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National Election Set for May 2

Ingraham Resigns As FNM Leader After Losing Referendum

By Anita Rolle

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham has announced that the general elections will be held on May 2, 2002. Mr. Ingraham has advised the Governor General, Dame Ivy Dumont, to prorogue the House of Assembly. Dame Ivy has been advised to dissolve Parliament on April 3 and to issue a writ of election on April 4.

In an address to the nation Mr. Ingraham said he had completed his legislative agenda for his second and final term. "I shall not again seek the Office of Prime Minister. This is in keeping with the position I communicated to the Bahamian people in 1992." He went on to say, "I am pleased to have done as much as I have, as soon as I did it, to implement the pledges I made and to keep our commitments to you, the people of the Bahamas."

The Prime Minister said the Bahamas is a different and better place now than it was in 1992 and that he leaves office knowing that he has given his best in serving the Bahamian people.

"My fellow Bahamians," he said, "Our Constitution requires that I must now return the government to you, the people, to elect whom you wish to serve you for the next five years."

He said that in setting the date for the elections he took into consideration new electors who will have their first opportunity to vote - to have the maximum period to be on the register of voters; persons who have

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Hope Town Celebrates Heritage Day



The Wyannie Malone Historical Museum held its annual Heritage Day on March 8 in Hope Town. This year was the 25th anniversary of its organization and it coincided with the opening of Phase 1 of its new building. Heritage Day is a fund raising event and this year's funds will go toward the construction of Phase 2 to take place later this year. Shown above are spectators listening to guest speaker, Director Gail Saunders of the Department of Archives.

Surfers Compete in S. America



A surfing team from Abaco represented The Bahamas at a recent competition of the Pan American Surfing Games held in Venezuela. They came in sixth among the eight countries competing. Shown above are, l. to r., Scott Patterson, chaperon Marlene Mason, Andrew Wilhoite, team manager Patrick McCully, Christine McCully, Lou Kanitsch, Tim Albury, Blake Sands and Joshua Sands. Blake and Joshua are from Guana Cay. The others are from Hope Town.

PTA Wants Better Conditions



Students at Central Abaco Primary improvise a teeter-totter with a broken light pole. PTA President Quentin Bastian led a demonstration on March 7 to protest the many deficiencies at the school. See story on page 10.

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Voters Reject Referendum

By Anita Rolle

Bahamians sent out an astounding message last month when the majority voted "no" to all five proposed amendments in the country's first referendum. An aggressive campaign was launched by both the PLP and FNM throughout the Bahamas leading up to the historic event. With over 134,000 registered voters, the polling stations opened at 8 a.m.

anticipating long queues at the 475 polling stations. New Providence represented 67 percent of the voting population, Grand Bahama 17 percent and the other 16 percent in the other Family Islands.

As early ballot results were broadcast live over ZNS radio and television it was clear from the onset that a trend was emerging, leaning against the proposed amendments.

The gaps between "yes" and "no" widened as any chance of change weakened, finally disappearing. Many were caught off guard as hours before the majority of the polling stations had submitted their final tally, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham conceded defeat.

In a statement read by announcers over the airwaves he said, "The results of the Referendum clearly indicate that the Bahamian populace have voted "no" to each of the proposed amendments to the Constitution in today's Referendum vote. This is a rejection of the last but one of my assignments. I accept full and complete responsibility for this result. I wish to thank all those who came out and voted in the referendum. I thank you all who made the past nine and a half years of a Government led by me possible." When the final tally was in, approximately 65 percent of the voters voted "no" while 35 percent voted "yes."

At a press conference following the refer-

endum, the Prime Minister said that he is ashamed that Bahamians rejected change. "I am ashamed, but I accept it. That is the will of the people." He went on to say, "I have no regrets whatsoever. People are perfectly entitled to accept or reject any proposition put to them." He felt he was mistaken when, during the referendum campaign he declared the results of the referendum would be indicative of the outcome of the general elections. "I said many things - that is one of the mistakes I have made."

Tommy Turnquest Will Lead FNM into Next Election

Free National Movement leader elect Tommy Turnquest was handed the torch to carry the party into the next general election. Officially announced at a conclave, the decision comes following Mr. Ingraham's earlier announcement that he would not be seeking a third term in office. In accepting the responsibility of his new role, Mr. Turnquest said, "As leader, I have counted the cost and have determined that I am prepared to pay the price for leading this team into battle and the awesome task of governing our country."

The conclave provided an opportunity for the party's leaders and delegates to focus, discuss and organize the election campaign for the upcoming general election and to write Manifesto III. Dion Foulkes, deputy leader designate, now moves into position next to Mr. Turnquest. In an effort to show solidarity among the party's leaders, Foulkes along with defeated leader elect Algernon Allen will serve as co-chairmen of the national election committee.

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changed their places of residence - to have ample time to have their names transferred to the new constituency in which they will be eligible to vote; persons who might have had problems with their registration in the referendum exercise - to have sufficient time to sort out such problems.



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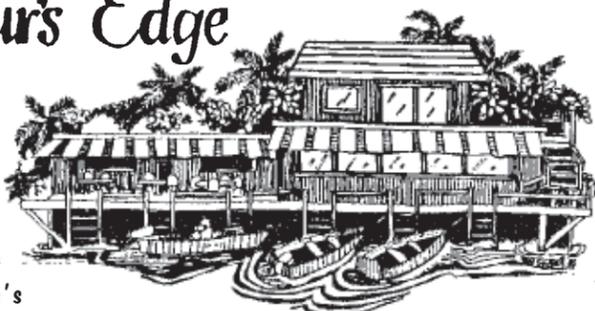


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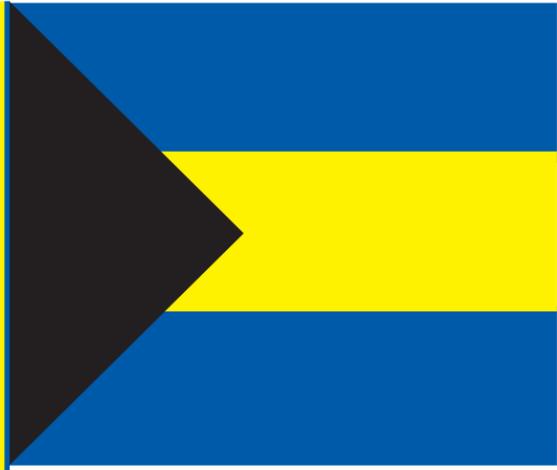
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South Abaco News

Cherokee

By Lee Pinder

Cable Bahamas Service

Cable Bahamas has left information cards at each residence listing the channels they provide, telling us the many different options on how to pay their bill. There is a toll-free Bahamian number listed to call to get instructions for the initial hookup and pre-payment arrangement. I understand that unlike the small Dish system which most of us now have, when the electricity service is interrupted (which does happen on Abaco), you will not be able to turn on the generator and continue to watch the remainder of the program you had on at the time. You must have

direct power to receive constant reception.

A New Boating Ramp

Several local boat owners worked together to build a new concrete boat ramp near the upper end of the creek that will make launching and hauling much easier. The only other ramp is at the bottom of the creek and is quite steep and not properly paved. This year when hurricane season comes along boat owners will be able to pull their boats up much quicker and easier. A new ramp has been talked about for a long time and now we finally have it.

School Welcomes Two New Students

Cherokee Primary School has two new students, Charles Whitman Albury from Ca-

suarina and Colton Sawyer from Marsh Harbour. We feel both these boys will be challenged to do the very best they can under their new teachers and we welcome them to Cherokee.

Field Trip Is Educational

Some of the students along with their chaperons attended the Heritage Day celebrations in Hope Town on March 8. The younger children in Ms. Sutherland's class made an old-time toy to take along to the festivities. How many of you remember playing with the spinning button on a string circle (that comes from another time when things weren't so complicated.) The children learned about the first settlers on Abaco which each child could claim as part of his own heritage. Hands-on demonstration tables were set up for the students and grown-ups alike to try out some of the skills and hardships of everyday life in the early Abaconian days.

Quilting is one of the few old-time crafts displayed that is still practiced in Cherokee today and we hope that it will continue for many years to come. In addition, our fisher-

men still mend nets by hand. Sad to say plating is now almost a lost art here where in years gone by almost everyone knew how to plate and, of course, there were those special people in the village who used to sew hats or make the fish pots.

Not too long ago I watched with fascination as a father made palm frond whistles for his children at one of our cook-outs. He said his father had made them for him and his brothers and sisters. Another simple toy but much beloved and remembered by that father who wanted to share one of his childhood experiences with his own children.

When Ms. Gail Saunders from the Department of Archives in Nassau spoke along with many other very interesting historians, she remarked about the difficult times when there were no roads, no electricity and, of course, no telephones. Some of the children are too young to remember, but for Cherokee residents some of these memories are really not that far back. She spoke of early

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The March 1st issue of The Abaconian gave a report on the highly successful horticulture show sponsored by the Bahamas Farmer's Association and the Rotary Club. Mrs. Lee Pinder, our correspondent in Cherokee Sound, contributed a lovely variety of preserves to that exhibition which she made from locally grown fruit.

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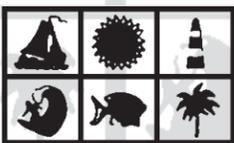
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News of the Cays

Hope Town Church Has Youth Director

By Dan and Brenda Tradal

St. James Methodist Church in Hope Town is happy to welcome Mr. Dan Tradal and Mrs. Brenda Tradal to serve as volunteers to direct the church's youth programs and Family Worship Service. Dan and Brenda reside in Seattle, Washington, when they are not serving the Hope Town congregation. They are affectionately known to the kids as Capt. Dan and Mrs. Brenda.

The youth programs are in full swing, reported Tradal. Twenty children ages 7-12 meet on Friday evenings while the junior high and senior high youth meet on Monday nights. All the programs include organized play time with Frisbees, flash-light tag and ping pong. After refreshments the group enjoys singing, skits and *Christian living* discussion time. The Family Worship Service is 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. All youth and families are welcome.

The youth have been working on a community service project to develop a Frisbee golf course. They have been very busy on several Saturdays painting and creating colorful posts for the nine-hole course. The "hole" posts will be installed soon in the play field north of town. The course will be available for the adults of the community and vacationing guests as well as the youth. The youth are eager to schedule their inaugural Frisbee Golf Invitational Tournament.

On March 2nd a Banana Mania Extravaganza will include various banana relays and obstacle races and finish up with a huge banana split served in a 20-foot long piece of "clean" rain gutter! Many adults have volunteered to help make this a fun-filled day of silliness for the Hope Town youth ages 10-18. The youth from Epworth Chapel in Cherokee and St. Andrews Methodist in Dundas Town are invited. Rev. Carla Culmer, the minister of all three churches, will join in the fun at Mission House in Hope Town on March 2nd.

A Tribute to Ms. Lily Bethel Affectionately Known as The Cat Lady November 1939 - February 2002

By Deb Patterson

Miss Lily, who passed away in her sleep at her residence in Hope Town, will be remembered by residents and visitors for the spunky character she was. Some people can live their entire lives without being noticed, but such was not the case with Miss Lily, who suffered from schizophrenia.

Miss Lily's condition was first noticed in the late 1940s when there were no doctors in Hope Town. Suffering for years without a proper diagnosis, Miss Lily was relegated to the attic as a form of control. This unfortunate yet understandable treatment combined with her schizophrenia left Miss Lily with a lot of rage. Miss Lily mostly took her rage out on her parents so the rest of us just accepted her as "crazy" or "genius" because she showed both sides.

Miss Lily went to the Hope Town School and a classmate of hers tells me that she was "the smartest person in the class," and that she was able to complete her assignments with record speed. In the 1970s Miss Lily was finally diagnosed and given medication. When Miss Lily took her medication, she was a very interesting person to talk with. I personally had many conversations with her.

Miss Lily's greatest pleasure in life was the love she had for her many cat companions. As a child I would marvel at the names she came up with for her cats. I can still hear her calling them, in her classic high pitched accent, "Here, Montgomery, here Puss-In-Boots, here Whitey, here Blacky, here Topsy, here Beauty, here Funny Face, here Snowflake."

The interesting thing is that the "Snowflakes" weren't necessarily white, the "Beautys" weren't necessarily beautiful, BUT the "Funny Faces" ALWAYS had a funny face, so go figure. The point is that Miss Lily was a classic character who shared her life with the entire Hope Town Commu-

nity. She will be fondly remembered by those who knew her. So, Miss Lily, may you now rest in peace, hopefully with lots of cats to surround you.

Great Guana Cay

By Emily Bethel

Surfers Did Great!

