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## New Subdivision Opens

Prime Minister Launches Central Pines Estates with 423 Lots

### 24 Haitians Apprehended at Sea



The Immigration Department and the Police Department apprehended 24 Haitian nationals consisting of 17 males, six females, one pregnant, and one child. They were coming in Whale Cay Channel on January 23 aboard the ST INNOCENT, a 104-foot Honduran registered boat. For more details please see story on page 14.

*By Anita Rolle*

Speculations have finally been laid to rest over the new Central Pines Estate Subdivision. On January 25 the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham, launched the new subdivision situated in the pine forest south of Dundas Town at a Town Meeting at the Central Abaco Primary School. The meeting was very well attended as interest in the new subdivision has been growing immensely. Also in attendance were officials of the Ministry of Housing and the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation along with local government officials.

Prices of the lots have been set at a flat rate of \$.95 per square foot. The lots vary in size with the smallest about 10,000 square feet. Prime Minister Ingraham explained that options of payment include (1) a bank loan via commercial banks, (2) financing through the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation or (3) time payments directly to the government. He explained that option three requires a deposit of 10 percent with the balance and terms to be worked out through mutual agreement by both parties and terms ranging from three to four years. The Bahamas Mortgage Corporation finances houses with a value up to \$100,000.

He stated that the government is not in the business of building homes and will not be building any at this time. However, speedy approval of house plans was promised. It was also noted that it is preferred that land be issued to landowners intending to live on the land instead of being landlords. Allotments for multi-family homes will be available at a later date.

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### Sandy Pt. Will Get Subdivision



A group from the Ministry of Housing and the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation visited Sandy Point announcing the start of work on a new subdivision four miles east of the community on high ground. Shown above are, facing the camera l. to r., Ms. Barbara Burrows, Permanent Secretary, and Melvin Seymour, Undersecretary, both with the Ministry of Housing, Mr. Jerome Godfrey, Managing Director of the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation and, Mrs. Lorraine Armbrister, Housing Officer, discussing it with Mr. Stanley White, Chief Councillor of the South Abaco District.

### ACH Girl Dies on Track

*By Isobel Sherman*



Natanya Gaitor

It was ten minutes before the end of the last period of the day on January 22 at Abaco Central High School. The physical education students were on the track when Natanya Gaitor just fell down on the track hard. According to her teacher, Mr. Charles Poitier, she had not been doing any strenuous exercise. Natanya was rushed to the Marsh Harbour Government Clinic where she was pronounced dead. The body was flown to Nassau on Wednesday for an autopsy to determine the cause of death. Natanya was in grade 10. Her mother, father and several siblings as well as other

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# Lots Are Now Available in Subdivision

## Subdivision

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There will be strict rules including setbacks and what businesses will be allowed. Mr. Ingraham would like to see Bahamian architecture, not houses looking like Florida. He wants home owners to landscape with a lawn, perhaps some fruit trees and other plants. Some lots will be available for contractors to build houses for selling. At this time there are about 200 applications on file.

Allocated on the 530 acres of residential property, provisions have been made for a limited number of businesses. These include churches, parks, a sporting complex, day care centers and convenience stores. It is the intention of the government for these businesses to be privately owned and operated. A government complex and a mini-hospital will be situated in the Central Pines Estate Subdivision,

along with a Police Station and the current Central Abaco Primary School.

The Prime Minister encouraged potential land owners in attendance to leave as many pine trees as possible on and around their properties. He noted that the homes will be built on pine land and there is the chance of finding "sinkholes." Persons in such situations will be accommodated for problem parcels of land.

Prime Minister Ingraham stated that preference will be given to those persons who presently do not own homes. Applications are welcomed from Bahamians, 18 years or older only. The processing of applications is scheduled to begin February 1 and interested persons are encouraged to seek out requirements in a timely manner. The Prime Minister suggested to town leaders that they should begin the process of considering highway and street



A group from Nassau was in Central Abaco to oversee the opening of the Central Pines Estates subdivision. Shown above are, l. to r., Ms. Lorraine Armbrister, Chief Housing Officer, Mr. Melvin Seymour, Under Secretary in the Ministry of Housing, Ms. Barbara Burrows, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Housing, and Mr. Jerome Godfrey, Director General of the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation. They will have the office in Dundas Town open for processing applications for land beginning February 1.



Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham is shown above discussing the new subdivision with Mr. Robert Sweeting, MP for South Abaco, on January 25.

names for the subdivision. Installation of utilities is near completion including light, water, telephone and cable services.

### Highlights of Other Topics Discussed

- Mr. Hubert Ingraham, Prime Minister, announced that he will be willing to run again for the North Abaco Constituency in the upcoming election.
- Work on the next phase of 200 lots in Central Pines Estates will commence soon.
- During the recent visit of the Prime Minister he mentioned that plans are being drawn now for a new Administrative building to be constructed

near the corner of Forest Drive and Crockett Drive. The plans should go to tender within the next two to three months. The construction of the mini-hospital will be later in 2002 or in 2003.

- The plans for a new airport terminal for Marsh Harbour will go to tender in about six to eight weeks.
- Central government will send a barge to Abaco to clean up old cars and other vehicles. He referred specifically to the area of S.C. Bootle Highway and South Side Road.
- The Prime Minister will be visiting Abaco early in February to explain the details of the referendum which is scheduled to be held late in February.

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# News of the Cays

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### Town Has New Constable

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Prior to moving to Hope Town, where his wife's family lives, he worked for two years in his birthplace of Inagua. "I worked on the beat and patrols and I also assisted with drug operations there," he said. In Hope Town he is initially familiarising himself with the community. "I am getting to know the key people, such as local government representatives and firefighters," he explained. His first day was mainly taken up with walking around, checking that motorised vehicles were licensed and inspected. His beat will also include night time patrols of town.

Constable Dino carries a VHF at all times while he is on duty and can be reached on Channel 16. His office is next to the Post Office in the Commissioners Office. Telephone contact there is 366-0600. His emergency cell number is 477-5240.

Constable Din is married to Lauramae; they have two girls, Dinamae and Donelle. The family are presently living with Lauramae's family at the Elbow Cay Lighthouse.

## Man-O-War

### It Is Flea Market Time Again

By Nancy Albury

Man-O-War School will be having its annual Flea Market on February 16 at the Man-O-War Marina from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. A raffle will be held and tickets will be available for purchase at the time of the Flea Market or beforehand from students. Take-a-chance games will include many gift certificates for dinners and lunches from area restaurants and a lot of neat stuff! Everyone is welcome to try to sell whatever you have, marine and household items, arts and crafts, whatever! Tables will be available for just 10 percent of each person's proceeds which will be your donation to the school. Other activities will include games organized by the children, some entertainment and food cooked by parents and local participants. Starting at 10 a.m. hamburgers, hot dogs, conch salad, conch fritters and conch chowder, sodas and water will be available. At 11 a.m. parents will be selling full meals and

numerous desserts.

Last year's Flea Market was an astounding success, thanks to all of you who participated. From the proceeds we purchased reading books and subject workbooks, paid for teaching aids, computer supplies, science and art supplies and did some general plumbing and carpentry repairs. A covered entryway

with side benches was built during the summer for the children to gather at break time out of the elements and the school got a fresh coat of paint. Your donations have truly helped make Man-O-War School a wonderful place to develop our children's academic excellence.

Hope to see you again on February 16.

## Civic Organizations

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# Central Abaco News

## Stray Dogs

By Isobel Sherman

Since an article appeared in *The Abaconian* that it was felt most dogs including strays had been spayed or neutered in the Marsh Harbour area, many persons have told me that they do not think that is true. One lady from Spring City said there are puppies and stray dogs bearing puppies all over Spring City. I have also been told that there are

puppies and their stray mothers in parts of Dundas Town.

## Valentine Ball

By Isobel Sherman

The Rotary Club of Abaco will be having a Valentine Ball on February 15 at Abaco Beach Resort. The dress will be semi-formal red and white and Impact will provide the music. Proceeds are to aid educational projects. Price of tickets is \$50.



A surprise 60th birthday party was held for Mr. Everette Hart, Senior Administrator for Central Abaco, at the Pavilion at Abaco Beach Resort on January 26. About 130 family and friends delighted in paying tribute and relating anecdotes about him and especially his fishing prowess. Good friend, Ms. Diana Swan, was Mistress of Ceremonies. The program brought out his many attributes and the compassion and affection he has for his family and friends. Mr. Hart is shown here with family member six-year-old Mesha Smith, who read a beautiful tribute to Mr. Hart.



The third leg of the Bahamas Wahoo Championship tournament just concluded January 20 at Boat Harbour. Eight boats competed this year under ideal fishing conditions. Seas were light or calm for the four days of fishing. Double Eagle from Fort Pierce led in this leg with five fish totaling 282 points. Their heaviest wahoo was 88.5 pounds. Sea'n Double from Freeport was second with 234 points. After three legs of the tournament, Double Eagle leads with 403 points and Sea'n Double is only 16.5 points behind. The final leg will be in Freeport in mid-February. The first two legs were in Freeport and Bimini respectively. It is believed that the rough seas the last two years put off many entrants for this Abaco leg of the Wahoo Championship. Overall, 27 boats have participated in this event this year.



Many women baked and cooked for a fund raising event in Marsh Harbour for Trauma One Emergency Ambulance Service on January 19. Mr. Daniel Wiltfang, organizer of Trauma One held a flea market sale simultaneously. Donated items and the baked good brought a good return.



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# Central Abaco News



Central government relocated two Bahamians in Marsh Harbour whose houses were directly in the path of a new road connecting the new freight dock with S.C. Bootle Highway and dock facility. Houses were built for them on government property east of the dock area. Shown above are Mr. James Wallace, left, standing with Mr. Mike Malone and Mr. Owen Collins, who supervised construction, Senior Administrator Everette Hart and MP for South Abaco, Mr. Robert Sweeting. In the top picture Ms. Sylvia St. Louis, well known as Mama Liza, is shown in her new home surrounded by relatives and officials there to officially turn the house over to her. Rev. Roland Swain blessed each house during the short ceremony.

## Cruising Hotels' Launch Will Be in February

By Anita Rolle

The waters of Abaco are excited to welcome the *Cruising Hotels* to its waves. The 100-foot-long, 20-foot-wide cruising boat which draws less than 18 inches of water docks at the Port of Call Marina in Marsh Harbour (formerly called Triple J) and is very pleasing to the eye with its dramatic purple and white exterior.

Owners, retired entrepreneur Raymond Stratfull and his wife Patricia - who happen to be the only two crew members - offer a "bed and breakfast" concept. The *Cruising Hotels* offers four state rooms and accommodates up to eight passengers. Each room is equipped with a king-size bed, private bath (fully equipped with linens, towels AND bath robes), colour remote control television/VCR, ceiling fan and just about anything else you might need to feel at home. The cruise boat comes equipped with a full size Jacuzzi, a 77-inch home theatre, fully stocked bar, DVD film library, and a musical selection from over 200 CD's. When it comes to activities, you name it, they can accommodate you.

The *Cruising Hotels* sails as far north as Green Turtle Cay. With stops on the different

bays and cays, the boat is equipped with a deck boat which transports passengers onto cays or the mainland to get a feel of the island, either to do a little beaching, souvenir shopping or to simply take in the wonderful sights and sounds of Abaco.

When asked about their target market, Mr. Raymond Stratfull noted that though the U.S. market is usually a first shot, he will also be concentrating on the European corporate market. He noted that before September 11th, there was full booking for the tentative start date of February 2002, but all those cancelled following the attacks on America. However, all systems say go for the first passengers for February. Bookings are on a weekly basis and there is no minimum occupancy for the cruise boat to leave the dock. *Cruising Hotels* will operate December through August (inclusive) - any changes depend on activity during the hurricane season.

For further information you can visit their website at [www.cruisehotels.com](http://www.cruisehotels.com). The website will be updated soon offering interactive web shots so that you can cruise around the interior of *Cruising Hotels* from your computer.



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# The Editor Says . . . The Basis for Our Prosperity



Abaco's current prosperity is due largely to our tourism base of transient visitors and the long term second homeowners.

These transient and seasonal guests like what we have to offer and are willing to put up with our high cost of living to visit or stay here.

Exactly what are we offering?

Some of our appeal is due to fortunate geography. Abaco is relatively close to Florida although other parts of The Bahamas are even closer. Proximity, then, is not an exclusive quality.

Being a neighboring but foreign country is appealing as people want to visit other places and see other cultures. Mexico, Jamaica and a slew of other nearby countries are also intriguing from this standpoint.

Our Bahamian topography came out short when mountains were passed around as we didn't get any. This puts us at a disadvantage with some other Caribbean destinations for those wanting verdant jungles and mountain streams.

We have beaches and crystal clear waters but so do virtually all the other Caribbean destinations. No advantage there.

Perhaps some of our visitors feel a vague kinship with the descendants of the Tories who fled the U.S. after the War of Independence in the 1770s and settled here.

The Crown assisted with our image when they built the red and white lighthouse on Elbow Cay to warn ships of our reefs. Although the tower is still warning the larger ships, it is now doing duty as a major promotional lure.

In the course of geologic evolution we were given a protected 100 mile waterway, the Abaco Sound. This is an unparalleled asset that few can match. Added to this protected cruising area are historic villages scattered on the barrier islands.

