The mulching of yard waste is under study as this may comprise 30 - 40 percent of the total volume taken to the dump. Man-O-War grinds this debris and uses the mulch for island projects.

The project will begin with the four containers positioned at the dump site. The program will be monitored to see if these four will be sufficient as calculated. Being a new system, Mr. Pinder expected some adjustments may be necessary to facilitate the process.

Along with the new system will be the implementation of an environmental levy which may be billed monthly with the electric bill. A monthly levy between \$5 and \$15 is under study. How the levy would be assessed to boaters and those living in locations without electricity remains to be resolved.

Although some residents expressed skepticism over the plan, the program was generally well accepted and the residents look forward to the ban on burning.

The new landfill site south of Marsh

Seat Belt Law Will Be Enforced



Const. Troy Knowles has been handing out flyers informing the public that the seat belt law will be enforced beginning May 20. At that time drivers will be held responsible for making sure that everyone in the vehicle has seat belts fastened. The fines will be \$300 for the driver, \$100 for passengers and \$500 for each child without a seat belt fastened. Children under 12 year must be seated in the rear seat. Children under the age of five years must be in a special child's car seat that is attached firmly to the vehicle.

Harbour may be ready by early winter and is scheduled to eventually accept all Abaco garbage from Sandy Point through Crown Haven. A similar system will have large containers at transfer sites near each town for local deposit. Special trucks will then take the full containers to the landfill in Central Abaco.

First Bahamian Archbishop Is Named

By Isobel Sherman

The First Bahamian Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese in The Bahamas was installed in Nassau on May 4. The Rt. Rev. Patrick Pinder became the first Bahamian Archbishop. Installing Father Patrick was Archbishop Tscherring Apostolic Delegate to the Antilles Episcopal Conference.

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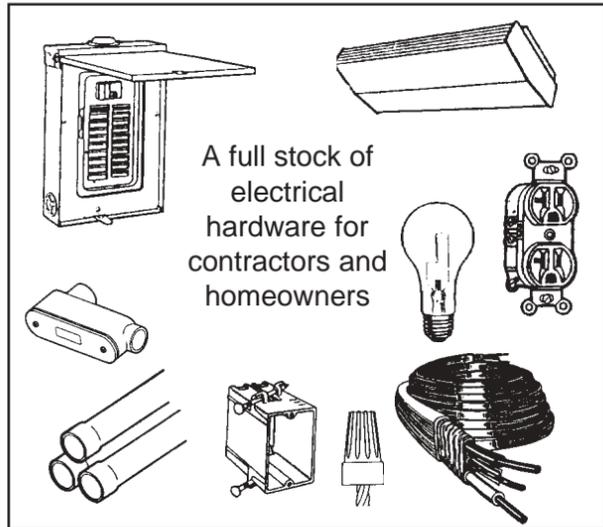
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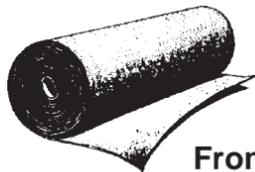
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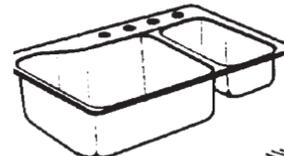


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School *From Page 15*

systems and biodiversity for the science students of Forest Heights Academy.

Led by Ms. Alana Carroll, the Forest Heights Eighth Grade students completed a series of tasks including litter cleanups, composting and even building bird feeders. Many earned Conservation Awards, but the chief goal was to "promote awareness about environmental concerns."

One of the most effective projects began with a bake sale. Grade Eight bought six bins with their proceeds, decorated them and placed them about the school for can recycling. Forest Heights collected the most cans of all the participating schools for Earth Day, but more importantly, this has become a daily ritual for the students as they continue to practice their recycling. Earth Day itself was also a great success. Ms. Joy Chaplin and some of her 11th and 12th grade students joined the event with posters and environmental board games they had devised. One game was a competition to see how fast students could pull apart six pack rings which are known killers of the sea. Ms. Chaplin reported, "The average time was eleven seconds, which can make a huge difference in saving marine life."

Congratulations are due to Kelsi Farrington who won third place for her individual poster on recycling on Abaco. Forest Heights also won an award for the best

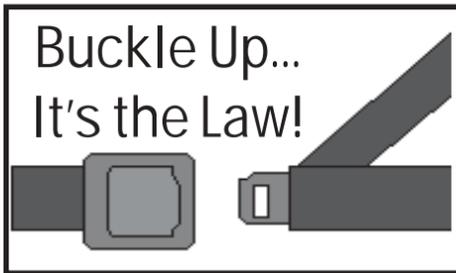
display. Highlights included traced and cut out hands with each finger signifying something to do to help protect our environment. With this, students took away the most important lesson of the day as stated by Ms. Carroll. "One person can make a difference!"

**Abaco Central
A Uniform Reminder**

By Isobel Sherman

This is to remind parents and students of Abaco Central High School that the school uniform is changing for September 2004. The uniform for boys will be navy pants, a navy tie, a white shirt and black shoes. Girls will wear a navy blue pleated skirt, a white blouse, a navy criss-cross tie, white socks and black shoes. Prefects both boys and girls will wear light blue shirts and blouses instead of white.

Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, Principal, has informed all of the stores in Marsh Harbour about the uniform change. If there are any questions, please contact the school.