This is a report on the surfing competition which Blake and Joshua Sands competed in. Their trip is over but their memories will last. What an experience! They arrived back from their trip to Venezuela on February 26 along with the other members of the team. Timmy Albury, who was in charge, and others who went along included Christine McCully, Scott Patterson, Andrew Wilhoite and Patrick McCully from Hope Town.

It was a four-hour flight from Miami, then the fun began. Joshua surfed three days and made it to the quarter-finals. Blake surfed four days and made it to the semi-finals. Eight coun-

tries competed and the Bahamas team came in 6th. They all stayed at a resort which served food that was different from what they were used to. That was an experience because when you are away from home, your menu will change along with many other things. No one spoke English, only Spanish, so they had to have a translator and that was something else they were not used to. The whole trip went well and they are looking forward to signing up for other competitions in other places in the future. Well done for such a small team. Congratulations!

Post Office Has Limited Hours

The question is asked by visitors, "Where is the Post Office?" Last year a building was built on the front street and is painted a bright pink. It has two sections where one side is for the Post Office and the other side is used for

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FNM Headquarters Is Officially Opened

By Anita Rolle

The new South Abaco FNM headquarters located in the Abaco Shopping Center in Marsh Harbour was officially opened on March 1, 2002. Deputy Leader designate of the Free National Movement, Mr. Tommy Turnquest, declared the headquarters officially open before a packed crowd in the parking area just outside the headquarters. Accompanying Min. Turnquest were FNM several party officials including Mr. Michael Pintard; Mr. Desmond Bannister, FNM can-

didate for Carmichael in Nassau; Juanianne Dorsette Member of Parliament for the Fox Hill constituency in Nassau; and Mr. Jack Albury, FNM Chairman for South Abaco.

Member of Parliament for the South Abaco constituency, Mr. Robert Sweeting, who is seeking his third term in office, thanked supporters for their unconditional support over the past years and told them, "I will represent Abaco to the best of my ability for the next five years . . . I am confident that when the bell rings throughout the Bahamas, you

are going to vote FNM, FNM!"

In his address Carmichael candidate Mr. Desmond Bannister, who is also President of the Bahamas Amateur Athletic Association (BAAA), highlighted the amazing successes of world class athletes such as renowned Abaconians Ms. Savatheda Fynes and Mr. Troy McIntosh. He stated that Abaco has helped the Bahamas come a long way in athletics and with hard work and support, foresees even greater success in the future.

FNM Leader Designate Tommy Turnquest rendered the keynote address stating that the FNM is still committed to putting people first. He took time to highlight the developments made on various cays and settlements on the island and pledged to continue to work until the island of Abaco is fully developed. Said Min. Turnquest, "Robert Sweeting will play an even greater role . . . no effort will be spared to make it better for Abaconians."



Free National Movement supporters celebrated at the opening of the FNM headquarters for South Abaco in Marsh Harbour on March 1. Mr. Robert Sweeting, who has served as Member of Parliament for South Abaco since 1992, is shown with friends who will be supporting him in the upcoming election to be held on May 2. Left to right are Terrance Roberts, Wynsome Ferguson, Mailin Sands, Robert Sweeting and Myreka Flowers Photo by Tim Ahyen

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The Editor Says . . . Another School Crisis



Several years ago classes at the Abaco Central High School were brought to a standstill when the PTA and students confronted authorities with a school boycott over poor maintenance and administration. After months of inactivity, the boycott by students and parents got official recognition of the problems and progress was made.

Now the Central Abaco Primary School is going through the same exercise. The school is nearly four years old and has a student population of approximately 650 primary students.

The school is built on a prime hill top site. The area was bulldozed clean and the school constructed. The flat solid limestone made an excellent foundation base but bare limestone is hard to landscape. Neither does it make a hospitable playground. Students and staff object to the inhospitable nature and stark appearance of the school grounds.

A \$90,000 contract was let several years ago to a Nassau firm for landscaping and an irrigation system. The project was cancelled, leaving some parts of the irrigation system in place.

The two interior court yards were inadvertently designed to catch rain water from the four enclosing roofs and trap the water. No provision is provided to drain the collected water. This flaw in the design became apparent after the school was occupied and the spring rains came. In four years there has been little or no effort to correct this defect. The pond is shallow and the younger children delight in running through the water or playing at the water's edge.

The plumbing has given trouble from the beginning. Pumps have burned out, toilets do not flush and water has leaked through several walls for two or more years.

This year in November plywood storm shutters were put up immediately preceding Hurricane Michelle. The shutters were nailed to the walls in a hurried effort to protect the school. When the concrete nails were removed, the area around the windows resemble walls with bullet holes where the nails were pulled out. Before the next storm season the shutters are to be configured for proper mounting but time will tell how long the "bullet holes" will remain.

A tuck shop normally sells basic school supplies and packaged snack foods. However,

this leasee at this school is cooking lunches for many of the 600 students which is overloading the plumbing.

Sewage has backed up flooding onto the floor and outer walkways. The floor and wall have been chopped open to fix the problem. Earlier, one of the toilet drain lines had to be dug up as the children were using rocks in the absence of toilet paper. We can imagine that the cost of those repairs was equal to many cases of toilet paper. However, the school saved money as they avoided the cost of toilet paper while Council was stuck with the repair costs.

Garbage and broken furniture litter the grounds. It is possible that some broken desks and chairs could be repaired and returned to service. Parts from two broken chairs or desks might be combined to give one good chair or desk.

Like the high school, there is enough blame to go around. The school administration and teachers should not have passively accepted this situation. The District Superintendent is either derelict in not being aware of the conditions or in not working to correct the deficiencies. The PTA should have been making louder and louder grumbles during the past three years. Then there is the Local Government which has the responsibility for school maintenance. Either they are negligent at not being more active toward school

maintenance or were negligent at accepting a faulty building to maintain without asking for assistance from the Ministry of Works or the educational system to bring the building up to acceptable standards.

Under our Local Government system, the Council is responsible for school maintenance similar to the responsibilities of a school board. Nassau has school boards but Local Government was given this responsibility in the Out Islands.

Now, as we write this, a meeting is being held with the relevant authorities to see what can be done. Top persons from Local Government, Ministry of Works, Education Superintendent's office, school administrative staff and perhaps others are now working together to resolve the problems.

From our distant vantage point it appears that the Ministry of Works along with the Ministry of Education accepted the building and its plumbing and electrical systems either prematurely or without satisfactory inspections during construction. The typical one-year warranty period after accepting the buildings may have been overlooked as the proper time frame to solve some of the problems. This would have put responsibility for the repairs back on the various contractors or exposed deficiencies in the specifications given the contractors.

It is understood that a landscaping contract is about to be awarded to a local company for the school grounds. On completion that may change the looks enough to give the staff and students a school they can be proud of. That would be a step in the right direction.

Our high school went through this same process but now it seems to be headed in the right direction with new aggressive administration. Local Government is begrudgingly giving the high school the attention it needs and deserves. Now they need to pay similar attention to the primary school.

One other comment. Do you suppose the new 40,000 square foot government administrative building about to be built will be given to us with no landscaping, marginal toilets and a courtyard that converts to a swimming pool after each rain storm?. Of course not! The occupants will not accept it, the builders would be ashamed to have their name on display and government would not want its showpiece building looking like a rummage sale cast-off.

It is a known fact that children learn by example. If they are given shabby surroundings with an indifferent attitude by those responsible, they will grow up to perpetuate indifference and shabbiness. The Bahamas will not make it on that premise

Generally Speaking . . . The Electorate Has Spoken

By S. Timothy Roberts

The electorate has spoken, and the voice was loud and clear. As people listened to the radio or watched television, they saw the mechanism of democracy working.

As politicized as it became, the general feeling was that people voted according to their conscience and were not swayed by either side. The referendum went down in flames not because of political influence, but because people refused to vote yes to a constitutional change without fully knowing and understanding that change. It was a day of victory for the voter, not any political group.

What is being seen, I believe, is the coming of age of the voter. The voter is now demanding the respect of the government and politicians. No longer does the voter just accept what the politicians say; they want to know the "whys and wherefores" so that they can make an intelligent choice.

This is NOT a rejection of women's equal rights or a Independent Parliamentary Com-

missioner or an Independent Boundaries Commission. This does not mean people are against a Teachers' Service Commission or extending the age of Supreme Court judges. However, the people want, in fact, need to know how this will affect the Bahamas today and in the future before they make such a momentous change to our constitution.

As we look forward to the general election we can now have confidence. We can rely on our fellow voters to make a well considered choice and not vote for a political party necessarily, but vote on principle and for what is best for the country.

For this election the electorate will demand politicians who respect their intelligence and tell them what they will do for their communities and their country. They will need to be convinced that what they are hearing will be more than words. The voters are tired of empty promises and political egos.

We, as a people, need to ask ourselves which party will do the best job for the country. We need to see ourselves as Bahamians, not as party supporters.

There are many serious issues facing the entire nation, pressures from the global community, FTAA and many other entities, and there many issues we face locally.

We, the voters, will make decisions in the coming weeks as regards the entire country, and these decisions will quite possibly make or break the country. It is up to us to go and get the necessary information to make the best choice because we know the information will not come to us.

While politicians begin to gear up for the next election, we need to gear up by getting informed and marking the X by the individuals who will lead the country through the difficult issues that lie ahead. It is our choice and we need to equip ourselves to make the best one.

All About Town

By Isobel Sherman

Spring Break

It is that time of year - Spring Break. The start of this six week period is the last week in February. I am more aware of it this year as our daughter will be home March 1 for her spring break bring textbooks with her.

The day she goes back she has 2 exams and a paper due on the Tuesday. She says she is tired and I know she is but she says it looks like her spring break will not really be a break. For thousands of college students many travel to warmer climates on their spring break, Nassau is flooded with spring breakers .Abaco has even attracted some in the past.

The theory about encouraging spring breakers is that when they enter the work place, they often return to the places where they had fun in college. Therefore, spring breakers as tourists are welcome by the Ministry of Tourism.

Now I am wondering as I listened to my daughter on the phone of the work she is bringing home to do if all spring breakers have work to do but choose to relax instead? It is a question I will not find an answer to but if any spring breakers are reading this article welcome to Abaco and come back again.

Dogs Still a Problem

I read the recent *Letter to the Editor* response to my article about the stray dogs in Spring City. The basis of my information for

the article was from a resident in Spring City who says dogs roam all over and many are puppies. In fact the puppies are often mistreated.

While I am on the subject, I once again voice concern over the dogfights which are supposedly held every weekend somewhere near Spring City. Pit bulls are put up against each other, one person told me, for money. The fight is till the death of one or the other dog. I have seen with my own eyes persons walking their pit bulls up and down the hill I live on at night, one having his pit bull pull a cement block up and down the hill. When I asked some students at school they tell me the dogs are in training to fight.

As a teacher I knows that many students own pit bulls or desire to own pit bulls not for a caring pet but to fight.

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Letters to the Editor

Comment on the Referendum

Dear Editor,
 The referendum vote is over. The people have spoken on that particular issue and now we go on to the main event which is the general election.
 It is the opinion of this writer that a lot of the no votes were supporters of the FNM to show the party that a lot of its supporters are tired of Mr. Ingraham and his hard headed, stubborn, arrogant attitude.

It is doubtful if the council members can or will do anything about this situation but the part had better wake up and smell the coffee before it's too late.

Now concerning the upcoming general election, personally I can't see anyone on Abaco supporting the PLP in the coming election. Why? Well, because in 25 years of PLP government very, very little was done concerning the infrastructure of Abaco.

To my knowledge the law mandates a certain amount of taxes contributed to the treasure by each island community is to be returned to that same island community for infrastructural upkeep and development.

Now under the FNM government we are finally seeing some of our tax dollars begin returned to our communities. Just look around.

There is none so blind as he who does not want to see.

Jim Hall

To the Community of Man-O-War

Dear Friends -
 Throughout my life I have been blessed. I have had my share of adventure. I have a wonderful loving wife and family, a comfortable home and a terrific community. All in all, the good Lord has been very good to me.

On February 22nd, I received a tremendous gift to add to all of the other blessings I have received. The community of Man-O-War gave me the surprise of a lifetime. The gesture and outpouring of love and affection was tremendous, and it is a very comforting feeling to know that one's efforts are appreciated.

I have enjoyed serving the community and along with all other residents take great pride in its appearance. I am very pleased to know that I have made my own small contribution.

I am very grateful to all who were involved in the preparations for "The Event." I shan't attempt to mention any names for fear of missing some. Since it was a surprise, I have no idea who they were anyway.

I am also very grateful to all who attended, for the gifts and for the plaque. The turnout was overwhelming and I do hope that everyone had as much fun and good food as I did.