Neighboring Florida is one of the boating capitals of the United States and those boat owners are looking for safe places to cruise with their boats. Our proximity to those people is one of our greatest assets.

We don't give much thought to our inland sea. It is there without needing any attention from us. However, it is a main factor for our visitors' interest in us, visiting islands off an island.

Our protected waterway, island villages,

remote beaches, reefs and accessible marine destinations gave rise to our large rental boat fleet. In most places a rental car is the transportation of choice. Rental boats on Abaco probably outnumber the rental cars.

Second to our rental outboards are the fleets of bareboat charters. These floating houses let the charter party take their accommodations with them as they visit our many marine-oriented attractions. Traditionally these have been sailboats but motor cruisers are creeping into the fleets.

The hundreds of privately owned boats as well as tyhe rental and charter boats which cruise our waters are serviced by 24 marinas offering 905 commercial dock slips. Our closest rivals trail far behind with Nassau offering nine marinas and 560 docks and Grand Bahama offering seven marinas with 443 docks. We have nearly three times the number of marinas and about double the available docks as our two nearest competitors. We were given this inland sea. Let's not abuse it.

Harbour pollution needs attention but will require a substantial effort from Central

Government. Our coastal residences and commercial establishments contribute as much or probably more sewerage effluent percolating through the shore than the marine live-aboard fleet. Harbour pollution in Marsh Harbour, Hope Town and Green Turtle Cay has been acknowledged and grumbled about for years. However, the solution is probably years away.

The freight dock in Marsh Harbour has a marine pump-out station included in the plans. At this moment we are unaware of any companion treatment plant to process the sewerage when the collection bucket is full. Maybe it will be emptied at midnight, hopefully on an outgoing tide. Although the facility will look good in brochures, it will not make a meaningful impact to harbour water quality without an additional treatment facility.

Much of our marine environment is beyond our ability to enhance, but we can choose too protect it. Moorings at the popular reefs are an example of reef protection.

Even our guests who do not actively use a boat live or stay near the water. There is a

reason why there are no hotels out in the forest Our marine resources are be our main draw but they can't do it all.

Friendly and knowledgeable people must be added to the formula. Cabs will be hired, boats will be rented, meals will be served, beds will be made, yards will be maintained . . . and the list goes on. It is the people who put the frosting on the cake.

Smiles and helpful attitudes are long remembered and bring people back. Surly attitudes and bickering are also long remembered but can do irreparable damage.

To varying degrees we are all servicing our tourism clientele with some persons being more prominent than others. However, as the world gets smaller and the competition gets more intense, we must be more knowledgeable, more versatile and most of all friendlier and more accommodating. Lurking in the background are Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Grand Cayman and the sleeping giant - Cuba.

We must protect the environment we were given while improving our own attitude.

## Generally Speaking . . . What Is Local?

By S. Timothy Roberts

Where do we go from here? What changes do we make? What will make the difference?

These and many other questions ought to start running through our minds as election time for the national government and local government draw near.

As we consider the atrocities of the past year, on a local scale, we realize changes must be made; they are unavoidable. This is, again, where our right and privilege comes in. The right to vote. As we look back on the past year, we see many unpopular deeds done in the arena of local government, and it points out two important things to me.

First, as we enter into the voting stage of the next local government elections, we must carefully scrutinize the character, intelligence, and benevolence of those seeking to represent their communities. It is our responsibility as voters with conscience to thoroughly inspect those who seek to represent us and the greater good of the community. We must not be bashful in examining these hopeful representatives.

When these people are elected, they are going to act on certain things such as dump contracts, and buildings built close to the road (to name a couple of the controversial issues) and it us up to us to ensure that those who represent us do so with high moral standards and without remorse.

We need men or women who are unafraid to stand against the powerful when they choose to abuse their power. We need men or women who are unafraid to stand up for the little guy when it is necessary. We need people who are not swayed by bribes or pressure. If we are to see this country grow in a positive way, we as its citizens must be proactive and assume our roles in the voting

process.

Second, we need to take a more active role in the day-to-day dealings of local government. We must realize we have the right to know all that is going on in local government meetings. They are, in fact, public meetings which means anyone can attend. Don't mind what some of those on local government boards and committees say. We, the public, have every right to be at any of those public meetings. This may be the reason they put the word "public" at the beginning of "public meeting."

When we complain about our local government, how many of us can honestly say we have taken advantage of our right and privilege to attend one of these local government meetings? How can we intelligently criticize when we have not been in one of

these meetings to really understand what is going on?

We have the responsibility as a useful member of our communities to attend these meetings at least occasionally to have a somewhat sensible handle on what in fact is going on. We then can confidently and unashamedly criticize local government because we now have a reasonable idea of what is, in fact, happening. We now can deal with the voting for individuals with clear consciences knowing that we can intelligently elect the best candidate for the community.

We look back at past mistakes for the wise will learn from them. We look forward to future success because the wise will put the past to good use. Be wise and proud citizens of your community and our little chunk of the world will be a better place.

## All About Town

By Isobel Sherman

### Death

Death is always hard but it is especially hard when a young person dies. I have been a teacher for 34 years and I have experienced many student deaths. In most cases students died as a result of a tragic accident, some to a terminal illness and now I experience a death that just happened. This death happened at school. Young persons do not think of death, many older people do not think of death either but for the young when death comes close to them their reactions are varied. Such was the case at Abaco Central. There were tears and blank stares. There were questions and no answers. What do you say to a young teen who asks you why? I say only God knows the reason why. Having faith in God is the only way to go through any crisis in life. The next few days at the school life were difficult. The students at the school will always remember Natanaya, especially by her class grade 10. To her parents, siblings and family my deepest sympathy.

### Math Again

Once again I must write about math. It seems the past few weeks many college students and others who have completed college have told me that math was their nemesis in college. No matter what country they attended college, even the College of The Bahamas, all said they had problems with math.

Mr. Jackson McIntosh, District Superin-

tendent for Education in Abaco, has stated in a meeting with teachers the beginning of the school year that math was a serous concern. My daughter has worked almost every day of her Christmas break on math trying to prepare for the coming semester. We had programs on the computer, her textbook and another college student tutoring her.

However, now is the time for the educational system to look ahead and resolve this problem. How? Well, COB could offer a college prep math program after school or Saturdays for students planning to go to college. This would help them when they take the SAT and when they get to college. There are a few students who have gone to college and had no problem with math but the majority of our students have had problems. This problem affects not only students who come from government schools but also students who graduated from private schools.

### Reading or Literacy

I have written articles the lack of proper preparation in math for persons going abroad to college. Now I am writing about possibly a much more serious problem, students' inability to read. Unless we address this problem as an island and a nation, we will have a very serious problem in the future. It seems more and more students cannot read, let alone comprehend what they read. We are allowing students to move up in grades without

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## Bank Has Claimed Money

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I hate doing this to anyone let alone a bank but I hope this will help me get my money back. If I don't receive the money in the time that I think it will take, I will take it to higher authority. I just want people to know how responsible this bank claims to be but is not. It has not only been me they have done it to, they have done it to other faithful customers also.

A Concerned Customer

## Underdogs Speak Up

Editor Mi'lord, Sir,  
 Some space, please, to help us clear our

name. We are being maligned with malicious gossip by a group that is motivated to cover up the true facts.

My Canine client and I object to the recent article written by one of your staff suggesting that he was implicated in an incident involving the untimely demise of an elderly duck in the vicinity of Little Harbour. No Jack Russell at any time was involved in this sordid affair to which there were no witnesses and all of the evidence presented to date is circumstantial. We are confident that no one will come forward and say that they actually saw any canine nibbling at the duck's nape.

It's all hearsay and we believe that the doctor reports have been tampered with to make it look like a canine attack. We are innocent and view this as an attempt to slander Buster's fine reputation by the L.H. Mob. It is a well planned plot to blame an innocent four-legged bystander while everyone ignores the facts.

1. The "Pub" was serving wahoo with Chinese duck sauce later that week.

2. There are no Chinese cooks working in that establishment.

You're all quackers and you don't know who you are messin with. All of the Abaco Potcakes are very interested in carefully watching this unfortunate situation unfold.

Attorneys for the Underdogs.

## Sherman

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making sure they are reading at the grade level they just completed.

When students cannot read, they become frustrated because their ability to learn is stifled. As they get older, they become discipline problems in school and problems in the community at large.

The United States realized that they had a reading problem some years ago and are actively trying to remedy the situation with all kinds of literacy programs including commercials by the NBA players showing them reading and reading to children.

I do not know the solution but there are books and programs to help non-readers to become readers no matter what the age. I do know that reading to children helps them to become better readers. I have been in schools where silent reading programs that really works.

Raising reading levels is a must if we are to continue to grow and develop as communities, an island and a nation.

## What They Do Not Tell You

I just spent a frustrating few hours recently trying to get our daughter's Government Guaranteed Loan Scholarship. Believe me, it was frustrating. I had requested that her loan be given out in Freeport rather than Nassau as there is no Abaco bank participating in this program. I was sent all of the forms by my former principal, Cecil Thompson. I had to fill out many forms and UPS them to my daughter for her to finish and sign. She sent them back to the Freeport that they could process them and send her back a check made out to the college.

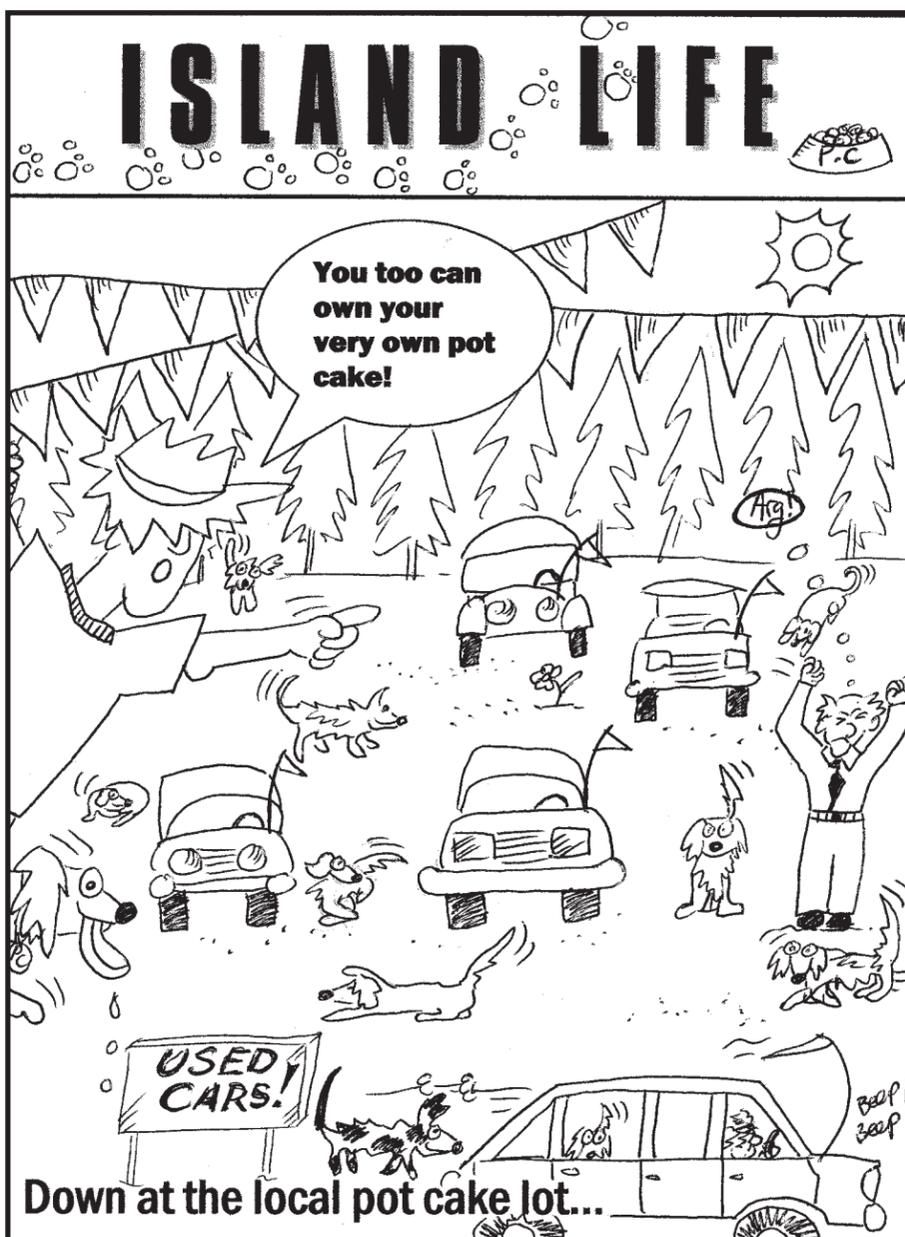
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Now the part that they do not tell you in advance. There is a one time \$300 processing or application fee. If 1500 new students received loans this year, that is \$450,000, never mind the four percent interest paid by the recipient or sponsor and the four percent paid by the Government. I think it should have been publicized. Also it should have been publicized how much the conversion to foreign currency would be and the life insurance on the loan.

The ordinary person could be snowed under by the extra paper work and might just want to give up. I think the program is a good one. But it should expand to more banks (like one in Abaco) so persons would not have the expense of traveling to Nassau or Freeport or finding someone to get the forms for them. I know many students on Abaco need a loan to get their college education. They have 15 years to pay it back.