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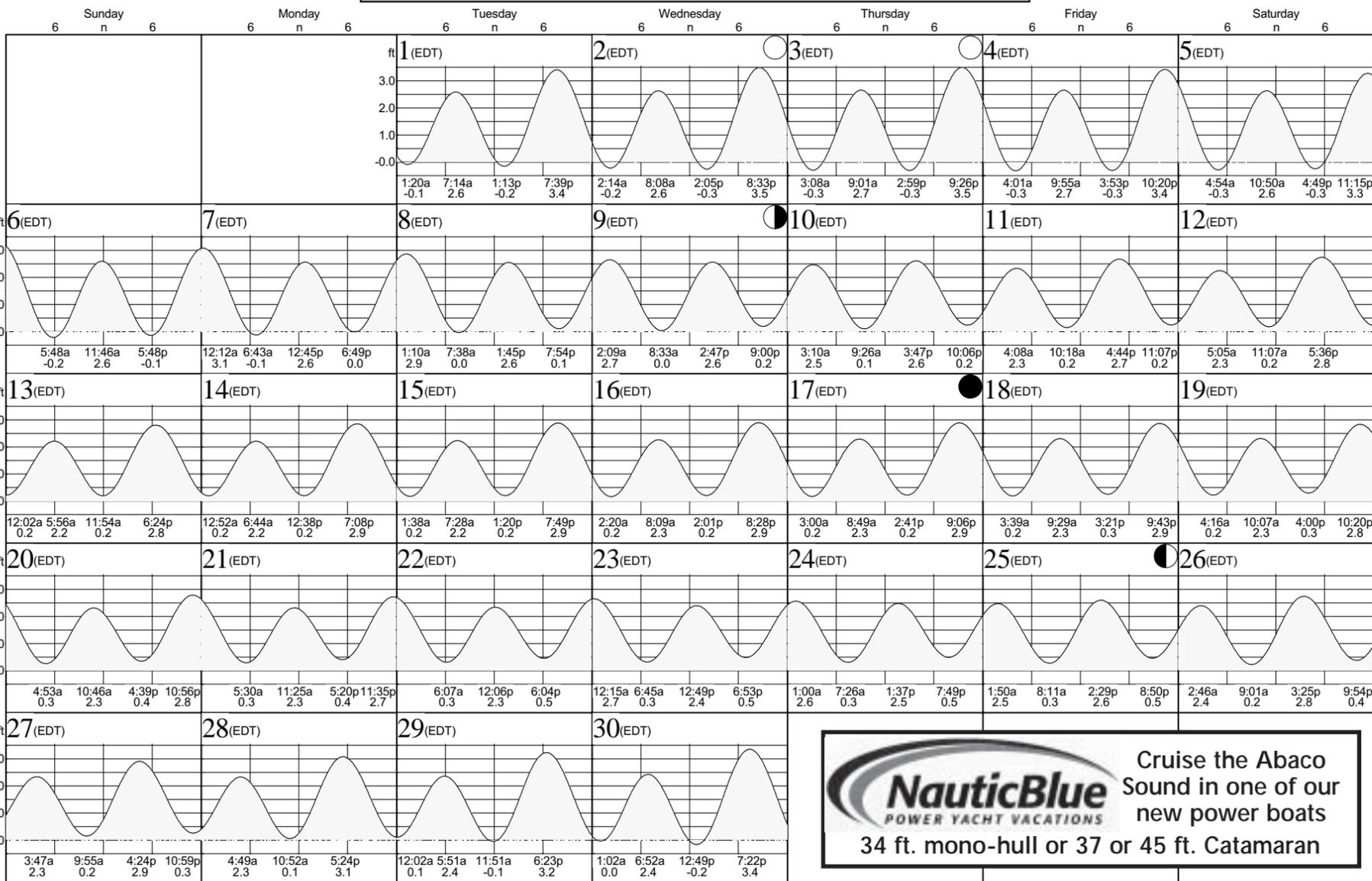
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A Tribute to a Master Craftsman

By Robert Wilson

Change is nothing new to The Bahamas, and life here has not always been easy. Those who survived the early days became self-sufficient, living off the land and the sea. Today, tourism has become the mainstay of the economy, and with few exceptions the people have become increasingly more dependent.

There are a few very proud Bahamians whom are determined to preserve their heritage. Willard Albury, one of the 200 Alburys listed in the telephone book, is such an individual.

We met Willard a year ago while visiting Man-O-War Cay on Abaco. At seven o'clock he walks from his home down to the harbour to begin his day at Albury Brothers Boat Building, something he has done since the age of 14. His work ethic and quiet nature are reflective of his 66 years living among the 235 island residents.

Abaco boats have long been admired for their design and fine wood construction. Most Bahamian fisherman sought Abaco dinghies, small open boats with a single sail, and Abaco-built smacks (sloops with bowsprits)



Mr. Willard Albury

and schooners brought a premium in the marketplace. From the early 1900s boat building has become synonymous with Man-O-War Cay, and it remains the most active boat building center on Abaco today.

One of the most instrumental in continuing the development of the wooden Abaconian dinghy was Maurice Albury, Willard's father. As a young boy he worked in a small shed using a limited variety of hand tools to shape the wood. Like so many other skills, the techniques and plans were never recorded but passed along by hands-on experience.

In 1952 Maurice started Albury Brothers Boat Building with his two sons, Willard and Denny. The lobster fishing on Spanish Wells, Eleuthera, required a steady produc-

tion of small wooden skiffs designed to handle the open waters of The Bahamas, and the Albury boat was ideally suited. Construction was slow, but steady, and the family business was considered the premier builder.

At the age of 20, Willard took over the business. He had worked with his father and uncle for six years and continued handcrafting wooden boats until an ample supply of suitable wood was no longer available. Breaking with tradition, Albury Brothers made the transition to fiberglass when they produced their first 18.5-foot skiff in 1984.

Willard is proud to have his two sons, Donnie and Jamie, working alongside him. To date they have produced 200 of the fiberglass boats, two at a time. As tourism on Abaco has flourished, so have the orders for Albury boats. Boat rental companies and local residents have created such a demand for the quality craft that in the past it was not unusual to wait a full year for delivery. But again, a change is in the making.

A long time visitor to Man-O-War saw

an opportunity and encouraged Willard to allow him to produce the Albury Bros. Boats in Florida. In addition, the Florida-based operation has developed a fiberglass mold that he promises will reduce man-hours and increase production. Full page advertisements are appearing in U.S. boating magazines displaying colored pictures, toll-free telephone and fax numbers, and for those interested T-shirts are available.

Late one afternoon I meandered by Albury's boat yard and found 15 local men attempting to move one of the first molds to arrive from Florida. I jumped in to help turn it over and then roll it across the one lane roadway. Afterwards, and somewhat exhausted by our efforts, Willard and I rested in a doorway to observe the newly arrived marvel of the boat-building industry.

That is when I learned the story of Albury Brothers Boat Building. Willard stared at the mold and occasionally would rub his hands over some rough spots he detected. It was a quiet, reflective moment for him,

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Hope T Harb Lodge 25 rm 366 0095
Hope T Hideaways 63 hse + 366-0224
Hope T Villas 3 hse + 366-0030
Lighthouse Rentals 4 cott 366-0154
Sea Gull Cottages 3 hse + 366--0266
Sea Spray Resort 5 villas 366-0065
Tanny Key 43 hse + 366-0053
Turtle Hill 4 villas 366-0557

Lubbers Quarters
Sea Level Cottages 4 hue 366-3121

Man-O-War
Island Home Rentals 8 hse+ 365-6048
Ria-mar Rentals 9 + 365-6241
Schooner's Landing 5 condos 365-6072

Marsh Harbour area
Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158
Abaco Real Estate 6 hse + 367-2719
Abaco Towns 32 effc 367-2227
Alesia's 3 rms 367-4460
Ambassador Inn 6 rms 367-2022
Bustick Bight Resort 8 rms 367-3980
Conch Inn 9 rms 367-4000
D's Guest House 6 rms 367-3980
Great Abaco Club 12 hse + 367-4151
Island Breezes Motel 8 rms 367-3776
Lofty Fig Villas 6 eff 367-2681
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Sunset Point Resort 8 rm 367-5333

Moore's Island
Moore's Is Bonefish Camp 8 rm 366-6334

Sandy Point
Oeisha's Resort 366-4139
Pete & Gay's Resort 14 rm 366-4119
Rickmon's Bonefishing 10 rm 366-4477

Spanish Cay
Spanish Cay Resort 18 rm 6 hse 365-0083

Treasure Cay
Bahama Beach Club 365-8500
Banyan Beach Resort 21 rm 365-8111
Island Dreams 45 hse + 365-8507
Treasure Cay Resort 95 rms 365-8801