All I can really say is, my deepest and most sincere thanks to all.

My very best wishes,
 Antonio J. "Tony" Albury

Our Drivers Can't Learn

Dear Sir:
 I read with great interest Miss Bain's article in the February 15th edition of *The Abaconian* regarding *Intersection Rules of the Road*. As usual, Miss Bain exercised her reporting duties in skillful manner, duly reporting the facts. It is these same facts, however, that have gotten my "proverbial goat."

Yes, four-way and priority stop intersections work effectively and efficiently in the United States. The reasons for this are simple: the drivers are educated, in most cases courteous and they have always lived with controlled traffic situations. I can probably count on both hands how many Abaconians understand and/or comply with the premise of a four-way intersection.

If you want to see something amusing, go and sit at the intersection of Queen Elizabeth Drive and Don MacKay Boulevard for about a half-hour. Then put your hand on a stack of

Bibles and tell me that a four-way stop can work in Marsh Harbour. I don't think so.

Another fine example of Abaconian driving skill can be witnessed at the intersection of Crockett Drive and Don MacKay, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Due to the road being so wide, it seems that most drivers seem to think that they are on 1-95 instead of Crockett Drive. On occasion I have seen as many as three, sometimes four, "lanes" of traffic at this intersection, everyone seemingly impervious to anyone else on the road around them.

I think it is ludicrous that our illustrious Prime Minister wants to keep our island "quaint" by denying us sensible means of traffic control. Marsh Harbour is in dire need of at least four traffic lights, not four-way stops, and not priority intersections.

We had one traffic light, one of our few claims to notoriety, and lost it to a minor hurricane, but our caring government doesn't think enough of us to replace it and protect its people. I'm very sorry, Mr. Clarke of the Ministry of Works, but I blatantly disagree, traffic lights are very efficient means of traffic control, particularly for Marsh Harbour.

Perhaps if Abaco was receiving back more than the eight percent return on the funds that we generate for the Public Treasury, we would be able to implement proper traffic control along with other "luxuries" like sidewalks. I guess it shouldn't be called the "Public Treasury," it really is the "Nassau/Freeport Treasury," isn't it? I guess that's more food for thought.

Best regards,
 Brant M. Albury
Parents' Concern Is Pathetic

Dear Editor,
 For the past 26 years I have been unofficially connected with primary education here in Central Abaco through the fact that my wife has been a teacher, first at Marsh Harbour Primary and now at Central Abaco Primary, since 1976.

In every PTA meeting that has been called that I know of, parent participation has been extremely poor.

Today, March 7, the PTA committee of Central Abaco Primary held a protest to make their grievances with the school's facilities make known publicly.

This committee as well as previous committees apparently were given promises, promises and more promises; therefore, the protest has been too long in coming.

It is my understanding that parents were given notice of their expected participation about two weeks prior to the event, but only 20 or 25 parents participated. If that is not lack of concern by the parents, I don't know what is. After all, there are about 600 students in the school.

The parents who participated should be highly commended while the others are a disgrace to parenthood.



Maybe parents' lack of concern is the reason teachers have so many problems with the children.

Jim Hall

Illegal Immigrants Fishing in the Bahamas

Dear Editor,
 Last year while fishing near Walkers, I was approached by a commercial fishing boat that was about eighty feet in length. The captain was upset that someone was taking the lobster and grouper out of his fish pots and leaving the trap door open. I knew by his accent that he was not Bahamian. In conversation with him he told me he had been brought here two weeks prior to that to captain that fishing vessel.

Other fishermen have told me that there are several Bahamian registered fishing vessels fishing on the Cay Sal Bank that have crew from the Dominican Republic. There are doz-

ens of Haitians that commercially fish in Northern Abaco full time, that come in and sell their catch every day. To my understanding; non-Bahamians are not allowed to commercially fish in the Bahamas. It is called gainful occupation.

I ask that the Ministers of Fisheries and Immigration put an immediate stop to this situation. Most of the money that the illegal fishermen are making is not being spent in our country but is sent back to their homes.

This sure is putting a lot of Bahamian fishermen out of work, and a lot of Bahamian children are having to go without.

Peter Sweeting

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School News

Central Abaco Primary School PTA Threatens to Sit Out

By Anita Rolle

The Parent Teacher Association of the Central Abaco Primary School held a demonstration protesting the deplorable conditions at the school located in Dundas Town. At 9am on March 7 parents, teachers and the entire student body of six hundred plus students assembled in the parking lot of the school with placards, chanting, "Give us a playground," and "We want action, enough is enough."

The school has been in operation for about four years and is still without basic amenities such as a proper plumbing system, a playground, proper landscaping, a playing field, sufficient teaching staff, computers and suf-

ficient maintenance staff. The parking lot is presently being used as a playground for the children for volleyball, basketball, physical education classes AND a parking lot. Since its inception, the school has been plagued with continuous problems like flooding due to poor drainage, leaking pipes in the walls, sewage back-ups, exposed pipes and open trenches in the school yard, overgrown bushes, no landscaping - only rocks and weeds.

According to the PTA President, Mr. Quentin Bastian, "We have spoken with authorities from the District Superintendent office, Local Government and even the Prime Minister on a recent visit to Abaco, receiving no action and no satisfaction. We are tired of conflicting reports, lies and broken promises."

In an interview with the District Education Officer, Mr. Jackson McIntosh, he feels

that the actions of the PTA say to the powers that be, "We don't want you to forget about us." Denying none of the specifics set forth by the PTA, he went on to say, "The government along with the Director of Public Works had been in negotiations with a Canadian firm. However, the designs were not in accordance and were therefore never approved." As for the plumbing problems at the school, Mr. McIntosh said that he has learned that from time to time problems such as leaks in the walls have occurred. Said Mr. McIntosh, "The faults are related to the water system." When questioned about allegations that a contractor had already been paid to do the work, Mr. McIntosh admitted, "A sum of \$90,000 had been issued to complete phase one of the landscaping project to include the installation of sprinkler pipes and work on the landscaping." He stated that the status of the compound at present is that completed phase.

On the issue of maintenance of the school compound, Mr. McIntosh said that one handyman is shared between Central Abaco Primary School and Abaco Central High School.

When asked why this is so, insufficient funds were the blame. However, after further investigations, it has been learned that the handyman is employed by the Council and spends most of his time at the high school. He goes to the primary school from time to time to deal with plumbing problems.

McIntosh briefly addressed the student body telling them that he is proud of the fact that they are exercising their right to stand up for what they want. He also stated, "A new landscaping contract has recently been approved and will be issued to a local firm and work should be completed between now and the end of April." Mr. McIntosh, however, declined to name the firm.

Parents later protested with their placards outside the District Education office in Marsh Harbour where they chanted, "We need action for our children."

A press statement issued by the PTA dated March 7th, 2002, reads as follows: "We, the PTA of the Central Abaco Primary School, anticipate that by Monday March 11th

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Central Abaco Primary PTA President, Mr. Quentin Bastian, led a protest to highlight the neglect of the school. Much work remains to be done to create a playground, ball field, landscaping and general building maintenance. He is shown addressing the students and parents in a demonstration on March 7.

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we would receive the specifics on what will be done and when it will be done. If the response is not to our satisfaction, we will be forced to have our children sit out classes until appropriate action is taken."

Congratulations, Abaco Pathfinders

By Isobel Sherman

I would like to thank Abaco Pathfinders for the wonderful college handbook they have put together and distributed to grade 11 students at the schools in Abaco. It is an excellent handbook of how to look for a college, how to apply for admission, how to apply for

scholarships and what to do when you get to college as a freshman. I hope they continue distributing this handbook

Abaco Pathfinders is selling raffle tickets with an Abaco- built boat being first prize. All proceeds are to go to scholarship fund.

St. Francis de Sales Fair Will Offer Fun and Games

The Annual Fair of St. Francis de Sales School will be held on March 23 on the grounds of the school. Proceeds will go for school projects. At the moment raffle tickets are for sale. The drawing will be held during the fair. All of their usual fair attractions will be there.

Government Loan Scholarship Applications

By Isobel Sherman

Application forms for the Government Loan Scholarship are available at the District Superintendent's Office in Dove Plaza, Marsh Harbour. This is a new application form and according to the instructions the deadline for submission is June 30. However, my advice would be to get the application in earlier if possible. I can be contacted through *The Abaconian* or at Central Abaco High School if I can assist anyone in filling out the application.

Treasure Cay Primary Students Harvest Crops

By Anita Rolle

Sixth graders at the Treasure Cay Primary School are very proud of their agriculture science project. They have grown Chinese cabbages and tomatoes on their makeshift garden housed on the school compound.

Mr. Roodatram Kawalram, who has been teaching at the school for two years, is pleased that the students are so excited about the project. Crops were sown in January and have been monitored daily by the students,

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Mr. Roodatram, Grade 6 teacher at the Treasure Cay Primary School, is shown with a Chinese cabbage plant and the vegetable garden grown by his students for their agricultural science project.



First grade students of Central Abaco Primary School proudly show off the science projects that they created under the guidance of Mrs. Nuelessa Major.

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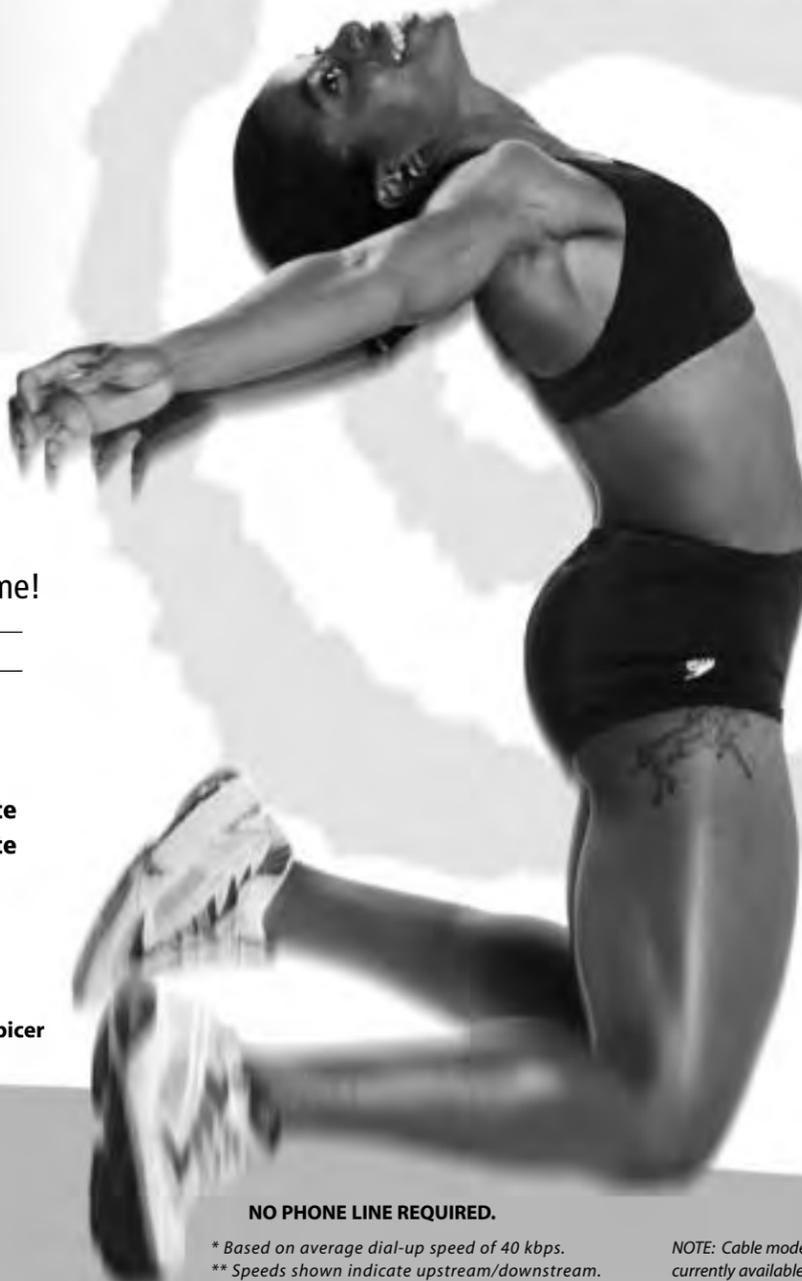
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Central Abaco News

Water Front Gazebo Is Replaced

By Alice Bain

The Rotary Club of Abaco has recently reconstructed a Marsh Harbour landmark that was destroyed by Hurricane Floyd. The Rest-A-While gazebo on Queen Elizabeth Drive has risen from the ashes (or splinters, as the case may be) and now offers shade and seating to tired walkers once more.