My advice is apply for the scheme but be prepared for paperwork. If you cannot handle the paperwork, there are persons who will help you. If you live on Abaco, I will be willing to assist because I believe strongly our young people need to further their education either in colleges or technical and vocational schools.



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# School News

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relatives and friends survive her.

## Hope in Time of Grief

*By Isobel Sherman*

On January 23 a team from Grand Bahama headed by Mr. Cecil Thompson, District Superintendent for Education in Grand Bahama, traveled to Abaco to help the students and staff deal with their grief over the sudden death of Natanya Gaitor, grade 10 student at the school. Natanya died during a PE class on January 22 at Abaco Central High School. Upon hearing of the tragedy Mr. Thompson assembled a team on Tuesday night. Considered to be the "father" of Abaco Central, Mr. Thompson said he had to come. He told the students in a special assembly that he has never been to Marlin Country when it was so quiet.

Each member of his team spoke or sang to the students. Ms. Demetria Campbell, Head of Guidance at Eight Mile Rock High, told the students that we must always give thanks to God and that we never know about tomorrow. Ms Campbell sang, *I Don't Know About Tomorrow*.

Ms. Viola Stuart told the students the wake up man was Jesus and to give their lives to

Him. Throughout the programme Kenny Roberts, famous gospel singer from Freeport sang songs. The Abaco Central High choir sang as did a group from grade 12.

Mr. Jackson McIntosh, District Education Officer on Abaco, said that Mr. Thompson heeded the call of Abaco for help just as Paul heeded the call of the Macedonians to come and help them. He expressed his thanks to all who came.

Mr. Benjamin Stubbs, principal, thanked all of the persons who came. He said some of us are hurting more than others but Abaco Central High is hurting. He thanked Mrs. Sweeting, manager of the Abaco branch of the Teachers and Salaried Workers Credit Union, for helping counsel the students. He told the students that many schools on Grand Bahama and Nassau had called extending sympathy. He announced that on Thursday the 31st January the entire school would hold a memorial service for the life of Natanya.

The programme ended with grade 12 singing *How We Say Goodbye*, Kenny Roberts singing with the school choir and the entire assembly singing *Bind Us Together*.

Special rooms were set up after the assembly for students to with Pastor Benjamin, Mrs. Pinder, Ms. Stuart, Ms Campbell, Mr.

Thompson or any teacher they felt comfortable with.

## National Award Ceremony Held

Viline Baptiste, Grade 10 student at St. Francis de Sales School, has earned the distinction of being the student on Abaco with the highest scores on last year's BJC examinations. Viline and Mrs. Sharon Greene, Vice-principal of St. Francis, attended a ceremony in New Providence on January 14, 2002, to receive her award. Viline received the grade of A on the Mathematics, Health Science, Religious Studies and Social Studies examinations and the grade of B on the English Language, General Science, Art and Home Economics examinations.

Viline is the daughter of Villy and Sultan Baptiste of Marsh Harbour and has attended St. Francis de Sales School for the last six years.

The staff and students of St. Francis School are extremely proud of Viline and the academic heights to which she aspires. Congratulations on a job well done!

## School Feels Slighted

*By Isobel Sherman*

The Ministry of Education held their Annual Awards Ceremony for the top students in the national examinations which were taken in May and June of 2001. The plan is that the

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Viline Baptiste earned the highest BJC examination scores on Abaco.



The students and staff of Abaco Central High School remembered their classmate, Natanya Gaitor, in a special memorial service on January 22. A group of educators from Grand Bahama flew in for the service and to counsel the students afterwards who were in shock from the incident. Shown above is Mr. Cecil Thompson, District Superintendent for Education on Grand Bahama



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# More School News

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top students in overall BJC and BGCSE are flown in from each island and also top students nationally in the different subject areas.

However, Abaco Central High School was never informed of the ceremony. The school had Keora Brown, top BGCSE students overall on the island of Abaco, Tavia Cornish, top student in the Bahamas in BGCSE Office Procedures and Leonard Edgecombe, top BJC student nationally in General Science. Needless to say the entire school was upset over this oversight.

When Mr. Huel Moss, Vice Principal, called the Testing and Evaluation Unit of the Ministry of Education, he was told that the school would be receiving a letter of apology.

**Silent Reading Program Begins**

Uninterrupted silent sustained reading will begin at Abaco Central High School on January 30. Every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. students and teachers will read silently in their home rooms.

It is a proven fact that uninterrupted silent sustained reading increases reading levels. Reading and reading comprehension are

real problems with many students not only at Abaco central High but it is a world wide problem.

The Anchor Club members will assist students who need help in reading on a one on one basis.

**Civics Class Makes Presentation**

Miss Gaitor's grade 10 Civics class presented a series of laminated posters they had made in class to Abaco Central High at an assembly on January 13th. The posters dealt with hygiene and were placed in the boys' and the girls' bathrooms. The posters were one of the projects of the Civics class.

**Frozen Racoon**

*By Isobel Sherman*

Mr. Huel Moss, Vice Principal of Abaco Central High, is a true biology teacher at heart. He likes to collect specimens. His classroom used to be full of all kinds of creatures from snakes to insects, dead and alive. Well, some kind (?) person gave Mr. Moss a raccoon that he had found dead by the entrance to Treasure Cay. Mr. Moss put the bag with the raccoon in the freezer at school. He was going to report the finding to Agriculture and Fisheries as it seems the raccoons are moving south on Abaco.

Mr. Moss froze the raccoon to show stu-

dents what a raccoon looked like. He really wanted to find someone who would stuff it a taxidermist.

A taxidermist has not been found and it is now time for the frozen raccoon to vacate the Home Economics Department freezer. At least, this raccoon will not be a danger to the Abaco Parrots.

Mr. Moss told me raccoons reproduce at a very fast rate and it took them only two years to come as far south as Treasure Cay from their introduction site on North Abaco. It is now time to see if we can curtail them in some manner, or before you know it, they will be at the Abaco parrot nesting site in south Abaco.

**Record Turnout**

*By Isobel Sherman*

January 11 was National Report Card Day for all Government schools in the Bahamas. Abaco Central High had the best ever report card day turnout by parents and guardians. By 5 p.m. less than 20 report cards had not been picked up and by noon January 14th there were less than 5 report cards not picked up.

Congratulations to parents and guardians.

**Thank You**

As a staff member of Abaco Central High School I would like to thank the Abaco Central PTA for providing lunch for the teachers on National Report Card Day. This gesture was greatly appreciated.

**Happenings Is Back on the Air**

*Happenings*, the half hour radio show of Abaco Central High School, is back on the air on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. on Radio Abaco. The program is hosted by Michelle Thurston and Ronnie Ferguson with Devaughn Edgecombe doing sports and Brian Symonette editorials. *Happenings* at Abaco Central was off the air due to the Christmas holiday. Tune in and hear the happenings of ACH every Thursday.

**Furniture Is Needed**

Abaco Central High School is in desper-

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Abaco Central High School is finally getting their security fencing and walls completed. Gates have recently been installed controlling traffic both during school hours and after school, hopefully reducing the vandalism which has plagued the school. The attractive wall adds greatly to the visual appeal of the school.



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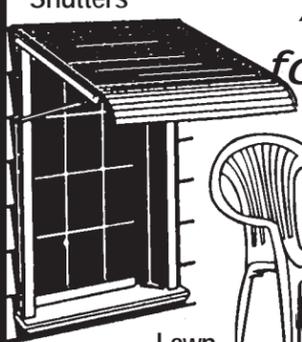
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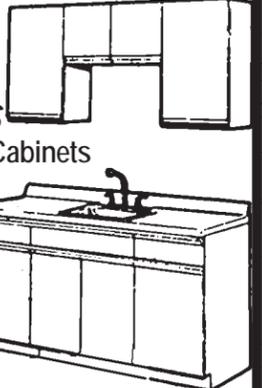
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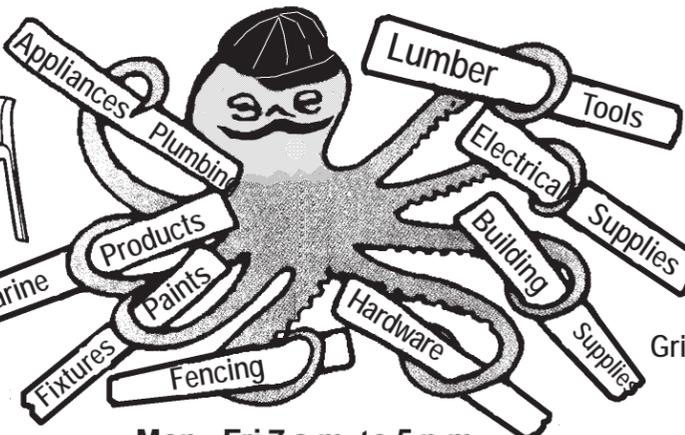
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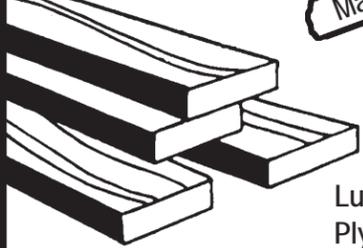


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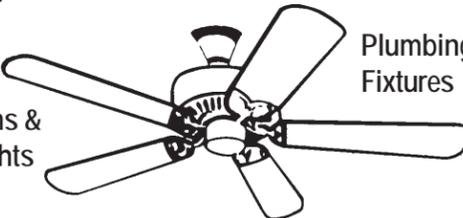




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# Church News

## Church Hosts Health Seminar

By Anita Rolle

The Seventh Day Adventist Church of Marsh Harbour recently hosted a free health seminar at the church. The presenters came from Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital of Wildwood, Georgia, lead by Mr. Herschel Henley. The purpose of the seminar was to promote and encourage healthy lifestyles. The seminar consisted of a Health Expo and a Natural Remedy expo.

The Health Expo housed booths giving demonstrations and lectures on Health Appraisal, Body Fat Content, Hydro Massage, Blood Pressure Check, Lung testing, and Massage Therapy. The Natural Remedy portion of the seminar gave participants natural remedies for health problems such as cancer, diabetes, arthritis and migraines. Cooking methods and recipes were suggested on ways to implement a healthier lifestyle while preventing and curing diseases.

According to Pastor Roger Moncur, the response was excellent. Based on this response, the expo is being planned as an annual event.

## Churches Will Begin Bible College

By Anita Rolle

The Assemblies of God churches of Abaco are proud to announce the launch of the Assemblies of God in the Bahamas Abaco Bible College scheduled to commence during the first week of April 2002. The classes are open to the general public, regardless of age or religious denomination, but are geared toward those intending to work in the church, church workers who want to further themselves or those who are simply interested in a better understanding of the Bible.

Among the courses to be offered are Theology, Church History, English and Music. Courses last for a duration of ten weeks with a total of 96 credits needed for the completion of the course. The expected completion time is three years after which a diploma is received. A fourth year may be completed through the Caribbean School of Theology. The Assemblies of God in the Bahamas Abaco Bible College is accredited with the Association of Bible Colleges and is affiliated with the Assemblies of God Bible College in Nassau. Classes are scheduled to be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m..

Serving as Director and Academic Dean of the school is Dr. Ernie Henson. Dr. Henson has been a pastor in the United States for over 40 years. He has numerous degrees including a M.A. degree of Divinity from Southern Seminary in Kentucky and a Doctorate degree from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dr. Henson has taken up residence on Abaco and is accompanied by his wife Linda, who will also play a vital role at the Bible College. Along with lecturing at the college during regular classes, Mrs. Henson will also be offering a six-week course in music keyboarding.

The Assemblies of God in the Bahamas Abaco Bible College is operating under the theme "Teaching the Gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit in such a manner as

to equip and empower believers to fulfill the vision God has given for their lives." Ephesians 4:11-16

Interested persons are welcomed to contact District Presbyter Carlton Dorsette at 367-2914.

## Steak Out Planned

By Anita Rolle

The men of the Anglican Church Parish are gearing up for their annual steak-out scheduled to be held on February 9, 2002. The event, held to aid Parish funds, begins at 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Anglican Parish Hall in Marsh Harbour. Tickets are priced at \$12 and can be purchased from any committee member or at the Parish. The public is invited to attend.



The Assemblies of God churches on Abaco will be opening a Bible school in April. Pictured above on the left is Dr. Ernie Henson, Director and Academic Dean of the school, his wife, Linda, who will also be teaching, and Rev. Carlton Dorsette. Several Abaco pastors will be teaching including Rev. Dorsette, Rev. Erskine Wells, Rev. Stafford Symonette and Rev. Keith Russell.

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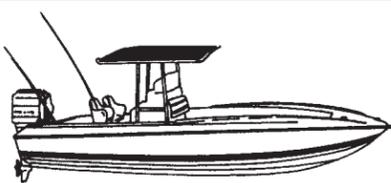
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# Sports News

## Fund Raising Tennis Tournament Held

By Anita Rolle

Mr. Robert "Bobby" Russell, former President of the All Abaco Tennis Association, announced recently that an effort is being made to revive the association. Organizers have already held their first fund raising event in the form of a Tennis Tournament at the Abaco Beach Resort. According to Mr. Russell, the turnout was excellent, as participants came from as far as Hope Town. The tournament, which was open to the general public, also served as an avenue to feel out the interest of the community in reviving the association. A second fund raising tournament is being planned for this month.