Walker's Cay
Walker's Cay Resort 353-1252

Wood Cay
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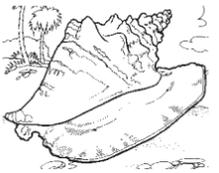
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Ferry Schedule

Departure times shown • Daily unless noted
Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 365-6010 • VHF Ch. 16
Marsh Harbour to Hope Town 20 minute trip from Crossing Beach
 7:15 (M-F) 9 am 10:30 12:15 pm 2 4 5:45
Return 8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 5 (M-F)
Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War 20 minute trip from Crossing Beach
 10:30 am 12:15 pm (M-Sat) 2:30 (M-Sat) 4 5:45
Return 8 am 11:30 (M-Sat) 1:30 pm 3:15 (M-Sat)
Marsh Harbour to Scotland Cay & Guana 40 min. from Conch Inn
 ‡ 6:45 am 10:30 1:30 pm 3:30 5:45 (min \$40)
Return 8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45 pm
 Fare • OneWay / Round Trip Adult \$10 / \$15 Children \$5 / \$8
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Green Turtle Ferry

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Green Turtle Cay to Treasure Cay Airport
 8 am 9 11 12:15 1:30 3 4:30
Treasure Cay Airport to Green Turtle Cay
 8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5
 One way adult \$7 (Children \$3) • Round trip \$12 Extra to some destinations

Abaco Adventures

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Abaco Marinas

Slips Fuel Phone
Walker's Cay
 Walker's Cay Marina 75 F 353-1252
Green Turtle Cay
 Bluff House 45 F 365-4200
 Green Turtle Club 32 F 365-4271
 Black Sound Marina . 15 365-4531
 Other Shore Club 12 F 365-4195
 Abaco Yacht Service 10 F 365-4033
Treasure Cay
 Treasure Cay Marina150 F 365-8250
Man-O-War
 Man-O-War Marina ... 26 F 365-6008
Marsh Harbour
 Boat Harbour Marina183 F 367-2736
 Conch Inn 75 F 367-4000
 Harbour View Marina 36 F 367-2182
 Marsh Harbour Marina52 F 367 2700
 Mangoes 29 F 367-2366
 Port of Call 24 F 367-2287
 Abaco Yacht Haven 7 367-3079

Hope Town

Hope Town Marina 16 366-0003
 Hope Town Hideaways 366-0224
 Lighthouse Marina 6 F 366-0154
 Sea Spray 50 F 366-0065

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Marina . 75 F 365-0083

Guana Cay

Orchid Bay 32 F 365-5175
 Boats coming from U.S. can clear Customs at
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 Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour

Dive Shops - Marsh Harbour

Dive Abaco 367-2787
 Abaco Beach Dive Center 367-2963

Hope Town

Froggies 366-0431

Treasure Cay

Treasure Divers 365-8465
 Treasure Cay Adventures 365-8111

Green Turtle Cay

Brendal's Dive Center 365-4411

Guana Cay Dive Guana 365-5178

Man-O-War Dive Shop 365-6013

Rentals

Bikes & Scooters • Boats • Cars & Carts

Marsh Harbour

A & P Car Rentals 367-2655
 Blue Wave Boat Rentals 367-3910
 Concept Boat Rentals 367-5570
 Laysue Boat Rentals 367-4414
 Pier One Boat Rentals 367-3587
 Power Cat Boat Rentals 367-4620
 Rainbow Boat Rentals 367-4602
 Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars 367-4643
 Rich's Boat Rentals 367-2742
 Sea Horse Boat Rentals 367-2513
 Sea Star Car Rentals 367-4887
 Wilmac Car Rentals 367-4970 or 367-4313

Green Turtle Cay

Bay Street Rentals 477-5300 365-4070
 C & D Cart Rental 365-4084
 D & P Cart Rental 365-4656
 Donnie's Boat Rentals 365-4119
 New Plymouth Cart Rentals . 365-4188 or 4149
 Reef Boat Rentals 365-4145
 Sea Side Carts 477-5497
 T & A Cart Rentals 375-8055

Guana Cay

Donna Sands Cart Rentals 365-5195
 Dive Guana Boats & bikes 365-5178

Man-O-War

Conch Pearl Boat Rentals 365-6059
 Island Treasures Cart Rentals 365-6072
 Ria-mar Golf Cart Rentals 365-6241
 Water Ways Boat Rent .. 357-6540 & 365-6143

Hope Town

Bike Shop Bicycle Rentals 366-0292
 Cat's Paw Boat Rentals 366-0380
 Hope Town Cart Rentals 366-0064
 Island Cart Rentals 366-0448
 Island Marine Boat Rentals 366-0282
 Sea Horse Boat Rentals 366-0023
 Sea Spray Resort Boat Rentals 366-0065
 T & N Cart Rentals 366-0069

Treasure Cay

Alison Car Rent 365-8193
 Cas's Carts 365-8771
 Claridge's Cart Rentals 365-8248
 Cornish Car Rentals 365-8623
 JIC Boat Rentals 365-8465
 Rich's Boat Rentals 365-8582
 Triple J Car Rentals 365-8761
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Sandy Point

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Hope Town

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 Terrance Davis 367-4464
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 Ronnie Sawyer 365-4070
 Jeff Survance 365-4040

Man-O-War

Ricky Sawyer 365-4261
 David Albury 365-6059

Restaurant Guide

Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper
 (Based on dinner entree range)

‡ Provides ride from town
 + Picnic tables & restroom only

Marsh Harbour

Anglers \$\$\$ 367-2158
 Conch Crawl \$ 367-4444
 Gino's \$ 367-2002
 Golden Grouper \$ 367-2301
 Hibiscus Cafe \$\$ 367-2782
 Hummingbird \$\$ 367-2922
 Jamie's Place \$ 367-2880
 Jib Room \$\$ 367-2700
 Kentucky Fried Chicken (lunch-5pm) 367-2615
 Mangoes \$\$\$ 367-2366
 Gino's \$ 367-2002
 Pop's Place \$ 367-3796
 Sapodilly's \$\$\$ 367-3498
 Sea Shells \$ 367-4460
 Snack Shack \$ 367-4005
 Snappas \$ 367-2278
 Subway 367-2798
 Wallys \$\$\$ 367-2074

Dundas Town

Ambassador Inn \$ 367-2022
 Mackerals 367-5932

Hope Town

Abaco Inn \$\$\$ 366-0133
 Cap'n Jacks \$ 366-0247
 Club Soliel 366-0253
 Harbour's Edge \$\$ 366-0087
 H T Harbour Lodge \$\$\$ 366-0095
 Munchies \$ 366-0423
 Rudy's Place \$\$\$ ‡ 366-0062
 Sea Spray \$\$ ‡ 366-0065

Man-O-War

Pavilion \$ 365-6185
 Hibiscus 365-6380

Guana Cay

Blue Water Grill \$\$\$ 365-5230
 Guana Seaside \$\$\$ 365-5106
 Nippers \$\$\$ 365-5143
 Orchid Bay 365-5175