Mike Malone, chairman of the community service committee for the Rotary Club, commented, "One of our projects this year was to restore damages done by Hurricane Floyd, and as chairman of the community service committee this has made me a very popular man! We have received financial assistance from the Central Abaco District Council—they paid for the materials. Rotary supplied the labor from our

membership; myself, Bill Lyons, Hugh Cottis and Debbie Malone all worked on the gazebo."

Adjoining the gazebo is a sign donated by the Scurvy Few, Abaco's motorcycle club. A sculpture of a pirate stands on the other side of the gazebo—donated by Mr. Malone.

"We've had an amazing response," Mr. Malone stated further. "There's been lots of interest from the public walking by as we were working on the structure although nobody offered to help. The last comment I got was from a couple who said 'Thank you, sir, for thinking about us.'"

"It turned out very nice," he continued. "We may need a little more landscaping and it would be nice to have a light at night. We are now trying to get a garbage can installed there. If anyone on Abaco has an old wooden keg that they would like to donate for this purpose, we'd be grateful!" To donate a wooden keg to the Rest-A-While gazebo, please contact Mike Malone.



A new airport terminal is badly needed for Marsh Harbour. Visitors and residents are forced to wait for their flights wherever they can find a space. The terminal cannot possibly contain all the people on a busy day. Shown above some are finding a spot of grass. Local people are hoping that the changes occurring in government will not slow the process of getting a new terminal.

Bahamasair Has Canceled PBI Service

By Isobel Sherman

Bahamasair has cancelled their service to West Palm Beach. The West Palm Beach

flight was a popular flight and provided an additional flight between Marsh Harbour and Nassau. Bahamasair will be adding another flight to Nassau beginning in June.



A dispute over the paving of the road joining Calcutta and Stede Bonnet Road in Marsh Harbour led to a meeting on February 26 of those claiming ownership, local government officials and the police. The piling on the inland side have been removed to allow the road paving to be a normal width. Since this photo was taken, the paving has been completed in this section of road. But the paving stops where there is a claim that the road improperly crosses private property. It is understood that court action is underway to resolve this issue.



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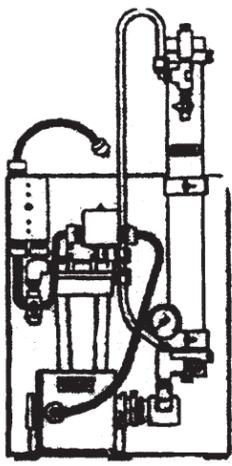
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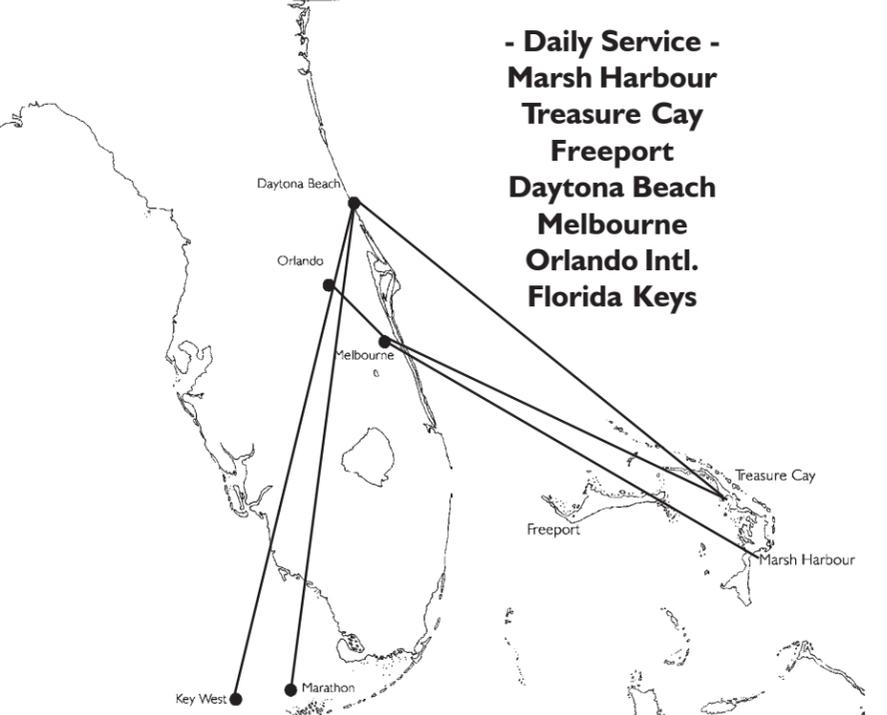


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New Ferry Joins the Fleet



Donnie X, Albury's Ferry Service's newest boat, is shown leaving the Marsh Harbour dock with a load. It's passenger load is over 100 people.

By Stephanie Humblestone

Albury's Ferry Service added another boat to their fleet of nine on February 16. The *Donnie X* is 51 feet long with a 17-foot beam and a 1500 HP diesel engine. She is exactly the same as the *Donnie IX* which was purchased 18 months ago. The ferry service to the cays which is keeping pace with Abaco's growing tourism industry is owned by Marcel Albury and his son Ralph of Man-O-War Cay.

When the service began in 1959, the owners

little realised that in less than fifty years their fleet would be so impressive. Marcel is the retiring owner, occasionally, in his words, "driving the desk" while Ralph is actively owner/operator.

Albury's Ferry Service carries between 1000 to 1200 people a week to Man-O-War Cay, Hope Town, Guana Cay and Scotland Cay. Their fleet comprises four 34-foot boats, two 39-foot, one 43-foot, one 45-foot and two 51-foot boats.

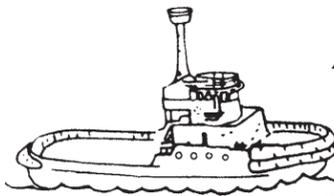
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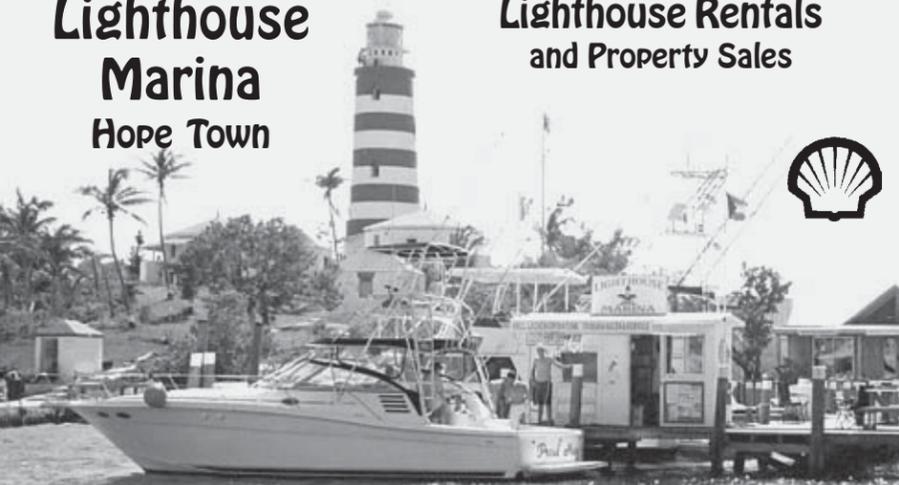
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Snake Cay Clean-up Continues

By Alice Bain

Snake Cay is now seeing the second half of the cleanup effort launched in 2001. On

March 3 students from Huel Moss's Marine Biology class at Abaco Central High School joined with Erin and Ron Pagliaro of Abaco

Outback kayak tour company to complete the job they began a few months ago. Unfortunately, it appears that dumping has continued in the area although there was much less trash in evidence than there was before the cleanup began.

In addition to picking up garbage, students also erected a sign that they had designed and built, urging Bahamians to protect our environment and drawing attention to the fact that Snake Cay is an area that we all want to see kept clean. The students painted two 55-gallon steel drums to be used as trash receptacles. These were installed in different lo-

cations at the Snake Cay site and will be maintained and emptied by Abaco Outback, who have kindly volunteered their services in this effort.

Snake Cay has been used as a dumping ground for old vehicles. Sunshine Trucking of Marsh Harbour has donated equipment and effort to remove these from the area. At the time of writing, eight of the original sixteen cars have been hauled off, and the final eight are scheduled to be taken away by the end of the first week in March.



Erin and Ron Pagliaro are spearheading a campaign to clean up Snake Cay. Work was begun last summer and students from Abaco Central High School were actively cleaning up again earlier this month. Some of the heavy debris, cars and appliances required a trucking company to remove. Snake Cay is part of a very sensitive eco-system which needs to be protected from pollutants.

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North Abaco News



The newly enlarged Treasure Cay Library is a show piece with a wide variety of books including a large children's section as well as areas for juveniles, young adults, reference, fiction, non-fiction, classics, Bahamian, large print and foreign language sections, all well labeled and catalogued. They offer a selection of games, puzzles, video tapes, audio tapes as well as a copy machine, laminating machine and computer all available for the use of the library's patrons. A recent addition to the building increased the size by two-thirds. Volunteers have worked to equip it attractively.



There was a lot of interest in the book sale held at the Treasure Cay Annual Yard Sale which benefits the Treasure Cay Community Library.

Joe Norris, and an *Abaconian* reporter were present.

The annual budget for Cooper's Town is presently \$42,000. More frequent garbage pick-up was desired. It was suggested that breaking the contract into smaller components might let more people get involved with smaller equipment allowing more frequent collection.

There appeared to be no major issues either by Town Committee members or the two residents in attendance.

Cedar Harbour

Cedar Harbour Day Is Planned

Make plans to attend Cedar Harbour Day scheduled for March 30th and 31st in Cedar Harbour. Saturday events begin at 10 a.m. Contests, prizes, Junkanoo rush out, concerts, surprises and games for the entire family. Live remote broadcast. A special church service will be held at Ebenezer Baptist Church on Sunday at 11 a.m.

Cooper's Town

Public Town Meeting

The Cooper's Town Committee held a public town meeting on February 11 to meet their statutory requirements. The meeting began more than an hour late to allow the public time to attend. However, by 8:30 p.m. only two persons were there. Additionally, the Chief Councillor for North Abaco, Mr.

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Mrs. Ruth Sands is shown above at her booth at the Treasure Cay Annual Yard Sale on March 9. Many booths provided a variety of food from dinners to snack food. Mrs. Sands offered lunches all attractively packaged as well as a variety of homemade ice cream flavors.

Treasure Cay

The Treasure Cay community holds an annual yard sale which over the years has proved to be very popular. It is a fund raising event to benefit the Treasure Cay Community Library. Additionally, a large variety of books, hard back and paper back are offered. The bargains at both the yard sale and the book sale are outstanding.

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Heritage Day Celebrates 25 Years



The Wyannie Malone Historical Museum in Hope Town celebrates Heritage Day annually. This year, their Silver Anniversary, they featured crafts from the past. The school children demonstrated a variety of skills. In the top left Nicolette Michel is making journey cake. Annie Sawyer in the middle photograph is braiding cotton rags which is the first step in making braided rugs. Tyler Albury on the right is intent on making sucket candy from orange rind and sugar. Below on the left Stephanie Sweeting is diligently weaving a hot pad. The last picture shows Sophonia St. Louis and Erin Patterson demonstrating hand quilting.



By Stephanie Humblestone
 The Silver Jubilee of the Wyannie Malone Historical Museum was held in Hope Town on March 8. Heritage Day, as it is traditionally known, attracted crowds this year flocking to the library playground, seeking shade under the cork tree and milling around the museum and its environs.
 The theme this year was a re-enactment of the every day life of the Loyalist settlers. Mrs. Suzanne Bethel, Chairman of the

Wyannie Malone Historical Museum Society, Mrs. Candace Key, Headmistress of the Hope Town School, and members of the community were in period dress, complete with gingham-patterned cotton skirts and frilly cloth caps.
 As always, the children of the Hope Town School were keen participants. They opened

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Old Way of Life Is Demonstrated

Heritage

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the occasion with a piper parade to Jarrett Park where the ceremonial flag was raised by Mr. Franklyn Russell, a longtime resident of Hope Town and a Wyannie Malone descendent.

Mrs. Bethel gave the welcoming address and presented the special guests: Dr. Gail Saunders, Director of the Department of Archives in Nassau, Mr. Keith Tinker, Director of the Department of Antiquities in Nassau, Assistant Island Administrator, Mr. Huntley Christie, Mr. Robert Sweeting, MP

for South Abaco, and Capt. Leonard Thompson.

"These were resourceful people," said Dr. Saunders, acknowledging the resilience and strength of the early Loyalists and their descendants. She spoke of their rich history which they have kept alive with occasions such as this one.