Mr. Russell, who is employed as the Tennis Pro at the Abaco Beach Resort, recently donated tennis racquets to the Physical Edu-

cation Department the Abaco Central High School. So far the response from the students has been great and it is Russell's hope that this continues as the involvement of youth is necessary for the sport to develop and grow.

## Bicycle Races Are Held

By Isobel Sherman

### Primary Schools Participate

On January 24 nearly 100 primary school students entered the Roadrunners Interact Annual Bicycle Race at the Murphy Town track. There were categories for age groups 7 years and under, 8-9 years and 10-11 years with two races for each category. Mr. Huel Moss, owner of Roadrunners Bicycle Shop in Dundas Town and organizer of the races, was overwhelmed by the response of Agape Christian School which rented a truck to carry the bicycles of their students to the track and St. Francis de Sales School which

used an extra bus to transport the bikes of entrants. Central Abaco Primary had only one entry.

These third inter-school bicycle races were sponsored by the Interact Club of Abaco Central and St. Francis de Sales as well as Roadrunners Bicycle Store which provided the

trophies and ribbons.

Race results for primary students were as follows:

- Pee Wee: 400 m 1st Royce Archer, Agape; 2nd Jyles Williams, St. Francis; 3rd Nita Albury,

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Participants of a tennis tournament held recently at Abaco Beach Resort were pleased that Bobby Russell, Tennis Pro at the resort, will work toward reviving the tennis association. Other tournaments are planned.



Enthusiasm was keen as nearly 100 competitors raced in the bicycle races held for primary school students on January 24. Winner in the Primary Division was Agape Christian School.

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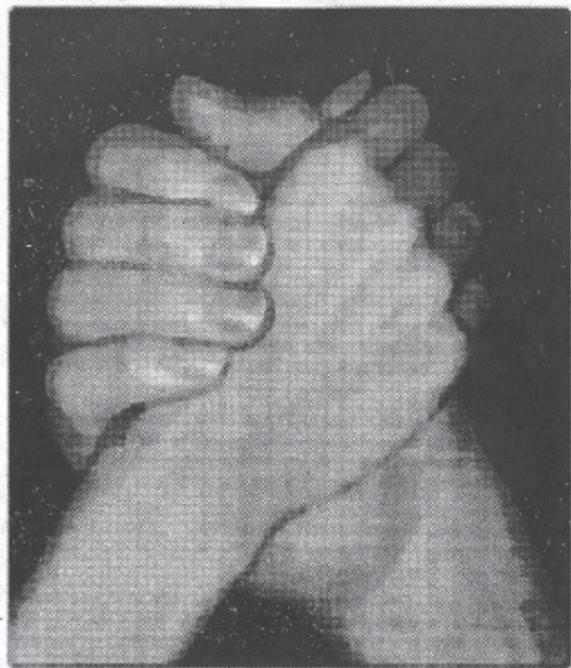


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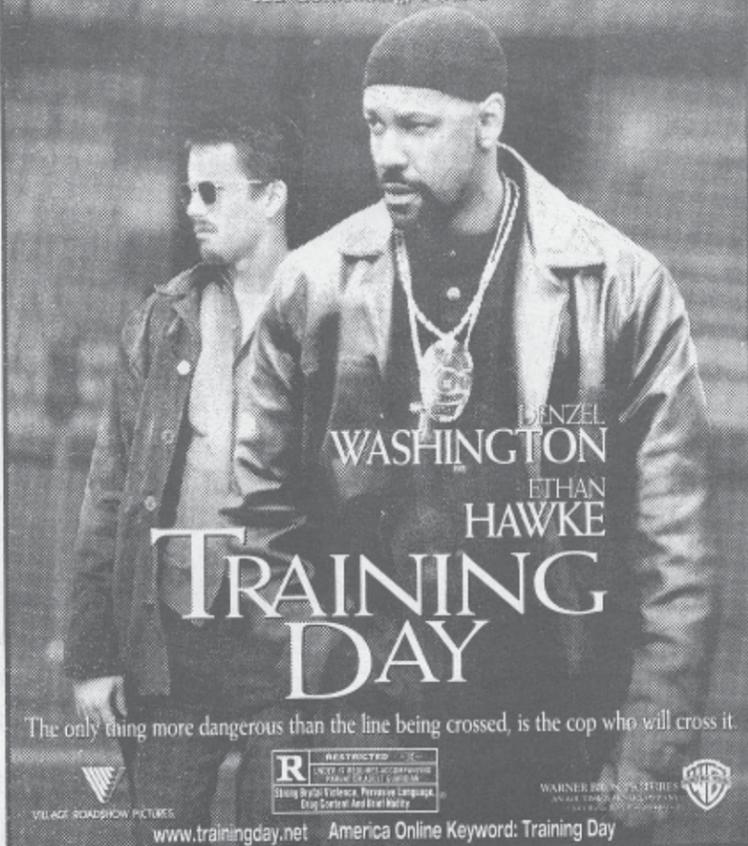
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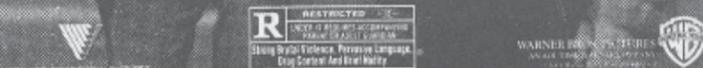
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# Haitians Apprehended Near Whale Cay

By Anita Rolle

Department of Immigration official Mr. Errol C. Ferguson has disclosed that a number of Haitian immigrants were found on the seas just off Big Whale Cay on January 23. A Coast Guard aircraft followed the ship at sea for hours before it came into the Whale Cay channel. Their radio contact with the vessel revealed that there were 41 persons aboard the ship. The Coast Guard contacted David Gale of BASRA (Bahamas Air Sea Rescue) who gave them information on how to contact the Abaco police department.

Twenty-four immigrants including one child; 17 males and six females, one of whom was pregnant, were on board a Honduran-registered vessel. At the time they were found, all of the persons on board were in

good condition with the exception of one female who suffered from dehydration and another who was pregnant. The immigrants were transported to Nassau where the two ill females received medical assistance at the Princess Margaret Hospital while the others were housed at the Detention Center. The pregnant individual has since given birth to a baby girl. However, unfortunately, the other immigrant escaped from the hospital. Investigations are ongoing in an effort to locate the missing individual. Some have already been repatriated.

Investigators are also in search of the owner of the Honduran-registered vessel which carried the immigrants. It is believed that the vessel had also traveled between Haiti and Florida.

# Abaco Welcomes a New Doctor

By Anita Rolle

New to the island of Abaco is Dr. Bland Iqbal, MD. He is practicing with Dr. Elaine Lundy at the Abaco Medical Clinic. Born in Pakistan, Dr. Bland has been practicing medicine for about eight years. Educated and trained in Pakistan and in the United States of America, he received most of his medical training at the Dow Medical College in Pakistan and at Mount Vernon Hospital in New York. Dr. Bland has established family practices and worked in Canada and in Pakistan and is now offering his expertise to the residents of Abaco. An avid researcher, he has done research in various fields of medicine, including the treatment of controlling Myocardial Infraction (heart attacks); and the removal of the Hepatitis-C Virus from HIV/AIDS patients by means of hypothermia.

Dr. Bland's practice is located in Marsh Harbour on Crockett Drive and he is available to patients 24 hours a day. In addition to routine medical services, his office is one of the first on the island equipped to offer Ultra



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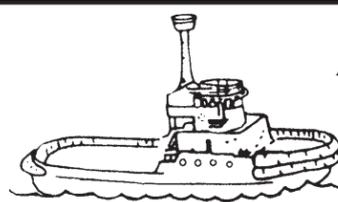
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When not practicing medicine, Dr. Bland enjoys literature, playing basketball and baseball.

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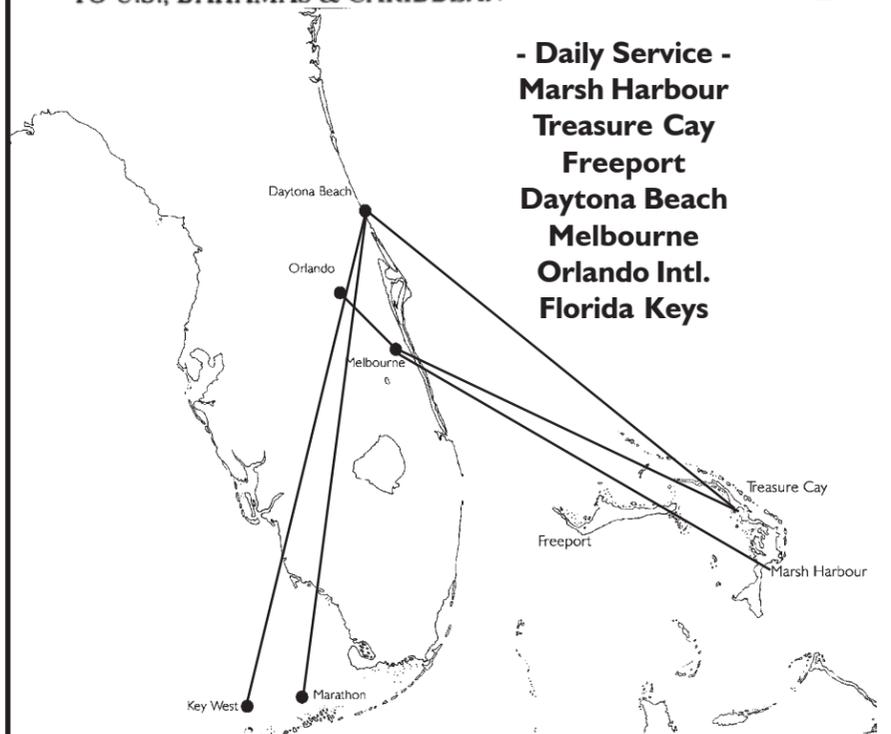
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# A Bahamian First: Thumb Is Reattached

By Alice Bain

A nine-year-old boy living in Marsh Harbour has become the recipient of the first "microvascular replantation" surgery performed in the Bahamas. Keino Sands cut his thumb almost entirely off on Christmas Day of 2001. This intensive surgery, performed at Doctor's Hospital by Dr. Gregory Neil, wove his blood vessels, nerves, muscles, bones and tendons back together.

"I was running on Uncle Daron's dock," says Keino, "and I had a knife in my hand in case I fell over and there was a hammer head shark. I could jook him in case he wanted to bite me!" Keino tripped and fell on the dock. "I cut my finger BAD!" he says. That's a bit of an understatement.

Keino's left thumb was almost entirely amputated by the knife, which was extremely sharp. He cut through bone, muscle and nerve and the thumb was left hanging by a flap of skin.

"Daron Roberts called the paramedics," says Keino's mother, Cheri Rolle. They took Keino to Dr. Bland at the Abaco Medical Clinic. The man looked at Keino's thumb as if to say, "What am I supposed to do with this?" Cheri laughs. "No, he was very good. He bandaged Keino's thumb, gave him pain medication and got us on an emergency flight to Nassau. Dr. Carroll of Doctor's Hospital in Nassau was visiting here. He called the hospital and okayed the re-attachment sur-



Keino Sands is showing his thumb which was badly severed but stitched back on - a first for such surgery in The Bahamas. The healing has been fast and doctors expect he will regain use of the thumb.

gery for us. We went straight into surgery at Doctor's Hospital and it lasted six hours. When Keino woke up, he asked his grammy 'Is my finger still off?' She said no, they put it back on again."

I asked Keino if he could feel with his finger at all when he woke up. "No!" he says, "all I felt was deadness." Keino will not have any feeling in the top of his thumb for two months or so. For the next three to six months he will need therapy and special exercises. He and his mother will be commuting to Nassau to consult with the specialists there. Keino can hope to regain full use of his thumb eventually. "It helps that the cut was clean, and that he is young and still growing," says his mother.

Keino's thumb looks extremely healthy considering all it has been through. The color is good and apart from the large pins holding

it in place, you would never know that it had been so badly damaged.

The medical expenses incurred by this procedure are, unsurprisingly, extremely large. A medical account has been set up to help support the expenses. People wishing to donate towards Keino's recovery can make deposits to Royal Bank of Canada account 706-139-3, or they can call Cheri Rolle at 367-2213 or 367-3234, or send a check to P.O. Box AB-20850 in Marsh Harbour.

"Any assistance would be greatly appreciated," says Cheri, "and I would also like to give thanks to all those who prayed and sent prayers to God to help Keino."



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# New Cable Service Is Available

By Alice Bain

Cable Bahamas will officially launch their Internet Service Provider, Coralwave, on Abaco on February 2nd this year. An all-day informational demonstration of the ISP is scheduled to take place at the Abaco Beach Resort, where prospective clients can try out fiberoptic connectivity, sign up for service and schedule installation.

Cable Bahamas will be offering three different residential product packages to those who are television cable subscribers. Coralwave Geo is the best package for people who use the internet primarily for e-mail. For \$19.95 a month you receive a 50 megabyte "allowance" and the actual time that you spend connected to the internet is unlimited. Fifty megabytes is fifty million text characters . . . more than enough for simple e-mail. There is a surcharge of 90 cents per megabyte over this limit.