Treasure Cay

Florence's Cafe \$
 Coconuts
 Harbour Cafe \$ 365-8635
 Hudson's Delight \$ 365-8648
 Spinnaker Restaurant ... \$\$\$ 365-8469
 Touch of Class \$\$\$ 365-8195
 Traveller's Rest 365-8654

Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House \$\$\$ 365-4200
 Jolly Roger Bistro \$\$ 365-4200
 Green Turtle Club \$\$\$ 365-4271
 Laura's Kitchen \$ 365-4287
 McIntosh's Restaurant \$ 365-4625
 New Plymouth Inn \$\$\$ 365-4161
 Plymouth Rock Cafe 365-4234
 Rooster's Rest \$ 365-4066
 Sundowners 365-4060
 Wrecking Tree Restaurant
 Harbour Café (ferry dock) . \$ + 365-8635

Sandy Point

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 Oeishas 366-4139
 Pete & Gays \$\$\$ 366-4119
 Seaside Inn \$\$\$ 366-4120
 Rickmon Bonefish Lodge 366-4477



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Police (Marsh Harbour) 367-2560
 Fire - Marsh Harb. Volunteer Fire Dept. 367-2000
 Fire - Hope Town Volunteer Fire Dept. VHF Ch 16
 Ambulance - Trauma One - Marsh Harbour 367-2911
 Fire - Dundas Town Volunteer 367-2935 or 4935
 Man-O-War Fire & Rescue 365-6911
 Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc VHF 16 or 366-0282
 Fire - Green Turtle Cay Volunteer 365-4133

Medical Services

Abaco Family Medicine Marsh Harbour . 367-2295
 Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic 367-0020
 Marsh Harbour Medical Centre 367-0049
 Government Clinic Marsh Harbour 367-2510
 Corbett Clinic Treasure Cay 365-8288
 Government Clinic Cooper's Town 365-0300
 Government Clinic Green Turtle Cay 365-4028
 Government Clinic Hope Town 366-0108
 Government Clinic Sandy Point 366-4010
 Government Clinic Fox Town

Taxi Cab Fares

for one or two passengers
 Plus extra for each passengers above two

• **Between Marsh Harbour Airport and:**
 Ferry Dock or Murphy Town to Ammons Dr \$12 + \$3
 Bristol Cellers thru A. Beach Hotel or Gov't dock thru
 Dundas Town \$10 + \$3
 Dove Plaza, Stop Light or Sawyer's Market \$10 + \$2
 Gov't Clinic thru Western Auto \$ 6 + \$2
 Gov. freight dock through Dundas Town \$10 + \$3
 Murphy Town to Shell Sta \$14 + \$4
 Pelican Shores to Frankie Russel house \$14 + \$4
 Eastern Shores to Peas & Rice house \$14 + \$4
 Beyond Russell house or Peas & Rice house \$16 + \$5
 Great Cistern \$20 + \$5
 Spring City \$15 + \$5
 Snake Cay \$35 + \$10
 Treasure Cay \$60 + \$ 10
 Casuarina Point \$60 + \$10
 Treasure Cay Airport or Bah Palm Shores \$70 + \$ 10
 Little Harbour or Cherokee \$80 + \$10
 Crossing Rocks \$100 + \$10
 Sandy Point \$135 + \$10

• **Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:**
 Ab Beach Hotel thru Wally's & Eastern Shore \$ 2 each
 Jib Room \$ 3 each
 Golden Harvest \$5 + \$3
 Stop Light, Dove Plaza, Gov't dock \$ 6 + \$3
 Government Freight Dock \$ 7 + \$3
 Gov.Clinic, W. Auto or Nat. Insurance \$ 9 + \$3
 Mother Merle restaurant \$10 + \$3

Waiting time \$20 per hour, \$10 per half hour

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• **Between Treasure Cay Airport and:**
 • Treasure Cay, Bahamas Star, or Moxey \$14 + \$6
 • Bronks or Highway Liquors \$10 + \$5
 • Sand Banks \$20 + \$5
 • Joe's Creek \$35 + \$5
 • Black Wood \$14 + \$5
 • Fire Road \$25 + \$5
 • Cooper's Town \$30 + \$5
 • Cedar Harbour \$45 + \$5
 • Wood Cay \$50 + \$5
 • Mount Hope \$55 + \$5
 • Fox Town \$60 + \$5
 • Marsh Harbour or Crown Haven \$65 + \$5
 • Marsh Harbour Round Trip \$85 + \$5
 TC Hotel to Marsh Harbour \$55 + \$5
 TC Hotel to Joe's Creek \$25 + \$5
 TC Hotel to Sand Bank \$16 + \$5
 TC Hotel to Moxey \$10 + \$5
 TC Hotel to Bronks \$7 + \$5
 From TC Hotel to All Areas N. of T.C. Airport Add \$10
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Air Lines Serving Abaco

Air Florida - Ft. Lauderdale 367-5599
 Air Sunshine - Ft. Lauderdale 367-2800
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 Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach 367-3415
 Island Express - Ft Lauderdale 357-6684
 Major's Air Service - Freeport 367-4826
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First Investment Seminar Showcased Opportunities

By Stephanie Humblestone

According to one of the guest speakers, Mr. Kenwood Kerr ex- Manager of Investment Services with Coutts & Co., Abaco has the third highest number of visitors to the Bahamas, the third largest number of hotels and the fourth largest number of room inventories. Its premium room rate is comparable to Grand Bahama, making it a "quality destination resort." It holds the third largest number of building permits, and the fourth largest number of licensed fishing vessels. In addition, Abaco has the third largest number of banking institutions in the Bahamas. For its population of 14,000 it has eleven banks as opposed to Freeport which has fourteen for a population of 70,000.

Seeing the Bahamas overall as ripe for investment opportunities, Mr. Kerr stated that it has a Credit A rating, an average of \$4 billion available for investment, cash deposits and savings in the region of \$2.6 billion, pension assets at \$2.6 billion, cooperative credit union funds at \$160 million and National Insurance reserves at \$1.3 million.

Addressing interested local business representatives attending the conference, he continued by saying that opportunities for investment and business potential are myriad on Abaco which has a sound infrastructure. "It is all about linkages across the various industries," said Mr. Kerr who has 14 years experience in investment management. "We have to learn how to convert real assets into viable investment opportunities and expand them into financial or paper opportunities for Bahamian and foreign investors," he continued.



Ms. Maynard Gibson

Acknowledging the initiative to hold the conference addressed a large number of participants, hailing from all areas of the community including nine high school students. The Hon. Allyson Maynard Gibson, Minister of Financial Services and Investment, stated "My ministerial colleagues and I are delighted by the level of economic maturity and discipline being exemplified by the hosting of this conference." She continued that the event, organized by Joan Albury, President of the Counselors Limited, reflected a "degree of responsibility on the part of private sector Abaconians to partner with the government of the Bahamas to ensure that these islands flourish economically."