Mr. Tinker, who attended Heritage Day last year, expressed his delight at being invited once more to a place which had so much history and background. He emphasized the fact that he is still working towards giving Hope Town the historic status it merits.



The program for Heritage Day included musical numbers presented by the Hope Town School choir. Guest speaker was Dr. Gail Saunders, Director of the Department of Archives. Accompanying her was Mr. Keith Tinker, Director of the Department of Antiquities. This year's program revived many crafts from the old days which the children learned to do.

Capt. Thompson shared some of his reminiscences about growing up in Hope Town and quoted from his book.

Mr. Robert Sweeting and his wife Maggie officially opened the new building housing the Wyannie Malone Museum and Mrs. Key invited the public to tour Phase 1 of the building. Mr. Derek Gape presented plans for Phase 2.

At noon lunch and refreshments were offered. Rain threatened but fortunately was short-lived and the sun came out as people continued to socialise in Jarrett Park and around the museum site.

"It's our history," sang the schoolchildren of the Hope Town School, pointing to the "red and white tower" in one of three songs about their Abaco islands. A new song by Gordon Wynn was written especially for the occasion. Mr. Wynn has cut several CDs of songs about Hope Town, its history and colorful characters.

Outside the Hope Town Clinic and along the wall of St. James's Methodist Church stands and stalls were set up depicting various aspects of life in Loyalist times. At one table a child sat making and hand painting palm and apple dolls. At other tables children plaited, whittled wax and soap, wove on handmade looms and quilted. Rope and rug making were other crafts. Jump ropes, buzz saws, marbles and tops were among the toys laid out on other tables. In front of a sign describing the origins of some of the food staples of the time, children rolled dough, made Johnny cake and sweet candy.

After lunch the raffle for a day-long cruise on the *William H. Albury* took place. Hope Town resident Audrey Malone won the prize.

The recently completed Phase 1 of the new Wyannie Malone Museum is full of exhibits

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Local Government at Work

Port Authority 13 February 02

A Sugar Loaf resident asked for permission to install channel markers leading into a private harbour. The site will be inspected to ensure they do constitute a hazard.

A rock break-water was considered and approved for a private dock south of the Crossing Beach ferry dock.

Several options were discussed for cleaning up the shoreline of Marsh Harbour where large debris from wrecked and sunken boats is still evident from Hurricane Floyd.

Tourism Committee 20 February 02

Options to put in place a suitable straw and craft market location were reviewed. An old plan to use the fertilizer warehouse site several hundred feet east of the Conch Inn is apparently quietly being considered and may finally be approved.

The need for suitable road signs was brought out without a satisfactory answer. Nearly all of our roads lack identification

signs and traffic control signs such as stop, curve and school crossing are nearly non-existent.

The lack of flag etiquette was brought out. The Bahamian flag should be either lowered at dusk or be properly illuminated throughout the night. Also when the flag becomes worn, it should be retired and replaced with a new one. Only in battle conditions can tattered and threadbare flags be flown with dignity.

Gen. Abaco Dist. Licensing 7 March 02

An application for a liquor license by Harbour View Marina was deferred pending a routine pre-licensing inspection by the Police, Ministry of Works and Environmental Health.

An application by Hot Spot for licensing in a new location was deferred pending a further investigation of the parking and suitability of operating out of a private residence. It was thought that Marsh Harbour should discourage this kind of business location. Three Board members will review the situation and

report to the full Board.

A comment was made that this could have far reaching consequences as having businesses in homes is a common practice here. Refusal in this case would suggest a review of other similarly situated businesses.

The four owners of Abaco Fitness were present and were asked to affirm that there were no foreign owners as had been suggested to the Board.

A license for selling wholesale restaurant

supplies was granted to Glen Russell for the metal building on the S.C. Bootle Highway behind Abaco Wholesale.

Several businesses were approved for used car lots including one person for bringing in pre-sold cars, that is vehicles prepaid and brought in by special order.

A complaint was submitted about a local shop selling x-rated materials in a back room. It was concluded this was not illegal but the material should not be accessible to children.



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The funeral for **Delores Swain**, 46, of Murphy Town passed away on February. Her funeral was on March 2 at Bethany Gospel Chapel with Bishop Livingstone Williams, Jr. officiating. Interment was in the Murphy Town Public Cemetery.

She is survived by her parents Ernal and Ena Swain; daughters Lakeisha Swain and Luneka Edgecombe; brothers Barry, Ted and Bradley Swain; sister Vernita Reckley; aunts Muriel Richardson and Cynthia Curry; nephews Makemo Smith and Rashon Swain; sister-in-law Sarah Swain and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral of **Capt. Ryan Sanatra Ambrister**, 30, formerly of Fox Town was held in Nassau on March 9. Interment was in Nassau.

He is survived by his wife Bridgette Ferguson Ambrister; mother Marinetta Whyllly; children Elvado, Dominique, Angelique and China Ryan Ambrister; brothers Kevin Wright, Alfred Rolle, Herman Rolle, Derrin, Odell and Clayton Ambrister; sister Edith Ambrister and Theresa Rolle; grandmother Mabelle Butler; aunts Anna Thompson, Francis Rolle, Marvis Williams, Rosemary Butler, Myrtis Butler and Winifred Butler; grand aunts, father-in-law Rudolph Ferguson; brothers-in-law Kirk and Michael, Rudolph Ferguson Jr. Marvin Ferguson, Mark and Marcus Pedican; sister-in-law Jennifer Pedican and Sandra Burrows; and many other relatives and friends.

Civic Organizations

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More School News

School *From Page 11*

checking for bugs and rodents which can harm the crop. According to Mr. Roodatram, there are future plans to extend the crops. The harvested vegetables will be given to the hard working agriculture science students.

School Sports

By Isobel Sherman

The Annual Inter House Track and Field for Abaco Central High School was held March 1 at the adjoining track. Participation was not as high as usual. The student body is still feeling the effects of the recent death of Natanya Gaitor. The winning house

this year was Taino who came from third place before the relays and won every relay race to be the winning house.

Inter school sports will be held on March 8 at the track in Murphy Town. Prior to that S.C. Bootle as well as Abaco Central held intra house sports to select their teams for the inter school sports.

Forest Heights Academy Speaker Was Special

*By Rebecca Risberg and Ashley Sands
10th Grade Students*

"I love you more than cooked food!" Has this line ever worked for you? Well, it worked for Michael Pintard as he dazzled the upper

school students of Forest Heights Academy on February 20. This extraordinary performance took place at the Anglican Parish Hall and captured more than the students' attention.

Mr. Pintard, a motivational speaker and poet, decided to pay Abaco and its many schools a visit, enthralling the students as he touched on many issues concerning us today. He spoke of the social, religious, political and economical aspects of life. Using parody, satire and numerous other poetic techniques, Mr. Pintard was able to get a clear and influential message to the youth of Abaco. "Follow your dreams!"

**Central Abaco Primary
1st Graders Display
Science Projects**

By Anita Rolle

First graders at the Central Abaco Primary School had their science projects on display recently. Their teacher, Mrs. Neulissa Major, encourages the students to be creative and original. As students complete science topics in class, they are asked to complete a science project of their choice depicting an area of what they have learned. Parent participation is strongly encouraged in this effort. Mrs. Major noted that the students are excited about the topics and are already looking forward to the next project.



The yard at Central Abaco Primary School is bare and ugly with broken desks and chairs scattered around. The court yards have flooding problems caused because proper drainage was not considered at the time of construction.



The PTA of Central Abaco Primary School held a car wash on March 9 in the parking lot of AID in Marsh Harbour to raise funds for badly needed school equipment and supplies.



Government Notice



Ministry Of Public Works

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Fishing from a boat owned by a non-Bahamian requires a fishing permit for the boat. The boat is licensed which covers the occupants. This is usually purchased by cruising boats when clearing Customs on entering the Bahamas. The permit fee is \$20 for one visit or \$150 annually. The permit is valid for all people on board. Foreign owned boats, even if registered in the Bahamas, must obtain the sportfishing license before the occupants begin fishing. Locally, permits may be purchased in Cooper's Town and Marsh Harbour from the Fisheries Officers.

Boats owned by Bahamians do not need a permit for recreational fishing. This includes 100% Bahamian-owned rental boats.

Non-Bahamian fishermen in a boat are "restricted to hook and line" with a maximum limit of six lines in the water. Anyone may use an electric reel but only five hooks per line are allowed. Six or more hooks on a line is considered long-lining which is illegal.

There are restricted areas where fishing is not allowed by any means by any person. The Pelican Cay Park and the Fowl Cay Preserve are two areas in central Abaco where this would apply. No marine resource may be taken from the park areas. Marine resources include everything in the water; fish, shells, rocks and seaweed.

Since the marine parks do not have signs and fenceposts, it is wise to give them extra clearance so there is no question as to your location. The Fisheries officers strongly suggest that you do not combine a fishing trip with a visit to a park. If a Fisheries officer boards your boat in a park and finds fish on board, problems will ensue since you cannot prove where they were caught. Also, if you are out deep sea fishing and a Fisheries officer finds dive equipment on board as well as fish, problems may arise.

Spear-fishing is not allowed by anyone in the coastal zone of Abaco defined as within two hundred yards from the coast of Abaco as measured at the low-water mark. This prohibited zone is the same for all Family Islands except Freeport which has a one mile exclusion zone.

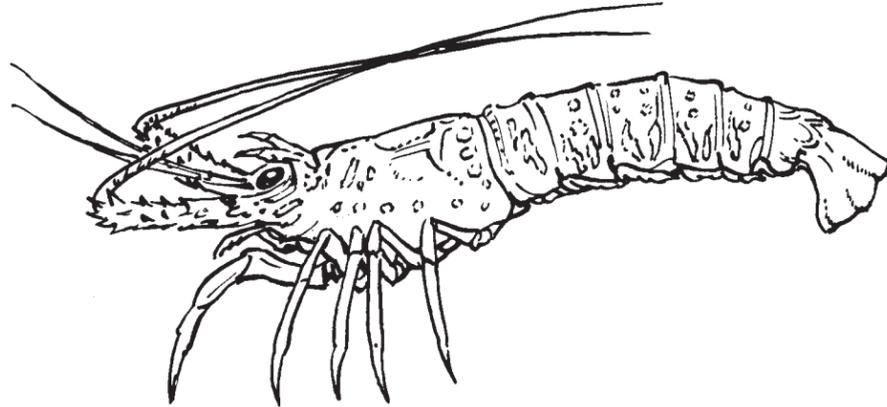
Recreational divers may not spear fish, or catch conch or crawfish while using an underwater air supply of any kind.

Commercial Bahamian fishermen need a license to catch crawfish with a compressor

but cannot use SCUBA gear. Licensed Bahamian fishermen may fish by free diving to any depth, but are restricted to the 30 to 60-foot zone when using compressed air and having a compressed air license and then only to catch crawfish during the season.

All divers may spear fish while free diving but are not allowed to use power guns or trigger-operated guns of any kind. The most common spear used is the Hawaiian sling.

Bang-sticks using shotgun shells for per-



sonal protection underwater are allowed but must have an annual firearm license from the Police and permission by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The following bag limits for fish apply to all non-Bahamians, whether in a foreign boat or Bahamian boat regardless of the fishing method.

- A combined total of six fish per person per vessel for kingfish, dolphin and wahoo. All other migratory fish caught, unless it is to be eaten, shall not be injured unnecessarily but returned to the sea alive.

- Vessel bag limits are 20 pounds of scalefish, 10 conch and six crawfish per person at any time.

- The possession of turtle by non-Bahamians is prohibited.

- Grouper and rockfish weighing less than three pounds may not be taken.

- The bag limits may be legally taken to Florida when the vessel leaves the Bahamas. Any fish within the bag limit can be given away to friends or others but visitors who sell or exchange their fish for accommodations or dockage are subject to prosecution.

Note that the limits must match the num-

ber of people. For instance, four people can have 80 pounds of fish. If one person leaves, 20 pounds of fish should accompany him, leaving 60 pounds for the other three. This also applies to boats returning to Florida as the U. S. authorities respect these limits.

visable as a red mass (berries) under the tail. The closed season on crawfish is from April 1st to August 1st and applies to everyone. There are no limits to the amount of fish that can be legally purchased by visitors. However, amounts above the bag limits should be documented with receipts and invoices to clarify the origin of the fish. Bahamians may have any quantity of fish but must observe the minimum sizes.

Any crawfish in freezers of Bahamians, second home owners or visitors on April 1st, the first day of the closed season, should be documented with a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries. You may or may not be inspected by a Fisheries officer to verify the quantity. The bag limit applies to freezers ashore as well as boats. Remember that the amount of fish must match the number of people in the house for non-Bahamians.