The "medium-sized" residential package is Coralwave Lite, which prices at \$34.95 per month. With this package you receive a 100 megabyte/month transfer allowance, and in other respects it is similar to the Geo account. Both of these accounts include a meter that allows the user to keep track of how much data has been transferred during that

payment period.

Coralwave Unlimited is for true Internet junkies. For \$69.95 a month subscribers receive a connection entirely unlimited by time or bandwidth. The connection speed of 1000 kilobits per second allows an eight megabyte download to complete in only a minute and a half - for comparison, dial-up service would take over an hour to download this amount of data. For an extra \$10 per month, this generous amount of bandwidth can be divided by up to four separate users in a single building - although an additional piece of equipment called a "router" (costing approximately \$135) is required in order to do this.

"Ping" time - the time it takes a signal originating at your home computer to reach a point on the Internet and be echoed back - will also be radically decreased with fiberoptic connectivity. The average ping time (to, say, Yahoo) for a dial-up user is 600 milliseconds; with fiberoptics, this time is decreased to only 40 milliseconds! Players of interactive computer games such as *Quake*, *Doom* and *Duke Nukem* will appreciate the speediness of this new connection.

In addition to this, a cable modem connection is "always on" - it does not tie up your phone line. Coralwave Geo and Lite

subscribers simply click an icon on their desktop to check for new email, and Coralwave Unlimited subscribers will receive email automatically as soon as it arrives.

For Cable Bahamas subscribers, installation of this internet service usually costs \$249 - this price including a cable modem worth approximately \$200. During an initial promotional period, subscribers can get Coralwave internet service installed for the special price of only \$49. This includes the modem and the price of laying new coaxial cables inside the residence. After installation, customer service will be provided through Cable Bahamas' toll-free telephone number in Nassau.

Mr. Erik Russell, who is coordinating the launch, comments on the service. "It's great. After the first couple of weeks you begin to

realize how much you DIDN'T use the internet before, just because dial-up is such a pain. And in a school or business situation, cable internet allows all users to be on the internet at the same time. It's possible to run a point-of-sale system in one shop from a computer on an entirely different island! The possibilities are almost endless." He also confirms that there has been interest in cable connectivity expressed by schools on Abaco.

Subscriptions on Abaco will be handled by officially qualified resellers - at time of print, these will be Computer Creations and Abacom. Prospective subscribers may fill out applications and give payment at any of these locations, and they will be contacted by Cable Bahamas to arrange an appropriate time for installation.

## Abaco Hotels Anticipating A Successful 2002

By Anita Rolle

Hotels and resorts on Abaco are anticipating a great year 2002. Despite the fact that most of them experienced lower than normal occupancy over the Christmas holidays 2001, an anticipated turnabout is expected over the next few months. Some hotels, like The Treasure Cay Resort operated at about 40 percent occupancy over the Christmas holidays. A high percentage of these visitors consisted of private pilots flying in on their own planes rather than visitors via commercial flights. So far for 2002 bookings have picked up noticeably. Mr. John Gwynn of the Abaco Beach Resort noted that the Christmas season was slow for the resort. However, there is anticipation that things will get better once the economy picks up and U.S. travelers take to the skies again.

Tom Hazel of the Hope Town Harbour Lodge was proud to say that they were about 90 percent occupied during the week of Christmas, compared to last year same time of 100 percent. Things have settled down a bit since the new year rolled in, however, but still looks good. The Green Turtle Club like most other hotels experienced a slow Christmas season, but noted that things are slowly picking up also. According to Molly McIntosh at the Bluff House in Green Turtle Cay, they experienced an occupancy rate of about 60 percent compared to the usual for that time of about 90 percent. So far for the year inquiries and reservations have been coming in steadily.

It is the overall consensus that as soon as travelers feel comfortable enough to take to the skies again, marketing strategies are put in motion and the economy picks up, things will return to a state of normalcy for the industry.

## Seat Belt Legislation Is Underway

By Anita Rolle

In a continuing effort to ensure safety on the streets of the Bahamas, the Government of the Bahamas is planning to amend the Road Traffic Act to make it mandatory that drivers and passengers wear seat belts, and that children under the age of five years old be placed in a child safety seat in the back of the car.

If the bill is passed, all motor vehicles will be required to be outfitted with seat belts for all passengers. The exceptions are motorcycles, tractors, people in the back of trucks, buses, vehicles designed for the physically disabled and cars manufactured prior to 1986 and trucks manufactured before 1972.

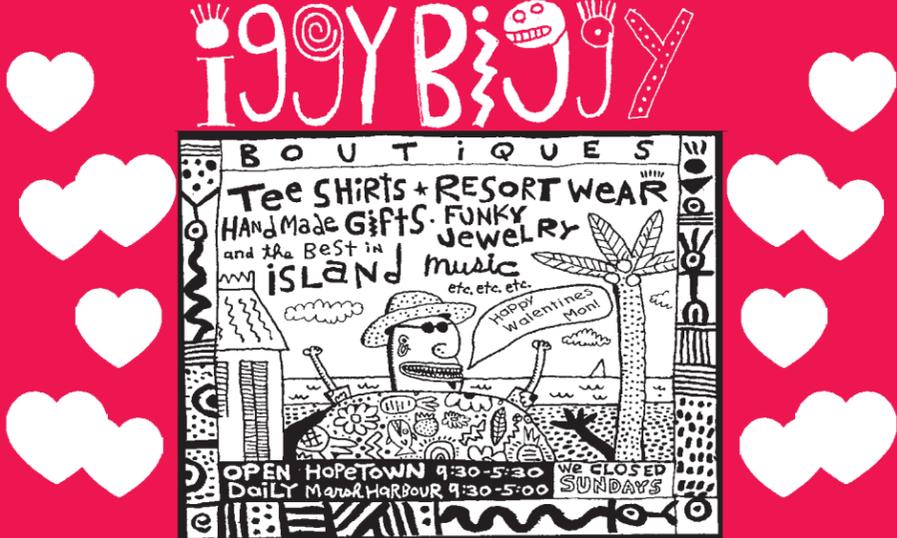
Motorists failing to comply with the stipulations of the act, if passed, could result in fines in excess of \$500. Registered owners of vehicles not outfitted with appropriate seat belts can be fined \$200. The act provides that automotive dealers and rental car companies can be fined a minimum of \$500 for selling a motor vehicle without safety belts and fined \$1,000 anytime the violation is repeated.



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## College Applications Due Soon

By Isobel Sherman

It's February. If students are applying for September 2002 admission to the College of the Bahamas, applications should be sent this month in order to reach there before the first week of February.

Students applying for September admission to colleges in the United States and Canada should make sure they submit applications this month.

Persons who are looking for a college can actually investigate colleges on the Internet. Most colleges and universities have websites that you can access for information and even apply electronically if you wish. In addition, you can view their programs and in many

instances tour the campus via the Internet.

For those who do not have access to the Internet, Cyber Learning Center in Marsh Harbour is soon offer a service for locating colleges on the Internet. The details are still being fine-tuned.

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## Chamber Meets with Nassau Director



The Directors of the newly revived Chamber of Commerce met with Ms. Ruby Sweeting, Executive Secretary of the Nassau Chamber of Commerce, on January 14. She visited to acquaint the Abaco directors about this international organization. She emphasized the need for the Chamber to work closely with government. It can be a viable agent in attracting visitors boosting the tourism aspect of our economy. She was able to offer advice about many topics including how to deal with complaints. Shown above are, seated l. to r., Ms. Cindy Hayworth, Ms. Ruby Sweeting and Mrs. Anita Knowles. Standing, l. to r., are Mr. Chris Roberts, Mr. Bradley Reckley, Mr. William Davis, Mr. Michael Albury, Mr. Michael Malone, Mr. Mitchell Albury, Mr. Robert Pinder and Mr. Don Cornish.

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# Police Report

*As Reported to Stephanie Humblestone*

A Grand Cay resident reported on December 21 that a neighbour hit him on his back and head with an object believed to be a brass knuckle.

A Treasure Cay food store on the S.C. Bootle Highway had a window smashed on December 21 and a cash register containing \$200 was stolen.

A Murphy Town resident reported on December 25 that his 26-foot boat valued at \$40,000 was stolen from the South Side dock in Murphy Town.

Little Switzerland in Marsh Harbour reported on December 28 a break-in via an upstairs window.

A Dundas Town resident reported on December 29 that during an altercation a neighbour damaged a \$300 radio entrusted to him.

A Wood Cay man reported on January 2, 2002, that someone sawed the lock off his walk-in freezer and stole 200 pounds of conch valued at \$600.

A man reported on January 2 that his nephew of Cedar Harbour was beaten in Wood Cay and was treated at the Government Clinic.

A Marsh Harbour woman reported on January 2 that someone broke into her Bay Street home through a window and stole \$200 in cash, an assortment of groceries and a \$70 pot set.

A man reported on January 3 that while at Mikula's Grocery Store in Treasure Cay, he was assaulted, punched in the face, head and mouth.

A door on a night club in Marsh Harbour was forced on January 4 setting off the alarm. Alarms Unlimited responded and found that \$6 was stolen from the cash register.

A Marsh Harbour woman reported on January 4 that her underage daughter is six weeks pregnant. She gave the police an individual's name to investigate.

A Spanish Cay boat owner reported on January 6 that his 33-foot Intrepid had been stolen. The \$150,000 boat is dark blue with two white 1998 Yamaha 250 HP engines.

A Spring City man was arrested for possession of an unlicensed 22 semi-automatic pistol and six foil packages of a grassy substance believed to be marijuana. He was charged at the Marsh Harbour police station.

A Murphy Town resident was arrested

January 8 for possession of marijuana and cocaine.

A Marsh harbour man on West Bay Street reported January 9 that someone entered his residence by removing a bedroom window screen. It is unknown if anything was stolen.

An Abaco Hardware employee reported on January 10 that over the past four months a number of items were missing including 300 sheets of CDX plywood valued at \$7,500, a gas grill valued at \$375 and an air condition unit valued at \$400. Several employees are suspected in the matter.

Two Murphy Town men got into a fight on January 11 with one getting punched in the cheek.

A Spring City man was attacked and stabbed January 13 by his brother while at his house. The accused was interviewed and subsequently charged.

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# Court Matters

*As Reported to Stephanie Humblestone*  
**Central Abaco, December 13, 2001**

Renaldo Adderley of Dundas Town pleaded guilty to driving without due care and attention. He was fined \$150 or two weeks' imprisonment. He pleaded not guilty to the second charge of driving without a valid driver's license and an absolute discharge was granted for this.

Eltoro Adderley of Dundas Town was charged with driving without due care and attention. He pleaded not guilty but was fined \$150 or two weeks' imprisonment.

Keith Clarke of Dundas Town was charged with parking in a manner likely to cause an obstruction. He pleaded not guilty and the matter was adjourned.

Samantha Sully, charged with driving without due care and attention, pleaded guilty. She was fined \$75 or five days' imprisonment. She was also charged with driving without a valid driver's license. She pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 or three days' imprisonment.

Daniel Dareus of the Mud, Marsh Harbour, was charged with indecent assault and was remanded to trial on January 10, 2002.

**Court of January 8**

Randy Petty was charged with driving with undue care and attention. The matter was adjourned until January 21 because of the non-appearance of witnesses. This is the final adjournment.

Jean Liquide of Marsh Harbour did not appear for his charge of driving with undue care and attention. A warrant for his arrest was issued and the matter adjourned.

Anwar Seymour of Spring City was charged with possession of an unlicensed firearm, possession of ammunition and possession of dangerous drugs with intent to supply. The defendant pleaded not guilty and the matter was adjourned until June 26 with bail set at \$5,000.

Erza Davis and Wilson Zilma, both of Murphy Town, pleaded not guilty to charges of possession of dangerous drugs. Bail was set at \$1000 with the matter adjourned to March 14.

Spurgeon Damos and Lisa Damos had charged each other with threatening behaviour and causing harm. The matter was withdrawn at their mutual request.

**Court of January 7**

Patrick McFaden pleaded guilty and was fined \$150 or two weeks' imprisonment for driving without due care and attention.

Anthon Aranacha was charged with driving while not covered by third party risk and without a valid driver's license. As he had not yet been served with a summons for this date, the matter was adjourned until February 4.

Patrick Roberts of Murphy Town was charged with driving without due care and attention. The matter was withdrawn because defendant made repairs to complainant's vehicle.

**Court of January 10**

Jerry Simms of Murphy Town pleaded not guilty to both counts of possession of dangerous drugs and intent to supply. The matter was adjourned and bail set at \$4000.

Josillis Clerisdor of Pigeon Peas pleaded guilty to child cruelty and was given conditional discharge. She was ordered to attend counseling sessions.

Samuel Jolly of Dundas Town pleaded not guilty to three counts of causing damage, causing harm and throwing missiles. The matter was adjourned until March 4 and bail set at \$500.

Leon Lazard pleaded guilty on both counts of disorderly behaviour and using obscene language. He was fined \$25 or three days' imprisonment for the first count and \$75 or three days' imprisonment on the second count.

Earl Frankling of Jamaica pleaded guilty to a breach of the Immigration Act. He was

deported to Jamaica.

**Court session of January 11**

Council did not appear for Luca Albury of Man-O-War who was charged with driving without due care and attention. The matter was adjourned until January 14.

Darius McKenzie of Forest Drive did not appear on charges of shop breaking. The accused is in Sandilands Rehabilitation Center in Nassau and funds were unavailable for travel to Abaco. The matter was adjourned until January 24.