The conference opened on an optimistic note with Michael Albury, President of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce, saying, "Abaco is shining with investment opportunities," and that there is no better time than now. He questioned why Abaco would still put itself at the "mercy of foreign owned operations" when there is so much to be explored and benefitted from locally. "We are growing at a steady and sustainable rate and what was once a hair-brained idea is now a viable business opportunity," he said.

This theme of optimism persisted throughout the day, supported by each

speaker. Min. Gibson stated that each Family Island would have an anchor property from which there would be entrepreneurial spin off. This, she felt, was easy for Abaco which she described as "selling itself with its industrious people and strong prosperous history." In connection with this concept she referenced the Abaco Club at Wind-ing Bay in which to date \$25 million has been invested and which has provided employment for 260 Bahamians.

She outlined other upscale developments for Abaco, a 220-unit residential development and 50-room hotel by Barrier Reef Limited at Boiling Hole and a similar de-

velopment at Angel Fish Point. In southern Abaco there will be a small residential community of 10 single-family homes, requiring a capital investment of \$3.14 million dollars.

Assuring that investment projects would be carefully scrutinized, she stated that the environment would be protected, Bahamian products used whenever possible, Bahamian musicians used over foreign counterparts, Bahamian arts and crafts given propriety and appropriate training be given to those involved in the running of new enterprises.

Please see **Seminar**

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A one-day Investment Seminar was held in Marsh Harbour and spelled out the great investment opportunities on Abaco. The Minister of Financial Services, the Hon. Allyson Maynard Gibson, gave the keynote address. Above are, left to right, Michael Albury, President of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce, Art Sands, Vice-President of the Abaco Chamber, Mr. Neville Adderley, Chairman of the Bahamas Development Bank, Mrs. Joan Albury, President of The Counsellors, who organized the seminar, and Mr. Johnley Ferguson, Manager, of the Teachers Real Estate Holdings.

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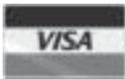
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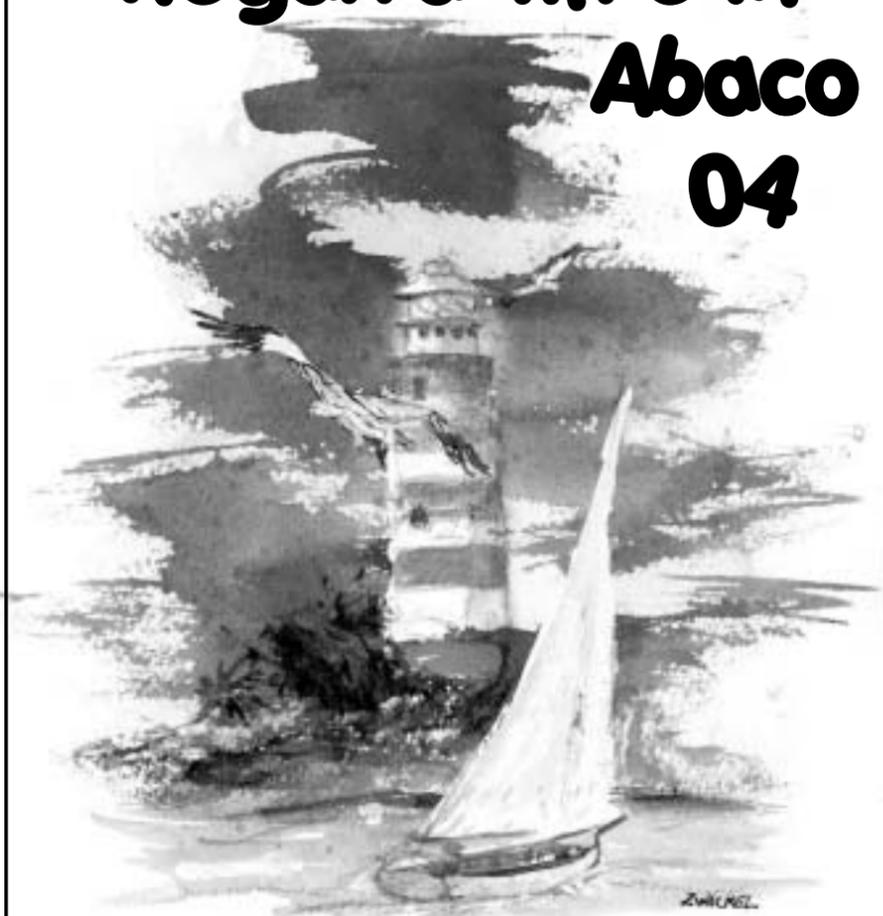
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Seminar *From Page 30*

"We are the future of the Bahamas," said Ms. Angela Cleare, Senior Director Ministry of Tourism for the Family Islands, acknowledging that Abaco in particular plays an "important role in tourism in the Bahamas" with yearly air arrivals to Abaco numbering 192,048, which is 49% of total air visitors to the Bahamas. Quoting airport exit survey forms, she said that there is a 70 percent repeat factor to Abaco compared with 46 percent to Nassau and Grand Bahama. Seventy percent of tourists say they will recommend Abaco which is 20 percent higher than Grand Bahama.

Mr. Erik Russell of Cable Bahamas stressed the importance of "reliability" of communications essential to major investors and the running of any business. This, he stated, was the ongoing goal of Cable Bahamas which is "taken seriously" by his company. Cable Bahamas now supplies thousands of customers with a reliable



Two presenters explained the opportunities in the electronic world and in agriculture. Shown are Mr. Eric Russell, General Manager for Cable Bahamas, and Mr. Simeon Pinder, Deputy Director of Agriculture.

internet service and assists smaller internet service providers by providing fibre optic cable connecting in to United States. "Investors will come if they have a world class communication system," he said. To attract investors, he advised minimal bureaucracy of business licenses and a trainable work force.

Capital funding of investment projects was addressed by Mr. Neville Adderley of the Bahamas Development Bank and Mr. Johnley Ferguson, Manager Teachers Real Estate Holdings Limited. Mr. Adderley said that there are 90 businesses on Abaco which have drawn on the assistance of the Bahamas Development Bank and many more are under consideration. "Our focus is to assist small developmental businesses," he said. Mr. Ferguson stated, "Cooperatives are the way to go because they are people helping people to help themselves." He continued by saying that a large number of persons are involved in cooperatives in the Bahamas. "Get the cooperative spirit in you," he urged, adding that it has the best interest rate in the Bahamas. To his mind the biggest "untapped potential is in the area of farming."

Mr. Simeon Pinder, Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, agreed that farmers do not get sufficient recognition. Agreeing that their challenges are many in terms of limited funding, seasonality concerns and precious land space being taken by developmental projects, he said that there has to be more "mechanisms in place to encourage local growers."

The conference ended as it started on a note of optimism with Mr. Ferguson stating that vis a vis investment opportunities, "The Bahamas is strategically situated in the world and Abaco strategically situated in the Bahamas."

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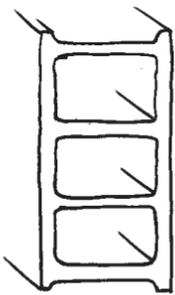
A team from Bethune Cookman College visited Abaco to impress young people with the importance of preserving the reefs. They met with young people in Cooper's Town and in Central Abaco. This picture was taken after the leader of the group, Dr. Mike John, after he conducted a short lecture. Dr. John is seated. The young people with SEEDS written on their shirts are from the college.