Only adult conch may be taken by Bahamians and visitors. The adult conch is identified by a wide and well flared lip on the shell. Juvenile conch have a thin lip which has not yet flared. Help keep conch plentiful in the Bahamas by leaving the juveniles.

One other rule prohibits fish resources to be imported into the Bahamas without the Minister's permission. This is to avoid any misunderstanding as to whose fish are on board. If you have fish on your cruising boat when you enter the Bahamas, they are presumed to be Bahamian and must be within the bag limits.

The Abaconian compiled this information from the two Fisheries officers assigned to Abaco, Mr. Carroll Laing in Cooper's Town and Mr. Wayne Cornish in Marsh Harbour. They may be contacted for further information.

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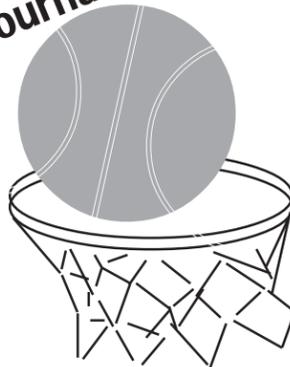
Food

- Conch Fritters
- Home Made Breads
- Abaco Pies
- Popcorn
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Games

- Bingo
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Friends Hold Reef Ball

By Alice Bain

The second annual Reef Ball, sponsored by Friends of the Environment, was held at the Pavilion at Abaco Beach Resort on March 2. Attendance at what is becoming one of the social events of the year was successful - the 300 tickets that Friends initially printed sold out quickly and an extra hundred had to be made to cover last-minute demand.

The Modern Vintage, a Nassau band, once more provided music for the affair, playing

a mix of Bahamian and American dance hits. The crowd packed the small dance floor, and by the middle of the night people were spilling over into the seating area. The resort provided a variety of buffet items, most popular of which was the fresh seared tuna with wasabi sauce.

Various local businesses and artisans donated items to be awarded as door prizes. These included gift certificates, art objects, sculptures and ceramics.



The Friends of the Environment sponsored a fund raising Reef Ball for the second year. Again they had the popular Modern Vintage band from Nassau for entertainment. The organization promotes preservation and conservation of our natural resources.

Abaconian's Play Will Be Performed

The Dundas Centre for the Performing Arts in Nassau will be performing an original Bahamian drama written by Abaconian Richard Fawkes from Sandy Point. The play, *Facin' duh Mirrah*, was written while Mr. Fawkes was in California and was first per-

formed there.

The play will be performed eight times between March 26 through April 6 and will feature several Bahamian actors. It will be directed by Mr. Graham Thordarson.

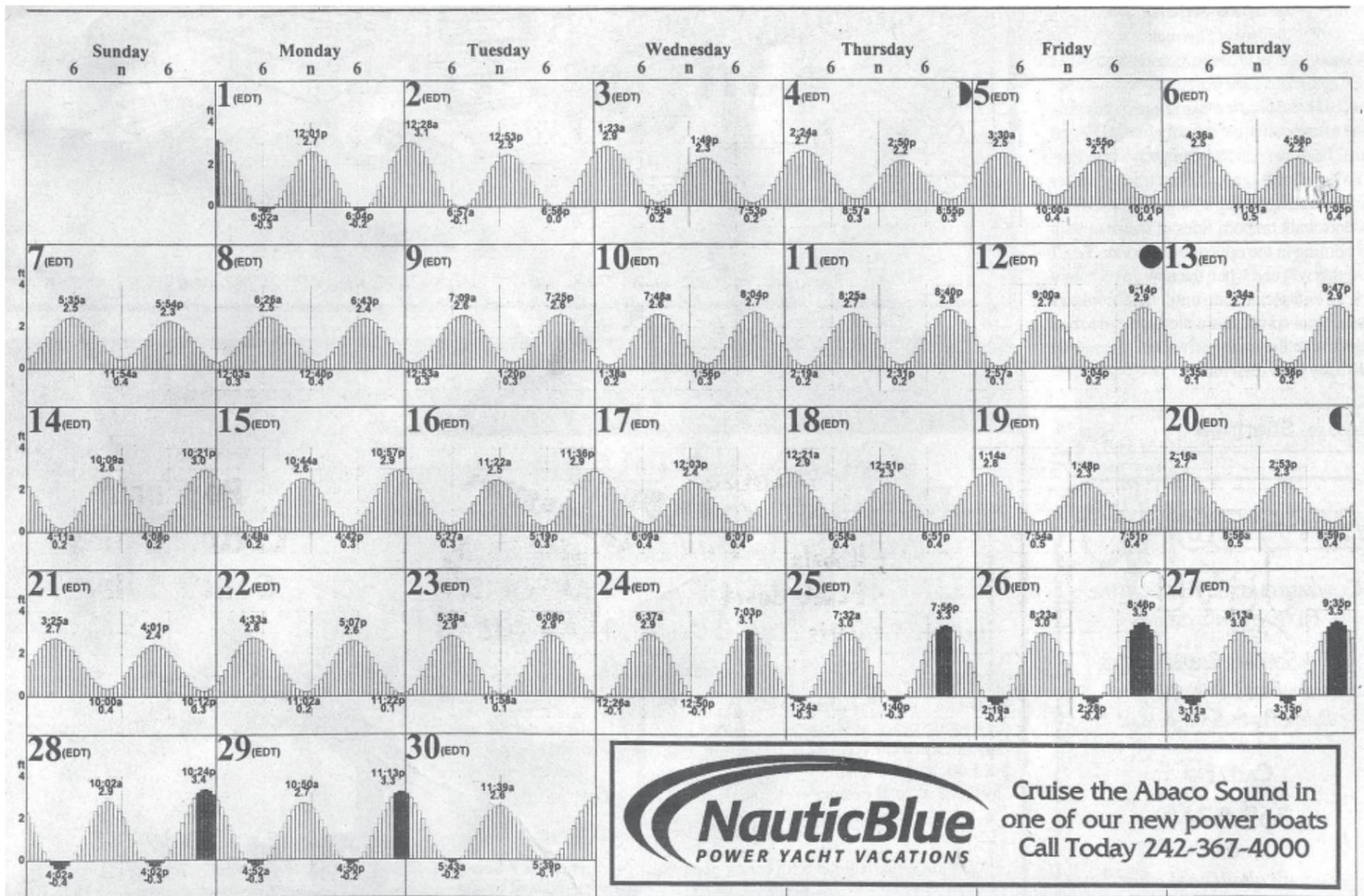
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Harry Roberts
Mandy Sands
The Man-O-War School would like to thank the many individuals and businesses who donated goods, cash, or their time and labour to make this year's Flea Market a great success.
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Surf Team Competes Internationally

By Christine McCully

It was the first time that The Bahamas has ever competed in the Pan American Surfing Games. The competition games took place on February 19 - 24 on Margarita Island located off of the northern coast of Venezuela. The island is mountainous and has both arid desert and humid rainforest climates. It is lined with beautiful beaches and has aqua coloured water similar to that of The Bahamas.

The history is similar to ours in the sense that they, too, were once inhabited by Indians, the Caribs, and have numerous landmarks of forts from the days of pirates. Our research on the internet prepared us for this lush island of happy people and beautiful landscapes. As for surf we did not know what to expect.

We had come to represent The Bahamas in surfing and that we did. We flew to Caracas and had to wait in the usual Immigration lines to enter the country. It was here that our junior team displayed their innocence in entering a foreign land for the first time when Joshua Sands responded to the question, "Where are you from?" with a big smile replying, "Guana Cay!" One of the others who had travel experience quickly said, "The Bahamas." We hopped on our flight to Isla

de Margarita.

We were welcomed graciously by Venezuelans and proceeded to meet all of the other competitors. Team USA and Costa Rica were our neighbours and befriended us from day one. The hotel was occupied entirely by surfers so we all had that tribal commodity, we were surfers!

Opening day began with an Olympic-like parade of each country's athletes and team organizers. We were entertained by a band playing a calypso beat march. The first day of competition there were small one- to two-foot waves that allowed some competitors to show their stuff. The following three days, the much anticipated swells came in, eight-foot beach break close outs that gave the strong paddlers the advantage with a little luck of the draw for all!

The Bahamas did extremely well placing 6th as a team out of eight countries and had four competitors who made it to the semifinals in their divisions. We also had three team members who surfed in two different divisions in order to score points for the team which proved to be very important in the end. Andrew Wilhoite was the youngest men's body boarder ever to compete in these games. The team was well liked and they displayed gracious manners in attitude throughout the games.

You can be proud that these athletes represented you, The Bahamas. A special thanks goes to our team manager Patrick McCully.

Our team and placing in each division are as follows:

Manager: Patrick McCully
Open Men's (short board): Lou Kanitsch 25, Tim Albury 29, Scott Patterson 29, Blake Sands 15

Junior Men's (short board): Andrew Wilhoite 25, Joshua Sands 17, Blake Sands 17
Long Board Lou Kanitsch 7,

Knee Board Scott Patterson 7

Mens Body Board Andrew Wilhoite 11

Women's (short board) Christine McCully 9,

Women's Body Board Christine McCully 5

Team supporter and chaperon Marlene Mason

In order of place the following countries

were present at the games: 1 Venezuela, 2 Guadalupe, 3 Peru, 4 USA, 5 Argentina, 6 Bahamas, 7 Ecuador, and 8 Costa Rica. There are 16 countries in the Pan American Surfing Association but September 11th put a damper on many of them attending.

The Bahamas Surf Team is organized by the Bahamas Amateur Surfing Association which is sponsored by many Abaco businesses.

If you are interested in competing in our next regional surf series or helping out in any way, please contact BASA at 366-0309. The schedule for the Abaco Surf Series is as follows: March 16th, April 1st and April 15th. All dates are tentative and weather permitting. Call the number above the night prior to confirm the competition.

Sherman

From Page 9

Saturdays. Their main focus is on math, spelling, English and penmanship. Students are given one-on-one help. The reward is being able to go onto one of their 14 computers. In some cases tutoring in reading and math is done with the computer.

Owned and managed by Sharon and Keith Greene, this is a great service that is being provided since most students on Abaco are not at their proper reading level. Most students need help in the area of mathematics.

Trucks Again

By Isobel Sherman

I know this may seem pointless to write about again but I am forced to by my conscience. I have begun walking again, this time in the afternoon after school. I walk Forest Drive. I also drive home from school on Forest Drive. Once again the big tractor trailer trucks come speeding along Forest Drive. Students walk on both sides of the road with cars coming in the opposite direction. Yes, I know this will end when the new government dock is completed but until then couldn't these trucks travel more slowly or do they get paid like the jitney drivers in Nassau by how many trips they make.

Please see Sherman

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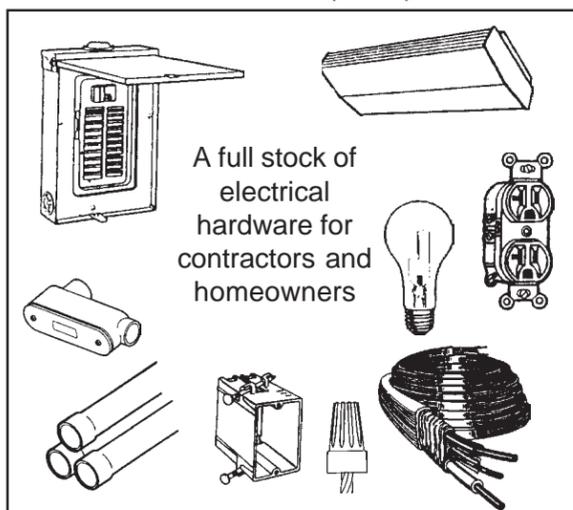
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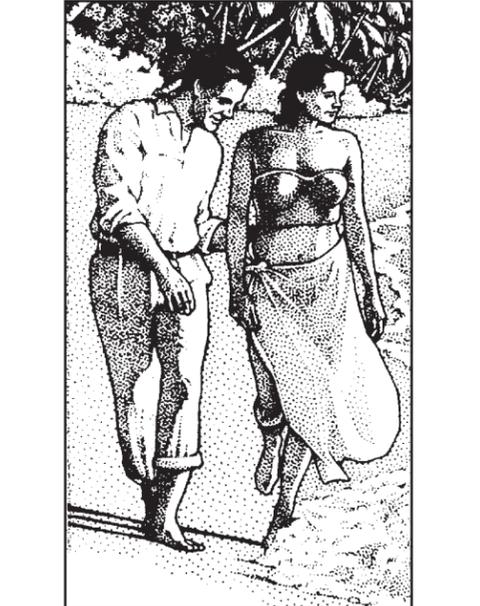