Andrew Butler of the Mud, Marsh Harbour, was acquitted on a charge of causing damage.

Niles Pinder and Roderick Malone of Hope Town were accused of housebreaking and stealing. They did not appear as they are in the Sandilands Rehabilitation Center in Nassau. The matter was adjourned until January 17.

Jeffrey Cox was accused of assault with a dangerous weapon. The matter was adjourned until January 28 and bail was set at \$150.

Kermit Newbold was accused of driving with obscured windows, driving without a valid license and without third party insurance. The second and third counts were withdrawn and a fine of \$80 or one week's imprisonment was imposed on the first.

Daniel Dareus of the Mud was accused of indecent assault but no verdict was given.

**Court Session of January 16**

Ottis Wallace of Marsh Harbour was accused of possession of dangerous drugs with intent to supply. The matter was adjourned until January 28.

Neil Maynard of Marsh Harbour was accused of possession of dangerous drugs with intent to supply. The matter was adjourned until January 28.

Fernel Louis of Marsh Harbour pleaded guilty to possession of dangerous drugs and was sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

Deangelo Coakley, Marbury Wilmore, Ann Wilmore and Latoya Wilmore were accused of possession of an unlicensed firearm. The case was acquitted.

Adam Evans of Spring City was accused of causing harm. The matter was withdrawn by the complainant.

David Williams of Crossing Rocks was accused of possession of dangerous drugs. The case was discharged because a witness did not appear and thus insufficient evidence was ruled.

Cleophas Cornish of Dundas Town was accused of possession of a prohibited weapon.

The case was discharged because of the non-appearance of a witness.

Brandon Evans of Spring City was accused of unlawful sexual intercourse. The case was adjourned to February 13 because of the non-appearance of a key witness.

Pedro Dean of Murphy Town and Anthony Dalestin of Marsh Harbour were accused of possession of dangerous drugs with the intent to supply. The matter was adjourned to January 23.

Bradford Swain was accused of possession of a dangerous drug. The matter was adjourned to March 10 because the drug exhibit was not collected from the lab.

A 14-year-old minor was charged with the possession of dangerous drugs. The matter was adjourned to February 4.

Lucas Albury of Man-O-War was accused of driving with undue care and attention. The matter was adjourned to March 6.

Anthon Arahna Jr. of Murphy Town was accused of driving with undue care and attention. He was fined \$150 or two weeks' imprisonment.

**Court of January 17**

Jamal McDonald, Eltoro Adderley, Ricardo Johnson and Jasmine Johnson were all accused of causing bodily harm. Witnesses could not identify the assailant(s) and the defendants were acquitted and discharged.

Paul Williams was convicted and fined

\$150 or two months' imprisonment for possession of dangerous drugs.

Kacy Leroy Rolle was accused of driving without due care and attention. The matter was adjourned, pending witnesses, to February 28.

**Court of January 21**

Antoine Philippe of Miami, Florida, and Murphy Town was charged with indecent assault. The matter was adjourned pending witnesses.

Petty Randy was discharged for driving without due care and attention because the complainant failed to appear.

Demetrius Russell of Treasure Cay was accused of driving without due care and attention. The matter was adjourned pending evidence.

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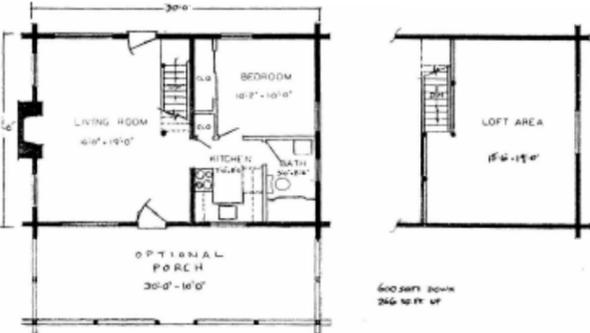
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# New Freight Dock Work Continues



Crews are busy ashore at the site of the new freight dock in Marsh Harbour. They have demolished three houses along Queen Elizabeth Drive to change the location of the road. Destroyed were Mama Liza's house, a duplex housing Customs officers and the house for the Chief Customs officer, Mrs. Sheila McDonald.



Several houses belonging to Haitians were in the path of the new road to connect the dock area to S. C. Bootle Highway. As bulldozers got closer to the houses, owners disassembled their houses, reassembling them in adjoining areas.



Work progresses steadily on the new freight dock in Marsh Harbour. Two cranes are dredging and are using the material as land fill. Shown above is the beginning outline where the new dock will extend to. In the foreground is the Honduran vessel which brought 24 Haitians to Abaco which the police have confiscated. The dock is still used by most of the freight boats.

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# Obituaries of Family and Friends

**Sylvia Davis**, 61 of Murphy Town passed away on January 7. Her funeral was on January 20 at the Bethany Gospel Chapel in Murphy Town. Bishop Livingston Williams, Jr. officiated and interment was the Murphy Town Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband Brennen Davis; children Monoleata Knowles and Cai Miller, Sandramae McKenzie, Joy and Cecile Davis, Vivian Woodside, Helen

Forbes, Joseph, Hilton, Collin and Silvin Davis; grandchildren Larvargo Bootle, Devonte Lotmore, Annalisea and Giovanni Wright and Veronica Miller; sisters Olive Miller, Mable Saunders and Maria Wallace; brother Leland Dawkins; sisters-in-law Gertrude Dawkins, Arimentha McKenzie, Lorriane Farrington and Beverly Davis; brothers-in-law Alexander Saunders and Hershel Davis; daughters-

in-law Janette Miller, Addie and Christine Davis; sons-in-law Sterlin McKenzie, Sherman Forbes and Leroy Woodside; nieces; nieces-in-law; nephews; nephews-in-law; and many other relatives and friends.

**Velma Ruth "Mama" Ferguson**, 79, of Spring City passed away on January 7. Her funeral was on January 19 at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Marsh Harbour. Rev. Fr. Earl Hepburn officiated assisted by Archdeacon Cornell Moss. Interment was in the Dundas Town Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband Robert "Bob" Ferguson; sons John, Eugene, Cedric and Fritz Ferguson; daughters Lula Tyskiewicz, Myrtis Russell, Agatha, Donnalee, Ronnalee, Wynsome, Nicole and Geraldine Ferguson and Margie Baillou; sisters Alfrancis East, Alicia Donald, Inez Rolle and Shirley Lewis; grandchildren Maxine Ferguson, Wayne Bastian, Johnelle, Juanita, John Jr., Sanae and Darren Ferguson, Shonell King, Jessica Golden, Eugene Ferguson Jr., Raymond,

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The funeral for **Ralph Alexander Whyly**, 66, of Cooper's Town was held in Nassau and the interment was in Nassau.

He is survived by daughters Karen, Tammy, Kim and Abigail; sons Gilbert and Fabian Whyly; sisters Olive Hanna, Jackie and Sherry Whyly; brothers Patrick and Chris Whyly; step mother Estella Whyly; brother-in-law Emingston Hanna; aunts; grandchildren; nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

## Rotary Assists Toys for Tots



The Rotary Club of Abaco joined hands with the Scurvy Few Motorcycle Club with a donation toward their Toys for Tots Christmas program. Some Rotary members also assisted with the sorting and delivery of the toys. Seen in the photo is the President of the Scurvy Few, Mr. Skeet LaChance, receiving a check from Rotary Club President, Mr. Drexel Major.

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# The Stars At Night - Jupiter

By Alice Bain

By far the brightest feature of our night skies right now is the planet Jupiter. You simply can't miss it . . . go outside on a clear night, look up and it will claim your attention. Jupiter is approximately opposite the Sun from Earth right now, which means that we are about as close to that planet as we are going to get this year - and ensures that Jupiter is putting on an impressive display!

Jupiter is the largest planet in our Solar System - more than twice as massive as all the other planets combined! It is named after the ancient Roman "father of the gods" - who was, in turn, merely a variant of the Greek god Zeus. "Zeus Pater" (father Zeus) was eventually corrupted to "Jupiter."

Another name for Jupiter is Jove, and as he was the "bringer of merriment," this name is the root of our English word "Jovial." Jupiter is the fifth planet from the sun and is what is known as a "gas giant" - composed mainly of hydrogen and helium. If you put Jupiter in a tub of water (good luck finding one large enough), it would float! There is no true "surface" to Jupiter. If we went there, we would not find ground to walk around on. The stripes and swirls we see in pictures and through telescopes on Earth are merely the tops of cloud systems. The atmosphere gets denser and denser as you get farther down into the planet - at some level a hypothetical human on Jupiter would simply float (like we do in the ocean) but any person exposed to Jupiter's poisonous atmosphere would not last long.

Through a pair of binoculars you can view Jupiter as a small disk, but through a small

telescope the view becomes even more interesting. The atmospheric bands are clearly visible, and depending on the day, four tiny bright motes radiating in a line on one side or the other of the planet may also be visible. These are the famous moons of Jupiter, discovered by Galileo in the early 17th century. Their names in order, starting with the innermost moon first, are Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. If you observe the moons night by night, you will notice their positions change quite rapidly.

Jupiter has 28 known satellites and a very faint ring system, but it is these four Galilean Moons that are the easiest to observe. It was through studying the motion of these satellites that Galileo first became convinced (of Copernicus' theory) that the Earth did indeed go around the sun, and not the other way around as people believed at the time. Another Jovian feature that may be visible through a small telescope is the Great Red Spot located in Jupiter's southern hemisphere. This reddish oval is, in fact, a gigantic storm . . . think of a hurricane so large that the planet earth could be swallowed three times over by it. The Great Red Spot was first observed in 1664 (although it is undoubtedly older) and has been churning away continuously, with slight variations in size and color, for over three hundred years of observation! Its extraordinary longevity is a puzzle to scientists.

Jupiter is presently in the constellation Gemini, visible high in the eastern sky at 7:00 p.m. and is a visual treat with or without a telescope. Happy observing!

# Shell Craft Was Popular at Show



An oversight: When we put in a story about Abaco artists going to the National Trust Jollification last December, we overlooked three people. Laine Summerville and her two sisters displayed and sold all types of objects made out of shells. Laine spent most of the past year making the items from Christmas ornaments to shell mirrors. They took three large containers home with half a bin. Her biggest seller was a Christmas decoration made from sand dollars.



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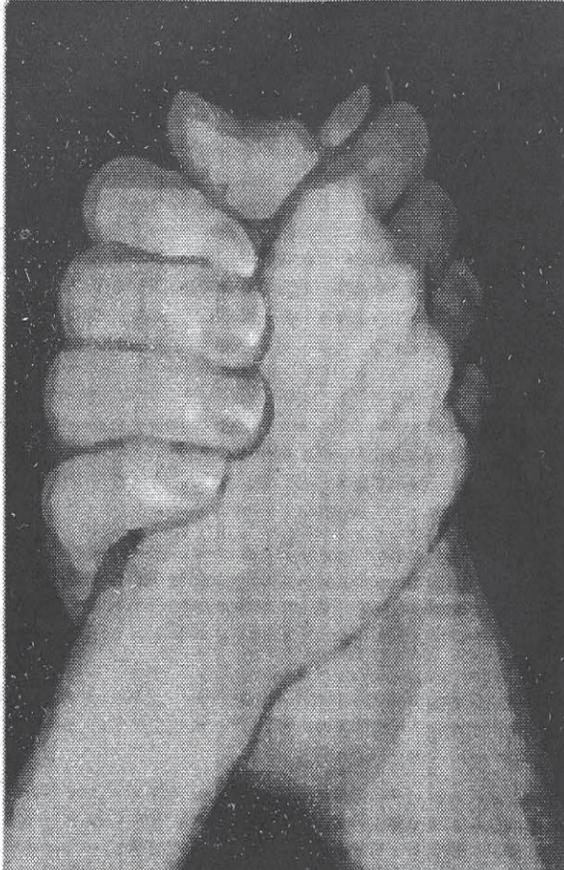
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Boats coming from U.S. can clear at Walker's Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour.	