A five-member team from Bethune Cookman College in Florida was on Abaco for a week to educate the college students on the beauty and diversity of the coral reef and to discuss conservation of the ecosystem as a vital marine habitat with young Abaconian fishermen. The team was lead by Dr. Mike John and included four students, two of whom were Bahamians. The college undertook this project under the SEEDS (Strategies for Ecological Education, Development and Sustainability) pro-

gram and was funded by the Ecological Society of America. Dr. John is the Director of the Bethune Cookman College SEEDS program. Adrian Cornish, a Bethune Cookman College graduate, is a Cooper's Town local. Having close ties with the Cooper's Town fishing community, Adrian was the ideal candidate to discuss reef conservation with young fishermen in Cooper's Town. The other students were Feraldo Joffre, Francesca Griffin, and Michael John, MPH, consultant for the project.

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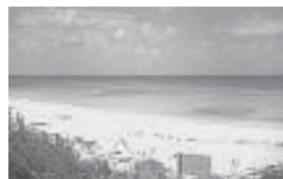


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Tournament Encourages Catch and Release

By Isobel Sherman

Sixty-two boats, a record start, participated in the first leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championship, catching 88 qualified billfish during the four-day South Abaco Championship. This tournament, the first of the series of five, is beginning its 31st year. The tournament began this year on April 26 and ended on April 30.

The winner of the first leg of the BBC was the *Hatterascal* which took top honors as Overall Winner and Top Release Team at the South Abaco Championship held at the Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour Marina. The *Hatterascal* had just won the first Bahamas White Marlin Open the previous week.

Won Buy Land finished second which released a blue marline, a white marlin and landed the largest blue marlin of the tournament which weighed 616 pounds.

Lone Eagle hooked a blue marlin estimated at over 1000 pounds. Jack Delaney fought the fish for more than thirteen hours only to lose it at 3 a.m. Despite being weary and disappointed at losing the fish, Delaney said, "It was a thrill of a lifetime to have had the opportunity to do battle with such a fish."

The South Abaco Championship resulted in 44 qualified blue marlin caught, 41 qualified white marlin and five qualified sailfish. All but six of the billfish were released. All catches were verified using time and date stamped digital pictures.

The Bahamas Billfish Championship is a series of five tournaments held in April through June. This year all five will be held on Abaco. All BBC tournaments are gov-

erned by rules controlling minimum lengths for qualifying billfish, line class, fishing hours and entry fees. Rolex continues as Title Sponsor of the 2004 Bahamas Billfish Championship. This year's Rolex Grand Prize will be an all expense paid trip to Australia and participation in the Lizard Island Black Marlin

Classic will be awarded to the winner of the 2004 series. The second leg of the Bahamas Billfish Championship was held at Spanish Cay on May 9-14.

The BBC has been a consistent supporter of billfish research and in 2000 established an endowed Scholarship Fund to enable Ba-

hamian students to pursue a degree in marine biology. The BBC Scholarship Fund is supported by voluntary financial contributions from anglers, BBC sponsors and the Bahamian business community. At present, Olivia Patterson from Hope Town is receiving a BBC scholarship.




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Conference Acquaints Weathermen About The Bahamas

By Jennifer Hudson

The seventh annual weather conference, a four-day intensive meeting sponsored by the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, was held recently at Our Lucaya in Freeport. Attending the conference from the Bahamas were Silbert Mills, Radio Abaco; Wynsome Ferguson, Ministry of Tourism, Abaco; Bob Toler, Cruiser's Net; Donna Duncombe from the Freeport Meteorological Office and Basil Dean and Trevor Basden from the Meteorological Office in Nassau. Mr. Basden gave a presentation on behalf of the Bahamas.

This conference was originally geared towards informing meteorologists from around the world about The Bahamas and its environs and to encourage better dialogue between various weather authorities as to weather conditions affecting The Bahamas. Historically, whenever a storm was traveling towards the Bahamas meteorologists would say that The Bahamas was under a storm treat. This

would imply to people that the entire Bahamas was under threat. However, while the Central Bahamas may be under threat, South Abaco may be experiencing calm conditions. This type of information affected tourism so much that there would be widespread cancellations throughout the whole Bahamas even in areas not even affected by storm conditions. When Inagua was experiencing a storm, Nassau or Grand Bahama may not even have felt it at all. As a result the government decided it needed a proactive approach, hence the weather conference was initiated.

Over 100 meteorologists from around the world travel annually to this conference and in attendance this year were Directors of the National Hurricane Centre, retired meteorological specialists, storm predictors such as Dr. William Gray, who forecasts hurricanes likely to affect the Atlantic region, Weather Channel experts and building and insurance experts from around the region. Emergency

management teams brought up-to-date information regarding FEMA and other local emergency management and evacuation schemes which are in place.

This year focus was placed on Hurricane Isabel which just skirted Abaco last year but inflicted considerable damage in the Carolinas. Silbert Mills raised this issue and requested more dialogue on the matter. He stated, "While the storm was approaching the south and central Bahamas weather experts were all predicting that it would pass well to the east of The Bahamas. However, the U.S. State Department issued a travel advisory urging visitors to think twice about coming to this region."

Mr. Mills raised the point, and all the experts including Dr. Steve Lyons from the Weather Channel and Bryan Norcross agreed, "Once the State department had issued that warning, people stopped listening to the meteorologists as the authority on the storm and listened instead to the State Department." The weather experts stated that they had never advised anybody in the State Department or the local embassy about a storm threat to The Bahamas but, as a consequence of this advisory, people were afraid to travel to The Bahamas. Mr. Mills said, "I

now hope that communications will be put in place between these departments to effectively prevent cross dialogue from occurring in the future."

"The most significant point arising from the conference as far as The Bahamas perspective is that a collaborative effort towards hurricane forecasting will be established and this will, in turn, save unnecessary losses in tourism," says Mr. Mills.

Another focus of the conference was global warming. Dr. William Gray was very adamant that emissions from vehicles and factories are not the cause of global warming. He vehemently argued that if we look at historical data, we will see that this is just a cycle which the world goes through. "Centuries ago," he said, "There were no emissions from cars and air conditioners and the tremendous number of factories that there are today but records show that a similar global warming was taking place." While some agreed with Dr. Gray, there were some strong arguments against and some people remained "middle of the road."

It is felt that this conference of renowned experts will certainly impact thinking in a global sense on what is happening both in The Bahamas and elsewhere.

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Child Abuse Is Prevalent on Abaco

By Portia Jonsson

Our children are our future, but their well-being in our society continues to decline. The month of April was declared National Child Protection and Child Abuse Prevention Month by the Ministry of Social Services and Community Development. The theme this year was *Working Together for a Child Safe Bahamas*.