Emergency Services	
Police (Marsh Harbour)	367-2560
Marsh Harb. Volunteer Fire Dept.	367-2000
Hope Town Volunteer Fire Dept.	VHF Ch 16
Trauma One Ambulance Service	367-2911
Dundas Town Fire Dept.	367-2935 or 4935
Bah Air Sea Rescue Assoc	VHF 16 or 366-0282

Taxi Cab Fares for one or two passengers Plus extra for each passengers above two	
• Between Marsh Harbour Airport and:	
Ferry Dock	\$12.00 + \$3
Abaco Beach Hotel through Golden Harvest	\$10.00 + \$3
Dove Plaza to Stop Light	\$10.00 + \$2
Western Auto	\$ 6.00 + \$2
Gov. freight dock through Dundas Town	\$10.00 + \$3
Murphy Town or Pelican Shores	\$14.00 + \$4
Eastern Shores or Spring City	\$15.00 + \$4
Gov. Clinic	\$ 6.00 + \$3
Snake Cay	\$35.00 + \$10
Treasure Cay B	\$55.00 + \$ 5
Casuarina Point	\$60.00 + \$10
Airport - Treas. Cay B	\$65.00 + \$ 5
Bahama Palm Shores	\$70.00 + \$10
Little Harbour or Cherokee	\$80.00 + \$10
Crossing Rocks	\$100.00 + \$10
Sandy Point	\$135.00 + \$10
• Between Marsh Harbour Ferry and:	
Abaco Beach Hotel through Wally's	\$ 2.00 + \$2
Jib Room	\$ 5.00 + \$2
Stop Light or Dove Plaza	\$ 6.00 + \$3
Government Freight Dock	\$ 7.00 + \$3
Gov.Clinic, W. Auto or Nat. Insurance	\$ 9.00 + \$3
Waiting time \$20 per hour, \$10 per half hour No children under three years to be charged. Uncaged pets will be charged as passengers Luggage \$.50 each over four, Surf Boards \$3.00 ea.	
• Between Northern Abaco Airport and:	
Treasure Cay, Bahamas Star, or Moxy	\$14 + \$6
Bronks or Highway Liquors	\$10 + \$5
Sand Banks	\$20 + \$5
Joe's Creek	\$35 + \$5
Black Wood	\$14 + \$5
Fire Road	\$25 + \$5
Cooper's Town	\$30 + \$5
Cedar Harbour	\$45 + \$5
Wood Cay	\$50 + \$5
Mount Hope	\$55 + \$5
Fox Town	\$60 + \$5
Marsh Harbour or Crown Haven	\$65 + \$5
Marsh Harbour Round Trip	\$85 + \$5
TC Hotel to Marsh Harbour	\$55 + \$5
TC Hotel to Joe's Creek	\$25 + \$5
TC Hotel to Sand Bank	\$16 + \$5
TC Hotel to Moxey	\$10 + \$5
TC Hotel to Bronks	\$7 + \$5
From TC Hotel to All Areas N. of T.C. Airport	Add \$10
Waiting Time \$12 Per Hour	

Air Lines Serving Abaco	
Air Florida - Ft. Lauderdale	367-5599
Air Sunshine - Ft. Lauderdale	367-2800
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
Bahamasair - Nassau	367-2095
Continental Connection - Miami	
Ft. Laud and W Palm Bch	367-3415
Discover - Orlando	
Golden Airlines - Ft. Lauderdale	954-359-8020
Island Express	367-3597
Lynx Air International - Ft. Lauderdale	954-772-9808
Major Air Service - Freeport	367-4826
Twin Air - Fort Lauderdale	365-8677
USAir - Ft. Laud and W. Palm Bch	367-2231
Vintage Props & Jets - New Smyrna B.	367-4852
Abaco Air Charters	*367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	*367-2089
* Local charter companies serving S.Florida and within the Bahamas	

Ferry Schedule Departure times shown • Daily unless noted	
Albury's Ferry Service	
Marsh Harbour to Hope Town 20 minute trip	
‡7:15 (M-F) 9 am 10:30 12:15 pm 2 4 5:30	
Hope T. to Marsh Harbour 20 minute trip	
8 am 9:45 11:30 1:30 pm 3 4 ‡5 (M-F)	
Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War 20 minute trip	
10:30 am 12:15 pm (M-Sat) 2:30 (M-Sat) 4 5:30	
Man-O-War to Marsh Harbour 20 minute trip	
8 am 11:30 (M-Sat) 1:30 pm 3:15 (M-Sat)	
Marsh Harbour to Scotland Cay & Guana 30 minute trip	
‡6:45 am 10:15 1:15 pm 3:30 5:30	
Guana & Scotland Cay to Marsh Harbour 30 minute trip	
8 am 11:30 2:30 pm 4:45	
Fare • OneWay / Round Trip Adult \$ 8/\$12 Children \$4/\$6 Charters any time • Phone 367-3147 or 365-6010 VHF Ch. 16 Hope Town and Man-O-War ferries leave from Crossing Beach Guana Cay and Scotland Cay ferries leave from Conch Inn ‡ Workman's special Mondays thru Fridays from Crossing Beach	
Green Turtle Ferry	
Green Turtle Cay to Treasure Cay Airport • Daily	
8 am 9 11 12:15pm 1:30 3 4:30	
Treasure Cay Airport to Green Turtle Cay • Daily	
8:30 am 10:30 11:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5	
One way adult fare \$7 (Children \$3) • Round trip \$11 Additional to some destinations • Charter any time Phone 365-4166, 4128, 4151 VHF Channel 16	
Abaco Adventures	
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay - Daily 10 am Sunday 12 noon	
Guana Cay to Treasure Cay - Daily 4 pm Sunday 3 & 5 pm	
Fares One Way \$10 • Round Trip \$20 • Charter any time Phone 365-8749 VHF Channel 16	



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Walker's Cay	
Walker's Cay Marina	75 F 353-1252
Green Turtle Cay	
Bluff House	15 F 365-4200
Green Turtle Club	32 F 365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15 365-4531
Other Shore Club	12 F 365-4195
Abaco Yacht Service	10 F 365-4033
Treasure Cay	
Treasure Cay Marina	150 F 365-8250
Man-O-War	
Man-O-War Marina	26 F 365-6008
Marsh Harbour	
Boat Harbour Marina	183 F 367-2736
Conch Inn	75 F 367-4000
Harbour View Marina	36 F 367-2182
Marsh Harbour Marina	52 F 367 2700
Mangoes	29 F 367-2366
Port of Call	24 F 367-2163
Abaco Yacht Haven	7 367-3079
Hope Town	
Hope Town Marina	16 366-0003
Hope Town Hideaways	366-0224
Lighthouse Marina	6 F 366-0154
Sea Spray	24 F 366-0065
Spanish Cay	
Spanish Cay Marina	75 F 365-0083
Guana Cay	
Guana Beach Resort	22 F 365-5133
Orchid Bay	32 F 365-5175
Boats coming from U.S. can clear at Walker's Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour.	

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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
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D & P Cart Rental	365-4656
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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
Treasure Cay	
Alison Car Rent	365-8193
C & C Boat Rentals	365-8582
Claridge's & Chris's Cart Rentals	365-8248
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat & Cart Rentals	365-8465
Resort Cart Rentals	365-8465
Rich's Boat Rentals	365-8582
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761
Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749

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

Dive Shops	
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Dive Abaco	367-2787
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Maitland Lowe	366-0133
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Pope McKenzie	477-5894
Orthnell Russell	365-0125
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Edward Rolle	365-0024
Green Turtle Cay	
Ronnie Sawyer	365-4070
Jeff Survance	365-4040
Ricky Sawyer	365-4261

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Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper (Based on dinner entree range)	
‡ Provides ride from town + Picnic tables & restroom only	
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
Jamie's Place
Jib Room	\$\$ 367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken (lunch)	367-2615
Lacaye	\$ 367-4910
Mangoes	\$\$\$ 367-2366
Mavis Country Kitchen	\$ 367-2002
Pop's Place	\$... + ... 367-3796
Sapodill	\$\$\$ 367-2498
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
Hollywood Temptations	
H T Harbour Lodge	\$\$ 366-0095
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Rudy's Place	\$\$\$ 366-0062
Man-O-War	
Pavilion	\$ 365-6185
Hibiscus	365-6380
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Coco Paradise	365-5197
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Nippers	\$\$\$ 365-5143
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Treasure Cay	
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Harbour Cafe	\$ 365-8635
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Touch of Class	\$\$\$ 365-8195
Traveller's Rest	365-8654
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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 Rest	\$\$ 365-4066
Wrecking Tree Rest.	
Harbour Café (ferry dock)	\$... + ... 365-8635
Sandy Point	
Big J's	\$ 366-4020
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Police Report

As Reported to Stephanie Humblestone

A man living in the Mud was gun-butted by three men he knew on February 18. The incident happened in the Mud and resulted in minor injuries.

The same man was attacked with a cutlass and was threatened with a black hand gun the next day, February 19, by the same men.

A resident of the Mud was attacked with rocks and bottles on February 21 by two neighbours, one being his brother-in-law.

A resident of the Mud reported that two men fired gun shots at his mother's house on February 21, resulting in damage to the windows and structure.

A man from Nassau and the Mud was arrested on February 22 on Crockett Drive for possession of marijuana. He was charged and released on bail.

Three Jamaican nationals were arrested on February 23 for being in possession of marijuana. They were all charged and now await arraignment.

A woman and two family members in Mount Hope were arrested on February 23 when found in possession of a half ounce of marijuana. Two live flowering marijuana plants were found in the yard. They were charged and released on bail.

Two men from Nassau staying at Treasure Cay were found with marijuana on February 23. They were arrested, charged and released on bail.

A man living in Pigeon Peas was attacked on February 24 near Sawyer's Market. A group of young men, one of whom he knew by face only, beat him about the body with a baseball bat and stole \$200 from him.

A woman from Murphy Town reported that two men broke into her residence on February 24 and stole a satellite card.

A Marsh Harbour man was attacked by two men on February 27. The victim suffered minor injuries to his face and hand.

An elderly Marsh Harbour man reported on February 27 that while walking along the unpaved section of the Stede Bonnet road, he was assaulted, his cane was taken, he was pushed to the ground and pepper spray was directed into his eyes.

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Court Report

As Reported to Stephanie Humblestone
Central Abaco Magistrate's Court of February 18, 2002

Darius McKenzie of Dundas Town appeared on three counts of shop breaking. The matter was adjourned to March 18 for trial for counts 1 and 2. For count 3 the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$700 or eight weeks imprisonment.

Niles Pinder and Roderick Malone appeared for housebreaking. Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre requested six months of treatment for both defendants. They were remanded to Sandilands until May 14.

Dion Wallace of Nassau appeared for possession of forged currency notes and pleaded not guilty. The matter was adjourned to May 6.

Jessica Russell and Jean Claude Timothy appeared for possession of dangerous drugs and pleaded not guilty. The matter was adjourned to May 8.

Jean Claude Timothy of Marsh Harbour appeared for possession of dangerous drugs with intent to supply and pleaded not guilty. The matter was adjourned to May 8.

Luckner Laurent and Jimmy Laurent appeared for possession of dangerous drugs with

intent to supply and pleaded not guilty. The matter was adjourned to May 8.

Iphody Simeon of Marsh Harbour appeared for causing grievous bodily. An adjournment was requested and granted to May 9 as the defendant's counsel was unable to attend.

Josue Altido of Pigeon Peas appeared on an unnamed charge. The matter was adjourned to February 28.

Ian Knowles of Murphy Town appeared for charges of assault with deadly weapons and two charges of assault. He pleaded not guilty to count 1, guilty to counts 2 and 3. The matter was adjourned to May 9.

Joseph Jacques Louis of the Mud appeared for forgery, possession of forged document and uttering a forged document. The defendant pleaded not guilty on all counts. The matter was adjourned to March 7.

Ed. Note: The police have informed The Abaconian that Akintunda Sukoma Johnson was named as appearing in court on February 14. He was acquitted prior to that court date. The police regret any inconvenience caused by this oversight.

Cays

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paying electric bills or other government business.

The Post Office is opened three days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m to 12 Noon. You can collect or drop off mail then. It would be nice to see a sign put in place so that all who are wonder where the Post Office is would know just where to drop off those beautiful post cards to family members and friends.

Crawfish Season Is Soon Closing

The season has almost come to a close and most of the crawfishing men have not been able to get their last catch because of the windy weather which we've been experiencing. The men are hoping they will all be able to get out and get a few days in before the end of the month. Time does fly by from the opening of the season to the close. The weather has to cooperate for a good catch.