Medical Services	
Marsh Harbour	
Abaco Medical Clinic	367-4240
Abaco Family Medicine	367-2295
Government Clinic	367-2510
<b>Cooper's Town</b> Gov. Clinic	365-0300
<b>Green Turtle Cay</b> Gov. Clinic	365-4028
<b>Hope Town</b> Gov. Clinic	366-0108
<b>Sandy Point</b> Gov. Clinic	366-4010
<b>Treasure Cay</b> Corbett Clinic	365-8288

Dive Shops	
Marsh Harbour	
Dive Abaco	367-2787
Abaco Beach Dive Shop	367-4646
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Dave's Dive Shop	366-0029
Froggies	366-0024
<b>Guana Cay</b> Dive shop	365-5178
<b>Man-O-War</b> Dive Shop	365-6013
<b>Treasure Cay</b> JIC Divers Down	365-8465
Treasure Cay Adventures	365-8111
Green Turtle Cay	
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Anthony Bain	366-4107
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Valentino Lightbourne	366-4233
Ricky Burrows	366-4233
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Buddy Pinder	366-2163
Jay Sawyer	367-3941
Justin Sands	367-3526
Terrance Davis	367-4464
Man-O-War	
David Albury	365-6059
Cherokee	
Theodore Sawyer	366-2111
Will Sawyer	366-2177
Marty Sawyer	366-2115
Noel Lowe	366-2107
Junior Albury	366-3058
Hope Town	
Maitland Lowe	366-0133
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O'Donald McIntosh	477-5894
Pope McKenzie	477-5894
Orthnell Russell	365-0125
Alexander Rolle	365-0120
Edward Rolle	365-0024
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Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070
Jeff Survance	365-4040
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Marsh Harbour	
Anglers	\$\$\$ 367-2158
C&G Restaurant	\$ 367-3227
Conch Inn Bistro	\$\$\$ 367-4444
Daily Bread (lunch)	\$ .....
Flippers	\$\$ 367-4657
Golden Grouper	\$ 367-2301
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Jib Room	..... 367-2700
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Sharkees	\$ ... + 367-3535
Snack Shack	\$ ... + 367-4005
Subway	367-2798
Wallys	\$\$\$ 367-2074
Dundas Town	
Ambassador Inn	\$ 367-2022
Murphy Town	
Lazy Parrot - SC Bootle Hwy	..... 367-5331
Hope Town	
Abaco Inn	\$\$\$ 366-0133
Boat House	\$\$ 366-0065
Cap'n Jacks	\$ 366-0247
Club Soleil	\$\$\$ 366-0003
Harbour's Edge	\$ 366-0087
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H T Harbour Lodge	\$ 366-0095
Munchies	\$ ... + 366-0423
Rudy's Place	\$\$\$ 366-0062
Man-O-War	
Pavilion	\$ 365-6185
Hibiscus	365-6380
Guana Cay	
Coco Paradise	365-5197
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Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
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Treasure Cay	
Florence's Cafe	\$ .....
Harbour Cafe	..... 365-8635
Hudson's Delight	\$ 365-8648
Island Boil & Sports Bar	... \$\$ 365-8849
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$ 365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$ 365-8195
Traveller's Rest	365-8654
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	\$\$\$ 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 Tree	\$\$ 365-4066
Wrecking Rest Rest.	.....
Harbour Café (ferry dock)	\$ ... + 365-8635
Sandy Point	
Big J's	\$ 366-4020
Oeishas	366-4139
Pete & Gays	\$\$\$ 366-4119
Seaside Inn	\$\$\$ 366-4120
Rickmon Bonefish Lodge	366-4477

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
Guana Cay Cart Rentals	365-5016
Man-O-War	
Conch Pearl Boat Rentals	365-6059
Island Treasures Cart Rentals	365-6072
Water Ways Boat Rent	357-6540 & 365-6143
Hope Town	
Bike Shop Bicycle Rentals	366-0292
Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Dave's Dive Shop Boat Rentals	366-0029
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
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Alison Car Rent	365-8193
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Tours & Excursions	
Marsh Harbour	
Abaco Outback - by kayak	367-5358
Hope Town	
Froggies - by excursion boat	366-0431
Treasure Cay	
Abaco Adventures - by kayak	365-8749

# Yoga Will Be Offered

By Stephanie Humblestone

The new gym in Marsh Harbour's Memorial Plaza offers yoga classes to its members. Yoga is not new, just relatively new to Abaco. Contrary to popular belief, yoga is not simply tying the body in knots or forming human pretzels - pretzels perhaps not being the best analogy at this point in time! - neither is it some manner of pagan worship.

Yoga is a complete science, originating in India thousands of years ago. It is a living science, one which has evolved over time in accordance with the needs of humanity. The oldest of all systems of personal development, yoga encompasses body, mind and spirit. The history of yoga is shrouded in the mists of time. The oldest archaeological evidence of its existence is shown in many stone seals showing figures in yogic postures excavated from the Indus Valley around 3000 BC.

Yoga postures exercise all parts of the body, stretching and toning all major muscle groups, joints and the entire skeletal system. In addition, they work with the body's internal organs, glands and nerves, improve circulation and lower blood pressure. Stretching and bending the body in certain directions applies pressure to the body's organs thereby increasing circulation to those areas and facilitating the delivery of oxygen and nutrients through the blood and removing toxins and impurities. For example, forward bending postures stimulate and massage the colon thereby improving bowel functions and gastro-intestinal health.

Students of yoga are often initially drawn by a desire to look good or for alleviating a specific complaint. In time students discover that not only are their bodies leaner and more flexible and the original complaint remedied but they feel a subtle change in their approach

## Horticultural Show Is Planned

The Bahamas Farmers' Association in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Abaco will present an Annual Horticultural Show on February 9 from Noon till 4 p.m. at the Anglican Hall in Marsh Harbour. The emphasis this year will be on farming.

There will displays of farm produce, canned and preserve goods, a livestock and exotic animal display and a petting zoo.

The Farmers Association will organize discussion groups on varied topics including the history of farming in the Bahamas and various aspects of farming. Useful information about farming will be available.

For more information call Patrick Bethel at 367-4114, Dirk Reitsma at 366-2030 or John Hedden at 359-6954.

to life. Their minds becomes stiller; they feel more peaceful and they notice an improvement in their powers of concentration.

The main principles of a yoga class are: relaxation which releases muscle tension and conserves energy, gentle exercising which tones the body and complete breathing which increases the intake of oxygen to the cells of the body.

In recent times yoga has attracted more and more respect and recognition from the medical profession with many doctors dedicated practitioners of this ancient science.

Well known cardiologist Dr Dean Ornish, author of *Reversing Heart Disease* includes yoga exercises in his system of cardio-vascular health. Dr. Ornish's system, which has been written up in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, has been proven in some cases to be a viable alternative to by-pass surgery.

Anyone can take yoga classes. You do not have to be a certain age, height or weight. There is no competition. Students, with the guidance of a trained instructor, go at their own pace.

# Rotary Raises Funds



On December 14 during the annual Boat Parade in Marsh Harbour, the Rotary Club of Abaco held a fund raising at Triple J Marina in support of the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire Department. Hot dogs and hamburgers were offered for sale to the spectators. All profits were donated to the Fire Department. Although the profit was not great, the club feels that with more advertising this could become an annual event with bigger profits. A special thanks goes to the owners of the marina for use of their property.



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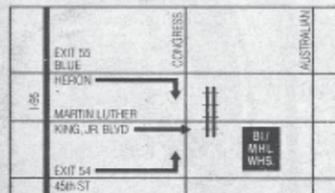


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# An Experience of a Lifetime

By Neil Hingle

Having traveled over 13,000 miles, we are now half way through our year at sea. Being onboard the *S/V Concordia* has not only been an amazing growth experience but also has given me a better understanding of the world. The *S/V Concordia* is a 188-foot long tall ship with a barquentine rig. It has three masts, one with square sails and the other two are gaff rigged. The ship is 10 years old and was built in Poland specifically for the Class Afloat program. The program is run by a Canadian school called West Island College and becomes home to nearly 50 students every year. The program is designed to teach students seamanship skills and academics while seeing the world.

Our voyage began in Chicago on August 14th, 2001. There we met our new "family" and quickly became acquainted with the ship. We spent four days in Chicago doing intensive sail training and safety drills. We learnt how to set, douse and furl sails, tie knots, coil lines and many other important sailing skills that we would need to use much sooner than we expected. After leaving Navy Pier, Chicago, we immediately set sails and sailed through the Great Lakes. Our first port of call was Toronto and following that was Montreal. At the time I really enjoyed and appreciated both ports. But looking back now, they were very dull in comparison to the other places I have been. After departing from Montreal, we headed towards the Atlantic Ocean along the St. Lawrence Seaway. We were lucky to have fairly good weather and smooth sailing. We would miss that quite soon.

At the mouth of the St. Lawrence, the winds began to pick up and the temperatures dropped. We sailed out into the Atlantic Ocean, now understanding the ship more.

There were many cold nights with gusting winds and raging seas. Prior to entering the Atlantic, I had built up an image in my mind of it being constantly rough and huge seas. My beliefs were not very accurate. Our worst day at sea saw six to eight foot seas, and at the most 35 knots winds. In comparison to what I had expected, we got off quite easily.

Midway across the Atlantic is a small archipelago consisting of seven islands. The Azores islands are a very popular stop for transatlantic voyages. These Portuguese islands are volcanic and very friendly. We were in port for about four days but had to leave early to avoid a hurricane.

We continued to cross the ocean and went through the Straits of Gibraltar ending up in Cadiz, Spain. Here we did many tours of the city and had an overnight trip inland. It was really amazing. Cadiz has a very interesting history and was a pleasure to visit. Now in the Mediterranean, we sailed to Majorca, which is just off the coast of Spain. Majorca is the Bahamas of Europe. It is a very popular tourist destination and an excellent place to own property. It is picturesque and has an amazing landscape. After Majorca, we continued on to Sardinia.

Sardinia is a small island off the coast of Italy. It is very friendly and has some of the best ice cream in the world. We had a homestay here which went well. Sardinia is very cute and very interesting. It offers many exciting things to see and do.

Malta was our next port, and perhaps my favorite. Valletta, Malta, is a city built around a fortress on the harbour front. It is amazing. It is the perfect place with very friendly people. In Malta, some friends of mine and I journeyed out into the residential areas and found the most amazing little towns. They were very old, but well pre-

served.

After leaving Malta, we had a nine-day sail out to Morocco. Morocco was touristy. The tourism industry has built up and dominates a much older culture. We did a lot of shopping in the Moroccan "souks" and got into the culture.

Our next port of call was the Canary Islands. They, too, were built up on tourism, but still a lot of fun. They have amazing landscape and the people there are very friendly. Then we had a short sail to Cabo Verde. They are a few islands off the coast of Africa. In Cabo Verde we made some great tours and made some friends at the local school there. Then it was time to cross the Atlantic again.

We arrived in Belem, Brazil, where we stayed for six days. In these six days, we managed to go camping with our hammocks twice and explore the jungle numerous times. Brazil was amazing and our adventures continued.

I found that the French Guyana rain forest was much more dense than Brazil's. It seemed more wet and alive. Some friends of mine and I organized some amazing canoe trips up rivers. This was a success and we had an amazing time.

Our second to last port of call was

Guadeloupe. It was a great place. Guadeloupe had an amazing rain forest as well in which we made many hikes and adventures. Going through the Caribbean, we encountered numerous small storms with high winds and short spurts of rain. We did some great sailing there and had a great time.

Our last port of call was Puerto Rico, where the ship still is. There, we had a graduation ceremony for the students who are not returning next semester.

The Class Afloat experience has been great. I feel that I have made the most of it and it has made me into a more well rounded person; I can't wait until next semester.

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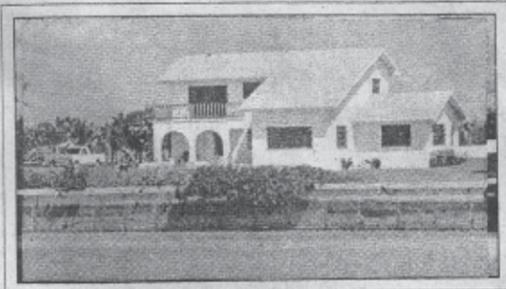
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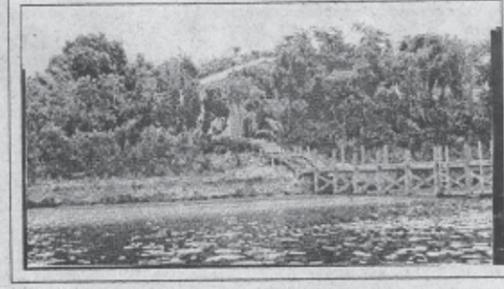
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- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - Royal Harbour - 9,879 sq.ft. Lot. - Great Central Location. Gated Community - Harbour Views. # AB 5093 - \$59,000.
- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - Commercial - 2,300 sq.ft. showroom, office and warehouse located near main street - on - 14,965 sq. ft. fenced lot. # AB 0031 - \$320,000.
- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - Commercial or multi family Lot - Central Marsh Harbour - 11,920 sq.ft. - perfect for duplex or triplex apartment #3599 - \$90,000.
- ★ **Marsh Harbour** - Great Abaco Club - Lot #45 - Private Boat Slip #AB 5066 - \$275,000.
- ★ **Sand Banks Bay** - One Acre plus - Wooded lots with over 90' of water frontage on Bay - 3 miles south of Treasure Cay. Limited Number Available #AB 5069 from \$63,700.
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**Murphy Town Committee** 7 January 02

The main topic centered on the one acre of Crown Land granted for the community center and how to raise funds for the community center building. It was concluded that a private fund raising committee be formed as Local Government cannot collect or raise money.

It was agreed to write Crown Lands to ask for a list of available Crown Land so residents could avail themselves of land opportunities ahead of requests by strangers.

**Dundas Town Committee** 10 January 02

The Bahamas Environmental Science and Technology (BEST) Commission wrote the Committee supporting the denial of the BEC fuel depot at the Dundas Town Oceanview Park. They felt construction and fueling activities would be disruptive to social activities at this site.

Chairman Silbert Mills advised Committee members that \$11,129 appears to be available in June for a town project and asked members to consider their options.

Extensive discussion followed on the paving of side streets which members felt was of inferior workmanship. Examples were given of sticks being paved over and six inches of fill being used as under layer across a swampy area. This was believed to be inadequate. The new roads were not raised more than the surrounding area as that would have presented problems with flooding.