In order to sensitize Abaconians to the overwhelming problem of child abuse in our communities and mobilize them to work together with the authorities to prevent and stop the problem, the Department of Social Services held a week of activities and presentations throughout mainland Abaco, Moore's Island and Hope Town during April 26th - April 30th.

School assemblies were held at schools in North, Central and South Abaco in addition to walk-about in these areas distributing information flyers on child abuse. Informative and "eye-opening" parent-teacher meetings were staged with presentations from the Police Department, the Department of Social Services, the School Psychologist, the Probation Department and Magistrate Crawford McKee.

Ms. Charlamae Fernander, Chief Welfare Officer with the Department of Social Services gave alarming statistics on child abuses cases on Abaco for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003. In 2001, 17 new cases were reported. That number doubled to 35 in 2002. In 2003 there were 36 reported new cases. According to Ms. Fernander, social service workers accept that reported cases generally fall around 10 percent of actual cases. If this is so, then in actuality there were some 360 cases of child abuse for the year 2003.

The 36 reported cases in 2003 consisted of 19 sexual abuse cases, 10 cases of child neglect and seven cases of physical abuse. Ten children were taken into care by the Department of Social Services during 2003, two girls in North Abaco, four girls and four boys in Central Abaco. There were no reported cases of abandoned children. Earlier this year two persons were prosecuted, convicted and sent to prison from Abaco for molesting children. The Attorney General's office makes it very clear that all matters be reported to the Police Department and they will make judgement on cases that need prosecution. Children are very vulnerable when it comes to sexual abuse. Ms. Fernander advised that a number of cases are presently working their way through the court system.

She further added that the problem has gotten too big for them to handle alone. This is the reason why they need our help. She appealed to all to partner with the Department to keep our eyes and ears open and report cases of abused children. "Be alert in protecting our children. Listen to what the children are saying, we will learn a lot. The only action unacceptable in protecting children is inaction", Ms. Fernander said. The incidence of child abuse has impacted our society so much that there is a need to establish an emergency shelter in Abaco. Presently, when children are taken into care by the Department they are sent to emergency shelters in either Grand Bahama or New Providence. This causes ties to be severed when children leave our island.

Senior Welfare Officer with the Department of Social Services, Grand Bahama, Mrs. Jennis White, made presentations on Neglect, Abandonment and Physical Abuse followed by Mrs. Paula Marshall, Assistant Director of Social Services, Grand Bahama, who spoke about Sexual Abuse and Parents of the Abused Child. Both women told horrifying stories of actual child abuse cases they have worked on. These

situations are very real.

Child Abuse is considered to be intentional acts that result in physical or emotional harm to children. There are several different types of child abuse and some children experience more than one form. Physical abuse includes deliberate acts of violence that injure or even kill a child. Unexplained bruises, broken bones, or burn marks on a child may be signs of physical abuse. Sexual abuse occurs when adults use children for sexual gratification or expose them to sexual activities. Sexual abuse may begin with kissing or fondling and progress to more intrusive sexual acts such as oral sex and vaginal or anal penetration. Emotional abuse destroys a child's self-esteem. Such abuse commonly includes repeated verbal abuse of a child in the form of shouting, threats and degrading or humiliating criticism.

The most common form of child abuse is neglect. Physical neglect involves a parent's failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care to a child. It may also include inadequate supervision and a consistent failure to protect a child from hazards or danger. Emotional neglect occurs when a parent or caretaker fails to meet a child's basic needs for affection and comfort. Examples of emotional neglect

include behaving in a cold, distant and unaffectionate way toward a child, allowing a child to witness severe spousal abuse, allowing a child to use alcohol or drugs and encouraging a child to engage in delinquent behaviour. Another form of neglect involves failing to meet a child's basic educational needs, either by failing to enroll a child in school or by permitting a child to skip school

frequently.

The consequences of child abuse and neglect can be devastating and far-reaching. Physical injuries can range from bruises, scrapes, and burns to brain damage, permanent disabilities and death. Research in the United States has shown that

Please see **Abuse**

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April was Child Protection and Abuse Prevention Month and local Social Service officers organized activities geared to children, parents, teachers and other persons involved with children. One of these activities was a seminar which featured several speakers. Pictured are, left to right, Ms. Jennis White - Senior Welfare Officer on Grand Bahama, Ms. Charlamae Fernander - Chief Welfare Officer for Abaco, Ms. Paula Marshall - Assistant Director on Grand Bahama, and Mr. Clarence Riley - Probation Officer on Grand Bahama.

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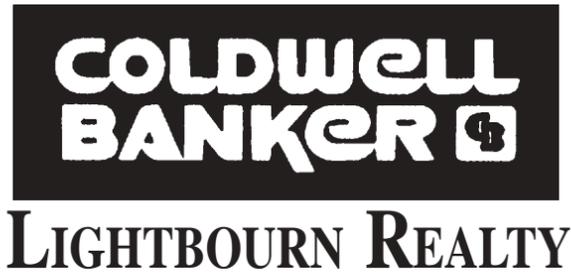
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White Sound, Elbow Cay - #5017 This ocean front home offers 3 beds and 2 baths. Other features include central A/C, a spacious screened-in porch, private pool and more. Downstairs offers a 500 sq ft. utility/garage area that can be converted to an apartment. There is a detached generator house with a 12kw generator and sound insulated. Call today! \$955,000.



Man-O-War - #5082 "Sunsplash" This 2 bed/ 2 bath island home beauty on 1.189 acres features lots of privacy. Bahamian-built furniture, close to town and includes a 2b/ 1b guest cottage. Watch the sunrise every morning from the

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Man-O-War - # 0331 This elegant 3 bedroom, 3 bath island beauty comprises of 3,200 sq. ft. with all modern day features. Features include Corian counter tops, six burner stove, dance studio, hobby room, wine cellar, barbeque pit and much more. Property includes guest cottage with 2b/ 2b and ocean views as well. Only steps away to a white sandy beach. \$1,610,000

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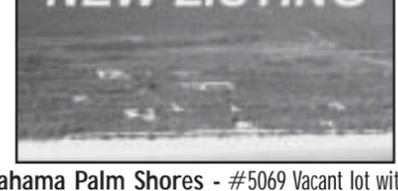
Marsh Harbour - # 0167 This charming, well kept home in Cove Estates with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. This home has a large fenced-in yard that is well manicured, central A/C, spacious kitchen and living area. Also features a separate TV room. Master bedroom includes walk-in closet and make-up vanity in addition to the comfortable bath. This is a GREAT investment! \$499,000



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Installation Service Is Held for Brownies



The second Installation Ceremony for Brownies was held at Central Abaco Primary on May 3rd. Eight Brownies were initiated, bringing the total number enrolled to 21. This is the time they are pinned with the "Promise Pin" and recite the Brownie Promise. All Brownies must abide by the Brownie Guide Law in which they pledge to do a "good turn" everyday. The Brownies' leader is Ms. Chervon Mackey, a teacher at the Central Abaco Primary School. Bringing remarks was the school's principal, Mrs. Eunice Mills, who has been a Brownie leader for more than 15 years. Mrs. Mills congratulated the new Brownies and encouraged them to learn the Brownie promise in order to keep it. Performing the enrollment exercise was Mrs. Michelle Bailey, who is desirous of Abaco becoming a district in the Bahamas' Brownies Guides. Six groups are needed and presently, this is the only group. She encourages all teachers, parents or interested persons to form Brownie groups within their schools, churches, youth groups or communities.