Cookbook Raises Funds

The Guana Rescue Team has put together

a second edition of their cookbook now for sale. When visiting Guana Cay, you can inquire about the cookbook at the Guana Grocery, Sea Shore Gifts, Orchid Bay Marina and Dolphin Beach Resort. It has some history of Guana along with nice photos of the island and, of course, lots of tasty recipes. Enjoy! All proceeds go to the Guana Rescue Fund.

Resort Is for Sale

The Guana Beach Resort held an auction on their property on March 9 to sell furnishings and accessories of all kinds from kitchen supplies and furniture to silk plants and building materials. On May 25 there will be an auction of the resort property held at the resort. The real estate has been divided into 15 lots. Anyone has the opportunity to purchase any of this property. The sale is absolute which means that there is no minimum price. For a free brochure, call 800-558-5464 or 256-439-0170

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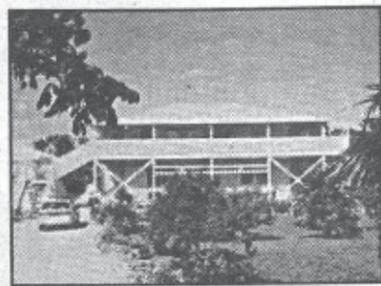
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Buster Busts Out!

By Marc Binard

In a daring daylight escape, canine murder suspect "Buster" escaped the confines of the Little Harbour jail. Known locally as the "dungeon," the maximum security facility had previously enjoyed a reputation as a chamber from which no man had ever escaped alive.

Apparently slipping his chains while jailers enjoyed lunchtime libations at Pete's Pub, Buster commandeered an ancient Land Rover to make his escape. The suspect canine led LHPD officers on a high speed chase down the Little Harbour Beach Bypass. The chase ended abruptly when, not surprisingly, the British vehicle broke down. "I should have tied a Bronco," Buster was heard to say as he was lead back to the Little Harbour jail under heavy guard.

Little Harbour Police chief Jimmy Lawe, under fire for lax security at the jail, explained that both guards were required to take their lunch breaks together. "It is a serious breach of departmental policy to drink on duty, alone," he explained. This policy is presently under review by the LHPD staff psychiatrist who will determine the detrimental psychological effects, if any, of drinking on the job, alone.

Jury selection continues in the Duckie murder case, a case which has drawn international attention and notoriety. While denying defense attorney Johnnie Conchrun's motion for a change of venue, Judge Judy of the Little Harbour Bar did open up jury selection to include the Cherokee beagle population. Judge Judy explained that it would be

difficult to choose a jury of twelve from the LH population of nine. Prosecuting attorney Au Brie Clarke III, esq. was "dissappointed" with the decision. Clarke had proposed using the traditional Mayor Daley's "vote early and often" system whereby three of the nine jurors would have been allowed to vote twice.

Responding to reporters' questions from the poop deck of his new Hinckley, *Quacks Deduction*, Duck Too stated he was shocked and wounded by recent allegations by Buster's defense team that he had contracted a Little Harbour Mob hit on Duckie in order to collect on a large insurance policy. "These false

allegations have driven me back into therapy with LH quack psychiatrist Dr. Canard," lamented Duck Too. When questioned regarding the source of funds for his new boat and sports car, Duck Too responded that they were funded by a "nest egg" that he and Duckie had set aside for retirement.

Meanwhile, in Marsh Harbour roving packs of potcakes continued their nightly raids on trash cans. Veterinarians' offices were also said to be under heavy guard.

Heritage

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and attracts many visitors. During the day plan for Phase 2, a replica of the Balcony House in Nassau, were on display. Construction is scheduled for later this year.

Members of the museum society worked hard preparing for this special 25th anniversary. The Chair of the Society is Mrs. Suzanne Bethel, a Wyannie Malone descendent. The three Vice Chairmen are Candace Key, Tony Bennett and Debbie Patterson while Elaine Bennett is Secretary. Directors are Chester Thompson, Gladys Jones, Shirley Higgs, Lucille Russell and Derek Gape. Advisory Consultants are Dorothy Shrier and David Webb.

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South

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life in the other cays and settlements of Abaco, but, as so often happens, Cherokee was not mentioned. We also can trace our ancestors and heritage back to that same era with many of the family names she mentioned, such as Albury, Bethel, Lowe, Pinder, Roberts, Sands and Sawyer all still being present in our settlement today. Maybe it is because this all-important history was not properly recorded back then, but there are many stories that have been told and re-told within Cherokee family life and many old maps that prove that we, too, were here back then. Maybe someday someone somewhere will discover this evidence to help us prove our small claim to some of Abaco's history instead of always being treated like "the forgotten stepchild."

Sea Shell Show Is Planned

Hopefully, this year's sea shell show planned for Easter Monday, April 1st, will be just as successful as the first one. We definitely have promises of many new and different displays and hope to have local artists who will be showing their work. We feel sure this event is destined to become an annual event in Cherokee. The judging will be finished by 11 a.m. and the show will be open to the public shortly thereafter.

Food and drink will be available for purchase with all proceeds going to the school. We hope you will take advantage of the holiday and come out to see the many seashells collected locally as well as some from other parts of the world that we will have on display for our viewers. We don't think you will "get" a disappointment, as some of the old timers like to say.

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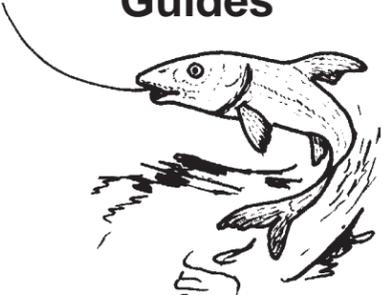
By William Johnston

On March 7 the South Abaco District

Town Planning Committee reviewed seven building permit applications. Six were approved with construction values in excess of \$400,000. One application for a fence was deferred because the applicant neglected to attach the plan for the work to the application form. Two buildings were proposed for Little Harbour, two for Yellow Wood, one for Bahama Palm Shores and one addition for Sandy Point.

The Port Authority for the South Abaco District also met. The main item of interest under discussion was collection of revenue for moorings and docks in Little Harbour and Cherokee. Due to fact that some people have been paying their fees in Marsh Harbour instead of Sandy Point, it is difficult for the Port Authority to ascertain who has paid and who has not. Official notice is soon to be published informing mooring and dock owners in the South Abaco District that payments for docks and moorings should be made in the South.

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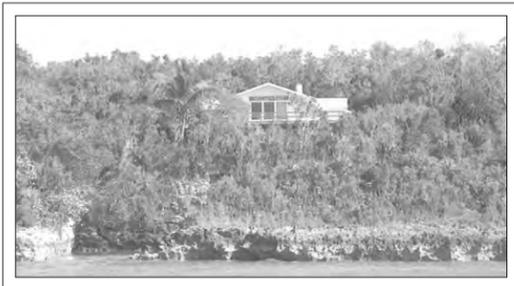


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Sports News

Martial Arts

The Four Winds Martial Arts Association recently held its Second Annual Open Karate and Promotion Tournament in Nassau. Sarone Kennedy of Abaco participated in the tournament placing first in the Seniors Fighting Category and ended up in second position in the Seniors National Championship. Kennedy has been participating in martial arts for the past seventeen years. He is a member of the Martial Arts Association Executive Board, Chief Instructor for the Bai Sung Institute #19 and is Secretary for the International Board.

The tournament included participants from around the Bahamas and the United States, displaying Kung Fu, Karate, Ju Jitsu, Tae Kwon Do and Tai Chi Chun skills. The Four Winds Martial Arts Association has twenty-five schools spanning several countries including the Bahamas, United States and Cuba.

Also participating from Abaco was Marvin Bethel, who placed third in Weapons.

Tennis Association Is Formed

By Anita Rolle

The first Annual General meeting of the All Abaco Tennis Association was held earlier this month when a new executive board was elected. The new board members are as follows: President is Claudius Rolle, Vice President Sharon Greene, Secretary Valerie Taylor Assistant Secretary Jane Uiberreiter, Treasurer Neulissa Major, Assistant Treasurer Leddi Neophytou and Councillors Brian Nottage, Bobby Russell and Caroline Smith. One of the main goals of the association is



Sarone Kennedy of Casuarina Point is shown with the trophy he won at the Four Winds Open Karate and Promotion Tournament recently in Nassau. Mr. Kennedy is proficient in several martial arts disciplines.

to acquire a parcel of land in a central location from the government to construct tennis courts. Plans are already underway for upcoming workshops and tournaments.

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Sherman

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Breakfast

I write many articles about reading, math, parents who care and once again I am writing about something many persons take for granted. Breakfast. Not eating breakfast affects the learning ability of students. It can lead to low blood sugar, thus fainting and or dizziness. The problem is a huge one at the high school and I suspect it is the same at most other secondary schools.

It seems that many primary school children do eat breakfast but once they reach secondary school the number of students who eat breakfast decreases as they go up in grade level.

What is the solution? If homes cannot provide breakfast, maybe an enterprising person

could get a vendor's license and sell inexpensive breakfast before school.

Bahamasair Discontinues West Palm Flight

Bahamasair announced recently that the flight from Marsh Harbour to West Palm Beach has been discontinued - a plight for tourists and residents alike. A & W Travel told me that there are not enough seats on the two carriers still traveling to West Palm Beach to accommodate the number of passengers. In addition, there are probably not enough seats now for persons wishing to travel to Nassau with that additional flight gone.

Once again we need more seats to Florida either with another airline one of the existing airlines adding additional flights. What really scares me is that now that seats are at premium airlines can charge whatever they feel

like. One resident was quoted a price of over \$700 on US Air on a round trip ticket to West Palm Beach.

Bahamasair says they are losing money. Excuse me, Mr. Gottlieb, for whom I have a great deal of respect, but Bahamasair should be making money. No one can tell me that the West Palm Beach run was not lucrative except for the slow period in the fall. I would like to support my national flag carrier but now I too must submit to the fares of the other airlines.

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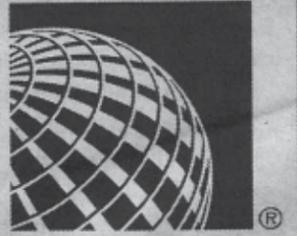
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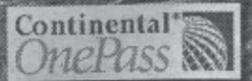


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Letters

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man for the past twenty-three years and part time eight years prior to that, I have noticed that over the last five or six years the size and quantity of our crawfish have declined tremendously. This in my opinion is because our laws are not enforced as much as they were a few years ago.

We have some people out there fishing year round for lobster. A lot of undersized ones are taken. This is why our lobsters are getting smaller each year. It is very unfair for the majority of fishermen to be punished for the guilty.

I regret to say as an FNM supporter all my life that I have not seen a Defense Force boat on the fishing grounds for the past eight or nine years. Prior to that you were certain to see them on the fishing grounds at the opening of lobster season. You never knew when they might show up. Believe me it made a big difference.

I asked the MP for South Abaco about this. He told me that they have to keep all the Defense Force boats in the Southern Bahamas to stop the Haitians from entering our country. I agree that this is important, but is it not important to protect our fishing industry?

When the FNM Government came to power, the tax on gas was raised about thirty cents a gallon. This was a heavy blow for the fishermen. I stand to be corrected but my understanding is that the tax on gas is around on dollar and fifteen cents per gallon.

I fish about one hundred and fifty days a year. Each day I use at least twenty-five gallons of gas. That comes to twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents per day. That is almost forty-five hundred dollars a year that each dinghy pays tax on gas. Then there is also the revenue on the export on lobster. Each dinghy will pay nine to ten thousand dollars each year taxes on gas and export revenue not to mention the tax on diesel for the big boats. If there are two hundred dinghies fishing on Abaco,

the revenue on gas, diesel and export on crawfish would be over two million dollars.

It is penny wise and dollar foolish not to protect our fishing industry. If our laws are not soon enforced, there are going to be a whole lot of people out of work and a lot less revenue. I think we deserve a Defense Force boat stationed in the Northern Bahamas.

Ironman

Follow Up on Plane Crash

By Anita Rolle

The family of Scott Galen, bodyguard to songstress Aaliyah, has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the record company Virgin Records. Galen was killed, along with Aaliyah and seven others, in a plane crash at the Marsh Harbour Airport in August 2001.

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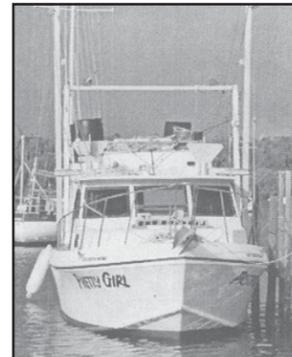
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