It was brought out that twenty roads were paved in Murphy Town rather than the eleven originally scheduled. The Dundas Town Com-

# Local Government at Work

mittee members felt they were due this same consideration and named four or five additional roads which need paving.

The area engineer, Mr. John Schaeffer, was at the meeting and answered questions. He stated that the workmanship of the contractor has been excellent in the past but he would look into the complaints of the Committee. He did state that government contracts include a one-year warranty clause.

Work had not been started on the road into the abandoned Dundas Town Primary School and it was determined that this footage could be applied elsewhere. The Committee members decided to have the road to the Oasis continued through to Forest Drive.

**Cen. Abaco District Council** 24 January 02

Eight applications with work valued at \$960,515 had been posted and were before the members for consideration. (The December meeting considered applications valued at \$2,686,505.)

The waterfront road between Calcutta and the Stede Bonnet road was discussed at length. It was stated by Councillor Yvonne Key that a case before the Supreme Court in 1990 had shown that this was a public road even though it traversed private Key Tract land. The road was said to be in existence in the 1930s by older Marsh Harbour residents.

The Board asked that a letter be written requiring the piling on the inland side of the road be moved by mid-February to allow paving. The poles now in place will not allow for normal paving. The landowner must apply for a permit to place the poles (as fencing) and pay the appropriate fee. This road and several other roads in Marsh Harbour are to be paved as soon as the current work is completed in Dundas Town.

A approval in principle to granted to add a 4600-square-foot addition to the Price Right grocery store extending into the adjoining property previously owned by Mrs. Lily Sands.

**Cen. Abaco District Council** 24 January 02

Deputy Chief Councillor Jason Swain asked that the dump contract be given for a two-year period to allow the contractor to recoup his costs for equipment. No action was taken.

Council was asked to look into three violations of the Licensing Act.

- Solomon's Abaco selling items outside the scope of their groceries license.
- A foreign artist selling his art work at his local studio.
- A video rental store selling goods from a residence.

Chief Councillor Silbert Mills reminded the group that the Solomon's Abaco issue is now before the Attorney General waiting for a reply. The other two items will be looked into.

Councillor David Williams asked that the school louver situation be clarified as the 200 louvers received have a plain aluminum finish and are not dark bronze to match the existing louvers. No operators were received. He thought \$7000 was excessive for what was received.

Mr. Mills said four boxes of louvers arrived and were discovered to be one and a quarter inches short. The contractor must return them and get the proper size. Bronze paint is ordered to make the shutters match the others in place. The operators are on order. The invoice showed the louvers cost \$20 each.

Mr. Jason Swain complained to Council members that Murphy Town was not getting

their attention.

Mr. David Williams objected to the direction Mr. Swain seemed to be heading. Mr. Swain gave this as an example of Council's effort to stifle the Murphy Town concerns.

Mr. Swain asked and got permission to change his agenda presentation on the Murphy Town ball park to another topic. He then asked for Council's support to request a change in the Local Government Act to prohibit persons in the newspaper, radio or television media from being in a position of authority in Local Government. He felt persons in those capacities could use their media connections to sway or distort Council's business. He wanted the Local Government Act changed so future councils would not encounter this dilemma. He made a motion and presented a prepared letter to Council for their support stating this goal and asked that it be sent to the Minister for Local Government and Dr. Bernard Nottage, leader of the opposition. The motion was not seconded and Mr. Swain left the meeting.

A letter to Council from a lawyer representing a local resident demanded that all efforts to pave the waterfront road between Calcutta and the Stede Bonnet road in Marsh Harbour cease immediately as this is private property. Several Marsh Harbour Council members were of the opinion that this road has been public for over 70 years and probably began as a footpath prior to the twentieth century. One Councillor will bring Supreme Court papers from 1990 indicating the road is public. Council wants to proceed with the paving and will discuss the situation with the area engineer, Mr. Schaeffer.

The school principal and the janitresses

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# Local Government at Work

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at Central Abaco Primary want to try a new system by which only one janitress will staff the school from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The others will report at 2 p.m. in preparation for school's dismissal at 3 p.m. when they begin cleaning the schoolrooms. They will remain until they have completed their work. The day assignment will be rotated among the janitresses. Previously they all came to work at 8 a.m. doing minor work until 3 p.m. when they can clean classrooms. Councillors agreed to try this system for 30 days before considering it permanently.

It was agreed to transfer or issue a taxi plate to the daughter of a driver who suffered a stroke.

JHC Trucking requested and was given \$200 extra per month for taking excessive trash from the freight dock area to the dump. The dock master will be asked to be more diligent in having those who generate the trash clean it up.

Mr. Mills announced that Central Government has allocated \$4000 toward repairing the old school building in Spring City. This is the only public building in Spring City and is used for public functions including its use as a polling station. Council will allocate another \$4000 which is expected to complete repairs the building.

Rotary asked for a \$1000 contribution for materials for replacing the waterfront gazebo on Queen Elizabeth Drive in Marsh Harbour. The money will pay for materials and Ro-

tary will provide the labour. This popular vantage point was destroyed in Hurricane Floyd. Funds were authorized from other budget areas for Spring City and the gazebo.

Last fall Murphy Town asked for a \$1000 contribution toward their community center. However, a review of the minutes could not locate this request. Several members remembered this discussion and it was agreed to add it to the current minutes so it could be acted on next month.

Applications recommended by Town Planning were reviewed and passed.

A request for Crown Land on Busic Bight was deferred by Murphy Town. However, Council recommended it with Murphy Town's comments to accompany the Council's recommendation.

The Abaco Chamber of Commerce invited the Council to appoint a member to attend Chamber meetings as an observer to foster cooperation between government and the business sector on a variety of issues. David Williams was selected.

The Chamber of Commerce advised Council that they are investigating automobile headlights and the possibility of converting them from right hand low beam as used in the States to left hand as needed here.

The Department of Environmental Health had been asked to expedite the review of building permit applications. A reply intimated that they would continue to review the applications thoroughly.

As a courtesy, Council was advised by the Prime Minister's office that a Canadian firm had been given permission to explore for oil in the Walker's Cay area.

A request by Boat Harbour to dynamite

problem areas in their marina last fall during their slow period has now been approved by Nassau. Since this is not now the slow period, Boat Harbour asked to delay the dredging operation until next fall.

A request from the Magistrate's Court pointed to 14 repairs and improvements needed in the court room and asked for Council's help in making repairs. This will be investigated and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Ministry of Works advised the Council that the proposed Golden Harvest Supermarket building must observe the required 25-foot setback.

It was noted that the high school has two classrooms with no separating partition as a result of Hurricane Floyd in September 1999. A teacher is threatening to leave due to the confusion if a partition cannot be constructed. This will be investigated.

A request for \$50 reimbursement to the Chairman of Hotel Licensing was granted. This was for lunch for the Board members making their hotel inspection tour in January.

A request for \$3000 by Murphy Town to

repair the restrooms at the basketball court was granted.

A complaint about the lights at the Spring City basketball court will be investigated. Apparently the repairs were paid for but the lights do not work.

Administrator Hart asked Council to contribute one month's rent for a temporary Port Officer assigned here from Nassau. This was agreed to.

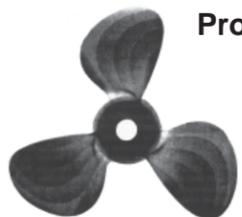
Mrs. Yvonne Key suggested that the Local Government nominees be at large within an entire township rather than from individual polling divisions. Barring that, she asked that the present polling divisions be looked into and be divided more equitably. Some Marsh Harbour districts have nearly 400 registered voters while others have approximately 150.

Mr. Hart asked that this and Mr. Swain's earlier suggestion be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government for review. He also reminded Councillors of his request a year or more ago to consider road regulations, traffic flow, speed limits, etc.

Mr. Hart showed Councillors two artists' renditions of the new government complex to be tendered in February.

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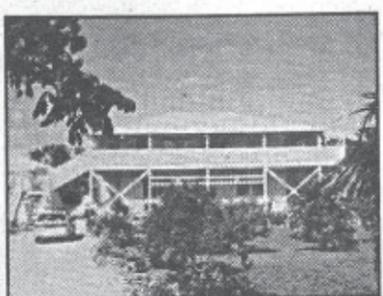
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**Casuarina Beach.** Nice home site w/right of way to beach. #5157. \$50,000.  
**Elbow Cay.** Wooded home site in Buttonwood. Community boat dock. #6163. \$72,000.  
**Elbow Cay.** Surfer's Rest. 10,000 s. f. home site. Good family area. #6206. \$66,000.

**Great Cistern Cay.** Super family home, w/guest cottage. #5729. \$375,000.  
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**Leisure Lee.** Canal front home site, cleared ready to build. #5828. \$46,000  
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**Marsh Harbour.** New! Near Boat Harbour. Residential lot. #6351 \$77,000  
**Scotland Cay.** 1/2 acre plus home site. 150' on Sea of Abaco. #6180. \$298,000.

**Sports**

From Page 13

St. Francis  
 • Primary: 400 m 1st Carlito Pinder, Agape; 2nd Calvin Edgecombe, St. Francis; 3rd Brian Higgs, Agape  
 • Primary: 1600 m 1st Carlito Pinder, Agape; 2nd Spencer Bethel, Agape; 3rd Duran Lowe, St. Francis  
 • Junior: 400 m 1st David Vilmar, St. Francis; 2nd Philip Fernander, St. Francis; 3rd Donovan Albury, St. Francis  
 • Junior: 1600 m 1st. Kyle Bethel, Agape; 2nd David Vilmar, St. Francis; 3rd Timothy Roberts, Agape  
 In the primary division Agape beat St. Francis 16 to 14.  
**High School Students Compete**  
 On January 25 high school students took to their bikes. The age groups were 12 and under, 13-14 years and 15 years and above. Three schools participated, Abaco Central High, Agape Christian and St. Francis de Sales.  
 The results are as follows:  
 • Junior: 400 m 1st Henry Williams, St.

Francis; 2nd Albury Albert, St. Francis; 3rd Jitano Farrington, Abaco Central  
 • Junior: 1600 m 1st Omar Blyden, ACH; 2nd Jitano Farrington, ACH; 3rd Henry Williams, St. Francis  
 • Adolescent: 400 m 1st Matthew Roberts, St. Francis; 2nd Akeem Archer, St. Francis; 3rd Bradley McKenzie, St. Francis  
 • Adolescent: 1600 m 1st Matthew Roberts, St. Francis; 2nd Bradley McKenzie, St. Francis; 3rd Darrin Bethel, ACH  
 • Senior: 400 m 1st Roberts Albury, St. Francis; 2nd Warren Archer, St. Francis; 3rd Leandro Symonette, ACH  
 • Senior: 1600 m 1st Lenadro Symonette, ACH; 2nd Roberts Albury, St. Francis; 3rd Anderson Joseph, ACH  
 St. Francis de Sales School beat Abaco Central 22 to 14  
 The entry fee of \$4 went to Trauma One ambulance service and the Interact Clubs of the high schools. Roadrunners donated all of the prizes. Mr. Moss of Roadrunners Bicycle Store looks forward to greater participation next year.



The bicycle competition for older students was held on January 25. The overall winner was St. Francis de Sales School. The races are organized annually by Mr. Huel Moss, proprietor of Roadrunners Bicycle Shop in Dundas Town.

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**School** *From Page 11*

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## Love Heals Wounds in Little Harbour

By Binard/Alice

A whirlwind romance and subsequent gala wedding lifted spirits in Little Harbour, a settlement still reeling from the recent brutal death of long term resident "Duckie". Duck Too. Duckie's grieving lifemate was "overwhelmed" by the response to his personal ad in a recent *Abaconian*. "The response from lonely Abaconians was stunning," commented Duck Too. Canceling a planned trip to Cuba, Duck Too was pleasantly surprised to find a new mate in the nearby sister settlement of Cherokee.

Duck Tree, a Cherokee native, and Duck Too were united in a brief beachfront ceremony officiated by a visiting minister named ironically Jack Russell. The irony was not lost on Duck Too who stated, "A Jack Russell took away Duckie and now Jack Russell bonds me to my new life mate. This to me exemplifies the beautiful continuum of life and love."

Resplendent in white, the couple exchanged vows with nearly all nine Little Harbour residents in attendance. The ceremony

was briefly interrupted by comments in response to minister Russell's query if any in attendance had objections or questions regarding the union. "Yeah, who gonna be de boss?" shouted an exiled bartender from Guana Cay. Having raised the same concern at a Potcake wedding in Hope Town last year, the single barkeep explained that this was an important issue to settle early on in a marriage.

"It seems a bit premature to me," grumbled a local psychiatrist and marriage counselor. Lamenting the loss of one of his best clients, the divorced doctor stated his insights were drawn on years of experience with failed relationships. In a settlement sometimes known for blurred marital boundaries, the new couple has bravely chosen a traditional monogamous marriage.

As the weathered beaks of the guests raised a toast, the new couple paddled off to the Bight of Robinson where they will enjoy a honeymoon bone fishing cruise. The couple will make their home at Doc's dock in Little Harbour.



Donna Burrows of Dundas Town proudly shows off a tremendous casava which she grew. She has never seen such a large casava. Her family enjoyed the vegetable fixed in many ways.

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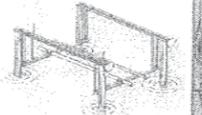
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