Staff Training Improved Service



Staff members of the Bluff House Beach Hotel and the Green Turtle Club recently participated in the Customer Service Seminar put on by AT&T. It was a two-day seminar held on April 19 - 20, one day at each hotel. The hotels paid the staff and expenses for the trainers to come. AT&T representative Courtney Gilligan took care of the fee charged by professional trainer Steve Slattery. Most of the staff agreed that this training helps make them more aware of what their guests expect and how to best handle different situations that arise. Both hotels hope that this helps encourage their staff to live the motto Ladies and Gentlemen Serving Ladies and Gentlemen. Photo supplied by Molly McIntosh

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Abuse

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30 percent of all physically abused children sustain permanent injury, 4 percent will die from abuse each year and some researchers estimate that 50 percent of all children who are hospitalized for child abuse on any one day will be dead within a year if no intervention is done.

The psychological effects of abuse and neglect can last a lifetime. Behavior problems often develop after abuse, including violence and juvenile crime. Children who are sexually abused may demonstrate abnormal behaviour such as public masturbation or public display of their genitals. Long-term effects may include depression, low

self-esteem and sexual problems, such as avoidance of sexual contact, confusion about sexuality, or involvement in prostitution.

Neglected and abused children suffer hurt in their bodies, their minds, their emotions and their spirits. The physical hurt to their body can mend and heal but the hurt to their minds is far-reaching.

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**Viewpoint - Child Abuse
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This is a subject that is near and dear to my heart, not because I was a victim of child abuse but because many of my friends and family were. I am also a mother of two young children who depend on me to love, protect, nurture and care for them.

Wake up Abaco, we have been asleep for far too long. We can no longer turn a "blind eye" and pretend this does not hap-

pen in our small, "tightly knit" communities or shrug our shoulders and say that it is not our responsibility. Child abuse is everyone's responsibility.

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that we got by with a little help from our friends. I'm sorry, I meant to say with a great deal of help from our friends. Some of them we don't even know.

Sincerely,
William (Billy) Roberts

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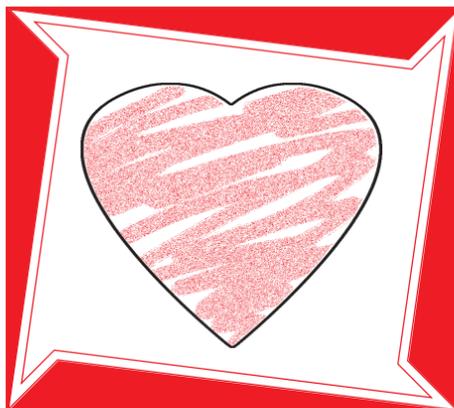
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also active in other ways in the community. This, however, does not diminish by one jot, the help that was rendered to us when we most needed it. So to those who don't see their names in this letter, please forgive me and know that your help was and is greatly appreciated. I am a firm believer in the adage that goes thus, "What goes around, comes around," and I only hope that I can repay these people some way some day. Hopefully, not under the same circumstances though.

It also needs to be pointed out that electricity stayed on almost throughout the entire time. On Sunday, two days into the fire, it did finally go off due to damage to some of the poles that bear the high tension lines between Marsh Harbour and Bahama Palm Shores. This was around nine o'clock Sunday morning, and by six o'clock Sunday af-

ternoon, the power was back on! I am told that BEC had to replace three poles. Knowing the logistics of this job, I would say that BEC did an outstanding job.

So, all in all, what could have been a destructive occurrence in our lives in Bahama Palm Shores was averted due to the grace of God, I am convinced, and largely to the fact



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Immunization protects families against diseases such as measles, rubella, mumps, diphtheria, polio, hepatitis and tetanus. The way to protect children is by having them immunized. Immunizations are safe and the benefits outweigh some minor side effects. The cost is minimal compared to the cost of care if the child has complications from some of these diseases. Severe complications can even lead to death.

It is critical to have children in The Bahamas immunized because exposure to so many tourists coming from all parts of the world increases the risk of contracting these diseases.

The medical profession urges you see your doctor or visit a government clinic where immunizations are free.

Craftsman *From Page 28*

and I could sense that he was thinking about the past. Fifty-two years of building boats had taught him a lot. Like his father before him, he had raised a family building boats, and now his sons were raising theirs.

For a few minutes Willard talked about the forthcoming changes, and I could tell it was difficult for him to accept as he silently continued to inspect the mold. Interrupting his train of thought, I asked, "Have you written any of this down?" and "Do you have blueprints for your boats?" His response was the most telling of everything spoken that afternoon. "No, I expect that if you want to learn more, you'll have to go to www.alburybrothers.com."

Bahamians are making the adjustment, be it for better or worse. It was refreshing to have shared in Willard's warm and personal perspective of the changes he is experiencing. There are many more with similar stories, and being permitted to share in those special moments is what makes our journeys to The Bahamas as memorable as they have become.

Earth Day Winners Are Announced

Earth Day was celebrated on Abaco on April 30. Schools competed in several areas. The winners are listed here.

Song Competition

Kindergarten - Grade 2

1st Place - Aaron Albury Man-O-War

2nd Place - Kyle Hoard Man-O-War

Grade 3 - Grade 6

1st Place - Amy Roberts All Age School

Grade 7 - Grade 9

1st Place - Kimberly Murray S.C. Bootle

2nd Place - Edrico Armbrister

3rd Place - Clayshan Brown

Grade 10 - Grade 12

1st Place - Emmise Williams and

Tarqueya Thompson S.C. Bootle

2nd Place - Valentino McIntosh

Art-Poster Competition

Kindergarten - Grade 2

1st Place - Aaron Albury Man-O-War

2nd Place - Natanya Sweeting Hope Town

3rd Place - Andrea Risberg Hope Town

Grade 3 - Grade 6

1st Place - Stephanie Sweeting Hope Town

2nd Place - Noah Albury Hope Town

3rd Place - Maria Etienne Hope Town

Grade 7 - Grade 9

1st Place - Phylcia Smith S.C. Bootle

2nd Place - Diana Mills S.C. Bootle

3rd Place - Kelsi Farrington Forest Heights

Grade 10 - Grade 12

1st Place - Cyndi Conidor S.C. Bootle

2nd Place - Rayallen Frederick S.C. Bootle

3rd Place - Kettlyne Duroscas S.C. Bootle

Display Competition

Primary Division - Central Abaco Pri.

Junior Division - Forest Heights Academy

Senior Division - S.C. Bootle High

NOTICE

Someone on Abaco borrowed Patrick Bethel's copy of the Wyannie Malone Genealogy and to date has not returned it. He believes it is an oversight and is asking the borrower to call him or drop the book by Marco. He is most anxious to get this special book back.

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